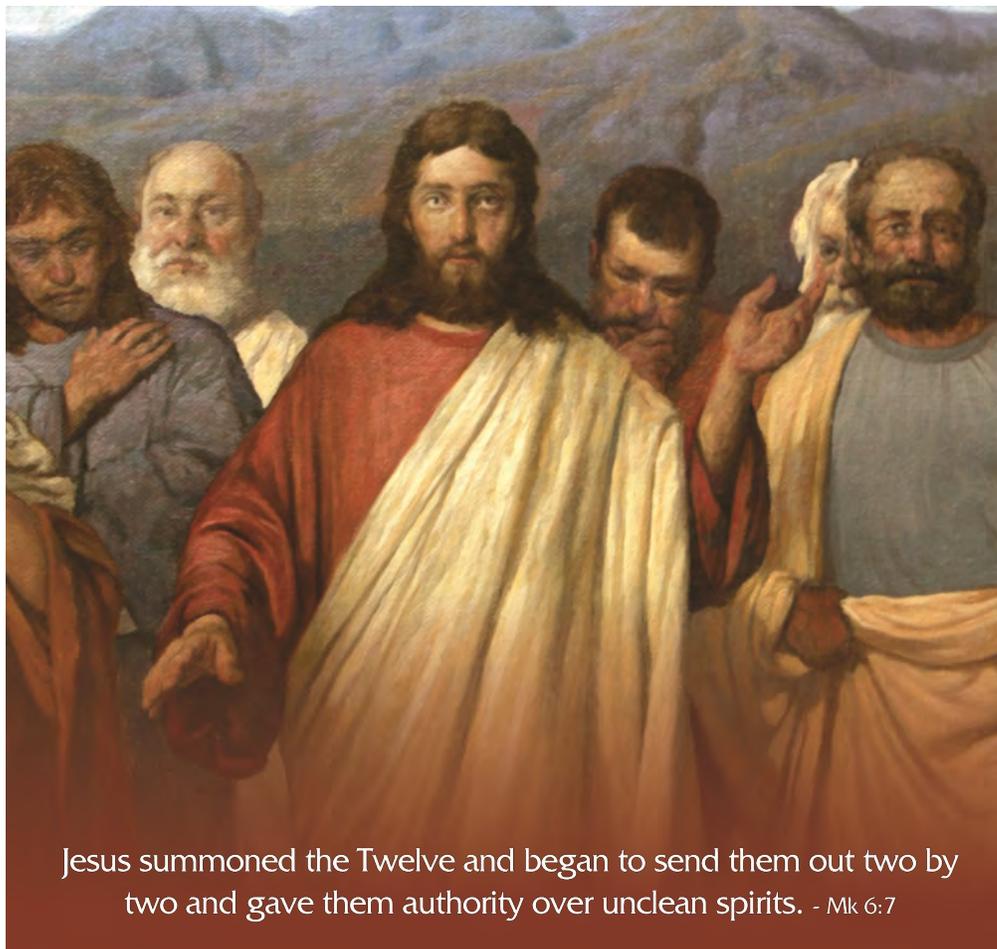


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Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. - Mk 6:7

**JULY 11, 2021**

15th Sunday Ordinary Time

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Sat - 4 p.m. Sun - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

**Weekdays:**

Monday - Friday 8 a.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m., 7 p.m.

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION: EMBRACING THE UNSURE

Many will say the work of preaching the Gospel is best left to the professionals--priests, religious, deacons, and lay ministers. However, as baptized members of the Body of Christ, everyone is called to preach. The question is not should we do but how do we do it?

There is the sure way and an unsure way to preach the Gospel. The sure way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. Say prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right?

The unsure way is the more challenging. Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost. We know many welcomed these conversations, but we also know there were many others who rejected them--literally pushed them aside.

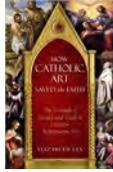
The unsure way involves taking the Gospel with us wherever we go. What

kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God's vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. If we are going to succeed going forward, we must embrace the unsure.

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<b>JULY 10</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lewis Melchior†</b> <i>John Solovan II</i>
<b>JULY 11</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Theresa Hoa†</b> <i>Phan Thi My</i>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Frank Curia†</b> <i>Curia Family</i>
<b>JULY 12</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Paul Baum†</b> <i>The Jasper Family</i>
<b>JULY 13</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Veronica DiCola†</b> <i>Terry &amp; Chris McDonald</i>
<b>JULY 14</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Michael Bosley†</b> <i>Sr. Mary Ann Spangler</i>
<b>JULY 15</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Helen Remke†</b> <i>Cindy Gunto</i>
<b>JULY 16</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Phyllis Bailey†</b> <i>SFX Class of 1968</i>
<b>JULY 17</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Regina Regic†</b> <i>Jerry &amp; Lottie Durbin</i>
<b>JULY 18</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Ronald Jaworski†</b> <i>Family</i>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Opal Romanoski†</b> <i>Romanoski Family</i>



## How Catholic Art Saved Our Faith

Though we are not all artists or art experts, every Catholic can appreciate the beauty in art. Art is a wonderful expression of what we believe—how it makes us feel, how it can tell a story, and also invoke a memory. During the Reformation, when factions warred against the Catholic Faith, the best artists were tasked to stir emotions by creating beautiful works depicting Salvation History. Some of these works of art and artists are highlighted in [How Catholic Art Saved Our Faith: The Triumph of Beauty and Truth in Counter-Reformation Art](#) by Elizabeth Lev. It tells the story of how our faith was saved by drawing people back into the Church through images of the beauty and fullness of our faith. Here are just a few examples from the book:

### Sacred Spaces

It was during this period when the medieval veils and separations were removed to bring people closer to the Eucharist. *The Church of the Gesù* (above) was the first to remove physical separations to bring people closer to communion with the Body of Christ.



