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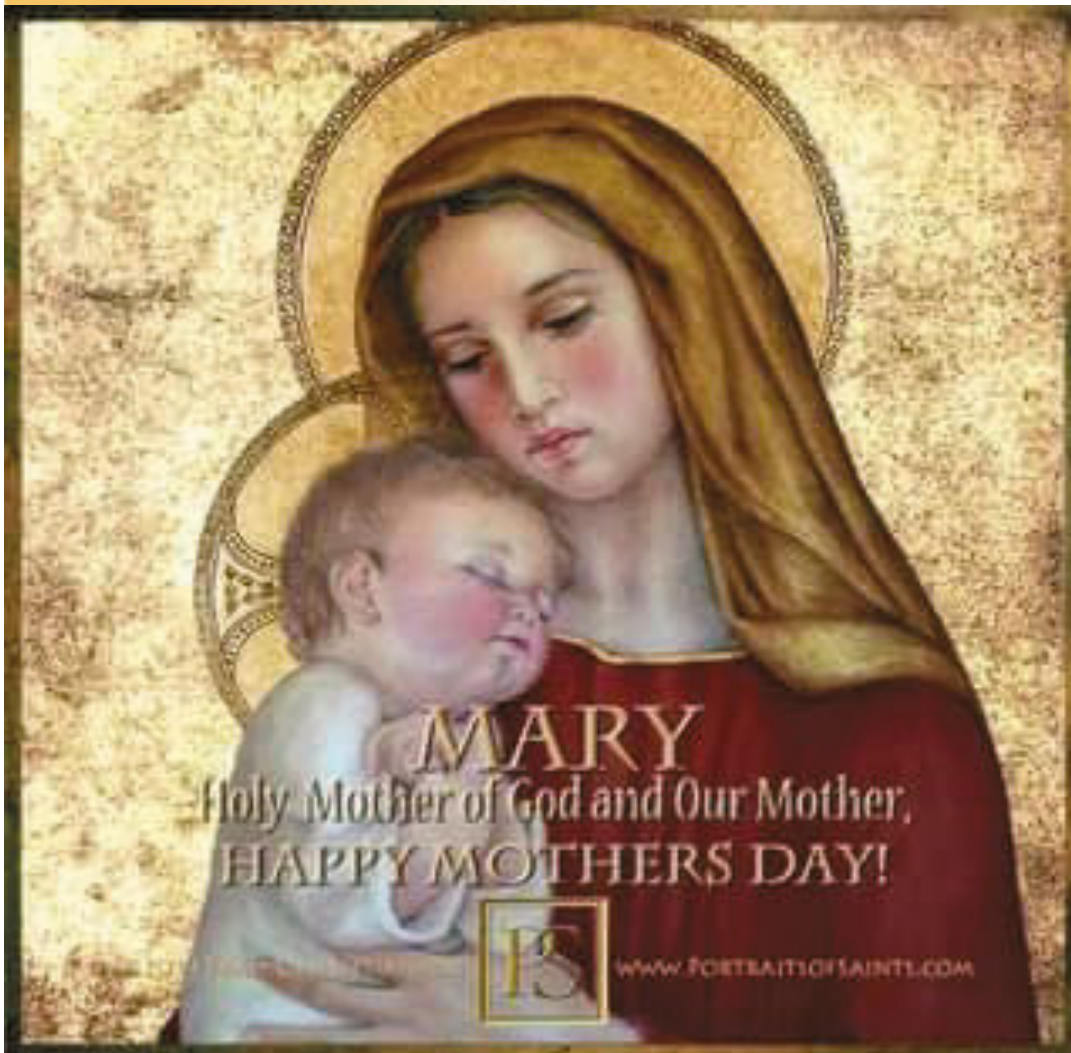


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SCHEDULES, EVENTS & DAILY READINGS

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR MAY 7-15

- 07 Sat:** 5:00 p.m. Barb (Augie) Cordonnier (Birthday)
- 08 Sun:** 7:30 a.m. Bill Paulus, Ed Zircher, & Ken Zircher
9:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Monnin
11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- 09 Mon:** 8:15 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Sherman & Monnin Families
- 10 Tues:** 8:15 a.m. Joe, Bonnie, & Annette Bensman
9:00 a.m. Confession (Father Fox)
- 11 Wed:** 5:00 p.m. Confession (Father Fox)
6:15 p.m. Joan Elsas
- 12 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)
- 13 Fri:** 8:15 a.m. Dorothy "Champ" Monnier
- 14 Sat:** 8:15 a.m. Herbert & Clarissa Barhorst
9:00 a.m. Confession (Father Baker)
3:30 p.m. Confession (Father Fox)
5:00 p.m. Tom & Corrine Francis
- 15 Sun:** 7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
9:00 a.m. Ben & Hilda York
10:30 a.m. Confession (Father Fox)
11:00 a.m. Ed Bruns & Orville Ritter

