

St. Remy Catholic Church

~ January 24, 2021 ~

ST. REMY'S *St. Valentine's Day* event for engaged and married couples

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021

5:00 PM - Doors Open

5:30 PM - Dinner

6:30 PM - Speaker

St. Remy Hall
101 St. Remy Street
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\$40
PER COUPLE

Tickets include dinner, drinks and guest speaker. Tickets will be sold after each St. Remy Mass the weekends of Jan 30-31 & Feb 6-7

You may also mail payment to:
St. Remy Parish St. Valentine Dinner
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Tickets will be mailed to your specified address. Checks made payable to St. Remy Church.

All tickets must be paid for prior to the event.

For ticket information, please call the St. Remy office at (937) 526-3437.



THIS YEAR'S GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Kenneth Craycraft is an attorney and the James J. Gardner Family Chair of Moral Theology at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology. He holds a Ph.D. in moral theology from Boston College, and a J.D. from Duke University School of Law.

SCHEDULES, EVENTS & DAILY READINGS

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 23-31

- 23 Sat:** 5:00 p.m. Nory & Ruth Monnier
24 Sun: 7:30 a.m. Nick Pohlman
 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
 11:00 a.m. Ed Bruns
25 Mon: 8:15 a.m. Alton & Norma Barga & Rita Hilgefert
26 Tues: 8:15 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the
 Floyd & Frieda Monnin Family
 9:00 a.m. Confession (Father Fox)
27 Wed: 5:45 a.m. Traditional Latin Mass
 5:00 p.m. Confession (Father Fox)
 6:15 p.m. Leroy Lochtefeld
28 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)
29 Fri: 7:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the
 Knights of Columbus
30 Sat: 8:15 a.m. Jim & Pam Hite
 9:00 a.m. Confession (Father Fox)
 3:30 p.m. Confession (Father Fox)
 5:00 p.m. Paul, Rose, & Ed Cordonnier
31 Sun: 7:30 a.m. Nick DeMange
 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
 10:30 a.m. Confession (Father Fox)
 11:00 a.m. Robert & Florence Schwartz

MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 30-31

SERVERS

- 5:00 p.m. Samuel Philipot & Sheldon Pohlman
 7:30 a.m. Jacob Goubeaux & Jordan Meyer
 9:00 a.m. Vincent & Gabriel Peyton, Will Borchers,
 Eli & Jonah York, Ben York (Ben)
 11:00 a.m. Jacob & Eli Schmitmeyer

LECTORS

- 5:00 p.m. Judy Goubeaux
 7:30 a.m. Marci Langenkamp
 9:00 a.m. Don Borchers
 11:00 a.m. Ann Delaet

DISTRIBUTORS

- 5:00 p.m. Deacon Meyer
 7:30 a.m. Tracy Schulze
 9:00 a.m. Connie Guillozet
 11:00 a.m. Kathy Nichols

USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

- 5:00 p.m. Ron Simon, Matt Shappie, Dan Hoying (April),
 VOLUNTEER NEEDED
 7:30 a.m. Dan Magoto, Andy Armstrong, Dan Elsas,
 Greg Borchers
 9:00 a.m. Luke Bohman, Joe Timmerman, Craig Borchers,
 Mark Hoying
 11:00 a.m. Larry Platfoot, Mark Harris, AJ Borchers,
 Steven Schulze

COLLECTION COUNTERS: Jana Francis, Dave Borchers,
 Phil Coverstone



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

- Tuesday: 9:00—9:30 a.m.
 Wednesday: 5:00—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 (February 15) 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 (February 10) at 7:00 p.m. at the Russia Library.
- Catholic War Veterans—3rd Wednesday of the month (February 17) at 8:00 p.m. at the CWV Hall.
- Patriotic Rosary—will be prayed every Tuesday at 7:45 a.m., as well as on the 1st Friday of the month (February 5) 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.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

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| This Sunday: | Jon 3:1-5, 10
1 Cor 7:29-31
Mk 1:14-20 | Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time |
| Monday: | Acts 22:3-16
Mk 16:15-18 | Conversion of
St. Paul, Apostle |
| Tuesday: | 2 Tim 1:1-8
Mk 3:31-35 | Sts. Timothy
& Titus |
| Wednesday: | Heb 10:11-18
Mk 4:1-20 | St. Angela Merici |
| Thursday: | Heb 10:19-25
Mk 4:21-25 | St. Thomas Aquinas |
| Friday: | Heb 10:32-39
Mk 4:26-34 | |
| Saturday: | Heb 11:1-2, 8-19
Mk 4:35-41 | Blessed Virgin Mary |
| Next Sunday: | Dt 18:15-20
1 Cor 7:32-35
Mk 1:21-28 | Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time |

WHAT DOES FATHER FOX SAY?

