

Monday Notes
October 18, 2021

Mass Schedule

5:00 p.m. Saturday
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday

Masses on October 10-31 will be live-streamed at <https://www.facebook.com/StCronan/> at 10:00 am. These Masses will be available on our Facebook page.

The Mass on November 6-7 will be recorded and available on our Website on Saturday afternoon. That Mass will be uploaded to our Website: <http://www.stcronan.org>

If anyone might be available to read on Thursday, November 4, at 9:30 a.m. for the recorded Mass, please contact Diane, diane@stcronan.org or (314) 941-4933.

Mass Counts: Every year, the Archdiocese requires us to count the number of people attending Masses on the weekends of Oct. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17. We will record the Facebook views of this past Sunday's Mass on Wednesday, so there is still time to be counted! If you are viewing Mass online and have more than one account in your household, please consider logging in more than once on another account. <https://www.facebook.com/StCronan/>

USHERS: A big Thank-you to all of you who are stepping up for 10:00 Mass last Sunday. Please consider keeping it up! We still need several ushers at the 10:00 Mass to assist people to find socially distanced seating. You will need to be at Mass by 9:50 and plan to stay in the back of church until about 10:15 to assist late-comers to find seating. Contact Diane: diane@stcronan.org or (314) 941-4933 if you can help this Sunday. Usher instructions are attached. THANKS!

Masks are required for all Masses. This is to protect our unvaccinated children.

If you are attending Mass alone, please be aware of others who might need a place to sit, and move to the center of the pew, if possible. We can sit 3 single people in a pew and maintain social distance, but some have mentioned that people on the ends of pews are blocking possible seats for others who come later.

Gradual Re-opening: We are looking at providing a section of pews for people who are vaccinated and don't mind sitting closer to one another. Be looking for the pews without ribbons in the next few weeks. We will have socially distanced pews available as well for those who prefer them.

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: We need lectors for the 5:00 and 8:00 Masses, so if you attend either of these and can participate in these ministries, please contact Diane. Lector instructions are attached.

Daily Masses: Mass is available on Wednesdays at 8:00 am. However, there will be no Mass this Wednesday, October 20, because Fr. Jack is out of town.

Financial Report: In case you missed the report last Sunday, it is attached. Thanks for our Finance Committee for their diligent work!

Mass Themes coming up:

October 23-24 – World Mission Sunday (see information below)

October 30-31 – All Saints Memorial of those who passed this year (see information below)

November 6-7 – Catholic Racial Justice Sunday (information to come)

World Mission Sunday: This weekend, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious, and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Envelopes are in the pews.

All Saints' Memorial: Our memorial will be celebrated the weekend of October 30-31. We have invited those whose loved ones' funerals or memorials were celebrated at St. Cronan to light individual candles for them. For anyone else who has lost a loved one this year, or anytime, who wants to memorialize them, we are inviting you to place your loved one's name on an "All Saints" card. These names will be placed in a basket, which will be blessed and placed near one large white candle that will be lit in their honor. A sample of the card is attached. The cards will be available in the vestibule of church for you to fill out and place in the basket. If you would like your loved ones' names placed on cards, but do not yet attend church, feel free to send me those names and I will fill out cards for them: diane@stcronan.org.

Ecumenical Prayer – Care for Creation Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski, Archdiocese of St. Louis and Bishop Susan Candeia, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will co-preside an outdoor ecumenical prayer emphasizing our shared commitment to care for the Earth and acknowledging the damage done to vulnerable communities by neglect of our common home. Our hosts for the prayer request that all attendees be vaccinated. Masking & social distancing required. WHEN: 3PM Sunday Oct 24 WHERE: The Garden at Our Lady of the Holy Cross

8115 Church Road

St. Louis, MO 63147

For more Information: Call James Fowlkes-Comninellis 314-792-7177

East St. Louis Race Wars: Fr. Joseph Brown will talk about the East St. Louis Race War Massacre at St. Alphonsus Rock Church on Sunday, November 7, 12-1 p.m. Please see the attached flyer for details.

