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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“If you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let the weeds and the wheat grow together until harvest.”

Matthew 13:29-30

July
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We live in an instant world of microwaves and drive-throughs and a disposable society in which things quickly become obsolete, so today's message is very strange. In all the readings today, and especially in the Gospel, we see transformation, but it is not something that happens overnight, nor does it take place without effort. We are met with parables of a patient and loving God who can see a positive outcome at the end and is willing to wait and nourish us and help us all get there. The sower's seeds require a growth period and some careful sorting. To make the bread, one must knead it and wait patiently. In planting a mustard seed, something so tiny yields great results, but not until after completing a period of dormancy and waiting.

WHAT IS OUR LEAVEN?

In our own growth, something usually spurs us on and calls us to change. For a young couple who find out they are expecting, this may be the impetus to “grow up”

and straighten out their spending habits. For another, perhaps a heart attack or prolonged illness calls one to wake up and gives one a second chance at life. Losing a job or a spouse or surviving a car accident may mean it is time for a “do-over.” Isn't it amazing to realize that we are blessed with a tender, loving God who will walk through all these changes in our lives, who is cajoling us into a better self? Here is a God who doesn't pull the plug because of our sins, but is willing to wait and sort and “gather the wheat.” Let us be grateful for this gift of loving mercy. Recall the simple prayer found in Psalm 86:15–16: “You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, / slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity. / Turn toward me, and have pity on me; / give your strength to your servant.”

Today's Readings: Wis 12:13, 16–19; Ps 86:5–6, 9–10, 15–16; Rom 8:26–27; Mt 13:24–43 [24–30]

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St. Camillus

Conversion Brings Caring to Sick



Camillus de Lellis was an unlikely choice for sainthood. His mother died when he was a child, his father neglected him until his own death, and he developed a love for excessive gambling.

At 17, he was afflicted with a disease of his leg that remained with him for life. He entered the San Giacomo Hospital for Incurables in Rome as both patient and servant but was let go for quarrelsomeness after nine months. He then served in the Venetian army for three years.

Then in the winter of 1574, at age 24, Camillus gambled away all he had—savings, weapons, literally down to his shirt. He took work at the Capuchin friary in present-day Italy and was one day so moved by a sermon that he began a conversion that changed his life. He entered the Capuchin novitiate but was dismissed for an incurable sore on his leg. After another stint of service at San Giacomo, he came back to the Capuchins only to be dismissed again for his leg. Back at San Giacomo, he set out to improve care for the sick.

On July 18, the U.S. Catholic Church celebrates the feast day of Saint Camillus, whose journey led him to become a priest and form an association of Catholics

who would provide physical and spiritual care for the sick. The order worked in hospitals, prisons, and in the homes of those afflicted by disease. The group, eventually known as the Ministers of the Sick, received papal approval in 1586 and in 1951 was confirmed as a full religious order.

Camillus suffered from many ailments throughout his lifetime, but was said to have left his own death bed to minister to the sick near him. After giving his last instructions to fellow Ministers of the Sick, Camillus died on July 14, 1614. He was canonized by Benedict XIV in 1746 and later was named, along with Saint John of God, patron of nurses and nursing associations. From gambler to saint, Camillus proved the promise of second chances. — Edited and excerpted from CatholicCulture.org/Catholic News Agency.

The Sanctuary Candle
 beside the tabernacle
 burns this week
 for
 living and deceased
 members
 of the Skrzypek family
 from
Carolyn Gordon

Masses for the Week

- JULY 18 SATURDAY**
4:00 P.M. **Doc & Opal Romanoski†**
(Artimez Family)
- JULY 19 SUNDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Margaret Harrigan†**
(Harrigan Family)
10:00 A.M. **Marilyn Neidhardt†**
(Kathleen & Stan Pazyk)
- JULY 20 MONDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Dianne Hill†**
(Norman & Barbara Vilkoski)
- JULY 21 TUESDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Bob Yeater†**
(Maggie Yeater)
- JULY 22 WEDNESDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Paul Baum†**
(Family)
- JULY 23 THURSDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Joseph Webb†**
(Jane Klug)
- JULY 24 FRIDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Urban Klug†**
(Jane Klug)
- JULY 25 SATURDAY**
4:00 P.M. **Mary Rose Ebert†**
(Bob & Patty Shutler)
- JULY 26 SUNDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Philip Salcines†**
(Cecilia Salcines)
10:00 A.M. **Novel Family Members Living & Deceased**
(Tony & Dee Novel)

LECTORS

- July 18** 4:00 p.m. **L. Remke**
- July 19** 8:00 a.m. **C. Frame**
10:00 a.m. **L. Freeland**

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):
Sat. 3:30 p.m. or any other time 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.

