

# *Sunday of the Divine Mercy*

*April 11, 2021*



*Jesus, I Trust in You*

# SCHEDULES, EVENTS & DAILY READINGS

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 10-18

- 10 Sat:** 5:00 p.m. Ed & Jackie Barlage
- 11 Sun:** 7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
9:00 a.m. Grogan & Seger Families  
11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Carl & Emma Elsas Family  
**3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Holy Hour**
- 12 Mon:** 8:15 a.m. Lars & Edith Larson
- 13 Tues:** 8:15 a.m. Glen & Melva Francis Family  
9:00 a.m. Confession
- 14 Wed:** 5:45 a.m. Traditional Latin Mass  
5:00 p.m. Confession (Father Fox)  
6:15 p.m. Nick Pohlman
- 15 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)
- 16 Fri:** 7:00 a.m. Diane Kramer
- 17 Sat:** 8:15 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Bob & Sally Tebbe Family (Wed. Anniv.)  
9:00 a.m. Confession (Father Fox)  
3:30 p.m. Confession (Father Fox)  
5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- 18 Sun:** 7:30 a.m. Adrian, Bernice, & Fred Paulus, Mark McCalla, & Vic Siefing  
9:00 a.m. Fred Drees (Birthday)  
10:30 a.m. Confession (Father Fox)  
11:00 a.m. **First Communion-** for First Communicants

## MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 17-18

### SERVERS

- 5:00 p.m. Jaela Shappie & Isabella Magoto  
7:30 a.m. Xavier & Samuel Philpot  
9:00 a.m. Matthew, Jacob, & Anthony Caldwell, Michael Bell, Maximilian Schulze, Ben York (Ben)  
11:00 a.m. **First Communion**—Jude Counts, Will Borchers, Jared Poling, Sam Prenger, Ben Bohman, Chase Stueve, Zeb Borchers, Gabriel Peyton

### LECTORS

- 5:00 p.m. Danielle Francis  
7:30 a.m. Marci Langenkamp  
9:00 a.m. Doug Hoying  
11:00 a.m. Jim Hoying

### DISTRIBUTORS

- 5:00 p.m. Bill Tady  
7:30 a.m. Tracy Schulze  
9:00 a.m. Jana Francis  
11:00 a.m. Jeff Prenger

**COLLECTION COUNTERS:** Phil Coverstone,  
Bart & Nicole Doseck

*On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ~From today's Gospel*



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** is held every Thursday, beginning at 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 (April 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 (May 25) at 7:00 p.m. in the parish office basement.
- St. Vincent de Paul Society—2nd Wednesday of the month (April 14) at 7:00 p.m. at the Russia Library.
- Catholic War Veterans—3rd Wednesday of the month (April 21) 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 (May 7) 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

<b>This Sunday:</b>	Acts 4:32-35 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31	Divine Mercy Sunday
<b>Monday:</b>	Acts 4:23-31 Jn 3:1-8	Easter Weekday
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Acts 4:32-37 Jn 3:7b-15	St. Martin I
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21	Easter Weekday
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36	Easter Weekday
<b>Friday:</b>	Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15	Easter Weekday
<b>Saturday:</b>	Acts 6:1-7 Jn 6:16-21	Easter Weekday
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48	Third Sunday of Easter

# WHAT DOES FATHER FOX SAY?

***Some priest assignments in the area.*** On July 1, Father Andrew Hess, who has been at Holy Angels in Sidney for two years and taught at Lehman, as well, will become pastor of the St. Henry Cluster, which includes St. Aloysius (Carthagena), St. Bernard (Burkettsville), St. Francis (Cranberry Prairie), St. Wendelin, (Wendelin) and St. Henry (St. Henry). A parochial vicar, or assistant pastor, will also be named. For many years, priests from the Society of the Precious Blood served these parishes, but for lack of vocations, they are no longer able to do so. Father Kyle Schnippel, who is from Botkins, will become pastor of “Region XII” in the Dayton area, which includes St. Peter (Huber Heights), St. Adalbert, Holy Cross, and Our Lady of the Rosary. This is effective July 1. Father Matt Feist, who served two years as associate pastor in the Fort Recovery-area parishes, was named pastor of St. Mary in Greenville, effective May 1. FYI, I was reappointed pastor here last year, to serve until 2026.

