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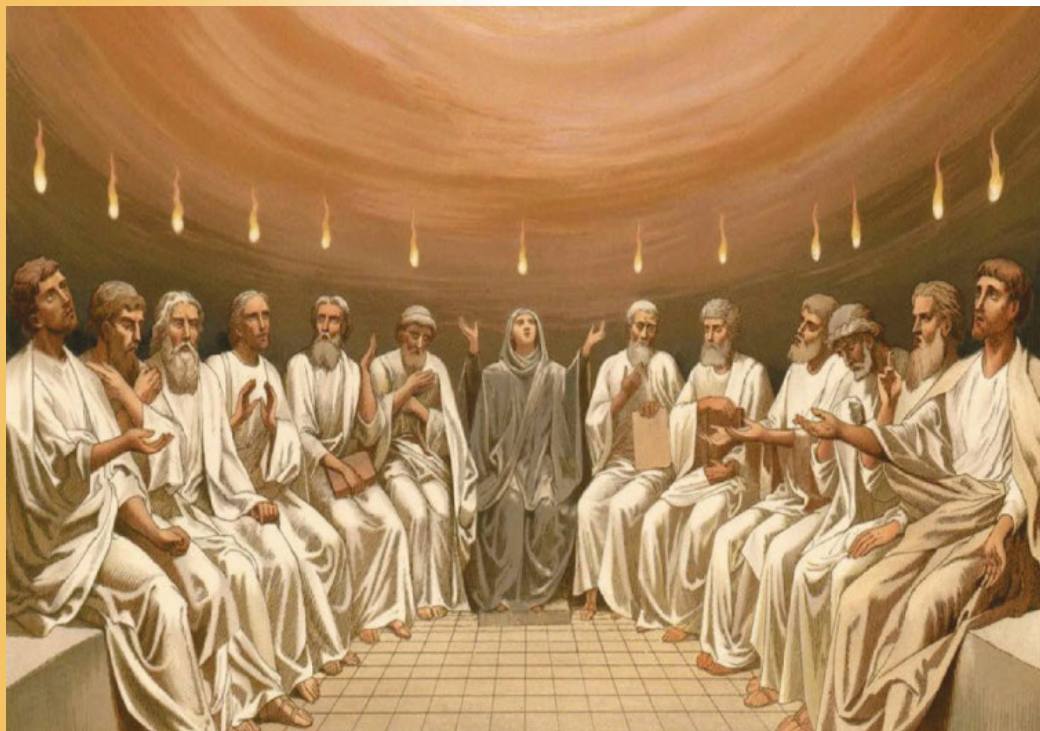
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**JUNE 5**

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# SCHEDULES, EVENTS & DAILY READINGS

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR JUNE 4-12

- 04 Sat:** 5:00 p.m. Peace in Ukraine and the World  
**05 Sun:** 7:30 a.m. Stan Grieshop, Ray & Pauline Holscher  
 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
 11:00 a.m. Gary Daniel/ Charles & Erna Voisard (60th Wedding Anniversary)  
**06 Mon:** 8:15 a.m. Ed Sherman  
**07 Tues:** 8:15 a.m. Harold & Rita McGreevy Family  
 9:00 a.m. Confession (Father Fox)  
**08 Wed:** 5:00 p.m. Confession (Father Hoying)  
 6:15 p.m. Leonard & Winifred Monnin Family  
**09 Thurs:** 8:15 a.m. Chester McKinney  
 3:00 p.m. Confession (Father Fox)  
 7:00 p.m. Confession (Father Fox)  
**10 Fri:** 8:15 a.m. For Vocations  
**11 Sat:** 8:15 a.m. Joyce Lampert (Birthday)  
 9:00 a.m. Confession (Father Vonderhaar)  
 3:30 p.m. Confession (Father Zink)  
 5:00 p.m. Ken & Dory Borchers & Fran MacLean  
**12 Sun:** 7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Vern & Norma Philipot Family  
 9:00 a.m. Robert & Sally Tebbe  
 11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

*When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled...there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. ~From today's 1st Reading*

## MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 11-12

### SERVERS

Weekdays 6/6-6/10: Julius Monnin, Michael Borchers, Lucas Borchers  
 Weekdays 6/13-6/17: Max Mayer, Charlie Peyton, Ignatius Schulze

- 5:00 p.m. Isabella Magoto & Gabriel Fullenkamp  
 7:30 a.m. Sam Prenger & Jordan Meyer  
 9:00 a.m. Ben & Nathan York, Benjamin York (Tim), Zeb & Eli Borchers, Jared Poling  
 11:00 a.m. Michael & Simon Voisard