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### Images of the Saints

Many of the images of the saints intertwine our earth with the heavens, giving us a glimpse of what is to come. At right is *Noli Me Tangere* by Lavinia



Fontana, who was the first professional female painter in Catholic history showing Mary Magdalene mistaking Jesus for a gardener.



### Spiritual Food

Many artists created beautiful works of art focusing upon the Eucharist. This picture of St. Jerome taking his final Communion (left) created by *Domenichino* focuses upon an awakening of the spiritual life as the physical life fades.

Enjoy our beautiful church, an artwork in and of itself. We are surely blessed.

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### Prayer REQUESTS

**Recently Sick:** Joseph Grampa, Bobby Kleinedler, Sandye Yoho, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Joanna Bierce, Isabella Wood, Heather Wiley, Dale Whitlatch, Sami Wilson, Kathryn Ferrera, Chuck Taskalines, Sara Walters, Danielle Wilson, Loretta Saporito, Bob Balgo, Mary Stees, Cindy Gunto, Kathleen Naegele, Sue Riffle, Judith Harbert, Megan Freeland Roskovensky, Alyssa Hedrick.

**Homebound:** Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Deanne Ferraro, Semon & Phyllis Prado.

**Nursing Homes:** Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker.

*Names of those recently sick will appear for two months. Please resubmit requests for those who still need our healing prayers.*

**CALENDAR**

<b>Mondays July 5 to Aug. 30</b>	<b>INFANT of PRAGUE NOVENA St. Mary's, Martins Ferry 7 p.m.</b>
<b>July 30,31 &amp; Aug. 1</b>	<b>GODSPELL Strand Theatre visit <a href="http://strandtheatreww.com">strandtheatreww.com</a> For times and ticket info</b>
<b>Aug. 22</b>	<b>PARISH PICNIC St. Jude Park Noon Mass at shelter</b>
<b>Sept. 22</b>	<b>PARISH COUNCIL Church Hall 6:30 p.m.</b>

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304-843-1946**

**SCHEDULES JULY 17 & 18**

**LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:00 p.m. **D. Prado / L. Magnone**  
8:00 a.m. **C. Frame / S. Kent**  
10:00 a.m. **L. Niemiec / J. Klug**

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Candles	\$8.00
Pennies for God	\$22.30
Online Giving	\$470.15
Attendance	211

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**THE CHOIR WILL BE PRACTICING** Wednesday, July 14, at 6:30 in the church. All are welcome, so just show up. You can also call Kathryn at 304-845-6801 or Dru at 304-639-4687 to tell them you are coming or if you want to know more.

**"PIRATES OF THE CURE-ABBEAN"** is the theme for Marshall County's 2021 Relay for Life fundraiser to support cancer research, and you can donate through our St. Francis team by purchasing luminaria bags for \$5. Purple flags also are available for \$5. Order forms are in the vestibule or you can call Lottie Durbin at 304-845-4011. Forms can be dropped in the church collection in marked envelopes. *July 27th is the deadline for ordering bags and flags at SFX.*

The relay is Saturday, Aug. 7, in John Marshall High School's north parking Lot. Registration starts at 5 p.m. and opening ceremonies are at 6 p.m. The luminaria ceremony begins at 9:30 p.m. and closing ceremonies are at midnight. Survivors will be recognized during the opening ceremony this year, where entertainment is planned. Team tents also will be set up around the perimeter, and there will be on-site fundraisers. You can also donate through team SFX here: [secure.acsevents.org](http://secure.acsevents.org).

Learn more about the event at:

[www.facebook.com/Relay-For-Life-of-Marshall-County-WV-158006284240947](http://www.facebook.com/Relay-For-Life-of-Marshall-County-WV-158006284240947)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):**

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or upon request.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):**

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.

**OUR PARISH PICNIC IS BACK, AND IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP!**

This year's gathering is Sunday, Aug. 22, at St. Jude Park and will start with outdoor Mass at noon. We are continuing our tradition of a covered-dish dinner with chicken provided by the parish.

Come enjoy fellowship, games, and being outdoors. Don't forget to stop in the church vestibule to sign up.

**WE ARE HAPPY TO WELCOME SR. AGATHA MUNYANYI TO SFX.**

Sr. Agatha is here and already taking part, sharing her voice last Sunday with the choir.

In case you missed it, a profile about Sr. Agatha and her inspiring journey can be found in our June 6th bulletin, which you can find on our website. So glad you are with us, Sr. Agatha.



**NEXT WEEK'S SPECIAL COLLECTION BENEFITS**

the Catholic Communications Campaign. The CCC responds to national and local communications needs of the Church. Our diocese will keep half the proceeds to fund the Catholic Spirit, televised Masses and other local communications efforts. Remaining funds go to the national CCC office for national efforts and grants for developing nations. Learn more here: [www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-communication-campaign](http://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-communication-campaign)

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

**REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:**

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