

**Pastoral Reflection**  
**Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**July 10, 2022**

*Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?*

I have a very close friend who is at St. Luke's Hospital coming close to eternity as I write and who may have made that journey by the time this reflection goes to print. It has me thinking about eternal life these days. It struck me that weeks and weeks can go by without my giving a thought to eternal life, although it happens more often now that I am 82. Present life is so compelling. Who has time to contemplate the what ifs of the infinite? The practical displaces the spiritual every time. The need to fix lunch seems more immediately imperative than preparing for the life of the world to come.

Yet here in today's gospel comes this professional religionist, testing Jesus with a pious question about everlasting life. They trade textbook responses and are in apparent agreement that love is the key. Then Jesus puts down the textbook, launching into a story that changes the elements of the argument altogether. It's not just about a classical expression of loyalty to God and neighbor. Step it up a level and show mercy to your enemy, who is your REAL neighbor. What a challenge!

Jaws drop whenever Jesus teaches. He confounds our easy piety and self-promoting righteousness. Jesus invites us to love as God does, beyond the nice boundaries of our comfort zone. For an amazing adventure in extreme loving, we have only to listen to him.

*Sister Chabanel Mathison, O.S.U.*



**St. Cronan Catholic Church**  
**Fifteenth Sunday, Ordinary Time**  
**July 9-10, 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/>

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 first installment of shared All Things New data that was promised at the Masses this past Sunday can be accessed on this link

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ne9OzoT1BW0LHuttvbFTDbNQ6wN\\_27vI/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ne9OzoT1BW0LHuttvbFTDbNQ6wN_27vI/view?usp=sharing)

We will send installments weekly for the next few weeks so that you have the same information the Leadership Team has and can study it at your leisure.

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](http://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](http://www.stlcitygreens.org)



**Missionary Sunday:** This Sunday, at all the Masses, Fr. Anthony Bautista of the Religious Institute of the Alagad ni Maria (Disciples of Mary) will be sharing his missionary experience. His mission apostolate is to the young people in the Philippines who are confronted with serious challenges of addiction, materialism, violence and abuse. We are invited to take part in the worldwide mission of our church through our prayers and donations, and to receive the full graces of the Eucharist offered for us by this missionary priest. Catholics have traditionally extended their love and generosity to the missions of the world through the Propagation of Faith Appeal, which we will be responding to this week. Please be generous.

**Katy Trail Marian Pilgrimage** will take place October 10-14. For information visit their website at: [www.katytrailpilgrimage.com](http://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](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 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 Viraug'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, Paul Schmitt