



Wishing you Christmas

*Blessings,
Fr. Jack, Mary, and Diane*

Monday Notes

December 20, 2021

Christmas Mass Schedule

Mass Times

Christmas Eve (Friday, 12/24)

10:00 Carols, 10:30 Mass

Christmas Day (Saturday, 12/25)

8:00 Mass

10:00 Mass

Feast of the Holy Family (Sunday, 12/26)

8:00 Mass

10:00 Mass

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God (Saturday, 1/1)

9:00 a.m. Mass

Epiphany (Sunday, 1/2)

8:00 Mass

10:00 Mass

Mass Schedule (after Jan. 2)

5:00 p.m. Saturday

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday

Daily Mass: 8:00 a.m. Wednesdays

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

The Mass on January 1-2 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 30, 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.

Organizations may begin to meet downstairs in the coffee and donut room, safely distanced and masked. Please call the office to schedule: (314) 289-9384.

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 Bill Barrett, barrettb@webster.edu or 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.

SVdP Giving Tree: St. Cronan St. Vincent de Paul Society has their tree in the Church Chapel with envelopes attached for monetary donations to support their work throughout the year. This is one of SVdP's major fund raisers. If you would like to give online, you can through our website and the "donate" button. Just indicate that your donation is for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you for your generosity.

Administrator's Wish List: Would you like to contribute to the administrator's annual **WISH LIST**? See the poster in back of church for a list of items and instruction on how to participate. The list is also attached. You can donate for a specified item, or just to the "Wish List" in general and we will apply your donation where needed most. Place your donation in the envelope provided and notate which item you would like to support. Or simply state "WISH LIST". You can place your envelope in the collection basket on Sunday, mail it in or drop it by the office any weekday between 9am and 3pm. You can also donate to the Wish List through our online contribution button on the church website. Click the "[we share](#)" link then scroll down to SPECIAL and notate "WISH LIST" in the comment section.

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.

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, January 20. 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

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

Meeting ID: 810 7478 0423 Passcode: cronan
I will also send the invitation on Saturday.

A priest was talking to some children about last Sunday, and asked them, "Why do you think I should wear pink?" One boy said: "Because Mary wanted a girl."

Our knot this week has to do with families and certainly family is complex and multifaceted. What happens when a problem comes? We can be loving or we can be hateful. We can be part of the solution, or part of the problem. We need to try to find the will of God in the midst of family. One family loved music, and singing kept them together, yet there were knots in two sons dying. The family found God in their music. There is a way to seek the will of God. Another family lost a son overnight, he was sick in the evening, and the next morning they found him dead. They couldn't tell his brother because he was in jail. Knot after knot is tightening. What's going to happen to that family? We pray that somehow God's will enters in. Family knots. The song says it's the most wonderful time of the year, it's the most angry time of the year. The anger comes from our expectations of that one day. Around this time, we need to examine our expectations. (from Fr. Jack's homily)

Fr. Jack shared family quotes for us to see where we fit in. These are attached.

Also attached is Sr. Chabanel's wonderful Pastoral Reflection about Mary and Elizabeth.

Christmas Blessings!

Diane

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