***How are priests assigned?*** The usual way is that early in the year, a list of expected vacancies (due to term limits, new assignments, or retirement) is circulated to all priests, and if they want to apply for one of these vacancies, they may do so. Priests can nominate themselves or be nominated by others. There is a “priest personnel board,” led by Father David Endres, who also teaches at the seminary, that reviews these applications and makes recommendations for the Archbishop to approve. How do they decide? They look at the priests and their strengths, also at seniority, and try as best they can to match a priest to the parish. But it’s a small number of openings with a small number of priests who are in the mix.

***Recently ordained priests are made associates first.*** Lately, newer priests only get two or three years as a vicar (associate) before becoming a pastor, which really isn’t enough. Then, beyond this usual approach, there are always vacancies created suddenly (death or resignation), and the Archbishop has to act quickly, either to appoint someone temporarily or permanently. I’m sure he seeks advice as best he can.

***Reasons why I cannot always give Holy Communion in the hand.*** As a general matter, you have a choice to receive the Holy Eucharist either on the tongue or in the hand, and in almost all cases, there is no issue. But sometimes there are reasons that giving Holy Communion in the hand isn’t possible – because it can’t be done reverently. Let me explain.

First, recall that it is the Church’s universal law that people can always receive the Eucharist on the tongue, and at no point during the Covid crisis was that revoked. I am well aware of strong feelings around this issue, but I verified with Archbishop Schnurr early on that I couldn’t refuse to give anyone Holy Communion on the tongue. I will also repeat my own actual experience: I very rarely touch anyone’s tongue, but I touch a lot of hands, either because of how people hold their hands, or else people themselves touch my hand as I give them the Eucharist. So while I very much understand people’s caution, it sure seems that germs are more likely to be passed hand-to-hand than hand-to-tongue. This is why we have little bowls of “disinfectant” (food-grade, high-proof alcohol) for use when distributing the Eucharist; we will keep using this for a while.

So, what would be circumstances when I won’t distribute the Sacred Host into someone’s hands? The general answer is: when it cannot be done reverently. Normally at First Communion, we distribute the Eucharist by “intinction,” meaning the Host is dipped into the Precious Blood; but this obviously must be placed on the tongue. Also, some people don’t really have good use of their hands, and themselves won’t ask to receive that way. And while it doesn’t happen often, some children have hands that are very obviously not washed! Sometimes people are wearing gloves or long sleeves that cover their hands; it is often easier just to give Holy Communion on the tongue.

***Armsful of children.*** Sometimes adults come forward carrying one or even two children, which is impressive enough, but then somehow mom or dad is able to stick out an upturned palm. When we receive the Sacred Host in the hand, the proper way is to use both hands—to be sure not to drop the Lord, and also to signal seriousness about this moment. But when an adult barely has even one hand free (either carrying a child, or maybe helping someone else to walk), I have to make a judgment on the spot: can that person safely and reverently get the Sacred Host to his or her mouth? Having a mask to remove only makes it even more complicated.

If you are questioning why I would wonder: I have seen people handle the Holy Eucharist in shocking ways – not to mention dropping the Sacred Host—and I have seen people walk away without consuming the Eucharist. So, when someone is so encumbered, I will say quietly, “I’ll put it on your tongue.”

***Removing a chimney from the rectory.*** As you may have noticed last week, we had some work done on my house. One of the chimneys was becoming a problem with leaks where the roof met the chimney. The chimney hasn’t been needed for a long time, so taking it down solved the problem long-term.

—Father Fox  
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# LIVE YOUR FAITH



The family receiving the **TRAVELING VOCATION CHALICE** this Sunday is Dane and Rachel Borchers. The family receiving it the week of April 18 is Steve and Jen Bohman. 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.