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. We will be gathering Friday, November 19. Please feel free to bring your own signs. If you have questions, please contact Trish Curtis: trishquita1952@gmail.com, or Kim Madden: kim.madden514@gmail.com

In-person Meetings – With the surge of the Delta Variant of Covid, we would prefer that groups not meet in person if at all possible. Meeting outside with masks would be an option. If your group needs a zoom connection, please contact Diane at diane@stcronan.org and she can set it up for you.

Help Wanted: In addition to the volunteer opportunities listed above, we can use greeters for 10:00 Mass to welcome new people who may be joining us for the first time. We can also use people to live-stream the 10:00 Mass. And, of course, Ushers! 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, diane@stcronan.org or Christine Lakey, christine.lakey@yahoo.com. You can also sign up on the sheets in the vestibule.

Parish Council: The Parish Council will be looking for new members starting in January. If you are interested in joining this august group, please look at the biographies in the booklet in the back of church, and consider talking to a current Parish Council Member. You can also observe a meeting via Zoom, if you like.

Directory Updates – This Fall may be a good time to check your information on the St. Cronan Directory. You can access it by going to our website, <http://www.stcronan.org/> and clicking “online directory.” If you don’t know the password, ask Diane or contact Mary in the office (314) 289-9384. It is very easy. Once you have checked your information, just call or email Mary, mary@stcronan.org and let her know any changes. The directory is very secure, and is the best way for us to contact you and for the community to contact each other.

The Archdiocese is launching a **strategic plan** for all of the parishes. If you want to stay updated on what is happening, you need to be able to get parish emails via Cronan Talk. Please check with Mary to be placed on Cronan Talk.

Wills: Please remember Saint Cronan’s in your will. Title is St. Cronan’s Catholic Church-1202 South Boyle Ave.- St. Louis, MO 63110. Our Federal I.D.# 43-0653457

Prayers please: Please continue to pray for Bill Barrett, Mary Truetken, and Mary Proot's friend, Jessica, who are battling Cancer. Robert Nathe's Mother, Eileen, is recovering from a stroke. Colleen Wallace's godson, Lachlan, also needs prayers. Please continue your prayers for the following people: Diane Calcaterra , Krista and Jennifer, Sandra Ward and her Sister, The Anderson Family: Mary, Janet , Robert Keith, Daimeyan, and Sasha. Martha Stegmaier, Michelle Frank, Shelly Kurtz's sister, Marilyn Leong, Laurel Hayes and her mother Nancy Hayes, Joe Fairless, Nick Ambrose, Isabelle Boyer.

If you know of anyone who is feeling disconnected from our Community or has left, please let me know by clicking here: diane@stcronan.org. Please do not reply to this email, because we don’t want the names going to everyone. We will reach out to them.

Coffee and Donuts has been suspended due to the Corona surge. Please join us for Fellowship and community on Zoom, starting at 11:45, to allow people time to return home after Mass. Here is the zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88288707756?pwd=Qnllc3dTanRwYnFVcjQ3VGxTZTh5UT09>

Meeting ID: 882 8870 7756 Passcode: cronan

I will also send the invitation on Saturday.

“Can you drink of the cup that I will drink?” One needs to enter life situations where you are not in control, which lead you to the edge of your resources. Many people have been in these situations: St. Paul, those at our Border, Afghans, Pope Francis, St. Joan of Arc all were taken to the edge of their resources and were not in control of their fates. At St. Cronan, the Parish Council sent a letter to the Archbishop inviting them to meet with LGBTQ members of our community. Let’s get prepared for the Baptism/Ordination in which we are led to the edge. (from Fr. Jack’s homily)

When James and John asked Jesus to grant their request, Jesus told them that the price is baptism and the cup he drinks. Jesus went through everything we are asked to go through. He asks us to get in line with lonely people who struggle with dignity and justice for all. It takes all our blood but places us in God’s kingdom. Let us confidently approach the throne of God to receive grace and mercy in a timely way. (from Fr. Gerry’s homily)

Johnny Zokovitch’s Pastoral Reflection is attached.

God Bless!
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