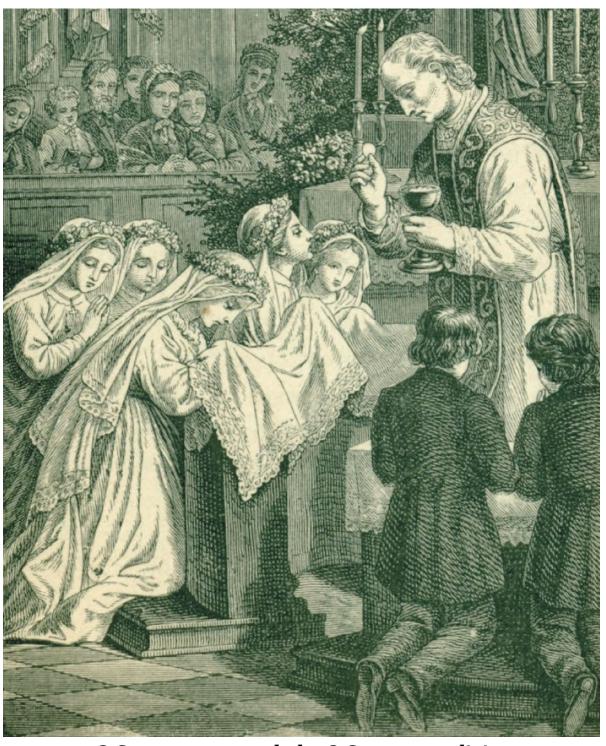
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O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine.

SCHEDULES, EVENTS & DAILY READINGS

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 23—MAY 1

23 Sat: 5:00 p.m. Norma & Alton Barga & Rita Hilgefort24 Sun: 7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

9:00 a.m. Sue Borchers

11:00 a.m. First Communion—For the First

Communicants and Their Families

25 Mon: 8:15 a.m. Pat Lyons

26 Tues: 8:15 a.m. Robert & Florence Schwartz

9:00 a.m. Confession
27 Wed: 5:00 p.m. Confession
6:15 p.m. Clarence Meyer

28 Thurs: 8:15 a.m. Raymond & Viola Schmidt & Carol Barhorst

3:00 p.m. Confession

3:10 p.m. Children's Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 p.m. Confession 8:15 a.m. For Vocations

30 Sat: 8:15 a.m. Firmin, Theresa, & Bob Alexander

9:00 a.m. Confession 3:30 p.m. Confession

5:00 p.m. Clarence & Emma Marker (Wed. Anniv.) &

Bill, Ginny, & Don Butsch

01 Sun: 7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

9:00 a.m. Ed Sherman 10:30 a.m. Confession

11:00 a.m. Jim & Madonna Cohee

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.



29 Fri:

EUCHARISTIC 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 (May 16) 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 (May 18) 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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 30—MAY 1

SERVERS

5:00 p.m. Evan Smith & Ross Fiessinger 7:30 a.m. Jonas Magoto & Micah Grieshop

9:00 a.m. Jonah York, Xavier Phlipot, Will Borchers,

Elijah Cordonnier, Ben & Nathan York

11:00 a.m. Keagan Baldridge & Jax Unrast

LECTORS

5:00 p.m. Barb Cordonnier 7:30 a.m. Kathy Pinchot 9:00 a.m. Ken York 11:00 a.m. Claire Meyer

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 p.m. Rose Pleiman
7:30 a.m. Deacon Meyer
9:00 a.m. Dan Poling
11:00 a.m. Heather Borchers

USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

5:00 p.m. John Grogean, 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

Scott & Rachel Phlipot, Karen Doseck

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

This Sunday: Acts 5:12-16 Divine Mercy

Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 Sunday

Jn 20:19-31

Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14 St. Mark

Mk 16:15-20 the Evangelist

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37 Easter Weekday

Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26 Easter Weekday

Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33 St. Peter Chanel,

Jn 3:31-36 St. Louis de Montfort

Friday: Acts 5:34-42 St. Catherine

Jn 6:1-15 of Siena

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7 St. Pius V

Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Third Sunday

Rv 5:11-14 of Easter

Jn 21:1-19

WHAT DOES FATHER FOX SAY?

Thank you to our servers! This Wednesday, after religion classes, all our altar servers (of all ages) are invited to a thank you party. We'll meet in church for a brief time of prayer, then I'll have pizza and ice cream afterward. We will finish by 9 p.m.

All year, our altar servers are very diligent and give a powerful example of reverence and prayer. During Holy Week, our senior servers provide excellent leadership in particular. A lot of folks comment every year on how well things work out for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Saturday Easter Vigil. What they may not know is how much of that depends on the servers who are "masters of ceremonies" (MC's) at these liturgies. They eagerly step forward each year to provide leadership, recruiting other servers, organizing rehearsals, and then keeping things going. The truth is, I was not a very good altar server in my time, and as a seminarian, I would assist the Archbishop as his MC – and I wasn't so good at that, either.

