



*St. Remy  
Catholic  
Church*

*April  
17,  
2022*

*Easter  
Sunday*  
of the Resurrection of the Lord

# SCHEDULES, EVENTS & DAILY READINGS

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 16-24

- 16 Sat:** 9:00 p.m. The People of Ukraine & The Conversion of All People
- 17 Sun:** 7:30 a.m. **Easter Sunday**—Bernice & Ronald Paulus  
9:00 a.m. Urban & Elfrieda Borchers  
11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- 18 Mon:** 8:15 a.m. Dick, Marty, & Bob Borchers
- 19 Tues:** 8:15 a.m. Paul, Rose, & Ed Cordonnier  
9:00 a.m. Confession (Father Baker)
- 20 Wed:** 5:00 p.m. Confession (Father Fox)  
6:15 p.m. Special Intention for Healing
- 21 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)
- 22 Fri:** 8:15 a.m. Yvonne McGreevy
- 23 Sat:** 8:15 a.m. Special Intention  
9:00 a.m. Confession (Father Vonderhaar)  
3:30 p.m. Confession (Father Fox)  
5:00 p.m. Norma & Alton Barga & Rita Hilgefert
- 24 Sun:** 7:30 a.m. **Divine Mercy Sunday**—Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
9:00 a.m. Sue Borchers  
10:30 a.m. Confession (Father Fox)  
11:00 a.m. **First Communion**—For the First Communicants and Their Families  
3:00 p.m. **Divine Mercy Holy Hour**

## MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 23-24

### SERVERS

- 5:00 p.m. Jared Poling & Benjamin York (Tim)  
7:30 a.m. Sam Prenger & Jordan Meyer  
9:00 a.m. Adam & Abe Hoehne, Ben Traxler, Vincent & Gabriel Peyton, Zane Shappie  
11:00 a.m. Jacob & Eli Schmitmeyer, Maximilian Schulze, Felix Francis, Matthew, Jacob, & Anthony Caldwell

### LECTORS

- 5:00 p.m. Danielle Francis  
7:30 a.m. Scott Borchers  
9:00 a.m. Dave Peyton  
11:00 a.m. Barb Cordonnier

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- 5:00 p.m. Greg Pleiman  
7:30 a.m. Donna Tebbe  
9:00 a.m. Ed Borchers  
11:00 a.m. Deacon Hoying

### USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

- 5:00 p.m. John Grogan, Don Cordonnier, Doug Francis, Jeff Monnin  
7:30 a.m. Roger Meyer, Phil Stickel, Max Bohman, Jake Borchers  
9:00 a.m. Joe Timmerman, Mark Hoying, Craig Borchers, Mark Harris  
11:00 a.m. Eric Voisard, Rodney Counts, Mike Stueve, Ken Elsas

### COLLECTION COUNTERS

Dave Borchers, Josh Pleiman, Michael Mayer



**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—9:15 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 18) 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 24) at 7:00 p.m. in the parish office basement.
- St. Vincent de Paul Society—2nd Wednesday of the month (May 11) at 7:00 p.m. at the Russia Library.
- Catholic War Veterans—3rd Wednesday of the month (April 20) 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 6) 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 10:34a, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
<b>Monday:</b>	Acts 2:14, 22-33 Mt 28:8-15	Monday within the Octave of Easter
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35	Wed. within the Octave of Easter
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48	Thursday within the Octave of Easter
<b>Friday:</b>	Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14	Friday within the Octave of Easter
<b>Saturday:</b>	Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15	Saturday within the Octave of Easter
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Acts 5:12-16 Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 Jn 20:19-31	Divine Mercy Sunday

# WHAT DOES FATHER FOX SAY?

**Warning: defibrillators lack batteries.** The batteries in the defib devices we have in church are running down and replacements are on order. Unfortunately, the replacements are delayed in delivery – another supply-chain issue.

**What does IHS stand for? What about the P with an X over it? And what are the letters “ΑΩ”?** If you look around our church, as well as lots of other churches, and lots of Christian artwork, you will see these symbols and might wonder what they stand for.



Let's start with Α Ω, which appear on the front of the low altar. These are letters from the Greek alphabet: Α is alpha and Ω is omega. This recalls Jesus' words in the Book of Revelation, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" (Rev 22:13).



