

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 13, 2025

How many ways does Jesus tell us to love our enemies, be good to those who harm you, turn the other cheek, love your neighbor, even if an enemy. It seems that every time that Jesus tells us to love our enemies, throughout history, humanity has found ways to do exactly the opposite. Empires against empires, religions against religions, peoples against peoples have plagued the world from the beginning of civilization. Any discrimination on the basis of creed, sexual bias, nationality, disability and race are used as excuses to treat people with differences as lesser than, and not only to ban them, but to persecute them. When will we finally heed Jesus' words?

In the present day, we still haven't learned to love our neighbor. Our own government is finding all ways to eliminate our neighbors with Executive Orders and laws that force people to leave the country or be put in concentration camps called "Alligator Alcatraz," or force people to go without healthcare, or force people to starve. War is promoted instead of peace. Racism is again being used as a barrier to one's ability to pursue life, liberty and happiness. And it seems there is little we can do to change it, at least not until Midterms in another year and a half.

Closer to home, we find ourselves impatient, and it becomes harder to love our neighbor, especially when our neighbor supports an opposing view, or somehow gets in our way. We work to keep our patience for those with whom we disagree or who cause us some frustration. We need to take a breath and calm down. Frank discussion can strengthen our community, and we will encounter those who frustrate us. So, when we are frustrated by people's actions or opinions, when people come into our lives who challenge us and yes, drive us crazy, that's when we hold God's words in our hearts.

*Love your neighbor,
especially your enemies.*

-Diane Gozdziwski

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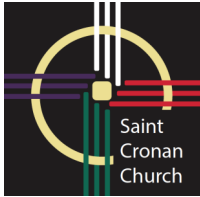
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Mass Information
SUNDAY – 8 am. and 10 am.
SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.
Wednesdays – 8:00 am.
Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.
Bulletin Deadline: Noon Tuesday

St. Cronan Social Justice Book Club meets today on the main floor church office conference room after the 10am mass from 11:30am-12:30pm. Our July 13 book is "A Full Life: Reflections at 90" by Jimmy Carter. Our August 10 book is "Care Work: Dreaming Disability Justice" by Leah Piepzn-Samarasinha. We invite you to join us in person or to simply read with us. For more information please contact Charlene Zeni Connolly at 314-308-0056.



Christmas in July: We are again collecting school supplies for St. Cecilia School and Academy and St. Louis Catholic Academy. Please take an ornament and purchase the items listed, then return them by July 26. See flyer in church vestibule.

A Black History Tour of St. Louis. The moment we have been waiting for has arrived. Tickets for "A Black History Tour of St. Louis" are available now <https://festivals.cinemastlouis.org/showcase2025/6548-2/> , showing July 27th at 3pm. Website for the trailer <https://www.ablackhistorytour.com>.



Immigration Task Force of the
Archdiocese of St. Louis

**Support DACA
Recipients to raise
funds for refiling fees**

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL
FUNDRAISER
FILLED WITH LIVE MUSIC, DINNER,
AND A SILENT AUCTION!
ENTRY FEE \$25

JULY 26TH, 2025
4pm-6pm
20 ARCHBISHOP MAY DR.
ST. LOUIS, MO, 63119

"The dream continues to inspire us all... and
America continues to be for many the land of
dreams."
Pope Francis





Prayers Please: Nick and Shirley Ambrose and Family; Elisabeth Byrne's mom, Denise Siebold; Joe Connolly; Yvonne DeHart's daughter, Cathy Hebert; Nancy Buck's daughter, Jeanne Oberle; Trish Curtis' siblings, Skip, Teree, and Ray; Joe Fairless; Sr. Cathy Doherty's friends, Lina Tackas and Tim; Robert Barnicle; Judith Santamaria; Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan; Leslie Conway; 3 1/2 year old Juliette Braren and her family; the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Old Fangak, South Sudan, who survived a bomb attack and the citizens of that village; Jane Sykes and Nancy Buck's granddaughter, Danielle Oliveros; Mary Proot's sister, Terry Jacks; Tim Proot; all the victims of the St. Louis tornado; Sr. Barb Schlatter; Ken Ladd and Drew Dean, nephew of Barry Buchek.

If you would like your loved one or yourself to be placed on the list or removed, please call the office: (314) 289-9384, or email Mary@stcronan.org

Black Lives Matter Vigil, takes place the third Friday of the month at the corner of Manchester and Kingshighway, 4:30-5:30 p.m. The next vigil will take place on Friday, July 18. Please join us!



WE DID IT!!!

I wish to give each of you a heartfelt thanks for contributing to this year's ACA. Your commitment to our shared mission is truly inspiring. We are Messengers of Hope to everyone we meet. Through your support, we are reaching countless individuals and communities across our Archdiocese. Whether it is aiding the poor and vulnerable, strengthening Catholic education, or funding essential ministries, your generosity has a lasting impact. You are helping to build a Church that reflects Christ's love in both word and action.

The ACA is a visible sign of our unity in faith and our shared responsibility to care for one another. Your contribution and prayers are a testament to your faith, compassion, and dedication to living the Gospel.

Thank you for being a part of this important mission. Let us continue to pray for the success of the ACA for the needs of our Archdiocese. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity and continued prayers for our church and the Church's work.

God bless, *Sr. Cathy*



Accompaniment Program Coordinator

The Immigrant & Refugee Ministry is seeking a part-time coordinator to manage the Accompaniment Program by organizing and training volunteer teams to attend government appointments (i.e. ISAP, ICE) with immigrants. This is a 20 hour/week position. Bilingual English/Spanish required. The Accompaniment Program is a way to walk with immigrants and show support and solidarity as they go through their immigration process.



Our Newest Members:

Sr. Madonna O'Hara, OSU

Apply here: <https://careers.archstl.org/job/St-Louis-Accompaniment-Coordinator%2C-Immigrant-&-Refugee-Ministry-MO-63118-1002/1301905400/>



Food Distribution to Immigrants: Our next distribution date is August 2. We can use these items:

Bar soap
Shampoo (average size container)
Toilet paper
Baby wipes (50-75 count pkg.)
As always - donations can be brought to the back of church or the office (if during the week). As you go shopping, consider buying an item or two and adding it to the bin in the church vestibule.



St. Cronan Catholic Church Land Acknowledgement.

We respectfully acknowledge that St. Cronan Church stands on the ancestral lands of Native American and Indigenous peoples. We honor their enduring presence and acknowledge the historical and ongoing impacts of colonization. We are committed to learning, dialogue, and fostering reconciliation with Native American and Indigenous communities.

For the full land acknowledgment, visit stcronan.org.