

~ December 6, 2020

2nd Sunday OF ADVENT

St. Remy
Catholic Church



SCHEDULES, EVENTS & DAILY READINGS

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 5-13

- 05 Sat:** 5:00 p.m. Harold & Ruth Knapke
- 06 Sun:** 7:30 a.m. Leonard (Birthday) & Alvina Peltier
9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
11:00 a.m. Joe, Ruth, & Mike Groff
- 07 Mon:** 8:15 a.m. Ohmer & Gladys Francis
5:30 p.m. **Holy Day Vigil**—Bob & Florence Schwartz
- 08 Tues:** 7:00 a.m. **Immaculate Conception**—Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
11:45 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory
7:00 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Raymond & Zelma Peltier Family
- 09 Wed:** 5:45 a.m. Traditional Latin Mass
5:45 p.m. Confession (Father Fox)
6:15 p.m. Paul, Cecelia, & Guy Borchers
- 10 Thurs:** 8:15 a.m. For Vocations
3:00 p.m. Confession (Father Fox)
3:10 p.m. Children's Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 p.m. Confession (Father Fox)
- 11 Fri:** 7:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Vern & Norma Philpot Family
- 12 Sat:** 8:15 a.m. Wesley Meyer
9:00 a.m. Confession (Father Vonderhaar)
Wedding: Levi Francis & Kathryn Kaltenmark
3:30 p.m. Confession (Father Fox)
5:00 p.m. Paul & Patricia Francis
- 13 Sun:** 7:30 a.m. Jerome & Doris Schafer
9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Confession (Father Fox)
11:00 a.m. Dick, Marty, & Bob (Anniversary) Borchers



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is held every Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Benediction, the closing of Adoration, is held at 8:30 p.m.

WEEKLY RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Wednesday: 5:45—6:10 p.m.
Thursday: 3:00—4:00 p.m., 7:00—8:20 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00—10:00 a.m., 3:30—4:45 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30—10:50 a.m.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

- Knights of Columbus—3rd Monday of the month (December 21) at 8:00 p.m. in the parish office basement.
- Children's Adoration—every Thursday from 3:10-4:15.
- Pastoral Advisory Council—4th Tuesday of every other month (January 26) at 7:00 p.m. in the parish office basement.
- St. Vincent de Paul Society—2nd Wednesday of the month (December 9) at 8:00 p.m. in the church basement.
- Catholic War Veterans—3rd Wednesday of the month (December 16) at 8:00 p.m. at the CWV Hall.
- Patriotic Rosary—will be prayed on the 1st Friday of the month following the 7:00 a.m. Mass.
- Blessing for Expectant Mothers—will take place in church following the 11:00 Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 12-13

SERVERS

- 5:00 p.m. Jaela Shappie & Isabella Magoto
7:30 a.m. Sheldon Pohlman & Sam Prenger
9:00 a.m. Michael Bell, Jared Poling, Benjamin York (Tim), Matthew, Jacob, & Anthony Caldwell
11:00 a.m. Chase & Charles Stueve

LECTORS

- 5:00 p.m. Roger Borchers
7:30 a.m. Scott Borchers
9:00 a.m. Ken York
11:00 a.m. Claire Meyer

DISTRIBUTORS

- 5:00 p.m. Rose Pleiman
7:30 a.m. Bruce Borchers
9:00 a.m. Ed Borchers
11:00 a.m. Deacon Meyer

USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

***This schedule also includes Christmas Day, with the 5:00 volunteers assisting at Midnight Mass.**

- 5:00 p.m. R. Simon, M. Shappie, D. Hoying (April), VOLUNTEER
7:30 a.m. D. Magoto, A. Armstrong, D. Elsas, G. Borchers
9:00 a.m. L. Bohman, J. Timmerman, C. Borchers, M. Hoying
11:00 a.m. L. Platfoot, M. Harris, AJ Borchers, S. Schulze

COLLECTION COUNTERS: Bart & Nicole Doseck, Jana Francis

MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION—DECEMBER 7 & 8

SERVERS

- 5:30 p.m. Vincent & Gabriel Peyton
7:00 a.m. Zane Shappie, Eli & Jonah York
11:45 a.m. Ron Borchers & Bill Tady
7:00 p.m. Will Borchers, Ben York (Ben), Zeb & Eli Borchers