IHS is confusing because it started in Greek letters, but over time Roman (our alphabet is called "Roman" because that's where we got it) letters took their place. In Greek it is: ΙΗΣ, which are iota, eta, and sigma, corresponding in Roman letters to I, E, S, the first three letters of "Jesus." Thus ΙΗΣ or IHS is simply an abbreviation of the Holy Name of Jesus. The third symbol you might see is called the "chi-rho." It is two Greek letters that look like this, only on top of each other: ΧΡ. This again is an abbreviation, in this case, for the Greek word ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ, or, Christos – i.e., Christ.



Kyrie, eleison  
Christe, eleison  
Kyrie, eleison

Remember, the entire New Testament was written in Greek, which was one of two dominant languages when Jesus was born. Speaking of Greek: the words Kyrie Eleison/Christe Eleison are also Greek, for Lord have mercy/Christ have mercy.

**Please don't assume I know when you're sick or in the hospital – unless you tell me.** Sometimes I am almost the last to know someone has gone to the hospital or has been sick for some time with cancer or some other serious affliction. I'm embarrassed to admit that I don't always have time to read everything that appears on the wonderful RACK email that goes out each day. I feel terrible when I get news that someone was in the hospital – and I only find out after he or she is back home. I will very eagerly come see you, just let me know, please!

**Writing Thank-You Notes.** I am embarrassingly late in writing notes to those who were very kind to me at Christmas. Although it really is no excuse, I found myself rather under the weather in January and February, and a lot of things piled up. One result of so much time passing is that, since I didn't write things down well enough, there are several people who were very good to me that I cannot write a note to! Please forgive me for being so disorganized. I am so grateful to be part of this community.

**Divine Mercy Sunday is April 24.** We will have Exposition at 3 p.m. and an especially solemn recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. If you want to learn more about this devotion, you can visit this site: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/>.

**Do you have a question you'd like answered in this column?** Let me know! My phone and email are below. I won't use your name in my column.

—Father Fox  
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(937)526-3437

# LIVE YOUR FAITH



The family receiving the **TRAVELING VOCATION CHALICE** this Sunday is Peter and Janel Slonkosky. The family receiving it the week of April 24 is Brent and Alexandra Monnin. 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.



**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.



**OUR MONTHLY 70ish AND OLDER LUNCH** will be held on Tuesday, April 19 at 11:30 a.m. at the St. Joseph Village Centre. Don't miss our Easter feast! There is no need to RSVP; just come and enjoy good food and good company.

## Please pray for our Seminarians

On May 2, Deacon Ethan Hoying, a son of St. Remy Parish, will be ordained a priest at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral in Cincinnati at 11:00 a.m. Also being ordained that day is Deacon Stephen Jones, who spent a summer working in our parish.

On April 23 at 11:00 a.m. at the cathedral, Isaiah Callan, who spent his internship year in our parish last year, as well as David Tran, who spent a summer here, will be ordained transitional deacons. Everyone is welcome to attend these Masses, and all are asked to pray for these men as they prepare to give their lives to Christ through His Church.

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



**Universal Intention:** We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

## St. Remy Conference of St. Vincent de Paul "ROTO"—Reaching Out to Others



The mission of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) is to help others. Many St. Remy parishioners have long been involved in helping others through various efforts. In October of last year, I placed a notice in the bulletin asking for a few volunteers to help with a new ministry administered through the

St. Remy Conference of SVDP. Essentially, this appeal was sent out to potential volunteers who would be willing to help parishioners through a home visit, phone call, or check-in. The response to this request for volunteers was beyond expectation. Currently, we have 12 volunteers who are visiting the elderly, ill, widows, and widowers, or those who could just benefit from a visit to brighten their days.

I am pleased to report that the ROTO (Reaching Out to Others) group is off to a great start, due to the dedication and willingness to serve of the volunteers involved. We started home visits in late January of this year, and in the month of February alone, our group made 33 home visits, logging 32 hours.

Do you know of someone who would benefit from a visit or a contact? There are no predetermined times or durations regarding visits, and there are just a few simple guidelines. Beyond that, we try to individualize this as much as possible to the person to whom we are reaching out. Please contact me at (937)658-4254 or Barb Cordonnier at (937) 418-6869 if you would like to make a referral to our group. Similarly, if you would like to join the ROTO group as a volunteer, please contact us.

