

Pastoral Reflection
Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 3, 2022
The Kingdom of God is very near to you.

In last week's Gospel, you may recall, Jesus spoke to those who were ready to sign up and follow him, about the cost of discipleship. They responded by excusing themselves to go home and take care of family issues and maybe then they would come back to follow him. As far as we know, none of them returned. But in today's Gospel text, which follows that one, we see that he did find seventy-two individuals (or however many that symbolic number represents) who took into account the cost and WERE ready to be the advance team for his mission of evangelization. They were still willing, even though he told them again as he sent them out two by two, what a challenge it would be: "I am sending you out like lambs among wolves." What has drawn them to this commitment?

No one who followed Jesus originally did so for the way he died, even though his death is so compelling in its details that we spend a whole week of every year reflecting on it. The first disciples were drawn in by the way he LIVED. Jesus taught with authority and backed up his words with healing actions. He spoke of justice and then treated the poor and the unwelcome with dignity and tenderness. He chose not to fight evil and violence, he absorbed it. He tells his courageous little advance team to speak a message of peace as they go out to the villages where they are sent.

Is there a way WE can speak peace to those who pass through our lives each day? Can we do that for the frazzled super market checkout clerk who is working overtime serving long lines of complaining customers by simply thanking her for her patience and service. Can we do it for the single parent dad who is juggling three tired, restless children in a doctor's office waiting for one of them to get help for an emergency by telling him what beautiful children he has instead of registering faces full of annoyance? Can we do it for the friend who calls us at the most inconvenient time with a problem needing a listening ear? At the end of our day, how many people can we count that we have left with a greater sense of peace than when we encountered them? What kind of morning prayer would it take for us to see ourselves sent into each of our days the way Jesus sent the seventy-two, as missionaries of peace?

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St. Cronan Catholic Church
Fourteenth Sunday, Ordinary Time
July 2-3, 2022

Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesdays – 8:00 a.m

There will be a Mass at 9:00 a.m. July 4 for Independence Day
Masks are suggested for all Masses

The Mass for Sunday, July 3 was recorded and placed on our website: <https://www.stcronan.org/> If anyone is available to serve as lector on Thursday, June 30 at 9:30, please contact Diane G. diane@stcronan.org

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



The all things new parish leadership team thanks you for your wonderful input for the last questions on the parish report. Also, we will begin sending you a weekly sharing of the information the strategic planning office has sent to the leadership team about our parish, about our planning area, etc. So that you will have the same data we have. We will include the summary of your responses to the last question on the parish report. On July 31, we will send you a written report of our disciple maker survey results. For further information on the survey results, please visit the website: <https://www.archstl.org/editorial-disciple-maker-index-survey-results-show-clearer-picture-of-strengths-opportunities-for-growth-in-archdiocese-7686>; <https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/DMI-Results>

Seeds of Justice Network: Interested in social justice activities in our area? Visit www.seedsofjusticenetwork.org or use the QR code on the flyer in the Chapel to sign up for the Seeds of Justice Network newsletter! The weekly email features a justice-focused article of the week, a listing of local events, and a few national events & trainings.

Children's Faith Formation: If you have school-age children, K-12 and are looking for a religious education program, please consider St. Cronan. Classes meet once per month, with family activities in the interim. It guides the entire family in growth of their faith and love of God and each other. Registration forms are on the table in the chapel, or contact Diane diane@stcronan.org.

Vacation Bible School: St. Vincent DePaul Parish is hosting a Vacation Bible School for ALL South City parishes and YOU are invited to participate! When & Where: August 1-5 from 9am - noon at St. Frances Cabrini Academy Who: ANY child from PK3-5th grade is welcome to attend. Cost is \$25/child, but FREE if a parent, grandparent, or sibling volunteers! We need volunteers of all ages to help make this happen! Whether you're getting ready for 6th grade, enjoying your retirement, or anywhere in-between - we would LOVE to have you! Learn more about VBS, available volunteer opportunities, and register to attend or volunteer at: <https://www.stvstl.org/vbs22> We hope to see you there! Please contact Jess Adams, St. Vincent's Coordinator of Family Faith Formation, with questions! jess.adams@stvstl.org

St. Angela Merici Parish in Florissant is celebrating 60 years as a parish on July 18 with 6:00 Mass, followed by dinner. For further information, please see the flyer attached.

