

# St. Remy Catholic Church

~ January 31, 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  
Russia, OH

**\$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:

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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 30—FEBRUARY 7

- 30 Sat:** 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  
11:00 a.m. Robert & Florence Schwartz
- 01 Mon:** 8:15 a.m. Marion & Emily (Birthday & Anniv.) Grillot
- 02 Tues:** 8:15 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Harold & Rita McGreevy Family  
9:00 a.m. Confession (Father Fox)
- 03 Wed:** 5:45 a.m. Traditional Latin Mass  
5:00 p.m. Confession (Father Fox)  
6:15 p.m. For Vocations
- 04 Thurs:** 8:15 a.m. Fran MacLean(b-day) & RHS Class of 1971  
3:00 p.m. Confession (Father Fox)  
3:10 p.m. Children's Eucharistic Adoration  
7:00 p.m. Confession (Father Fox)
- 05 Fri:** 7:00 a.m. Joe Schmitmeyer & Willard Evers  
6:00 p.m. Confession (Father Fox)  
7:00 p.m. Traditional Latin Mass
- 06 Sat:** 8:15 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Tom & Rose Cordonnier Family  
9:00 a.m. Confession (Father Fox)  
3:30 p.m. Confession (Father Fox)  
5:00 p.m. Linus, Doug, & Jack Monnin
- 07 Sun:** 7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
9:00 a.m. Dan Lachat  
10:30 a.m. Confession (Father Fox)  
11:00 a.m. Doug Poling

## MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 6-7

### SERVERS

- 5:00 p.m. Vincent & Gabriel Peyton  
7:30 a.m. Jonas Magoto & Xavier Philipot  
9:00 a.m. Michael Bell, Zeb & Eli Borchers, Matthew, Jacob, & Anthony Caldwell  
11:00 a.m. Chase & Charles Stueve

### LECTORS

- 5:00 p.m. Danielle Francis  
7:30 a.m. Kathy Pinchot  
9:00 a.m. Pam DeLoye  
11:00 a.m. Claire Meyer

### DISTRIBUTORS

- 5:00 p.m. Carrie Heuing  
7:30 a.m. Dick Goubeaux  
9:00 a.m. Ed Borchers  
11:00 a.m. Louie Francis

### 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:** Scott/Jeffie Voisard, Jerry Borchers



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** is held every Thursday, beginning with the conclusion of the 8:15 a.m. Mass, and ending with Benediction 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 (March 23) 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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| <b>This Sunday:</b> | Dt 18:15-20<br>1 Cor 7:32-35<br>Mk 1:21-28          | Fourth Sunday<br>in Ordinary Time |
| <b>Monday:</b>      | Heb 11:32-40<br>Mk 5:1-20                           |                                   |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>     | Mal 3:1-4<br>Heb 2:14-18<br>Lk 2:22-40              | The Presentation<br>of the Lord   |
| <b>Wednesday:</b>   | Heb 12:4-7, 11-15<br>Mk 6:1-6                       | St. Blaise,<br>St. Ansgar         |
| <b>Thursday:</b>    | Heb 12:18-19, 21-24<br>Mk 6:7-13                    |                                   |
| <b>Friday:</b>      | Heb 13:1-8<br>Mk 6:14-29                            | St. Agatha                        |
| <b>Saturday:</b>    | Heb 13:15-17, 20-21<br>Mk 6:30-34                   | St. Paul Miki<br>& Companions     |
| <b>Next Sunday:</b> | Jb 7:1-4, 6-7<br>1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23<br>Mk 1:29-39 | Fifth Sunday<br>in Ordinary Time  |

# WHAT DOES FATHER FOX SAY?

## ***Come hear Dr. Ken Craycraft at our St. Valentine's Dinner, Sunday, February 21.***

His topic will be: "Love in the Ruins: What is Catholic marriage when we have forgotten what it means to be Catholic?" Tickets are \$40/couple and will be available after all Masses this weekend and next, as well as at the parish office.

***What is the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)?*** Every year the Archbishop asks all Catholics in the diocese to support this fund, which raises and spends about \$5 million a year. This is spread over 19 counties. By comparison, our parish's annual budget is about a half a million dollars. The CMA funds the following ministries:

**St. Rita School for the Deaf** helps 2,600 children with profound hearing loss. This requires very specialized education, and the school aims to enable its students to have a full life.

Without our **retired priests** staying active, helping with Masses and confessions, the life of our parishes would be much poorer. I call on our retired priests regularly, and they have always been generous. The CMA makes sure their retirement income keeps coming every month.