Making the best and doing what is right. Joseph Biden is our President, effective Wednesday at noon. Whatever you think of him or of former President Donald Trump, it is good that this took place peacefully. Now you and I must make the best of the situation and strive, as always, to be good citizens who work for the good of our country. God willing, our new President will be supportive of those efforts, and we can all find some common ground.

Of course I'm not ignoring the fact that President Biden has endorsed some terrible things. If and when he proposes things that contradict human dignity, such as tax-funding for abortion, or when he supports so-called "transgender" falsehoods (namely, that a male can become a female, and vice-versa), you and I must oppose him. There are many tools available to us.

Meanwhile, let's recognize that the new president may well advance some good things, and he deserves our help in that regard. Oh yes, I know what some people are saying: but the other side didn't do that for President Trump! Let's be better than that, OK? Let's advance the common good.

One tool we have is to pray for our new president, and I suggest we do so through the intercession of his patron, Saint Joseph. There are many prayers to Joseph; here's one I hadn't known about, but which you might like to use:

The Saint Joseph Memorare

*Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never was it known
that anyone who implored your help and sought your intercession was left unassisted.
Full of confidence in your power, I fly unto you and beg your protection.
Despise not, O Guardian of the Redeemer, my humble supplication,
but in your bounty, hear and answer me. Amen.*

Making a consecration to St. Joseph. I've had a number of people tell me they are making good use of a book called *Consecration to St. Joseph - The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father*, by Father Donald Calloway, and that they are using it to make a personal consecration to St. Joseph. I'm reading it myself and I think it's very good, and it is very accessible, not at all hard to read. Check it out!

Divorce does not kick you out of the Church! I've heard this so many times – especially from people who have been through a divorce – and it makes me terribly sad. Let's get this straight! First, a civil divorce does not have any affect on the underlying reality of a marriage, as far as God is concerned. A civil divorce only affects what the government thinks, not what God thinks. Second, the Church teaches that while divorce is a bad thing and is to be avoided if at all possible, at times it cannot be avoided. Here's the Catechism:

The separation of spouses while maintaining the marriage bond can be legitimate in certain cases provided for by canon law.

If civil divorce remains the only possible way of ensuring certain legal rights, the care of the children, or the protection of inheritance, it can be tolerated and does not constitute a moral offense (paragraph 2383).

In other words, one spouse could be making reckless financial decisions or incurring huge debts that jeopardize the family's financial future—due to addiction to gambling, alcohol, drugs, and any other irresponsible behaviors.

That said, when people have been divorced, what is their remedy? First, the Sacrament of Confession. Then, if reconciliation with the spouse is possible, then that must be pursued. However, too often reconciliation is not possible; and who can make a perfect judgment in such matters?

What about an annulment? This is a big subject, so I'm going to have to be brief. Every word of what follows is carefully chosen: a decree of nullity is only necessary where someone who had been married, and whose spouse still lives, seeks to marry again. Get that? So a divorced person who does not seek to remarry is under no obligation to seek a decree of nullity. He or she is welcome to pursue a decree of nullity, but not obliged. This is because a decree of nullity is a determination – by the Church – that what had seemed, at first blush, to be a valid marriage, turned out, upon further review, to lack something essential.

If you have questions about any of this, please contact me. My phone and email are below, and no one but me reads my emails. You don't have to tell whoever answers the phone why you are calling. Whoever answers the phone will likely ask for your name, and a response like "I'm calling to ask a confidential question" works just fine. Everyone's situation is unique, and there's a lot more to say, particularly when it is necessary to correct so much false and misleading information.