Marianist Retreat Center Summer Schedule: This summer, the Marianist Retreat and Conference Center, located in Eureka, MO, is offering three unique retreat opportunities, and you are cordially invited! These and all summer events can be found at: <https://marianistretreat.com/blog/summertime-events-2022/>

City Greens Market would like to partner with the St. Cronan Community in providing fresh, quality food to our neighbors. The Grove's neighborhood nonprofit grocery store, the market is located just up the street at 4260 Manchester. Our mission is to provide access to fresh, quality and affordable food to our neighbors; to promote healthy living in the community; to provide a safe and welcoming space for neighbors to interact; and to support local farmers as part of our extended community. We offer fresh fruits and vegetables, bulk grains and flours, staple goods like beans and pastas and soups, frozen foods, and a variety of quality and humanely raised meats, eggs, and dairy products. While anyone is welcome to shop with us, our members get a 30% discount on all food. And anyone - member or not - who purchases food with their EBT card at City Greens Market can take advantage of the Double Up Food Bucks program to increase their purchasing power - if they purchase at least \$25 of produce, they can get up to \$25 of produce for free. Fresh food, healthy choices, and a united and empowered community. That's our commitment. Please come check us out! www.stlcitygreens.org



Donations for Ukraine: If you would like to help, please give to the Ukrainian Children's Aid and Relief Effort, Inc. or UCARE, Inc., which is a charity serving the needy and orphaned children of Ukraine. If anyone wants to financially help the Ukrainian situation, please consider this charity. The website is www.ucareinc.org. Bob Hoffman has worked with this group for years. He shared an update via Cronantalk on June 12, if you would like to see how the contributions are being used.

Katy Trail Marian Pilgrimage will take place October 10-14. For information visit their website at: www.katytrailpilgrimage.com

Apostolic Letter: Pope Francis has written an Apostolic Letter entitled Desiderio Desideravi, on the liturgical formation of the People of God. To read the letter, visit this website: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/20220629-lettera-ap-desiderio-desideravi.html

Day-Long Women's Retreat: The Women's Retreat has been postponed to a later date due to the hot weather. We will keep you informed of the new date when it is selected.

Black Lives Matter Vigil, takes place the third Friday of the Month at the corner of Manchester and Kingshighway, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. The next vigil will take place on Friday, July 15. Please join us!

COFFEE AND DONUTS IS BACK. Please join us for Fellowship and community in the COFFEE AND DONUT ROOM after the 10:00 Mass on Sundays. Many thanks to Maggie Hart-Mahon and Dorothy Strathman-Lucy for organizing. We need people to host the 4th and 5th weekends. - If you are interested in taking one weekend a month to host, or even the fifth weekend when it occurs, please contact Maggie: ofccomp17@gmail.com

Prayers Please: Laurel Hayes; Laurel Hayes' parents, Jerry and Nancy; Rose; Robert Nathe's Mother, Eileen; Colleen Wallace's godson, Lachlan; Michelle Frank; Jennifer Lyle and Krista Rakers; Jessica; Nick Ambrose; Al Sprehe; Leslie Conway; Mike's grandson, Jack; Jim Gorman; Andrew Viraugh's father,; Sharon Orlet's sister, Betty; Nancy Buck's daughter, Jeanne; Kathy Bayless; Tom Kuciejczyk-Kernan's brother, Steve; Barry Buchek's wife, Mary; Trish Curtis' mother and brother; Gavin Barrett-Hayes; Barb Sopp's cousin, Patty Struckhoff; Marie and Roland Martir's granddaughter, Madie, and great-grandson; David Gaillardetz' father, Richard; Fr. Gerry's classmate, Fr. Pat O'Laughlin; Nick and Shirley Ambrose's daughter, Brigid Costello; Shelly Kurtz; Varrietta Anthony; Teresa Sullivan's friend, Caroline Bucci; Kathy Stock's niece, Jill, Fr. Jack's brother, Mike; Natalie Johnson and the Johnson Family; Nancy Buck; Nancy Buck's daughter, Nancy Hall; Blanca; Barb Sopp's friend, Joe Sinibaldi; Tim Herzel; Donna Zuroweste; Bob Barnicle.