The need for **Catholic ministry on college campuses** is critical; college is where so many young people want to spread their wings and have new experiences, but that can mean losing their Catholic Faith. Life in **prison** is lonely and can be a time of desperation, but Catholic outreach has turned it into a time of hope. Inmates at Lebanon, Dayton, and Warren Correctional Institutes have access to Confession and Mass, and many inmates have even been baptized as Catholics while in prison!

This past year, it has been extremely difficult to visit people in our **hospitals** because of Covid. Thankfully, at many of our hospitals, we have dedicated priest chaplains and lay assistants who have been able to continue their access and make sure patients aren't prevented from receiving the sacraments precisely when they most need them! Several of our parishioners who were in Dayton hospitals last year were in this situation.

Our **seminary** is growing, thanks to the efforts of many, including our **Vocations** Office, with Father Dan Schmitmeyer at the helm. But we really do need many more priests. This fund supports both the seminary and the promotion of vocations.

The work of **Catholic Social Services** is very hidden. When people have family or personal crises, and they need counseling – you'll never know about it. If the loss of work or another financial crisis means a need for food, that's not something anyone will want to make public. Lots of young women can feel lost when they discover they are pregnant and they don't feel ready. Thank God we have so many options to help them choose life. These services are needed in our area, the same as anywhere else – and your support for the Catholic Ministry Appeal helps make it happen. But you'll probably never know who you helped.

***Every year we exceed our goal – and half the overage comes back!*** Last year our goal was \$17,594, and you contributed \$21,722; half of the extra \$5,128 came back here and helped pay for our many programs and activities for our youth.

***How do I give?*** Most parishioners should get a mailing in the next week or so. We will have pledge forms in the pews next week. Or you can visit: <https://www.givecentral.org/appeals-form-registration/acp5f52ad0012c4f/user/guest> to give online.

***Blessing candles and throats.*** Tuesday, February 2 is the Feast of the Presentation. It's very traditional to leave your creche up until this day, so if you haven't taken down your Christmas decorations yet, keep your head held high! Mass on this day features a blessing of candles, so if you have any candles you want blessed, feel free to bring them to the 8:15 a.m. Mass. The next day is the Memorial of Saint Blaise, when throats are blessed; this will happen after the 5:45 a.m. Traditional Latin Mass, and during the 6:15 p.m. Mass, as well.

***Caution with bad weather.*** It should be obvious, but I want to clarify: even though there is currently no obligation to attend Sunday Mass, many people are maintaining the excellent habit of attending Sunday Mass and feel a personal obligation, regardless of what the bishops say. That said, I do encourage anyone who may be unsteady on his or her feet to be at peace about staying home when the roads and sidewalks can be treacherous. Remember, Mass from St. Remy is livestreamed every Sunday on the Internet. When there's a lot of snow or ice, someone always asks, "Is Mass cancelled?" Almost certainly not, unless I happen to be miles away from the parish and can't get back. But 99.9999% of the time, I'm at home before Mass starts, so there are no problems for me getting there. If there is anyone who isn't coming to Mass but wants me to visit, please let me know!

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

# LIVE YOUR FAITH



The family receiving the **TRAVELING VOCATION CHALICE** this Sunday is Scott and Rachel Philipot. The family receiving it the week of February 7 is Wes & Chandra Goubeaux. 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.



**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/>.

**SEMINARIAN ISAIAH CALLAN WILL BE OFFERING A SHORT REFLECTION** at 8:00 p.m. next Thursday, February 4 during Eucharistic Adoration. He will speak on the Gospel passage Luke 22:19: "And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.'" A lityny will follow Isaiah's reflection.



**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 Carthage 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 [smc-gurgan@athenaeum.edu](mailto:smc-gurgan@athenaeum.edu) to schedule an interview.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY



**Universal Intention:** We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.



Just a reminder that this Friday, February 5, is **FIRST FRIDAY**. For the benefit of all the students, we continue to celebrate Mass at **7:00 a.m.** on Fridays. A traditional Latin Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. To honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus, please make an effort to attend Mass on this day if your schedule permits.



**EVERY FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**, St. Remy's will be having a prayer vigil in Church. Please prayerfully consider participating in this prayer vigil as we implore God's mercy upon our families, our parish, our country, and the world. Feel free to come at any

point throughout the vigil as your schedule allows. The schedule is as follows:

- 6:00 p.m. ~ Scriptural Rosary & Confessions
- 7:00 p.m. ~ Traditional Latin Mass
- 7:45 p.m. ~ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with communal prayer of the Nine Offices of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 12:00 a.m. ~ Office of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 7:45 a.m. ~ Benediction
- 8:15 a.m. ~ Holy Mass in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (First Saturday)



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 [jeannemarie42@hotmail.com](mailto:jeannemarie42@hotmail.com). If you apply before February 7 and use the discount code Better21, your registration fee will be only \$21!



