

Pastoral Reflection
July 24, 2022
17th Sunday, Ordinary Time

In Luke's Gospel this week we have his version of the Our Father which is shorter than Matthew's. And both are different from the one our Church prays. I wanted to comment on the section where we pray: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us". True healing requires that we are willing to freely give up our right to our grievances. When there is a legitimate grievance it can become a "right", i.e. something one deserves. This means we are playing one-upmanship. We are indicating that there deserves to be a correction and/or punishment. A right to a grievance is a search for power, a search for superiority (I gotcha!). Jesus freely gave up his right to grievances even though he was unjustly condemned, tortured and crucified. He "forgave their trespasses". I don't see much of that going on in our society nor in our institutional church. Too often there is a dash to establish "moral high ground". There seems to be a desire to put people down. Check out your grievances! Can you freely let go? And let God!

Our Holy Father has called attention to another part of our liturgical Our Father. He has questioned where it says "lead us not into temptation". He has rightly indicated that God does not lead people into temptation, so why do we pray that he doesn't!? It is more correct to pray "lead us through temptation". I believe the French even officially changed the wording. Notice how we "don't notice"! This is just a thought for you to chew over.

Be safe and God bless,
Fr. Jack (he/him)



St. Cronan Catholic Church
Seventeenth Sunday, Ordinary Time
July 23-24, 2022

Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesdays – 8:00 a.m.
Masks are suggested for all Masses

The Mass for Sunday, August 7, will not be recorded. It will be live-streamed at 10:00.

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 third 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/1REcrxpK7pVpXv6Vvpp_1_IMTVNy5x0Mr/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 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. Pius V Anti-racism & Equity Working Group is sponsoring The Slavery, History, Memory, and Reconciliation Project with Fr. Jeff Harrison, SJ, a workshop presented on Sunday, Sept. 18, 3:00-4:30 p.m. at St. Pius V Singler Hall. 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



Health Survey: The Health Cabinet met and created a survey to assess the health-related interests and needs of the parish regarding a parish nurse. Please complete the survey, which takes less than 4 minutes, by July 27. We'd like to hear from all of you to get a full picture of parish needs. We know people get health information from many sources. We are trying to assess whether it makes sense for the parish to provide these services. The answers from the survey will help us to determine the next steps for better serving the health needs of the parish. The survey can be found by clicking this link: <https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/v2OBE4Ut>

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.

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

Baseball Fundraiser: Congratulations to our own Maggie Hart-Mahon who won last week's baseball raffle AGAIN! Guess it's time to hit her up for a loan!

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.

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; Robert Nathe's Mother, Eileen; Colleen Wallace's godson, Lachlan Andrew Viraugh's Father; Sharon Orlet's sister, Betty; Kathy Bayless; Tom Kuciejczyk-Kernan's brother, Steve; Barry Buchek's wife, Mary; Trish Curtis' mother and brother; Marie and Roland Martir's granddaughter, Madi, 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; Diane Calcaterra; Nancy Buck's daughter, Nancy Hall, Sr. Lynne's friend, Jan Berberich, SSND; Blanca; Barb Sopp's friend, Joe Sinibaldi; Bob Barnicle; Paul Schmitt.