**COURAGE INTERNATIONAL** is an apostolate of the Catholic Church, established to aid those who experience same sex attraction. Through a small group format, members share their experience and challenge one another to a greater holiness of life. A group is meeting in West Milton with Father Fox serving as chaplain. For more information, please email [couragenorth@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:couragenorth@catholiccincinnati.org) or call 526-3437.



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**SATURDAY SERVANTS OF MARY** will meet on Saturday, May 1. Students in grades 2, 3, 4, and 5 are encouraged to participate in morning Mass at 8:15, join in the prayers after Mass, and head to the parish office basement for doughnuts and an activity. The event will conclude at 10:30. All in grades 2-5 are welcome!



**THE TASTE OF THE SHRINE EVENT** that will be held at the Maria Stein Shrine on Saturday, April 17 is sold out, as they had an overwhelming response to their online ticket sales. Please note that they will not be granting admission at the door the day of the event as previously advertised.

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



**Universal Intention:** We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes, and even in democracies in crisis.



*Divine Mercy Sunday is this Sunday, April 11. Pope John Paul II declared that this special day, when Jesus promises to pour out a whole ocean of graces to souls who approach Him, would be celebrated the first Sunday after Easter. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the Holy Hour Celebration at church at 3:00 p.m. this Sunday and to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet regularly.*



**CEMETERY NOTICE:** In preparation for the upcoming spring mowing season, we ask that those who have items placed in the grass around the grave stones would remove them to make our awesome maintenance man's job a bit easier. In addition,

before you decorate with headstone saddle bouquets that clip to the top of the stones, it is recommended that you attach the name that appears on the grave stone to your flowers. These bouquets frequently blow off when we experience heavy winds, and it's impossible to tell where they belong. Our maintenance man is happy to reattach them if the name is included.

**ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN GREENVILLE HAS A TEACHING POSITION OPEN** for a first and second grade teacher. Interested applicants are asked to email Vern Rosenbeck at [vrosenbeck@smsgvl.com](mailto:vrosenbeck@smsgvl.com) or call him at (937) 548-2345.



**THE QUO VADIS YOUNG ADULT GROUP** for those age 18-30 is having an Easter party on Sunday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Maria Stein Spiritual Center. Bring a dish to share and enjoy time with other young adults who are devoting their life to Christ! They will also be hosting a day retreat for graduating high school seniors on Sunday, May 2 from 9:00-5:00 at Holy Redeemer Church in New Bremen.

This free event will include talks, games, Mass, adoration, and pizza! For more information, please contact Brandon Koverman at (937)726-9613.

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH IN GREENVILLE IS HOSTING A DAY OF RENEWAL** on Tuesday, May 18. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m., followed by a program from 9:00-3:00 featuring speaker Father David Zink, who will present "Divine Providence: Faith in God's Timing." Light snacks and water will be provided, and reservations are required. To reserve your spot, please contact Ginny Metzcar by calling her at (937)916-5020, by texting her at (937)417-1305, or by emailing her at [gmetzcar47@gmail.com](mailto:gmetzcar47@gmail.com).

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## NOTES OF THANKS

It has been our tradition at St. Remy to have high school juniors and seniors volunteer as lectors at weekday morning Mass during Lent. We would like to thank Jonathan Bell, Makenna Borchers, Austin Cordonnier, Sophie Francis, Jake Goubeaux, Ella Hoehne, Jonas Magoto, and Jordan Meyer, who got up early for Mass before school to proclaim the Word of God throughout the season of Lent.

~Carla Meyer

Thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness at our mom's viewing, funeral, and luncheon—to Father Fox for offering Mass for her; to Father Gene Vonderhaar for celebrating the Mass; to everyone who volunteered at this beautiful Mass (musicians, ushers, the gentleman who live-streamed it); to those who volunteered at and made food for the luncheon. We cannot begin to express our deep appreciation to each and every one of you. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered by our family.

