



St. Cronan Catholic Church

27th Sunday, Ordinary Time

October 2-3, 2021

Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 p.m. Wednesdays – 8:00 a.m. Masks are required for all Masses to keep our unvaccinated children safe.

Recorded Mass will take place the first Sunday of each month and will be available October 3-4. It can be accessed on our website:

<http://www.stcronan.org/>

Live-streaming continues at the 10:00 am Mass the other Sundays of the month. PLEASE BE ON TIME! Masses will be live streamed at 10:00. Live-streamed masses are available on our Facebook page any time after the 10:00 Mass, <https://www.facebook.com/StCronan>

Prayers Please

Bill Barrett, Mary Truetken, Laurel Hayes' parents, Jerry and Nancy, Bill's brother in law, Dave Rose, Bill's friend, Jim Forest, Robert Nathe's Mother, Eileen, Colleen Wallace's godson, Lachlan, Michelle Frank, Martha Stegmaier, Diane Calcaterra, Jennifer Lyle and Krista Rakers, Laurel Hayes, Marilyn Leong, Jessica, Nick Ambrose

Food for Bill and Laurel With Laurel still coping with her broken foot and Bill battling with Chemo, it seems the time is come for our Community to step up and help them with food. There are many spaces open for October. We are using the calendar set up by Laurel's church. Just go to carecalendar.org. Our ID is 299440. Our passcode is 5500. This should take you to B & L's calendar. You will see red squares with the word "Meals." Click on the date you want, then fill out your info- name, e-mail, and phone number. Then hit "sign up." That's it! You will receive an e-mail reminder from the calendar the day before the date you chose. Thank you! If you have any questions, you can e-mail Eileen Heidenheimer, earthmother49@hotmail.com, or text, or call (314-660-6551).

Wills: Please remember Saint Cronan's in your will. Title is St. Cronan's Catholic Church- 1202 South Boyle Ave St. Louis, MO 63138. Our Federal ID.#43-0653457

Coffee and Donuts has been suspended due to increased Corona virus threats. It continues on Zoom and is a great time to catch up with the community. The meeting ID is 899 1284 7699, password – cronan.

Black Lives Matter Vigil: The St. Cronan Social Justice Committee is hosting a Vigil as a way of atoning for past racism. It will be held every third Friday evening of the month - 5:00 -6:00 pm at the corner of Kingshighway and Manchester. Next month's will be Friday, October 15 Please feel free to bring your own signs. If you have questions, please contact Trish Curtis: trishquita1952@gmail.com

Help Wanted: As things open up, there are several opportunities for St. Cronan Community members to volunteer to help, especially as you attend Mass each weekend. We are in need of Lectors for the 5:00 and 8:00 Masses, and we need Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers for the 10:00 Mass. Ushers are very important, as we are needing to direct people to pews when the church is crowded. We can use greeters for 10:00 Mass to welcome new people who may be joining us for the first time. Please consider fulfilling any of these positions. It's a great way to get to know our Community. The only requirement is the ability to come to church about 15 minutes early on Sunday. We happily train you! If you would like further information, please contact Diane Gozdziński or Christine Lakey., or sign up in the Vestibule.

Small Groups for Adult Faith: For those of you new to St. Cronan, or those who have been members for ages, the St. Cronan Small Groups are continuing or gearing up to begin again in the Fall. If you are interested in participating in a small group of community members as part of your adult faith growth, please contact Diane at diane@stcronan.org or 324-941-4933 and she will provide information.



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Pastoral Reflection
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Since the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi is this week I wanted to highlight some of Francis' more difficult challenges. When Francis began his conversion of the heart he was not well received by his father. As a matter of fact his father dis-owned him. Francis punctuated this break by appearing before the bishop and an assembled crowd and stripping naked as a way of saying "you can have it all back"! As far as we know he and his father were never reconciled. So he had the heartache of being emotionally orphaned.

As Francis began to espouse a life of poverty he was immediately associated with an heretical group called the Cathari. They were "way out", even going so far as saying everything must go and life must end. Because of Francis call to poverty church officials were suspicious of his beliefs. So now he had his church wondering about him.

Even Francis' body challenged him. He suffered from severe gastritis which led to anorexia. He had a stomach ulcer, and spleen and liver problems. What was most debilitating were recurring bouts of malaria (I have had it and you don't want it!). He seems to have also suffered a minor stroke. The ugliest of his ailments was a horrible eye disease that he picked up in the Middle East. All kinds of treatments administered by a number of doctors were attempted. The worst experiment conducted by a leading doctor was to cauterize his eyes with red hot irons! The cure was worse than the disease! So Francis had his body tearing him down.

Perhaps the most painful challenge he faced was when he had to resign from his own Order. He told the friars: "From now on I am dead to you". He resigned because there was a violent power struggle going on among the friars. He hoped that his removal would forestall a permanent split in the Order. So even his own Order challenged him.

Do still want to be a saint!?! But Francis had the peace of prayer, the love of God and the beauty of creation. If Francis could maintain his faith in the midst of all that befell him maybe we can "gracefully" handle whatever comes our way.

St. Francis - pray for us.

Fr. Jack (he/his)