—Father Fox
StRemyPastor@gmail.com
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LIVE YOUR FAITH



The family receiving the **TRAVELING VOCATION CHALICE** this Sunday is Mike and Bonnie Monnin. The family receiving it the week of January 31 is Scott and Rachel Philipot. 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.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BRING THE TRAVELING VOCATION CHALICE AND RELATED MATERIALS INTO YOUR HOME? Please see the binder in the back of church to sign up. This is a great tool to encourage vocations in your home, as well as to pray for our priests and for more vocations.

A ST. DYPHNA PRAYER SERVICE will take place at the Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics on Sunday, January 24 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. St. Dymphna is the patron saint of those who suffer from anxiety and mental illness. Everyone is invited to come and pray for the peace of Christ to fill the hearts and minds of all.



SAVE THE DATE FOR FORT LORAMIE'S ANNUAL MEN'S CONFERENCE on Saturday, March 6 from 8:00-3:30. Please note that this event will be held at Romer's in St. Henry this year. There will be an optional Latin Mass celebrated at 7:00 a.m. for anyone who is interested. The theme this year is "Building on Faith." Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online at <https://www.facebook.com/FLMensConference/>.

THE 5TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION will be held on Saturday, January 30 at the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood. Popular speaker Father Nathan Cromly will show you how to succeed in leading the culture of your family and your career by using your God-given power to be spiritually courageous. He will help you to gain the foundation for action as you become the leader you are called to be in your family, in your workplace, and in our culture. To register, visit <https://eagleeyeministries.brushfire.com/saint-john-leadership-network/487866>. Please note that space is limited, and this event is expected to sell out quickly.

Mother Mary, pray that Jesus
would fill my heart with grace,
as much as my little heart will hold.

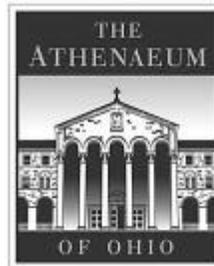
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY



Universal Intention: May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.



Didn't find the perfect Christmas gift for your spouse? Looking for a special Valentine's gift? **A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** can be that gift—it will help your relationship and improve communication with your spouse in 2021. The next event will be offered virtually via Zoom from February 19-21. For more information or to register, visit <https://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php>, or contact Andy and Jeanne Folfas at (937)886-5196 or jeanne-marie42@hotmail.com. If you apply before February 7 and use the discount code Better21, your registration fee will be only \$21!



THE ATHENAEUM OF OHIO/MOUNT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY will be opening a two-year satellite location at the St. Mary's Deanery Training Center near Carthagena beginning with the fall semester for 2021. This two-year option will offer courses in scripture, theology, and pastoral studies and will be taught at the undergraduate equivalency level. This formation is designed to help

you grow in faith, spirituality, and pastoral skills. The Saturday morning and afternoon classes will allow participants to maintain job, family, and community commitments while answering the call to deeper discipleship. Classes count for catechist certification and prepare men to apply for classes to become a deacon. The application process begins with a personal interview, available via phone or Zoom. Call (513)233-6127 or email smcgurgan@athenaeum.edu to schedule an interview.



CONGRATULATIONS to Luke Paulus and Elizabeth Knapke, who were married here at St. Remy's on January 16! May God bless them and help them to honor their marriage covenant as they strive to help each other to become saints.

ARE YOU STRUGGLING WITH ALCOHOL ISSUES? You and your family don't have to face it alone. Call the Alcoholics Anonymous 24 hour hotline at (937)622-1294 or the Dayton central office at (937)222-2211 for assistance.

Welcome to our Parish!



Joel & Shae (Goubeaux) Gaier have recently registered at our parish. Please extend a warm St. Remy welcome to them as they worship and serve the Lord with us.

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IT'S TIME TO KICK OFF THE 2021 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA).

All 200+ parishes in our archdiocese join together in

this vital appeal to support six local ministries that teach, feed, and heal, including Catholic Social Services, our archdiocesan seminary, retired clergy, St. Rita's School for the Deaf, new evangelization, and campus, hospital, and prison ministries. St. Remy's goal this year is to donate \$17,434. Families will be receiving a CMA mailing from Archbishop Schnurr in the coming week or so. Please prayerfully complete your pledge card and return it in the envelope provided, or bring it to Mass and place it in one of the collection baskets at the doors. For more information or to donate online, visit www.AOCstewardship.org.