Want to be an altar server? Mark Tuesday, May 17 and Wednesday May 18 from 3:15-4:45 p.m. on your calendar. Tell mom and dad! Watch for information to be distributed in CCD classes. Contact the parish office! Watch the Facebook Page! Don't let this opportunity pass you by! All boys and girls completing 5th grade and older are welcome.

What about distributing the Precious Blood at Mass? A few weeks ago, the Archbishop sent out a note saying that effective April 24, parishes can start offering the Precious Blood at Masses. As you know, this has been suspended for about two years due to Covid. So now what? I think several steps are necessary before we restart this. My main concern is that we may have a significant number of folks who still are leery of drinking from a common chalice in the wake of Covid. The teaching of the Church (in Redemptionis Sacramentum) is that the Precious Blood shouldn't be distributed at Mass when a "notable" portion of those present do not receive. Why is that? Because it isn't a good thing to create a situation in which a significant number of people avoid, or feel repugnance toward, the Holy Eucharist!

My view is that we should take some time for some explanation and teaching on the subject. Since I am preparing to move on, this is also something I intend to coordinate with Father Ned Brown, your pastor effective July 1.

Reaching me: cell vs. landline. My cell phone number isn't exactly a secret, but I don't advertise it. Why not? Because, for various reasons, I prefer to keep my cell phone for emergencies only. I have a voice mailbox at the church's land line (937-526-3437) that works perfectly well, so I ask people to call that number in all cases, *especially in an emergency*. That's because if you call the land line first, and hit #1, the emergency line, that will trigger an emergency alert on my cell phone. Then one of two things will happen. If I'm in bed, I'll pick up the phone immediately. Or, if not, then the office phone system will send repeated messages to my cell phone, over and over, until I call back. That works pretty well.

Why does the priest give me the penance he does? Do you wonder where a priest comes up with a penance of "three Our Fathers?" I do it this way because I know folks are often distracted and don't need anything complicated to remember. Maybe they can't hear me very well, or they are in a hurry. I give a penance that can be performed right away. It is nice if I can make some connection between what the person confessed and the penance, but that isn't easy to do, and again, I don't want to make things complicated.

Remember, penance isn't like paying a fine; it's not a penalty! Rather, our penance is an offering we make to God as a kind of reparation. It's obviously not enough—it never could be enough. But it is fitting to offer <u>something</u>. Also, realize that your absolution is not conditional on doing the penance! When the priest absolves you, you are – in that moment – forgiven.

Sometimes Father gives advice, other times not. Why is that? One reason I might not offer any advice is because I can't think of anything pertinent. Also, there may be a long line, and I'm trying to take care of as many people as I can. What's more, sometimes priests and penitents can treat confession as a kind of counseling session, but that's not what it is, and the two things shouldn't be mixed up. Actual counseling usually takes far more time; it goes way beyond one's sins. Someone might need guidance on an important decision, or on solving a problem. If someone wants counseling, I'm going to ask a LOT of questions to get at the problem. But in confession, I will try to avoid asking questions; unexpected questions are very intimidating.

So, if you have a problem, I'll be happy to talk about it — but let's do it outside of confession. My telephone number and email address are listed below. No one but me reads my emails, and when you get my voicemail, I'm the only one who will listen to your message.

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

LIVE YOUR FAITH



The family receiving the **TRAVELING VOCA- TION CHALICE** this Sunday is Brent and Alexandra Monnin. The family receiving it the week
of May 1 is Alan and Kelly Schulze. 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.



ATTENTION STUDENTS IN GRADES 5-

11: If you would like to become a Mass server, please plan to attend the training sessions on Tuesday, May 17 and Wednesday, May 18 from 3:15-4:45 p.m. in church. It is necessary to attend on both days. Registration forms will be passed out during religion classes; please turn them in to Karen Rosenbeck at the parish office by May 11. For more

information, please call Karen at the parish office at (937) 526-3437.



CEMETERY NOTICE: Now that the spring mowing season is upon us, 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.

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.

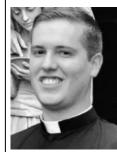
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL



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.

Please pray for our Seminarians

On Saturday, May 21, 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. Public seating will be available.



Deacon Hoying's First Mass of Thanksgiving will be on Sunday, May 22 at St. Remy Church at 1:30 p.m. An open house will follow at St. Remy Hall. All are welcome to attend the ordination, First Mass, and open house, so please mark your calendar if you'd like to participate.



Deacon Jones' First Mass of Thanksgiving will be on Sunday, May 22 at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Rosary Church in St. Marys. He will also be visiting the parish from June 12-18 to celebrate Mass and to thank St. Remy parishioners for their prayers and gifts during his formation.

Everyone is asked to pray for these men and all getting ready for ordination as they prepare to give their lives to Christ through His Church.