Tom Doseck, President  
St. Remy Conference of  
St. Vincent de Paul



**NOTE OF THANKS:** What an amazing outpouring of love as our parish made 462 casseroles! The casseroles were delivered to homeless shelters and soup kitchens in Shelby, Miami, and Montgomery counties. Each place was extremely grateful for the meals received. May you be blessed for your generosity!

~St. Vincent de Paul Committee



In your charity, please pray for eternal peace and rest for St. Remy parishioners **MADONNA COHEE** and **YVONNE MCGREEVY**, who died recently. May they 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.

**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.

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

## From the Deacon's Desk

The following article was written by Deacon Mike Meyer.



This Sunday, as with all Easter Sundays, we have the opportunity to "rejoice" in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, celebrating that He died for our sins and opened wide for us the gates of Heaven! The Bible

tells us that Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early in the morning and, realizing that the stone had been rolled away, ran with great excitement to get Peter and John. Together, they returned to the tomb and began to grasp the reality that Jesus had indeed risen from the dead. We can only imagine the astonishment and elation they experienced. They rejoiced!

Two thousand years later, if we want to experience Easter joy—an encounter with our Risen Lord—we must *seek* it. We are truly blessed to know how the story unfolds, as we've heard it many times. This can make it seem ordinary and perhaps even ho-hum. We don't want to become complacent about this—JESUS SUFFERED AND DIED TO SAVE US, AND HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD! We *seek* Him in prayer and offer Him our sincere thanks and adoration, knowing that He calls us to Himself in love and mercy. Easter joy, the joy of the risen Lord, is indeed ours when we *seek* Him.

Seeking Jesus includes believing in His power to transform our sorrows into joy, our fear into confidence. The resurrected Jesus calls to us to obey God's commandments and pursue what is good, what is holy, what is true. Experiencing true Easter joy inspires us to long for the coming of God's Kingdom, leading us to eternal life with Him.

# RUSSIA COMMUNITY NEWS

**STAND  
TRUE**

**BRYAN KEMPER, FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF STAND TRUE MINISTRIES**, will be speaking to our junior high and high school religion classes on Wednesday, April 27 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the high school gym at school. **Parents and the general public are encouraged to attend, and admission is free.** Bryan is the youth outreach director for Priests for Life. He is the author of *Social Justice Begins in the Womb*; his ministry is committed to creating a culture of life and bringing light to a generation covered by darkness. Bryan stresses that the only way to end abortion is to turn hearts to Christ. He is committed to educating, equipping, and activating young people to stand

up and be a voice for their generation. He has shared his message throughout the world, and now he's bringing it right here to you! Come and be inspired by Bryan's message and learn how to empower our youth to "stand true."



**THE RUSSIA WELLNESS FOUNDATION IS SPONSORING RUSSIA COMMUNITY GARAGE SALES** on Friday, May 6 from 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and on Saturday, May 7 from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. If you would like to host a garage sale and be included on the garage sale list at no cost to you, please send a Facebook message to Russia Wellness Foundation. A paper copy list of locations will be available at Buschur's Market, U.S. Bank, and the Post Office. St. Vincent de Paul will have a trailer in the church parking lot to accept your donations of **clothes and shoes only** from 12:00-2:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 7. Another trailer will be in the parking lot at the same time to accept donations of **other good used items**. Please have your donations sorted when you arrive.

# CCD & YOUTH MINISTRY



## First Communion

Our second graders will be making their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 24 at the 11:00 Mass. Children are asked to be at church at 10:05 for the group picture. Those who leave church after the picture are asked to return by 10:45. Practice for the students and their parents will take place this Wednesday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. in church.



## Events for Girls

- Little Handmaids (grades 1-3) will meet at McBo's Bowling Lanes on Monday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. Please carpool, as transportation will not be provided. Permission forms will be required; they will be distributed at religion class this week and can also be found on the table just inside the door to the parish office. Please bring your permission form, along with \$5 to help defray the cost of bowling, on the 25th.



## Events for Boys

- Soldiers of Christ (grades 7-8) will meet on Monday, April 18 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at school.
- Brotherhood of Virtue (grades 9-12) will meet on Monday, April 25 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the St. Joseph Village Centre.
- Knights of St. Michael (grades 1-3) will meet on Monday, May 2 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at school.