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

July 1— Dec. 27 budgeted amount: \$200,174

July 1— Dec. 27 offerings received: \$192,858

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

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Therese's Trick for Patiently Dealing with Annoying People

Information for this column was taken from an article written by Mathilde DeRobien and was found at www.aleteia.org.



The sixth work of mercy calls on Christians to "bear wrongs patiently." We may find this easier to do if we discover how St. Therese of Lisieux put on her "robe of patience." As Father Ludovic Frere teaches: patience—as a garment we must put on—is a beautiful image that can "take root in our minds

when dealing with a particularly difficult person. Imagine at that moment that you are putting on the robe of patience, and pray to the Lord to cover with His gentleness all the other feelings that are dominating you: anger, indifference, or perhaps dislike."

It was this robe of patience that St. Therese put on to bear the fidgeting of one of the Carmelite Sisters during evening prayer. She recounts this episode in *Story of a Soul*:

For a long time my place of meditation was near a Sister who fidgeted continually, either with her rosary, or something else; possibly, as I am very keen of hearing, I alone heard her, but I cannot tell you how much it tried me. I should have liked to turn around, and by looking at the offender, make her stop the noise; but in my heart I knew that I ought to bear it tranquilly, both for the love of God and to avoid giving pain. So I kept quiet, but the effort cost me so much that sometimes I was bathed in perspiration, and my meditation consisted merely in suffering with patience. After a time I tried to endure it in peace and joy, at least deep down in my soul, and I strove to take actual pleasure in the disagreeable little noise. Instead of trying not to hear it, which was impossible, I set myself to listen, as though it had been some delightful music, and my meditation—which was not the "prayer of quiet"—was passed in offering this music to Our Lord.

Father Frere goes on to say, "The little Therese dressed her prayer with gentleness and patience, making it profoundly Christ-like." Patience then becomes an act of charity and a moment of conversion. It's an act of charity such as Jesus probably performed during His journey on earth, and He is still patient with us today."

Father Emmanuel Coquet explains, "We're engaged in a journey of faith where we discover Jesus more and more as the One who is patient with us! One can imagine the annoying people He must have met during His public ministry and from whom He never turned away... We could have been among them."

RUSSIA COMMUNITY NEWS



Mark your calendar for the annual **RIGHT TO LIFE GARAGE SALE!** It will be held at St. Remy Hall from Thursday, March 25—Saturday, March 27. It's time to start collecting items that you'd like to donate! Drop-off information and sign-ups for volunteers will be coming out in February.

CCD & YOUTH MINISTRY



High School Ladies and Gentlemen

Both the Stella Maria and the Brotherhood of Virtue groups will be meeting on Monday, January 25 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Check your texts for the location.

Check out these Upcoming Lent Options!

- ♦ **Bible Study for Juniors and Seniors** will take place every Tuesday beginning February 23 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the St. Joseph Village Centre. Dive deeper into Scripture with this 6-week course!
- ♦ **DMC (Divine Mercy Challenge)** will take place every day after school during Lent, beginning on Thursday, February 18. Meet in church from 3:14-3:20 and make it back to school in time for athletic practices and other events! This is for all junior high and high school students.
- ♦ **New this Lent: Mass and Breakfast every Friday during Lent for high school students.** Participate in Holy Mass at 7:00 a.m., then head to St. Joseph Village Centre for a continental breakfast.



It's Time to Register for the Steubenville Youth Conference

The 2021 Steubenville Youth Conference will be held from July 9-11. To reserve your spot for this popular, high-energy weekend, please turn in your \$40 down payment to Mark Travis. Spots will be granted on a first come first served basis.



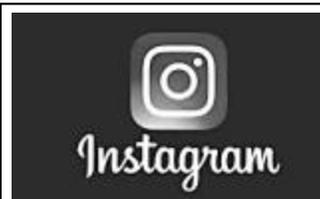
Totus Tuus

Mark your calendar for this amazing experience that will be offered once again right here in Russia! The dynamic Totus Tuus team of young adults will be coming here to share their love for the Lord with our youth. Grades 1-6 will meet from July 12-16 during the day, while grades 7-12 will meet the evenings of July 11-15. You won't want to miss this amazing experience!