### LECTORS

- 5:00 p.m. Barb Cordonnier  
 7:30 a.m. Vern Siefing  
 9:00 a.m. Ken York  
 11:00 a.m. Angie Heaton

### DISTRIBUTORS

- 5:00 p.m. Bart Doseck  
 7:30 a.m. Tracy Schulze  
 9:00 a.m. Jana Francis  
 11:00 a.m. Kent Borchers

### COLLECTION COUNTERS

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*Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.  
 ~From today's Psalm*



**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 (June 20) at 8:00 p.m. in the parish office basement.
- Children's Adoration—will resume in the fall.
- Pastoral Advisory Council—does not meet during the summer.
- St. Vincent de Paul Society—2nd Wednesday of the month (June 8) at 7:00 p.m. at the Russia Library.
- Catholic War Veterans—3rd Wednesday of the month (June 15) 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 8:15 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 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23	Pentecost Sunday
<b>Monday:</b>	Gn 3:9-15, 20 Jn 19:25-34	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Kgs 17:7-16 Mt 5:13-16	
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Kgs 18:20-39 Mt 5:17-19	
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Kgs 18:41-46 Mt 5:20-26	St. Ephrem
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16 Mt 5:27-32	
<b>Saturday:</b>	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 Mt 5:33-37	St. Barnabas, Apostle
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Prv 8:22-31 Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15	The Most Holy Trinity

# WHAT DOES FATHER FOX SAY?

***My staff thought the homily I shared this weekend was worth repeating,*** as it's often helpful to revisit something we've heard for further study and to let it sink in a little more deeply. I stressed the fact that Holy Mass is all about getting us to heaven. Since that's a destination we all would like to travel to, let's revisit what I said:

The feast of Ascension is NOT about Jesus leaving us. Rather, it's about where Jesus wants to take us. He goes ahead and, as He said, He prepares a place for us. The Ascension is about heaven; Jesus wants to take us to heaven.

It's the exact same thing with Holy Mass. It is about getting us to heaven. Not everyone really gets this. For one, way too many people take heaven for granted. And if you do that, Mass doesn't really make much sense. It would be like going into court, facing a trial, but there's no chance of a guilty verdict. Then there's no meaning. You could sleep through the whole case. So it is for many people coming to Mass. Since heaven is certain, Mass is a big bore.

Or we come expecting to hear something inspiring. Or our goal is to reflect a little. Or to see friends. A lot of people expect Mass to lift their mood. There's nothing wrong with any of these objectives; but none of these is the point of Mass. Which means, by the way: if these goals don't happen—if you aren't inspired, if you can't have quiet reflection, if you don't see any friendly faces, and you don't come out of church feeling bubbly—that doesn't mean you “didn't get anything out of Mass.” It means, rather, you misunderstood what Mass is actually about.

The Mass is about getting us to heaven. And that, in turn, means you and I must change; and that means, probably—almost certainly—changing in a major way! See? That's why people prefer to think heaven is a lock. Because then they don't need to face the need to change.

What Holy Mass does, just like the Cross, is to confront us. It is like a mirror, showing us our desperate need. And only then is Jesus' offering on the Cross good news! You're drowning! I'm here to save you! Good news! But not if I say, “Who's drowning? I'm not drowning! Cough! Cough!”

The point I'm trying to make here is this: There is something powerful, electric, going on. Something more dramatic than anything you and I can imagine. We might think of a frightening thunderstorm rocking the house. Or the cascade of shocking news, hour upon hour on TV. Or the real suffering of people in our lives. Still, beyond all these very real, very human trials is the greatest drama of all, which is no less real, despite being mostly invisible to us. That is the fate of my soul, and yours, and the souls of humanity.

If you've ever been bored at Mass—and I'll confess and raise my hand—then I'm offering you a remedy. Remind yourself what is at stake, what is actually happening, even though it is, as I said, not visible to us. You can't see Him on the Cross. You can't see Him rising from death. You can't see Him returning to His throne at the center of all things. But let me point out what you do see, and hear, and say. You hear Jesus say, “This is my body, given up for you. This is the chalice of my blood, a new and eternal covenant. This is for you.” In time, He then went to the Cross and offered Himself. And in the mystical realm that embraces all time, this offering is not merely past. It's past, and yet we're present to it; it's still active. Holy Mass is our portal into this reality beyond time.