LECTORS

- 5:30 p.m. Barb Cordonnier
7:00 a.m. Jim Hoying
11:45 a.m. Roger Borchers
7:00 p.m. Ann Delaet

DISTRIBUTORS

- 5:30 p.m. Greg Pleiman
7:00 a.m. Dick Goubeaux
11:45 a.m. Connie Guillozet
7:00 p.m. Denny York

USHERS (2 are assigned; please recruit 2 more at Mass)

- 5:30 p.m. Doug Francis & Jeff Monnin
7:00 a.m. Andy Armstrong & Greg Borchers
11:45 a.m. Joe Timmerman & Rick Simon
7:00 p.m. Eric Voisard & Rodney Counts

WHAT DOES FATHER FOX SAY?

Confessions before Christmas. This year Christmas falls on **Friday**. We will have extra confessions on **Tuesday**, December 22 from 7-8 p.m.; **Wednesday**, December 23, from 3-4 p.m. and 7-8 p.m.; and **Thursday**, December 24, from 9-10 a.m. This is on top of the usual times, which are listed on page 1. There won't be any confessions after 10 a.m. on Christmas Eve. Confessions during these special, added times will all be in the main sacristy to allow for easy access. I'm sorry to say there will be no confessions at 11 p.m. on Christmas Eve, as in the past, simply because the sacristies will not be available for confessions, due to preparations for Mass, and the lack of air circulation in the traditional confessional makes that a hazard for the virus.

Jury Duty! I got a notice that I'm to report for jury duty this week. I got such a notice awhile back, and the trial was cancelled. I'll do my best to keep you posted and to keep this from disrupting things, but we all have duties as a citizens, so I will do mine, as well.

All usual Masses for Immaculate Conception. Even though it's not an obligatory holy day, it is still a holy day, and we are happy to honor our Lady, who – in view of the Incarnation, which would happen in her womb – was preserved from all stain of sin from the first instant of her existence. See you at Mass!

Here's a good reason to wear a mask: I've heard from many parishioners who haven't come to Mass in months, not as much because they are concerned about being exposed to the virus, but more for concern of exposing others in their household or at work. They ask me to tell you: if more folks would wear masks, it would help them feel safer. This is a good application of the Lord's words about walking "the extra mile."

Praying the Angelus in Advent. The Angelus prayer is always good to pray – traditionally at 6 a.m., noon, and 6 p.m. – but it fits Advent particularly well. And in case you never noticed, St. Remy rings the Angelus bells at those times, although the version played at 6 a.m. is very simple, since it's so early. The name "Angelus" comes from the first words of the prayer, in Latin: "The angel of the Lord..."

St. Remy Legacy Society off to a great start! Two weeks ago, I held a reception with members of our Pastoral Advisory Council to launch the Legacy Society. Mike Monnin, Ed Borchers, Ken Francis – who lead the Legacy Society – shared valuable information on how everyone can help our parish secure its long-term future by including St. Remy in estate planning or other planned giving. This session with the Pastoral Council members was a "dress rehearsal" for a reception we will hold, in the spring, for any and all interested parishioners.

Who can be a member of the Legacy Society? You become a member of the St. Remy Legacy Society by notifying the parish you have made some provision for St. Remy Parish in your will or in other planned giving. To be clear: this is not a fundraiser, this is not a hard-sell of any sort. This is simply about providing information for those who are making plans. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the gentlemen above, or me.

Great news: federal loan forgiven. As you will recall, earlier this year, the U.S. Congress authorized forgivable loans, available through local banks, which were designed to ensure employers kept people working during the shut-down of the economy. St. Remy Parish applied for, and received, such a loan in May, for approximately \$51,000. Simply put, if an employer maintained payroll satisfactorily, the loan would be entirely forgiven. Just last week, our staff completed the necessary paperwork, and we received confirmation that the loan is 100% forgiven. This enabled the parish to avoid laying off our valuable staff, and I am glad that didn't become necessary.

Brief break during Christmas week. I will be away from Sunday afternoon, December 27 to Tuesday, December 29, just for a little rest. I'll be back at it for the Traditional Latin Mass at 5:45 a.m. on Wednesday, December 30.