Each year St. Remy hosts a **BACCALAUREATE BRUNCH** for graduating seniors and their parents. This special event will be held this year on Sunday, May 29 following the 9:00 a.m. Baccalaureate Mass. We are in need of parents of high school juniors to make breakfast casseroles and to help with

the set-up, serving, and clean-up of the brunch. If you are willing to help, please call Maria at the parish office at (937) 526-3437 or email her at stremy@roadrunner.com.



In your charity, please pray for eternal peace and rest for St. Remy parishioner **CLARISSA BARHORST**, who died recently. May she rest in peace.

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PLEASE NOTE THAT THOSE WHO WISH TO BORROW TABLES AND CHAIRS FROM THE CEMETERY BUILDING FOR GRADUATION PARTIES, GARAGE SALES, AND OTHER EVENTS MUST CALL THE PARISH OFFICE IN ADVANCE AT (937)526-3437 TO RESERVE THEM. THANK YOU!



NOMINATIONS

At next weekend's Masses, the members of our parish will have an opportunity to nominate two women and two men to serve as members of the Pastoral Advisory Council. A list of nominees will be compiled, and the election will be held the weekend of May 14-15. Each member elected will serve a three-year term. Duties will include serving on a specific committee within the council, assisting with specific projects undertaken by the council, and attending regular meetings every other month.

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.

RUSSIA COMMUNITY NEWS



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 <u>only</u> 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



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 27 after religion classes. Please meet at 8:00 p.m. in church for prayer. Father will serve pizza and ice cream afterward, either outside (if the weather is nice) or in the office basement.

You Night

You Night for all junior high students will be held on Wednesday, April 27 from 8:00-9:30 p.m. at school.

Mass servers are invited to come over to school to join us after the servers party!

Events for Girls



Our girls groups will be going bowling for their last meeting of the school year. Please carpool, as transportation will not be provided. Permission forms will be required; they can 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, to the event. The girls will be meeting on the following dates:

- Daughters of the Immaculate Heart (grades 4-6) on Wednesday, April 27 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Rosa Mystica (grades 7-8) on Friday, May 6 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.



Events for Boys

- 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.



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 Friday, May 13 for the last time this school year. 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!

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 live music by John Paul Von Arx, food, campfire, and outdoor games as we get together to thank God for all the opportunities and blessings of this school year!

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.



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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 24, 2022

Life Information For Everyone

I would like to recognize and congratulate all of the second graders who are making their First Holy Communion today. The students have worked very hard to prepare for this special day. I wish them many graces and blessings as they continue to receive Jesus in Holy Communion throughout their lives. Those making their First Communion today include:

Camille Bergman Dominic Bergman Gus Bixler Blake Borchers Patrick Borchers Faith Caldwell Sawyer Cox Lillian DeLoye Easton Elsas Henry Francis Annie Goubeaux Lucía Goubeaux Jayden Grillot Juliet Grogean Bennett Hoying Jude Hoying

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Cora Muhlenkamp
Owen Muhlenkamp
Evelyn Schmitmeyer
Gavin Schulte
Gabriel Schulze
Gianna Schulze
Rosemary Schulze
Arleigh Shappie
Hudson Siegrist
Bella Slonkosky
Alex Timmerman
Samson Vanderhorst
Noah Watercutter
Abe Wysocki



Please pray for these children, that they would always be faithful to Christ and His teachings, and that they would always feel a sense of holy awe when they consider the love Jesus has for them by giving Himself to them in this miraculous way.

-Father Fox

Receiving and Sharing the Mercy of God



On Divine Mercy Sunday, we renew our dedication to seeking God's mercy through praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet. This simple 7-minute prayer, using a Rosary, is such a simple, yet profound way to admit our sinfulness and seek God's mercy, not only for ourselves, but for the whole world. Divine Mercy prayer cards can be found at the entrances to the church.

As we pray the Chaplet, begging for God's mercy, we will hopefully be inspired to be merciful to others. Let's consider several concrete ways to do this:

Go to Confession. In a profound sense, going to Confession is an acknowledgement of the holiness of God, and it honors Him when we humble ourselves. Learning humility helps us to be merciful to all God's people.

Feed the hungry. Donate to a food drive, volunteer at a soup kitchen, or make a meal for a family in need.

Visit the sick. Reach out to a family member or neighbor who is sick, elderly, or homebound. Your thoughtfulness will be deeply appreciated.

Visit the imprisoned. Sign up to be a pen pal with the Order of Malta's Prison Ministry Apostolate. Information can be found at https://www.orderofmaltafederal.org/prison-ministry. This little act allows you to

make a positive difference in someone's life without ever leaving home!

Bear wrongs patiently. Whether it's that guy who just cut you off in traffic or someone talking to you rudely, letting these wrongs roll off your back instead of retaliating in anger is a real and important way to show God's mercy in every-day life.



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