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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 6, 2025



Jesus
sends out the **72**

LUKE 10:1-20

May you find Christ here...may you take Christ to the world!

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, 12 noon
Friday, 9:00 a.m.

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.
Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Sunday Reflection: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus chooses seventy-two of his followers and sends them out in pairs to every town and place he plans to visit. He gives them clear instructions: carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; greet no one on the road. Why seventy-two? This number shows that Jesus wanted to reach every corner of the world. In Jewish tradition, seventy-two represented all nations. By sending this many, Jesus was telling us that God's love and good news are meant for everyone, everywhere. Jesus sent them two by two, reminding us that mission is not a solo journey. We need support and companionship. When we share faith, face challenges, or carry a difficult message, having someone beside us gives strength and hope. The pairs also show that we are part of a community; the Church is built on relationships, encouragement, and shared work.

Jesus tells them to rely on the hospitality of those they meet—to eat and drink what is offered, heal the sick in that home, and say, "Peace to this house." They are to bring God's peace and healing, not their own plans or worries. This teaches us to trust God's provision and to focus on our spiritual task, not on our comforts. If a town rejects them, they are to shake the dust from their feet and move on. We learn that not everyone will welcome our message. Yet, we continue without bitterness, knowing that our mission is to offer God's love, not to force acceptance. Let us remember this call today: to share God's peace and healing with everyone, to work together in faith, and to trust that God provides all we need.

Readings for Next Sunday,

July 13, 2025

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Colossians 1:15-20

Luke 10:25-37

Saint of the Week... St. Maria Goretti

Maria was born in Italy in 1890. As the daughter of a poor tenant farmer, she had no chance to go to school and never learned to read or write. On a hot afternoon in July, Maria was sitting at the top of the stairs of her house, mending a shirt. She was not quite 12 years old, but physically mature. A cart stopped outside and a neighbor, 18-year-old Alessandro, ran up the stairs. He seized her and pulled her into a bedroom. She struggled and tried to call for help. "No, God does not wish it," she cried out. "It is a sin. You would go to hell for it." Alessandro began striking her with a dagger.

Maria was taken to a hospital. Her last hours were marked by her simple compassion of the good—concern about where her mother would sleep, forgiveness of her attacker, and her devout welcoming of her last Holy Communion. She died about 24 hours after the attack.

Alessandro was sentenced to 30 years in prison. For a long time he was unrepentant and surly, until one night he dreamt of Maria gathering flowers and offering them to him. His life changed. When he was released after 27 years, his first act was to beg the forgiveness of Maria's mother.

Devotion to Maria grew, miracles were worked, and in less than half a century she became the youngest saint to be canonized. At her beatification in 1947, her 82-year-old mother, two sisters, and her brother appeared with Pope Pius XII on the balcony of St. Peter's. Three years later at Maria's canonization, a 66-year-old Alessandro knelt among the crowd in attendance and cried tears of joy.

St. Maria Goretti's feast day is celebrated on July 6, the date of her death. She is the patron saint of chastity, teenage girls, poverty, purity and forgiveness.

Source: franciscanmedia.org



Feast Day: July 6



Chuck* & Jan Biser, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Hailey Claire, Linda Davis-Kyle, Gloria DeMasi, Palma Devic, Marion Dorsey, Cam Duncan, Dave & Jean Dunn, Lucas Dupuis, Scott Furey, Marilyn George, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn

Harbaugh, Jean Harber, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Bill Lupis, Lance Lupis, Angelo Luvara, Betty McAvoy, Steve Miner, Paul & Connie Murray, Wanda & Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Cathy Pardee, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carole Rhodes, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Nathaniel Taylor, Shawn Whetzel, Courtney Whiteman, Barbara Willis.

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Mission Collection Set For Next Weekend

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston has an annual program which allows pre-assigned missions to visit parishes throughout the state to help support their important programs.

This year, our parish’s mission appeal will support the Diocese of Kumbakonam, India and its mission activities. We will welcome Fr. John Kennedy at both Masses next weekend.

Fr. Kennedy has visited our parish many times in the past.

The Diocese of Kumbakonam was founded in 1899 and covers an area nearly 8000 square kilometers with a Catholic population of 213,000.