—Father Fox
 StRemyPastor@gmail.com
 (937)526-3437

LIVE YOUR FAITH



The family receiving the **TRAVELING VOCATION CHALICE** this Sunday is Mike and Sara Stueve. The family receiving it the week of December 13 is Don and Treva Borchers. Please pick up the chalice from the table inside the rectory door after Mass on Sunday, and return it to the same place the following Friday.



Want to experience your **BEST ADVENT EVER**? It's not too late to join Matthew Kelly and the Dynamic Catholic team for the Best Advent Ever, a FREE email program that will help you enjoy a few minutes of peace and prayer each day during the hectic holidays! It's easy to sign

up. So take the first step toward leaving the darkness behind and experiencing all the graces the Advent Season has to offer by signing up at BestAdventEver.com.



FUNERAL LUNCH
WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH FUNERAL LUNCHEONS. Any ladies and gentlemen who are available are asked to consider this ministry. Also, students who need service hours are welcome to help, provided that there is no

school the day of the funeral, or if they have permission to leave school for the necessary time. Tasks include taking down chairs, serving drinks, carrying plates and drinks for those who need assistance, and cleaning up and putting up chairs when the meal is over. For each funeral, two volunteers are needed from 9:00-2:00, and several volunteers are needed from 11:00-2:00. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Bonnie Paulus at (937)295-9805.

NEED HELP WRAPPING YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS? Lehman High School students would like to help through their giftwrap fundraiser. If you would like assistance, bring your gifts to the mall in Piqua at one of the following times:

Saturday, December 12 from 11:00-4:00
Friday, December 18 from 11:00-4:00
Saturday, December 19 from 11:00-4:00
Monday, December 21 from 12:00-5:00
Tuesday, December 22 from 12:00-5:00
Wednesday, December 23 from 12:00-5:00
Thursday, December 24 from 12:00-4:00

There will also be gift wrap service available at Lehman High School on Friday evening, December 18 from 5:30-9:00. For large jobs or to make an appointment, please email helpinghands@woh.rr.com.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER



Universal Intention: We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Please take note of the following details as we prepare for Christmas during this season of Advent:



During the Christmas season and throughout the year, we would like to continue having live flowers on the altar. **YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR ANNUAL FLOWER FUND** by donating money toward the purchase of these flowers in memory of your deceased family members and friends. All

those donating to this fund, as well as the loved ones for whom the donations were made, will have their names printed on a special bulletin insert. An envelope for this purpose can be found in your packet of church donation envelopes. You can also create your own envelope by including your name and the people you would like to remember through your donation. Please drop these envelopes in the collection basket, or drop them off at the parish office by **noon on Friday, December 18**.



The parents of any child in Kindergarten or first grade who is a registered member of St. Remy Parish and is interested in **PRESENTING BABY JESUS** immediately before Midnight Mass are asked to email Maria at stremy@roadrunner.com or call the parish office

at (937)526-3437 by **noon on Friday, December 18**. Please leave a voicemail for Maria if the office is closed. Two names, one of a boy and one of a girl, will be pulled out of a hat. These two children will carry the statue of Baby Jesus up the aisle and to the front of church so that His image can be placed in the manger.



THE NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS will be held on Saturday, January 9 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the St. Joseph Village Centre (formerly called the Gathering Place). The next opportunity to take the class will be in April. Parents are required to attend a class before the Baptism of their child. Call Steven and Regina Schulze at 638-3642 to register or for more information.



It's time again for St. Remy's annual **GIVING TREE** outreach. If you would like to participate, please pick up a card on the table in the back of church. The card will provide the item to be purchased and the date it needs to be wrapped and returned to church, which is December 13 at 6:00 p.m. Returning gifts before the deadline is extra helpful. You will also find cards that list the needs of the St. Vincent de Paul homeless shelters in Dayton. These gifts should not be wrapped, but placed in the wire baskets in the back of church. For more information, contact Janice Tebbe at (937)295-3467 or Cindy Goubeaux at (937)526-3834.



In your charity, please pray for eternal peace and rest for St. Remy parishioner **NICK POHLMAN**, who died recently. May he rest in peace.

LIVE YOUR FAITH

Bulletin Sponsor of the Week



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We extend a sincere thank you to all of the businesses that advertise on the back cover of our bulletin. Their sponsorship covers the church's entire expenses in printing the bulletins each week.

