



**Monday Notes (on Tuesday)
November 22, 2021**

Mass Schedule

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

The Masses for the rest of November will be live-streamed at 10:00 on Sundays and posted on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StCronan/>

The Mass on December 4-5 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, December 2, at 9:30 a.m. for the recorded Mass, please contact Diane, diane@stcronan.org or (314) 941-4933.

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 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.

Daily Masses: Mass is available on Wednesdays at 8:00 am.

Baked Bread for Masses: The medical advisory panel has approved re-instituting the baked bread for our Sunday Masses. I have attached the recipe to give you a preview of what it entails. One batch of unleavened bread loaves provide enough bread for a month of Masses. If you were previously a part of this ministry, or enjoy baking and would like to be part of the ministry, please contact Diane, (314) 941-4933, diane@stcronan.org We had enough people that we only baked bread once per year, so it is not a big time commitment if we get enough volunteers.

Mass Themes coming up:

November 25 – Thanksgiving, Mass at 9:00 a.m.
November 28 – First Sunday of Advent,
Confirmation of Analise McKenna at 10:00 Mass

Welcome to Analise McKenna and her family. Analise McKenna will be confirmed this Sunday at the 10:00 Mass. Please check out her Confirmation information, which is attached and will be posted in the Chapel at church.

Advent Theme: This year we are focusing on Our Lady, Undoer of Knots as our Advent theme. Information will be available in Church. As a community, we recognize the many knots in our society that need to be undone: the knots of Climate Change, Clericalism, Prejudice, and within the Family. We implore our Blessed Mother Mary, undoer of knots, to raise our awareness and actions around these issues.

Advent Decoration: We will be decorating for Advent this Saturday, November 27, at 9:30 a.m. This involves raising the large advent wreath in the middle of Church, so we need some volunteers to handle the ladder. Please consider joining us – there will be muffins!

Advent Reflection Booklet: Thanks to all who have signed up to write an Advent Reflection. We still need reflections written for Monday, November 29, Tuesday, December 7, and Christmas Day, Please let me know if you can take one of these, and return your reflections to Diane, diane@stcronan.com or dianegoz1951@gmail.com as soon as possible. Advent is less than a week away, and I need to compile the reflections as soon as they come in. Since more of us are in church, I will have some printed copies available, but if you can read them online, that will save paper. Depending on how fast I receive the reflections will determine if I publish them weekly or as an entire booklet. Questions? Contact Diane: (314) 941-4933.

Poinsettia Sale: St. Cronan is again selling poinsettias as a fund raiser. These flowers are so much bigger and prettier than what you find in the box stores.

We are selling:

6" Pot (16" -17" tall 5-7 blooms) in Red or White = \$22

8" Pot (20" -22" tall 12-15 blooms) in Red or White = \$30

10" GIANT Pot (28" -30"+ tall 16-20 blooms) in Red Only = \$40

Each poinsettia includes a gold pot cover.

Orders may be placed until noon on Tuesday 11/30. All orders should be placed online if possible. Look for the online information on Cronantalk later this week. Customers may call the Office, (314) 289-9384, to place an order if they can't do it online, but must either provide a credit card so we could place the order online for them or pay via check. Customer Pickup at St. Cronan on Saturday 12/4 from 10 AM - 1 PM. People could pick up after Sunday Mass if necessary.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: The collection was last week, but if you would like to give, just place it in the collection basket in an envelope marked "CCHD"

St. Cronan St. Vincent de Paul Adopt-A-Family As in past years, we hope to offer our neighbors in need some Christmas gifts for the holidays. If you would like to participate in adopting a family for Christmas this year, please sign up in the church vestibule, or call Kathleen Johnson, (314) 822-7517 or email johnsonkath2@gmail.com and let her know the size of family you prefer. She may be able to assign you a family or adult on the spot. If you are concerned about COVID, you can purchase gift cards and make arrangements to get them to the family, or you can shop for presents as before. Please respond if you would like to participate.