*We are his people, the sheep of his flock.
~From today's Psalm*

MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAY 14-15

SERVERS

- 5:00 p.m. Matthew & Jacob Caldwell
7:30 a.m. Sheldon Pohlman & Sam Prenger
9:00 a.m. Maximilian Schulze, Felix Francis, Ben Traxler, Adam & Abe Hoehne, Benjamin York (Tim)
11:00 a.m. Jude & Leo Counts

LECTORS

- 5:00 p.m. Lannette Nearingard
7:30 a.m. Marci Langenkamp
9:00 a.m. Doug Hoying
11:00 a.m. Becca Miller

DISTRIBUTORS

- 5:00 p.m. Lindsay Mayer
7:30 a.m. Ron DeLoye
9:00 a.m. Don Borchers
11:00 a.m. Aaron Schmitmeyer

COLLECTION COUNTERS

Dave Borchers, Jerry Borchers, Josh Pleiman

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand." ~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—9:15 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 (June 3) 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

This Sunday:	Acts 13:14, 43-52 Rv 7:9, 14b-17 Jn 10:27-30	Fourth Sunday of Easter
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18 Jn 10:1-10	Easter Weekday
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26 Jn 10:22-30	St. Damien de Veuster
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24—13:5a Jn 12:44-50	Easter Weekday
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25 Jn 13:16-20	Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, St. Pancras
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33 Jn 14:1-6	Our Lady of Fatima
Saturday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Jn 15:9-17	St. Matthias, Apostle
Next Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27 Rv 21:1-5a Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35	Fifth Sunday of Easter

WHAT DOES FATHER FOX SAY?

How to navigate “transgender” issues. Let me address some everyday issues that may come up. “What if someone I know claims to switch from male to female (or vice versa)? How do I deal with this person going forward?” First, there is never any excuse for being rude and insulting. There is no need to avoid this person.

Some compromises are possible. Second, however strange it might be that someone you knew as “Sylvia” now claims to be “Irving,” it really doesn’t violate your conscience to call someone by whatever name s/he wants to be called. As far as “pronouns,” it is easy to avoid conflict if you try. When I’m in your presence, the pronoun I use for you is “you,” and that need never change. Otherwise, I can simply use your name, instead of pronouns.

While there are times when we need to make our points, even if that leads to conflict, the prudent and charitable approach is to seek ways to get along peaceably first, looking for middle ground.

Obviously, I’m not an expert, but it seems very possible that at least three factors may be involved in folks experiencing alienation from their own sexual identity. First, the person may have experienced some trauma, such as violence or abuse. Second, the person may have a strong negative self-image, perhaps about his or her appearance. And third, it’s actually very normal for all of us, in our teen years, to feel awkward or inadequate.

If your child is experiencing these feelings, I can only suggest you seek the advice of a professional therapist, and first ask that therapist a lot of questions about his or her basic assumptions. It’s absolute madness that professionals are actually saying sex isn’t a biological fact, but a personal choice; but not all professionals have sold their souls to this ideology. The only advice I can offer is that people experiencing these things need love and kindness and patience, without agreeing with something that isn’t true.

Many “transgender” people change their minds. There are more and more stories of people who attempted to live as a member of the opposite sex, even going so far as taking hormones and other drugs and having surgery that mutilated their bodies, only to find themselves no happier, and then returning to accept the reality of the biological sex with which they were born. It seems obvious, also, that some portion of children who claim to be “transgender” are likely to resolve their issues.

This isn’t mainly a religious liberty issue. As strange as that sounds, it’s true. As with several other “culture war” issues, you and I aren’t actually defending any particular religious belief. In fact, we are bearing witness to scientific fact, and we should be wary of letting questions of objective fact being reduced to mere subjectivity.

Whether grace is real, whether the bread and wine at Mass become the true Body and Blood of Jesus, are certainly religious beliefs which we adhere to, but which you and I cannot prove scientifically, and that’s OK: that’s why we call it faith. That doesn’t mean there aren’t miracles and other events that point to these realities; that doesn’t mean our faith isn’t reasonable. It means that certain questions really are beyond what science can establish, and we understand that.