**THE QUO VADIS YOUNG ADULT GROUP FOR THOSE AGE 18-30** will be meeting in the Upper Room at the Maria Stein Shrine this Sunday, January 31 at 7:00 p.m. There will be a speaker, as well as social time in which you can meet other Catholic young adults. Check out the group on Instagram and Facebook!

**I adore You, O Christ, and I praise You, because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.**

# LIVE YOUR FAITH

## Bulletin Sponsor of the Week



This week's featured sponsor is **BORCHERS FAMILY FLOOR CENTER.**

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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.



**WE ARE IN NEED OF ONE USHER AT THE 5:00 MASS.** Volunteers are asked to serve for one month, then be off for two months. Other ushers are willing to trade with you if you have a conflict. If you feel God calling you to help to provide this important ministry, please call the parish office at (937)526-3437 or email Maria at [stremy@roadrunner.com](mailto:stremy@roadrunner.com).



**FISH OF SHELBY COUNTY** is a volunteer organization that helps to provide food, medicine, and personal and household items to those in need in our county. The group is in need

of additional volunteers—men, women, or teens age 16 and up. If you can donate a few hours to help sort donations, run the cash register, or help in the food pantry, please contact Darla Cabe at (937)492-1760.

**IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY AND NEED TO REACH FATHER FOX,** please call the parish office at 526-3437. This is the best way to reach Father, day or night. If he isn't home, his home phone answering machine alerts his cell phone, so your message will get to him.



**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 soon, if you haven't already. 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](http://www.AOCstewardship.org).

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

## 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](http://stremychurch.com) and click on "Online Giving."*

*Thank you for your generosity!*

# RUSSIA COMMUNITY NEWS



**A CWV CHICKEN FRY** will be held at their hall on Kelch Road on Friday, February 12, beginning at 4:30 p.m. and ending when sold out. All are welcome!



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

## Activities for Girls



- \* Little Handmaids (grades 1-3) will gather on Monday, February 1 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at St. Remy Hall.
- \* Daughters of the Immaculate Heart (grades 4-6) will meet on Monday, February 8 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at St. Remy Hall.
- \* Rosa Mystica (grades 7-8) will meet on Monday, February 15 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at St. Remy Hall.

## Activities for Boys



- Knights of St. Michael (grades 1-3) will meet on Monday, February 1 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at school.
- Knights of Our Lady (grades 4-6) will meet on Monday, February 8 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at school.
- Soldiers of Christ (grades 7-8) will meet on Monday, February 15 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at school.



## Come to “Rosary and Doughnuts” Before School

All high school students are invited to come to church to pray the Rosary together before school on Thursday, February 11. Please meet in church at **7:15 a.m.** Following the Rosary, 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!

## Check out these Upcoming Options During Lent!

- ◆ **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 at the Damascus Catholic Mission Campus near Centerburg, Ohio. 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](http://www.cysc.com) for more information.

# Life Information For Everyone



## Friars in New York Offer Mass Outside for Isolated Religious Sisters

Many orders of religious sisters have been badly affected by the COVID pandemic. While part of the reason is that some of these religious were elderly, another is that they were determined to continue to respond to their calling in the midst of the pandemic.

When a few of the sisters at the Sisters of Life convent in New York tested positive for COVID, the whole community had to self-isolate. This meant that no outside guests were allowed, including the priests who normally come to offer Mass. When some of the friars at The Community of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal heard about this, they found a way to ensure that the sisters were still able to attend Mass. They requested permission to celebrate Mass for the sisters in their backyard garden. So, for two weeks, the friars celebrated Mass in the sisters' garden. The sisters who hadn't been exposed to COVID sat outside in the snow during the Mass, while those in quarantine attended from the windows of their cells.

The friars explain in their Facebook post why they went to these unusual lengths: "It's written on our priestly hearts that when the Brides of Christ want Jesus, we're going to do everything we can to give them Jesus."

*Let's all yearn for Jesus like the sisters, and through our attitude and acts of service, let's make great effort to bring Jesus to others like the priests.*



Information for this article was found at [www.aleteia.org](http://www.aleteia.org).

**"If we only knew how God regards this Sacrifice, we would risk our lives to be present at a single Mass."**

~Padre Pio

**"From this moment on, live the Eucharist fully; be persons for whom the Holy Mass, Communion, and Eucharistic adoration are the center and summit of their whole life."**

~Pope St. John Paul II

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