## Alive Night

The next Alive Night for students in grades 9-10 will be held on Wednesday, April 20 from 8:00-9:30 p.m. in school.

## You Night

The next You Night for students in grades 7-8 will be held on Wednesday, April 27 from 8:00-9:30 p.m. in school.

# STAND TRUE

## Stand True Ministry Event for Grades 7-12

All junior high and high school students will be listening to international speaker and pro-life advocate Bryan Kemper on Wednesday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym with their religion classes. Bryan is the founder of Stand True Ministries and brings a dynamic message to young people, teaching them to stand up for God's truth and to be a voice for their generation. Parents and the public are encouraged to attend.

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



May Crowning will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 4 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 music, food, campfire, and outdoor games as we get together to thank God for all the opportunities and blessings of this school year!



## Attention 2nd and 3rd Graders

All second and third graders are encouraged to be a part of the May Crowning procession on Wednesday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m. in church. They are asked to wear their First Communion attire and sit together in the front of church. During this special event, they will show their love for our Blessed Mother by bringing flowers to the Mary altar. Practice for May Crowning will be held on Wednesday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. and will conclude around 7:20.

## Resist the “Sadness of the Devil” with These Two Habits

The following article was written by Philip Kosloski and was found at [www.aleteia.org](http://www.aleteia.org).



All of us want to be happy. It is a natural human desire, one that often eludes us. We might feel we do everything the world tells us to do to be happy, but discover that the world's recipes fail to satisfy our souls. St. Francis of Assisi has some powerful advice, going so far as to say that sadness belongs to the devil. He relates his thoughts in a series of *Conferences* that are attributed to him:

*“It is only the devil and his followers who ought to be sad; we, on the contrary, should always rejoice in the Lord.”*

He then expands on his thoughts, suggesting two habits that will combat the devil's sadness:

*“Always, my beloved Brethren, have a holy joy in God, both interior and exterior. If the servant of God endeavors to have and to keep spiritual joy, which springs from a pure heart, and is acquired by devout prayer, then the devils cannot harm him; they are forced to say, ‘Since this servant of God rejoices alike in tribulation and prosperity, we cannot find an entrance into his heart,’ and are unable to injure him.”*

St. Francis believed that the devil would do all that he could to prevent us from having a holy joy. If we want to combat that sadness, we need to focus on prayer and purity of heart:

*“Therefore, my beloved Brethren, as this holy joy comes from cleanness of heart, and the purity of continual prayer, we must principally endeavor to acquire these two virtues, that thus we may have this joy both exterior and interior, which I desire so greatly, and love so much to see and feel, both for myself and you.”*

The devil and the world cannot provide this type of happiness. It is a joy that can endure any trial, for it is a joy that is found only in God.



*As we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death during this Easter Season, let us all contemplate the infinite power of Jesus'*

## Divine Mercy

### What is meant by “Divine Mercy?”

St. Maria Faustina, a Polish nun who was canonized by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000, received many messages and visions from our Lord in the 1930's. In obedience to her spiritual director, she wrote these messages in a diary. *The italicized quotation below represents the words of Jesus to St. Faustina from this diary.* God, in His divine providence, chose to use St. Maria Faustina to remind the world in an exceptional way about the merciful love He has for everyone.

### What does the Church teach about Divine Mercy?

The Church, by canonizing the messenger (St. Maria Faustina), canonizes the message (the revelations of Jesus to St. Faustina). Jesus requested of St. Maria Faustina a feast day in the Church to celebrate His Divine Mercy. On the day of this saint's canonization, the Holy Father officially declared that the Sunday after Easter will now be celebrated as **Divine Mercy Sunday** (on April 24 this year).

### What does God want us to know about His Divine Mercy?

The concept of divine mercy is quite simple: God loves us infinitely, no matter how great our sins. More than anything, He wants us to turn away from our sins, turn toward His infinite mercy with the utmost trust and confidence, receive His mercy, and allow it to flow through us to others. Through the Passion and Death of Jesus, an infinite ocean of mercy was made available for all of us. But God, who created us with free will, will not force anything on us, not even His mercy. He must wait for us to turn from our sinfulness and ask for His mercy. Our Lord said to St. Faustina: *“This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy...It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter...I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fountain of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the Divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened.”*

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY IS NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 24.**

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