But what’s happening now is that certain objective facts of reality are being called into question because they get in the way of people’s desires. So we pretend that homosexual acts are innocuous and are, in fact, the same as the marital act. And now we must pretend that doctors merely “guess” about whether a newborn is a boy or a girl. (No, I’m not kidding, that’s an actual claim being taught to children in many places as a so-called “fact.”) So, in a sense, we’re now called to be martyrs for the Seventh Commandment: “You shall not bear false witness.” If you tell me the sky is plaid, I will politely disagree with you. If you insist I must “affirm” that a person can choose his or her gender, not only will I refuse, I must do so.

—Father Fox
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LIVE YOUR FAITH



The family receiving the **TRAVELING VOCATION CHALICE** this Sunday is Mike and Sara Stueve. The family receiving it the week of May 15 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.

Class of 2022

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.



ATTENTION STUDENTS CURRENTLY 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

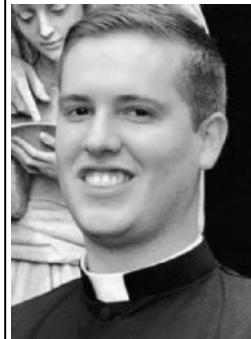
parish office by May 11. For more information, please call Karen at the parish office at (937)526-3437.



OUR MONTHLY 70ish AND OLDER LUNCH will be held on Tuesday, May 17 at 11:30 a.m. at the St. Joseph Village Centre. Please come and share in our farewell lunch with Father Fox, giving thanks for his service and asking for God's continued blessings on him. There is no need to RSVP; just come out and enjoy good food and good company.



PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS At last weekend's Masses, the members of our parish had an opportunity to nominate parishioners to serve as members of the Pastoral Advisory Council. A list of nominees will be compiled, and the election will be held next weekend, May 14-15. Each member elected will serve a 3-year term. Duties will include serving on a specific committee within the council, assisting with specific projects undertaken by the council, and attending regular monthly meetings.



Message from Deacon Ethan Hoying

I will be ordained to the priesthood on May 21 (see invitation on page 4). I will offer my First Mass of Thanksgiving here at St. Remy on Sunday, May 22 at 1:30 p.m. An open house reception will follow from 2:30-5:30 at St. Remy Hall. All are welcome to attend the ordination, First Mass of Thanksgiving, and open house. I will offer a blessing to individuals at the hall; if you attend the Mass but are not able to make it to the hall, please see me right after Mass to request a blessing. Blessings will also be offered at the cathedral after the ordination Mass.

You may ask, "What's so special about attending a newly ordained priest's First Mass?" When a priest celebrates his First Mass after ordination, the faithful in attendance may gain a plenary indulgence if all the usual conditions are met. The usual conditions to acquire a plenary indulgence are: detachment from all sin, reception of Holy Communion on the day the indulgence is sought, prayer for the intention of the Holy Father on the day the indulgence is sought (one Our Father and one Hail Mary suffice), and sacramental confession (usually within 8 days). If one of these conditions is not met, the indulgence is partial.

Holy Mother Church grants a plenary indulgence to all "first" Masses that the newly ordained priest celebrates. An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, sec. 1471). It may be applied to oneself or may be applied to a poor soul in Purgatory.

You may also wonder, "What's so special about receiving a newly ordained priest's First Blessing?" A special grace may be gained from receiving a "first blessing" of a newly ordained priest. First blessings are powerful blessings which are customarily given when first Masses are celebrated, but they may be given up to a full year after ordination. After receiving the blessing, the faithful, in a long-standing tradition of the Church, kiss the palms of the newly ordained priest in recognition of the sacred character of his priesthood and of the hands that now hold the Most Holy Eucharist and confer the sacraments. The priest's palms were anointed with sacred chrism during the rite of priestly ordination.

Deacon Hoying, a son of the parish, has prepared for his ordination for many years. Let us make a firm commitment to pray for him as he prepares to dedicate his life to Christ and His Holy Church.

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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 (7/1/21-6/30/22)

July 1—Jan. 31 budgeted amount: \$239,039
July 1—Jan. 31 offerings received: \$313,342

If you would like to make your offerings online, please consider "bill pay" through your bank, or go to stremychurch.com and click on "Online Giving."

Thank you for your generosity!

NOTE OF THANKS: The Serra Club would like to thank the people of Russia and St. Remy for once again supporting the seminarians of our archdiocese through our annual spaghetti dinner. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to raise \$3,934, all of which goes directly to the seminarians! We look forward to seeing everyone once again next spring, when we plan on providing dine-in seating and a full meal. God bless you all!