Their most pressing missionary needs include:

- Establishing additional parishes. Many large missions need to become independent parishes with a resident priest for better pastoral ministry.
- Providing better facilities and supplies to the 136 Catholic schools and 22 orphanages.
- Enabling nuns and Catholic teachers to better serve the children and adults, particularly the poor and marginalized.
- Supporting the diocesan hospitals, rural medical clinics, and other healthcare facilities.
- Educating more young men in the seminary who leave their homes to serve in many other countries as priests and missionaries.
- Educating nearly 5,000 poor or orphaned children, along with providing them with safe shelter and food.

All of these projects depend almost solely on donations from this Mission program. Please prayerfully consider a donation next weekend to assist these brothers and sisters in Christ and the important work the Diocese of Kumbakonam is doing. Checks should be made payable to Assumption Parish with “Mission Appeal” noted in the memo.



Fr. John Kennedy

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, July 5	4:00 pm	Souls of Jackie & Oscar Gustafson & Don Starcher	John Gustafson
		Soul of Fred Selders.....	The House/Trezise family
		The Alt, Cobb & Kuh families	Dean & Kathy Alt
Sunday, July 6	8:30 am	Intentions of Mike & Rosie Landis.....	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
Monday, July 7	No Mass		
Tuesday, July 8	No Mass		
Wednesday, July 9	5:00 pm	Soul of Richard Gibson.....	Kathleen Gibson
Thursday, July 10	12:00 pm	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk	Cathy Pardee
		Intentions of Jean Harber.....	Mary Shannon
		Intentions of Bob Konka	Sue & Jean Harber
Friday, July 11	9:00 am	Souls of John & Hazel Coffman.....	Cindy & Jim Alt
Saturday, July 12	4:00 pm	Soul of John T. Dorsey Sr.	Mary Lambert
		Intentions of Sue & Jean Harber	Margaret McGee
		Intentions of Rosie Landis.....	Mike & Joanne Stickley
Sunday, July 13	8:30 am	Soul of Dr. Robert McCoy	Frances Rosedale

Join us to pray the Rosary 30 minutes prior to each weekday Mass.



Liam Dupuis attended the Quo Vadis discernment retreat last week, sponsored by our Diocese. This annual retreat is for young men in the 6th through 12th grades which focuses on vocation discernment. It

offers a chance for them to explore their faith, consider God’s calling, and connect with others on a similar journey. Similar retreats are held in dioceses throughout the U.S. We hope Liam had an amazing time!

Quo Vadis

“Where are you going?”



Our parish Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) and Order of Christian Initiation of Children (OCIC) programs are open to anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic. New classes are forming now!

These are programs for:

- Unbaptized adults or children over age 7 seeking baptism and full initiation into the Catholic Church
- Adults or children over age 7 baptized in another Christian faith seeking full communion with the Catholic Church
- Baptized Catholic adults or children over age 7 who were never catechized in their faith.

If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact the Parish Office or OCIA Coordinator Nancy Starcher (304-813-0313).

Your Faithful Stewardship

June 28-29, 2025

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,310
Loose Donations.....	\$815
Total.....	\$3,125

Attendance

Saturday, 6/28.....	82
Sunday, 6/29.....	73
Total.....	155

Note of Thanks

The Dupuis family extends a heartfelt thanks to their church family for all the prayers and good wishes for Lucas before and after his recent surgery. He is recovering well and they very much appreciate everyone’s support!



Let the peace of Christ
control your hearts;

Let the word of Christ
dwell in you richly.

COL 3:15a, 16a

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, July 12

Lector: Karen Yowler
Servers: Sue Harber & John Gustafson
EMs: Eric Hatfield, Karen Yowler (c), Kathy Finnell (c)
Cantor: Michael Dupuis
Greeters: Mike & Robin McDowell

Sunday, July 13

Lector: Pam Williams
Servers: Beverley Iser, Lucas & Liam Dupuis
EMs: Nancy Starcher, Rosie Landis (c), Dave Minnich (c)
Cantor: Patrick George
Greeters: Michael & Sonja Stanislawczyk

Saturday, July 19

Lector: Doug Minnich
Servers: Eric Hatfield & Eric Hatfield II
EMs: Bill Lupis, Alan Taylor (c), Mary Wagoner (c)
Cantor: Linda Marsh & Anita Tetreault
Greeters: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon

Sunday, July 20

Lector: Kelley Kuhn
Servers: Jeff & Remy Kuhn
EMs: Mike Landis, Charlotte Delilo (c), Jane Placka (c)
Cantor: Julie Alt
Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

July 10 Pam Williams
July 17 Meredythe Barrick

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under “Accountability” for additional information and reporting methods.