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**PRAY FOR OUR
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Prayer Request: Jim Campbell, Joseph Grampa, Ronnie Hill, Eleanor Smith, Mary Coffield, Jim Conner, Thomas Sullivan, Sara Walters, Bobby Kleinedler, Anna Mae Veronis Holiday, Jim Ali, Wanda DeTemple, Sue Riffle, Jane Klug, Patty Kudlak-Kettler.

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

Nursing Home: Ron Jaworski, Bill Tennant, Helen Remke, Bertie Gaughenbaugh, Barbara Meyer.

SPECIAL REMINDERS

- * We know this is a particularly difficult time for some of our young families and many senior members of our parish. Please let us know if or how we can support you and remember: we have *a lot* of experience praying for people. If you would like prayers, public or private, call or e-mail the office or contact Father.
- * Thank you everyone for doing your part to follow health and safety guidelines. Your caring and faithful habits allow us to gather in comfort and security.

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Attendance	110

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Relay Luminaria Will Still Shine

Celebrate the 12th year of Relay for Life participation in Marshall County for St. Francis Xavier Church by visiting a Luminaria Drive-Thru display Saturday, Aug. 22, from 9 – 11 p.m. at John Marshall High School. Fill your car with family and friends to see the parking lot alight in memory of those touched by cancer.

Our SFX team is selling luminaria bags for \$5 each to display at the event, which benefits the American Cancer Society. Bags typically are dedicated to loved ones lost, someone battling cancer, or anyone who has overcome it. The bags are Team SFX’s main fundraiser. All are welcome to join the team.

Pandemic guidelines prevent selling bags before Masses this year, so those interested in buying them need to contact Lottie at 304-845-4011 by Aug. 14. Team SFX assures donors, especially those who have purchased in the past, that special care will be taken to customize their bags since they will not be able to see them before the display. Team SFX also is selling for \$5 each the trademark purple Relay for Life flags, which are used to support the Marshall County Relay for Life remembrance event “Painting the Town Purple.” That event is still being planned.

The luminaria drive-thru is in place of a community gathering, which was canceled because of pandemic. The bags will be in the high school’s north parking lot. Visitors must stay in their cars because of pandemic guidelines.

The luminaria lighting is a centerpiece of this signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. The Relay for Life concept borrows from relay racing, where team members take turns completing part of a course. Under normal conditions, Relay for Life teams gather at a community track or field and take turns walking laps. Teams also set up camps and fundraise on site. Luminaria are placed along the event track and lit after dark to end the day.

THE SUMMER SHOWER

for the Gabriel Project mission at St. Francis Xavier continues throughout July, and your donations are helping our team of “Gabriel Angels” replenish items for clients and their babies.

The shower list continues to be posted on our website with the bulletins. Monetary donations also are needed to purchase items that must be provided new. Donation items can be left at church, and monetary gifts can be sent to the parish or dropped in the weekly Mass collection in a marked envelope. If writing a check, please make it payable to “The Gabriel Project” and write “St. Francis Xavier Church” on the memo line. God bless you, and thank you for your generous support.

A THIRD FOOD GIVEAWAY

is slated by The Marshall County Family Resource Network, Mountaineer Food Bank, and the City of Moundsville.

This month’s pantry is Thursday, July 23, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at East End Park.

Participants should enter the northern parking lot from Railroad Avenue. Distribution will be in the Four Seasons Pool parking lot. There will be no entry from 4th Street. All Marshall County families are invited to receive food, and no income guidelines are required. Please have a space cleared in your trunk for the box.

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