~Serra Club of St. Marys/Sidney Deaneries

RUSSIA COMMUNITY NEWS



A BLOOD DRIVE will be held at St. Remy Hall on Tuesday, May 10 from 12:30-6:30. All donors need a photo ID and should be in good health. Minors who are at least 16 years old can donate with a completed parental consent form. Appointments are encouraged and can be made by calling (937)461-3220 or by visiting www.donortime.com.

THE RUSSIA COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY WILL BE HOLDING A 75th ANNIVERSARY DEDICATION on Sunday, May 22 at 1:00 p.m. at the firehouse, followed by an open house until 3:00. Everyone is welcome to celebrate the 75th anniversary of our fire department, witness the grand "re-opening" of the newly remodeled firehouse, and enjoy refreshments.



A CWV CHICKEN FRY will be held at their hall on Kelch Road on Friday, May 13, beginning at 4:30 p.m. and ending when sold out. All are welcome!

A NEW CIVIC MERIT PROGRAM named the "Village of Russia Legion d'honneur" is accepting nominations for this coming year's first annual induction, currently scheduled for Spring of 2023. Nominate someone, living or deceased, who you feel has contributed to our community in a profound way. Nominations must be postmarked by August 15, 2022 and sent to Russia Local School at 100 School Street; they may also be dropped off at the school office by that date. See the village website at www.russiaoh.com for details, or contact Levi Francis at (937)248-9046.

CCD & YOUTH MINISTRY

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!

COME TO CHILDREN'S EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL PARTY!



All children in grades K-6 are invited to join us for a last day of school party on TUESDAY, May 24. Please meet in the school commons at 1:50, when school leaves out. From there, we will walk to the parish office basement for an ice cream party with Father Fox, followed by outdoor games (indoors if raining), a water balloon toss, and a special visit with Jesus as we enter church to adore Him. This is always a large and lively party that you don't want to miss! Even if you've never joined us before, don't miss out on this fun, faith-filled afternoon! Please pick children up at 3:30.

Steubenville Youth Conference Final Payment Due



If you are registered for the Steubenville Youth Conference that will be held from July 15-17, please make your final payment in the amount of \$285 as soon as possible. The total amount is \$335, and down payments of \$50 have already been made.

Save the Date for Totus Tuus Summer Camp!



Totus Tuus Camp will once again be held at St. Remy this summer. The dates for current K-5th grade students are Monday, July 11—Friday, July 15 from 9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m. The dates for current 6th-11th grade students are Sunday, July 10—Thursday, July 14 from 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Help Needed with Totus Tuus Team



The Totus Tuus Team will be in town to inspire our youth with their camp in July. We need families to host the team for the evening meal from July 9 –15. The team consists of 4 men and 4 women. If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please contact Mark Travis at (419)953-0614.



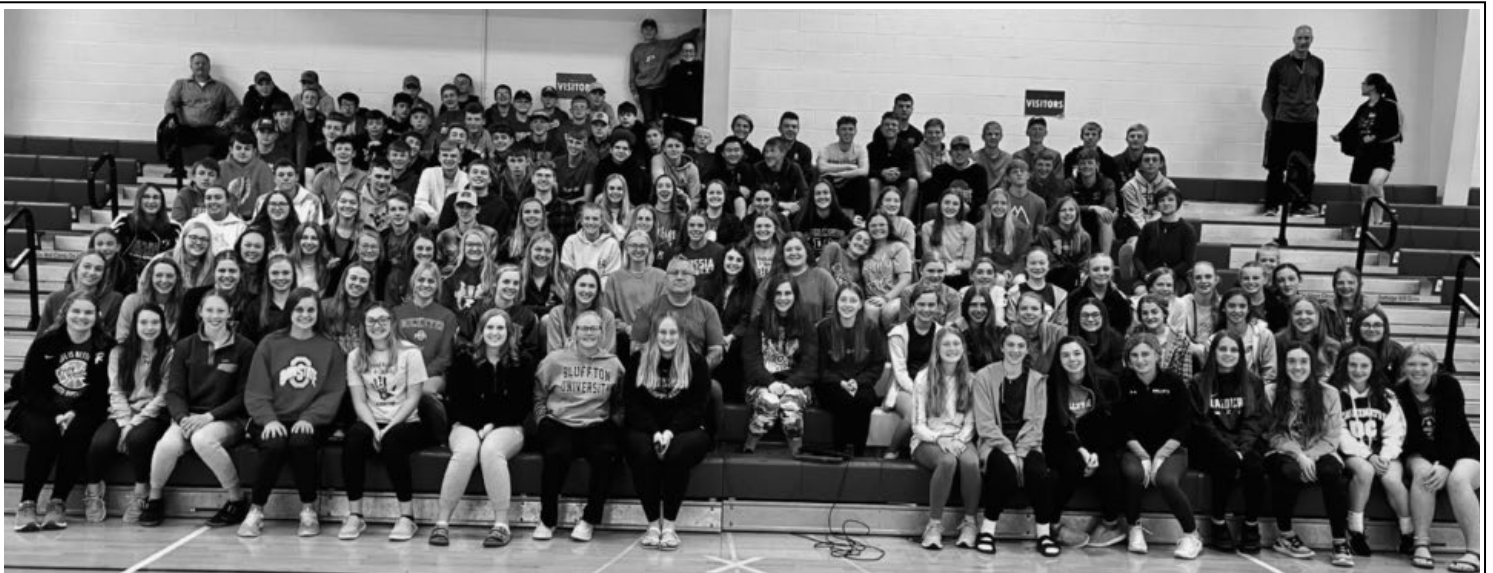
Lessons on Motherhood from the Mother of St. Therese