~The Family of Boots Groff

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

**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.

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

July 1—Feb. 28 budgeted amount: \$269,582  
 July 1—Feb. 28 offerings received: \$283,939

*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!**

## Deacon Ordination News from Ethan Hoying & Stephen Jones

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing pandemic and precautions in place, attendance for Mass at the cathedral basilica on April 24 at 11:00 a.m. has been restricted to a very limited number of immediate family members. The ordination Mass, however, will be livestreamed and can be accessed through St. Peter in Chains Cathedral website at <https://www.stpeterinchainscathedral.org/>.

~Ethan Hoying

Due to limited seating and social distancing, I am unable to invite everyone to be physically present at the Deacon Ordination Mass. Please know that I am praying for everyone at St. Remy and thanking God for all of his gifts He has given me through your presence in my life. Even though only family can be physically present with me during the ordination, I humbly ask for your prayers that day as I make this step into dedicated service to God and His Church. I invite you to watch the Ordination Mass on the Cathedral's live stream.

~Stephen Jones

*(Stephen worked in our parish during the summer in the past and always speaks fondly about the people of our parish.)*

# RUSSIA COMMUNITY NEWS



**THE TRAVELING FOOD PANTRY** will be located behind St. Remy Church on Saturday, April 17 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Volunteers and food donations are always welcome. For more information, please call Linda Francis at (937)526-3556.

# CCD & YOUTH MINISTRY



## Leadership Team “Full Group” Meeting

The high school Leadership Team will have their next “full group” meeting on Wednesday, **April 14** from 8:00-9:30 p.m. at the St. Joseph Village Centre. **Please note the change of date.**



## 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, April 16. 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!

## First Communion Information



First Communion Mass for second graders will be celebrated on Sunday, April 18 at the 11:00 Mass. Children are to be at church at 10:05 a.m. for the group picture. After the picture, students may go to the church basement to watch a video or may return home for a short time; everyone must be in church at 10:45. The first 8 pews will be reserved for the students and their parents. Mandatory practice for First Communicants and their parents will be held on Wednesday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. The practice should take about 30 minutes. First Communion banners are to be completed and turned in by that evening.



## Alive Night

Freshmen and sophomores, don't miss the next Alive Night on Thursday, April 22 from 7:00-8:45 p.m. at St. Joseph Village Centre. Invite your friends!



## Party for Mass Servers

Father Fox would like to show his appreciation to all Mass servers by hosting a “thank you party” on Wednesday, April 28 after religion classes. Please meet at 8:00 p.m. in church for prayer. Father will serve snacks afterward, either outside (if the weather is nice) or in the office basement (if it's not).

## Activities for Girls at St. Joseph Village Centre

- \* Daughters of the Immaculate Heart (grades 4-6) will meet on Monday, April 12 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- \* Rosa Mystica (grades 7-8) will meet on Monday, April 19 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

## Activities for Boys at School

- Knights of Our Lady (grades 4-6) will meet on Monday, April 12 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Soldiers of Christ (grades 7-8) will meet on Monday, April 19 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

## May Crowning and Last CCD Night for JH and HS



May Crowning will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m. in church **by all CCD students in grades 7-12 and the whole parish.** CCD students are asked to meet in their classrooms, then proceed to church and sit together as a class. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this parish event as we ask Mary to intercede for our families, our parish, and the world.



**All high school students who have participated in May Crowning** are invited to head over to the annual Concert in the Park that evening from 8:00-9:30 p.m. Don't miss the live music by John Paul Von Arx, the food, campfire, and outdoor games as we get together to thank God for all the opportunities and blessings of this school year!

# Life Information For Everyone

## Listening Ears

*The following information was taken from the blog of Julia Monnin, author of "The World is Noisy, God Whispers."*



“Okay, AJ, it’s time to pick up all the toys and tell everyone goodbye,” I told my young son as we got ready to leave.

“AJ,” I said a second time, not even really looking over to see what he was doing after I said it the first time, “it’s time to pick up all the toys and...”

