

## 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time August 3, 2025

There is an apocryphal quote, attributed to various modern philosophers, that has been circulating widely these days. It goes like this: “It is easier for us to imagine the end of the world than to imagine the end of capitalism.”

The Catholic Church has been markedly consistent in its critique of unfettered capitalism, with Pope Leo XIII’s encyclical *Rerum Novarum* being a landmark document in this tradition. Today’s readings show that the basis for this stance is firmly embedded in scripture. The first reading explores the psychological and spiritual impact of materialism as well as the plight of the laborer, and the Gospel reading introduces a key challenge to our current version of capitalism: “to whom will [our riches] belong” when we have shuffled off this mortal coil?

In *Centesimus Annus*, Pope John Paul II’s encyclical published on the centennial of *Rerum Novarum*, he speaks of the universal destination of all goods. This principle is rooted in the reality of Creation itself—that all things come from God—and hearkens back to Thomas Aquinas, who wrote: “The temporal goods which God grants us are ours as to the ownership but as to the use of them, they belong not to us alone but also to others as we are able to [help them] out of what we have over and above our needs.”

What we have, we have by the grace of God alone. We all have the right to provide for ourselves and to see that we are sheltered, clothed, and fed. But what we have above and beyond that we owe to others. Once our needs are met, we have a responsibility to the community.

After all, as the old adage goes, we can’t take it with us. May we resist the temptation of greed and work toward implementing social and economic systems that prioritize the dignity of all persons and that honor the responsibilities we have to one another and to Creation itself.

—Loren Gaillardetz



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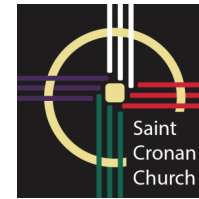
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### Mass Information

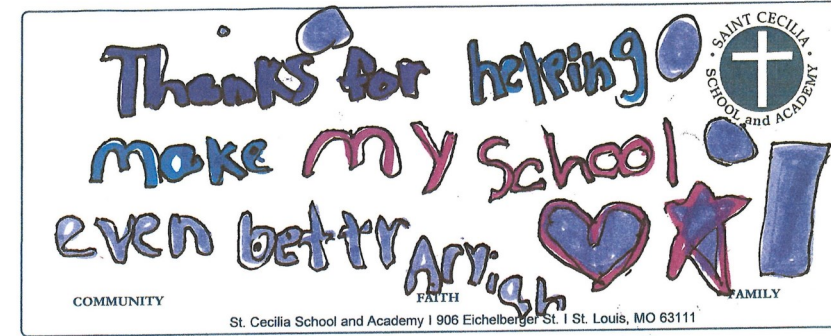
SUNDAY – 8 am. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

**Bulletin Deadline: Noon Tuesday**



**THANK YOU FOR THE SCHOOL SUPPLIES!** On behalf of our students and staff, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your support and supplies to the educational programs and mission at St. Cecilia School and Academy

and St. Louis Catholic Academy. You are making a difference in the lives of our students by providing support to our academic programs. As we continue to witness growth and impact within our schools, we thank you for being on this journey to provide students

with a brighter future. It does take a village to raise a child!

Prayers to each of you, Sr. Cathy and Students





**Prayers Please:** Nick and Shirley Ambrose and Family; Elisabeth Byrne's mom, Denise Siebold and her granddaughter, Danielle Oliveros; Joe Connolly; Yvonne DeHart's daughter, Cathy Hebert; Nancy Buck's daughter, Jeanne Oberle; Trish Curtis' siblings, Skip, Teree, and Ray; Joe Fairless; Robert Barnicle; Judith Santamaria; Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan; Leslie Conway; 3 1/2 year old Juliette Braren and her family; 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; Fr. Gerry Kleba, Laura Krueger's mother and Ann Cook.

*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](mailto:Mary@stcronan.org)*

#### Catholic Worker Donation Drive



We will be collecting donations for the Catholic Worker Community in St. Louis to support their outreach efforts. They shared some items that they could use to make burritos to share with those who are hungry on Tuesday evening and Saturday morning, as well as some important items to help folks in the summer heat. A handout/list of these items are on the small tables in the back of church. Please pick up one to take to the grocery store with you. Thank you!

**Mid-life Singles:** Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Pallottine Renewal Center, Florissant, MO (30 min from downtown St. Louis), on August 15-17, 2025. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$290 including meals. Visit [www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), e-mail [reflect.stlouis@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.stlouis@gmail.com), or call (630) 222-8303 for details.

**It's Back! The Football Raffle Fundraiser.** You can purchase your football raffle ticket for \$25. Each week during football season tickets are drawn



for cash prizes. St. Cronan has been very lucky in the past and has had some big winners! See a member of the fundraising committee after each mass to get your raffle ticket. Make your check out to **St. John's Church**. St. Cronan receives proceeds from each ticket sold. The last day to purchase your ticket is **Aug. 24**. See flyer in the vestibule of church.

**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, August 15. Please join us!



COMING  
SOON!!!!

Watch Monday Notes, the bulletin and the church website for details about our next fantastic fundraiser: **St. Cronan Logoed Travel Tumbler** which will look similar to this illustration. This sleek 14oz mug will sell for \$20 each.

**St. Cronan Social Justice Book Club** meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month on the main floor church office conference room after the 10am mass from 11:30am-12:30pm. Our August 10th book is "Care Work: Dreaming Disability Justice" by Leah Piepzna-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. Looking ahead, the September 14th book will be "The Fifth Risk" by Michael Lewis.

**Beyond Earth Day:** A Climate Justice Revival: Join MCU and First Unitarian Church for a chance to join other congregational leaders as we learn more about the work of environmental justice. Hear from and speak with leaders and volunteers. Today, 1:00-3:00 p.m., 5007 Waterman Blvd, 63138. For more information: <https://forms.gle/FdqyJbgmGuU9B3zU7>



#### 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](http://stcronan.org).*