Two Other Great Summer Camp Options

Bosco Boys Camp (for boys who will be going into grades 7, 8, and 9) will be held once again at the Maria Stein Retreat Center. Mark your calendar for June 28-30 for this popular camp!

Catholic Youth Summer Camp (CYSC) will be taking place multiple weeks throughout the summer. Over 4,500 youth will be attending this camp to be awakened, empowered, and equipped to live the adventure of the Catholic Faith. Several high school students from our parish have already registered to attend. Activities include daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, small group discussions, skits, high ropes, paintball, archery tag, dual zip lines, and a 5-story climbing wall. Visit www.cysc.com for more information.



Attention All Parents and Students:

Be sure to stay up-to-date on everything that is happening with St. Remy Youth Group by following our instgram at [stremyyg](https://www.instagram.com/stremyyg).

Life Information For Everyone

Divine Mercy Movement to Save America



Many Americans are concerned about the state of our nation. Various forms of mainstream and social media share countless conflicting stories and theories, and it's so hard to discern what is true. The one thing that we must remember is that no mere human being or political party can save us. Jesus Christ is our Savior and King—He is the way, the truth, and the life. Through Him all truth is discerned, for He IS truth. So it makes sense that we would put ALL our trust in Him.

One way of doing this is turning to the Divine Mercy Chaplet, given to us by Jesus through the visions that He provided to St. Faustina. The Chaplet is an absolutely staggering gift, designed to make Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection into rungs of a mystical ladder we can use to "climb up onto the Cross" and join ourselves to His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity as He offers Himself to the Eternal Father. The power that truly matters, the Invincible Power of merciful atonement that St. Faustina beheld, is there on the Cross. Our acts of atonement and self-denial bring us there. When we are there, no created being, no demon, no corrupted human institution, and no power or principality can prevail against us. God loves every person in America and throughout the world, so we are being called to provide this very effective spiritual remedy for every soul in our nation and in the world.

Many people are familiar with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Using a Rosary, we pray an Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Apostles' Creed to begin.

On the Our Father beads, we pray: *Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.*

On the Hail Mary beads, we pray: *For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

In conclusion, we repeat 3 times: *Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

The Divine Mercy Movement, started by Father John Anthony Boughton and sponsored by the Mary Foundation, is an effort to unite in our love for our fellow citizens. We are all sinners. Every one of us has tolerated sin and committed our own innumerable sins. The abominable sin of abortion is especially damning. Many of our fellow countrymen have been spiritually blinded or are not in relationship with God. Many will not make atonement for themselves, so we are called to love them and pray for them as we pray for our own conversion.

The simple rhythm of the Chaplet is very easy to incorporate into our day. We can simplify it even further by combining all of the 65 words in *italics* above into **one short prayer** and say it all throughout our day. No matter what we're doing—just waking up for the day, taking a break at work, sitting in study hall at school, saying the "Before Meal Prayer," pausing during the Hour of Mercy at 3:00, stopping at a red traffic light, driving by a Catholic Church, glancing at a crucifix, making dinner, doing yard work—everyone can spend 15 seconds to say this **one short prayer** many times during the course of a day. When we ask Mary to pray it with us, we invoke the help of the Mother of Mercy and the Patroness of the United States, who loves all her children so deeply.

In conclusion, we share Mary's Mantle Prayer: *Eternal Father, accept our prayers and acts of atonement which we humbly submit in union with the fearsome and unrelenting Guardian Angel of the United States, and which we offer through, with, and in the Holy Name of Your Eucharistic Son and King of Kings, Jesus the Messiah, in atonement for the sins of the United States of America, especially for the sin of abortion. Until Christ's glorious return, keep the Mantle of Our Lady pinned down to fully cover the United States of America, which You, O God, united through Your divine will, merciful grace, and providential protection. We implore Thee, Almighty Father, to deeply immerse every soul in our beloved nation within an overflowing, irresistible, and all-encompassing ocean of the Spouse of Immaculate Mary, Your Holy Spirit, to utterly vanquish the serpent and those who serve him while You bring forth an unprecedented great awakening and illumination of consciences. Amen.*

More information can be found at DivineMercyMovement.com.

**God really does have it all worked out.
The gaps will be filled. The heartache will be eased.
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We must believe and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.**

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