Please call on these businesses when you are looking for products and services.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

This Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8	Second Sunday of Advent
Monday:	Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26	St. Ambrose
Tuesday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30	St. Juan Diego
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15	Advent Weekday
Friday:	Is 48:17-19 M 11:16-19	Pope St. Damasus I
Saturday:	Zec 2:14-17 Lk 1:26-38	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Next Sunday:	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28	Third Sunday of Advent

NOTES OF THANKS

We would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of support we received from the community after the loss of my father, Ben Stueve, on November 17. This was a difficult time for our family. To witness how caring our community is toward fellow members is a testament to how faith and fellowship are alive and well in our parish.

~Mike and Sara Stueve

The outpouring of support with the death of our dad, brother, grandfather, and husband, Nick Pohlman, has been overwhelming. We would like to thank Father Fox, Carla Meyer, and the choir for the beautiful Mass and singing. Thank you to everyone who brought and prepared food, and sent cards, texts, memorial contributions, and gifts. It is indeed a great community to live.

God bless,

~Marilyn Pohlman, Jess & Karla Pohlman, Julia & Jeremy Moore, Emily & Mark Hemmelgarn, Katie & Alex Bondoc, Melissa & Derek Berning, Luke & Lauren Pohlman

SUNDAY AND HOLYDAY OFFERINGS for Fiscal Year 2021 (7/1/20-6/30/21)

July 1—Oct. 18 budgeted amount: \$123,053
July 1—Oct. 18 offerings received: \$105,788

If you would like to make your offerings online, please go to stremychurch.com and click on "Online Giving."

Thank you for your generosity!

Please remember to pray for the people listed in the St. Remy Prayer Intentions Book located in the back of church.

RUSSIA COMMUNITY NEWS



A CWV CHICKEN FRY will be held at their hall on Kelch Road on Friday, December 11, beginning at 4:30 p.m. and ending when sold out. All are welcome!

THE TRAVELING FOOD PANTRY will be located behind St. Remy Church on Saturday, December 19 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Volunteers and food donations are always welcome. For more information, please call Linda Francis at 526-3556.



THE VERSAILLES COUNCIL OF CHURCHES WILL BE HOSTING A BREAKFAST to benefit their food pantry this Sunday, December 6 from 8:30-12:30 at the Versailles K of C Hall. Everyone is welcome to enjoy dine-in seating, or to call (937)459-2141 or (937)726-0468 to order curbside pick-up.

CCD & YOUTH MINISTRY



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love

After several months of preparation, our sophomores are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend! Please lift them up in prayer, asking the Lord to give them strength, courage, and the grace necessary to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit and to live a holy and virtuous life. The candidates are:

*Kody Barhorst
Michael Bell
Ben Bohman
Cece Borchers
Matthew Caldwell
Jilian Chapman
Kelby Doseck
Ross Fiessinger*

*Eliza Gariety
Reese Goubeaux
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Makena Hoying
Graci McClenen
Kayli McClenen
Anna Meyer
Lexi Monnin*

*Miah Monnin
Xavier Phlipot
Simone Puthoff
Zane Shappie
Kate Sherman
Audrey Stickel
Chase Stueve
Jenna York*



Activities for Gentlemen

Knights of St. Michael (grades 1-3) and Knights of Our Lady (grades 4-6) WILL meet in December, which is not on the original schedule. Grades 1-3 will meet on December 14, while grades 4-6 will meet on December 7.

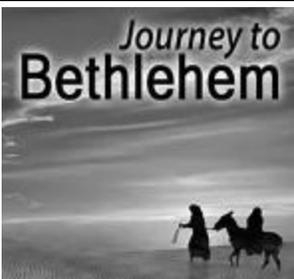


Come to "Mass and Doughnuts" Before School

All high school students are invited to come to church to celebrate Mass together before school on Friday, December 11. Please meet in church at **7:00 a.m.** Following Mass, we will head to the parish office basement for doughnuts and beverages. Don't miss this great way to start the day with your friends!

Junior High You Night

All junior high students are encouraged to participate in You Night on Wednesday, December 30 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at school. Spread the word and bring a friend!



JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM & CRIB LIGHTING CEREMONY

This year we will be holding both the Journey to Bethlehem and the annual Crib Lighting ceremony on Wednesday, December 16. Doors at St. Remy Hall will open at 6:50 p.m. for those who wish to participate in the Journey to Bethlehem activities, which will include a skit at **7:00** and some surprise guests. This popular event is for pre-schoolers and elementary school children, who are asked to sit with their parents or grandparents throughout the evening. **Children are asked to bring flashlights or lanterns** for the short journey we will make outside. At the conclusion of the journey, we will end up **in front of church** for the annual outdoor Crib Lighting ceremony, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, at **8:00** p.m. The public is invited, and junior high and high school students are encouraged to come over immediately following their religion classes. Doughnuts and hot chocolate will be served at St. Remy Hall by the Nurturing Network Mothers Club following the Crib Lighting. It is suspected that St. Nicholas may make an appearance at the conclusion of the evening!

LIFE Information For Everyone

Advent: Waiting in Hope



The Advent Season is now upon us. Most people around us seem to be hurrying about looking for the perfect gift, putting up decorations, and planning parties and dinners. It is easy to lose sight of the true significance of this season. Advent is a time of joy and hope, of preparation, and of waiting patiently for the coming of the Lord. It is not only about the past, but also very much about the present and the future. It is helpful to look at the significance of this liturgical season and at the importance of spiritual waiting.

The term Advent comes from the Latin *adventus*, which means “coming.” During these four weeks before Christmas, we look forward to both the celebration of our Savior’s birth over 2,000 years ago, and His return in glory at the end of time. We place ourselves alongside the Israelites who prepared for the Savior’s first coming for many centuries. Advent is a time of patient waiting and vigilance. It is a time to prepare the way of the Lord, to prepare for His coming. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: *When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior’s first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for His second coming.*

Just as the people of Israel eagerly awaited the coming of the Messiah, we now await his second coming. During this time, we prepare ourselves, not only to celebrate the coming of Christmas, but also to prepare ourselves to greet Him when He returns. In the fourth century St. Cyril of Jerusalem wrote of the two comings of Jesus. He stated: *We do not preach only one coming of Christ, but a second as well, much more glorious than the first. The first coming was marked by patience; the second will bring the crown of a divine kingdom...At the first coming He was wrapped in swaddling clothes in a manger. At His second coming, He will be clothed in light as in a garment.*

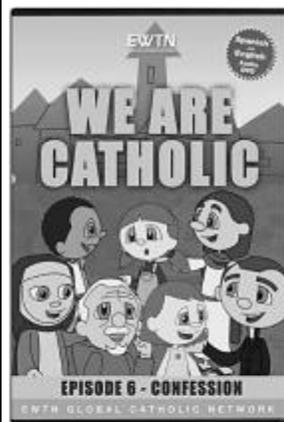
Advent is a time of vigilance and waiting patiently. It is a time to prepare our hearts, to pray in silence. Jesus is now present and active in the lives of each one of us. Advent is the time to prepare our eyes to recognize Him when we encounter Him in our daily lives, in the sacraments, and in the people we meet. During these weeks, we are invited to look at our lives, at our relationship with God, and with each other. It is a time of prayer and renewal, of letting Jesus enter our hearts and change our lives. Let us learn to recognize Him among us and welcome Him with joy.

This information was taken from an article written by Nada Mazzei and was found at catholicstand.com.

Are we ready to meet Jesus face to face at the hour of our death? Are we actively preparing for heaven? What changes should we make in our lives to help us to be prepared? Advent is a time to ponder these questions.

What a Great Idea!

Want to get to know Jesus better? A great way to do that is to read God’s Word! The New Testament is full of information about Jesus—His genealogy, His birth, His words, His miracles, His relationships with others, His death, resurrection, and ascension. Here’s a great way to read the Bible during Advent. The Gospel of Luke contains 24 chapters, one for each day of December preceding Christmas. Doubling up a few days, there’s still plenty of time to complete the Gospel of Luke before Christmas. This may be one of the best Christmas presents you could present to our King—and it’s a gift to yourself, as well. Let’s start reading!



Check Out This New DVD Series in the LIFE Library in the Back of Church!

Kids will LOVE the We Are Catholic DVD series, which includes 11 DVD’s, each one 30 minutes in length. In the series, Anita, Manuel, Phillip, and Henry have countless adventures in the town of Santa Clara, all of which lead them, in one way or another, to a greater understanding of their faith. The set includes the following titles:

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