Marianist Retreat Center is holding an Advent Retreat. "Voices in the Wilderness: A Call to Re-Engage" Friday, December 10 through Sunday, December 12 at the Marianist Retreat Center. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Food Pantry Volunteer Opportunities: Driver for Food Pick up at St. Gerard Majella, Kirkwood on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11:00 am. Food is delivered to St. Cronan and unloaded by volunteers and driver. We have another driver so each driver picks up 6 Sundays a year. You can use your own vehicle but would need a larger SUV or can use the St. Cronan truck. Time involved is approx. 1 hour.

Volunteers to help unload vehicle of food from St. Gerard Majella Church on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11:30 am. We are in need of 2-3 volunteers. Time involved is about 10-15 minutes depending on the number of volunteers we have.

Volunteers needed to help with our Homebound Food Delivery on the 3rd Sunday of each month after the 10 am Mass. Each volunteer delivers to 2 households. We are looking for 2 regular volunteers plus 2 standby volunteers. Time involved is about 15-25 minutes depending on where the clients live. We really appreciate your consideration of these needs!

Kathy Hunn, Director~St. Cronan Church Food Pantry~314-704-9934 or kathyfoodpantry@gmail.com.

Winter Coats for the Border: Gently used coats and jackets are needed share those with some of many immigrants arriving at La Frontera shelter in Laredo, Texas. Many of the immigrants will quickly be heading North, and without the necessary winter wear. Sr. Maureen is returning this weekend from a two-week volunteer trip to La Frontera, and we should have more details regarding any additional needs and timing in the coming week or so. Please consider bringing any jackets or coats (especially teen/adult sizes) to weekend liturgies (back of Church), or deliver them to the Parish office during weekday hours. We will provide some type of container at each location which will be marked for "Laredo-La Frontera Coat Drive".

The 3-1/2 stories of Christmas: The 3 1/2 Stories of Christmas, Saturday, December 11, 7pm in Church at Immaculate Conception Parish in Dardenne. Children and adults will be delighted as all the parts of the Christmas story are tied together for the first time. From the light of Creation to the manger in Bethlehem, from the origin of Saint Nicholas to the secret of the Christmas angel himself. The event is presented by Frank Runyeon. Visit <https://www.runyeonproductions.com/> for more information, or see the attached flyer.

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, December 16. 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

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, Mary Proot's friend, Jessica,

Phil Milner, and Kathy Bayless, 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, Fr. Gerry's nephew, Steven Bueltman, Leslie Conway, Mike's grandson, Jack, Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan, Leslie Conway, Jim Gorman, Sharon Orlet's sister, Betty, Andrew Viragh's father, Nancy Buck's daughter, Jeanne.

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/81074780423?pwd=TEdlc0RlRXFsak0ejAvb3d4SFNRZz09>

Meeting ID: 810 7478 0423 Passcode: cronan

This is a new link, good for the next 10 meetings. I will also send the invitation on Saturday.

At St. Cronan's, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the Healer, instead of Christ the King. Jesus never wanted to be a King. He rather wanted to console and heal and just testify to the truth. We celebrate the feast with the Anointing of the Sick. Before I went to Zambia, I had a month-long discernment process in New York. One weekend, I stayed with missionaries of Charity, who had a house for AIDS victims in Philadelphia. The two brothers who ran the house were physically exhausted. That evening, there was a call from one of their clients who was dying and had travelled to visit a priest mentor before he died. He was too weak to get on the bus to return, so one of the brothers needed to go get him, 3 hours away. I went along and ended up driving since the brother was nodding off. As I drove, I gazed into visions of night on the very dark roads. When we met the gentleman, his hand was like that of a skeleton. We drove the three hours back and returned at 5 a.m. The gentleman asked me to anoint him. It was the most powerful anointing I ever participated in. People who are sick who want Jesus feel a powerful magnetic force. Christ is our healer. We need to be open to the God of Healing. (from Fr. Jack's homily)

Sr. Chabanel's pastoral reflection is attached.

God Bless!

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