“Oh my!” I then said in surprise as I turned my head to notice that he was actually doing what I asked him. “He actually listened when I said it the first time!” I continued. “That’s amazing! I’m not sure what to do with myself!”

Though this funny little event happened several weeks ago, the Lord hasn’t let me forget it. You see, I feel like there are times in my life when I am so painfully slow to respond to God’s whispering voice that He gave me this real life example to remind me how pleasing it is to Him when we are prompt in responding to his nudgings.

In any event, my prayer this week is that the Lord grants me the grace to live my life earnestly striving to carry out His will—in big ways and small—as promptly as possible (without being rash or imprudent, of course!). Who knows, with God’s help maybe He’ll even one day be able to say about me, “Oh my! She actually listened when I said it the first time! That’s amazing!”

## Heavenly Hope for Imperfect Parents

*The following article was written by Katie Sciba and appeared in "The Catholic Telegraph."*



I’m just a few days into a consecration to St. Joseph. In anticipation of handing my merits and shortcomings over to the adoptive father of Jesus, I’m gaining more hope in St. Joseph as a leader, provider, and protector of my own heart and family. I feel a pull, an invitation to entrust my worries to him—especially anxieties concerning my marriage and children. Full disclosure: prior to Pope Francis declaring this the Year of St. Joseph, I had given just a couple of glances in the direction of the “silent father,” as he is sometimes known. It’s OK for a saint to not be a favorite—they’re all great, but I didn’t feel much of a draw until recently, and I’ve discovered a man after God’s heart who will be a holy protector of not just me, but of my family as well.

We know that Jesus was born to be the Savior of the world. Similarly, God revealed His plan for humanity through the Blessed Virgin Mary; she was handpicked to be Christ’s

mother as well as ours. But St. Joseph? He was born with original sin while his family was spared the stain, but as Catholics—Catholic parents especially—it’s paramount that we see St. Joseph as CHOSEN.

Every kid, adopted or born into a family, grows up emulating his parents’ behaviors. I joke like my mom. I’m pragmatic like my dad. The whole “nurture” argument is strongly supported when I take a close look at my mannerisms in light of my parents. And so it was with Jesus. Though fully divine, the Christ Child wasn’t immune to the influence of His surroundings, and that includes His upbringing by His Mother undefiled, as well as His imperfect adoptive father.

What’s amazing to consider is that God, knowing Jesus would grow up learning to be like His earthly father, chose St. Joseph and blessed him with certain characteristics that Jesus Himself would eventually emulate: his obedience to the will of God, his trust amid uncertainty, his compassionate care for Mary and hard work for his family. St. Joseph was born to raise the Son of God, just as we were born to raise the children we have. Our boys and little girl weren’t arbitrarily thrown into [our] house—God blessed my husband and me with the gifts and charisms needed to bring these young souls back to Him. We parents struggle. We worry. We wonder how our kids will turn out. We wonder if we have what it takes to get through this season of life or all of life.

In blessing us with our children, God simultaneously assures us, “I have what it takes,” because He placed these particular children in our care. The graces we need to handle the brilliant mind, the will of iron, the special needs and the attention-seekers are free for the asking, if only we invite the Author of Life into our parenting. By doing so, we can and will give our kids enough of what they need. Sure we’re imperfect, but so was St. Joseph, and Jesus turned out all right. St. Joseph himself is a strong beacon of hope for the rest of us imperfect parents. He was chosen, and to be chosen for the task is to be equipped with the graces to do it.

**Prayer:** Glorious St. Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, foster father of Jesus our Savior and Lord, pray for us to have a confident, sinless, patient, generous heart, a humble, obedient, faithful, charitable heart, a heart that always seeks the divine will of God, a heart that, through the graces received in the sacraments, will always have the strength and grace to choose to do the will of God. Be our guide, model, intercessor, protector, and father. Help us to fulfill our earthly responsibilities as designed by God, that we may enjoy a death like yours, in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Amen.

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