The following information was taken from an article written by Philip Kosloski and was found at www.aleteia.org.

Do you feel overwhelmed being a mother? Are you frustrated that your kids don't listen to you? Do you struggle with balancing work, family life, and prayer? Are you afraid for the salvation of your stubborn children? If you answered "yes" to any of those questions, you have much in common with St. Zélie Martin, mother of the "greatest saint of modern times," St. Therese of Lisieux.

It was not "all roses" raising the Little Flower and her eight siblings—not all who survived past infancy. She wanted the best for her children and was disappointed when their behavior was less than saintly. For example, Zélie recounts one incident with Therese that may sound all too familiar to a mother: "One morning, before going downstairs, I wanted to kiss Therese...so I bent down toward her to give her a kiss, but she immediately hid herself under the clothes, saying with the tone of a spoilt child, 'I don't want anyone to look at me.' I was not pleased with her, and told her so." Zélie later wrote about how she worried about Therese and her future: "As for Therese, one cannot tell how she will turn out, she is so young and heedless...her stubbornness is almost unconquerable. When she has said 'no,' nothing will make her change; one could leave her all day in the cellar without getting her so say 'yes.' She would rather sleep there."

Zélie writes of her third daughter, Leonie: "If only one could succeed in...rendering her character more flexible, we could make her a good daughter...She has a will of iron...She is not at all religious...If the sacrifice of my life were necessary to make a saint of her, I would gladly offer it." She later wrote, "I long for rest. I have not even the courage to struggle on. I feel the need of quiet reflection to think of salvation, which the complications of the world have made me neglect." In the midst of these trials, Zélie maintained a spirit of hope and prayer, daily working for the salvation of her children. She wanted them to be saints and dedicated her children to God at the moment of their birth. Her labors eventually bore much fruit, with all five daughters entering religious life. Surprisingly, the two children Zélie worried about the most are now recognized for their lives of heroic virtue: Saint Therese and Servant of God Leonie. Zélie gives us a picture of motherhood that is very human and expresses the fears and longings of all mothers. She gives us hope that if we truly desire the sanctity of our children, our most stubborn child may become the greatest saint of their generation. St. Zélie, pray for us!



On April 27, our junior high and high school religion classes had the privilege of listening to nationally known pro-life advocate Bryan Kemper of Stand True, the prolife youth outreach of Priests for Life. Here is what some of our students had to say in response to his message:

"His story was so powerful, especially because we are so sheltered here in Russia that being told about life elsewhere can be shocking. Hearing his devotion to saving the unborn was super impactful and inspiring because we now know how to get involved and help the unborn alongside people like him."

"The speech really opened my eyes to how important it is to speak up for what you believe in, even if it seems like you may have no impact on the situation."

"I have always been and will always be prolife and fight for the unborn. However, I noticed that I have been shameful of those who have conceived a child outside of marriage. After hearing Bryan's talk, I have decided to celebrate the life that they will be bringing into the world instead of shaming them."

"Bryan's willingness to share all of his struggles and experiences was a strong testament to how powerful God can be for anyone in life."

"It really hit me and had me reevaluate how I thought and made me want to fight more to save those who are persecuted."

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