What you see at Mass is the priest raise up the Body and the Blood—very important: no longer merely bread and wine, but the Son of God! And the priest, and in a way the Son Himself, and in a way we say, “Through Him, with Him, in Him.” This is the offering to the Father. This is what gives us salvation! This is the entirety of our hope! Again, this is hope for us if we will let God change us. This is why receiving Holy Communion without repenting and confession our mortal sins is so awful. It's a sacrilege against this salvation because we're saying in effect, “I don't need to change. God must change.”

Now, we know all that happens at Mass. It's so familiar. But what if we didn't? What if you and I could hear and witness this as if for the first time, as if we didn't know what the outcome would be? Ask God for that grace. And as we recall His Ascension, this is not a “going away” party. Rather, the Great High Priest is bringing the drama of salvation to the next chapter. This isn't about Him going from “here” to “there.” Jesus hasn't really gone anywhere. It's about Him reorienting everything toward heaven. He's there; He's here. And right now is that phase of history in which “here” and “there” slowly become one. That conversion of all things is what you and I must be part of. Thank God, the Holy Spirit is poured into our lives to make it happen! Our task—simple, yet big enough—is to accept that help. Then you and I will be part of that glorious future. That's heaven.

—Father Fox  
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# LIVE YOUR FAITH



**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. The chalice and materials are available for the next several weeks, as well as dates later in the summer. This is a great tool to encourage vocations in your home, as well as to pray for our priests and for more vocations.

**INFORMATIONAL EVENINGS FOR MEN CONSIDERING THE PERMANENT DIACONATE** will be held on Monday, June 6 at St. Michael Church in Fort Loramie and on Wednesday, June 8 at St. Teresa of the Child Jesus in Springfield. Each meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Wives of prospective candidates are encouraged to attend. For more information or to RSVP for one of the meetings, please call Deacon Mark Machuga at (513)263-6641 or email him at [deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org](mailto:deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org).

**INTERESTED IN GOING ON A HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE WITH ARCHBISHOP SCHNURR?** This spiritual journey to the land where Jesus was born, preached, healed, suffered, and rose again will take place from October 17-28. For more information or to register, visit [www.catholiccincypilgrimage.com](http://www.catholiccincypilgrimage.com).

## Pray for our Supreme Court Justices

Let us be dedicated to praying for our U.S. Supreme Court Justices, that they would have the courage to rule with integrity on pending cases involving abortion. Let us pray that they will allow the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts and minds and rule in a way that is pleasing to God. Let us pray in a particular way for each individual justice:

*Clarence Thomas, John Roberts, Samuel Alito, Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan, Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, Amy Coney Barrett, Ketanji Brown Jackson.*

May all the Justices remember that they have been appointed for God's service, and may they rule accordingly.

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



**Universal Intention:** We pray for families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

## CORPUS CHRISTI ~ JUNE 19



On Sunday, June 19, we will celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, which means the "Body and Blood of Christ." We will hold our annual Corpus Christi Procession at noon, directly following the 11:00 Mass. As in years past, students going into grades 3 and 4 are invited to wear their

First Communion attire and participate in the procession in a special way. We also invite students who are going into grades 1-2 to carry flower baskets or miniature banners. Sign up in the binder in the back of church, contact the parish office at (937)526-3437, or email Karen Rosenbeck at [stremydr@roadrunner.com](mailto:stremydr@roadrunner.com) if your child would like to participate. All are encouraged to join in as we walk with Jesus through town, sharing Him with our community as we proclaim our love for Him.

**MARRIED COUPLES CELEBRATING THEIR 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES** in 2022 are invited to attend one of the following Golden Anniversary Masses:

- Saturday, August 13 at 4:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church in Dayton celebrated by Rev. Brian Phelps
- Sunday, August 14 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains in Cincinnati celebrated by Archbishop Dennis Schnurr

If you would like to participate in one of these Masses, please register by completing the online form at <https://www.centerforthenewevangelization.org/marriage-family/resources/wedding-anniversary-certificate-request>.

## Welcome to our Parish!



*Grant Klosterman and Lauren Subler, who will be married here in January, have recently registered at our parish. Please extend a warm St. Remy welcome to them as they worship the Lord with us.*

# LIVE YOUR FAITH

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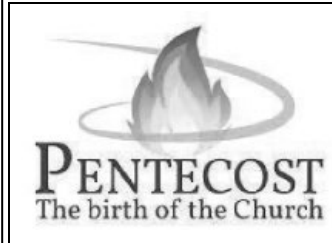
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## From the Deacon's Desk

The following article was written by Deacon Mike Meyer.



Today Christians throughout the world celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost Sunday, considered one of the greatest feasts in the Christian liturgical calendar, comes 50 days after Easter. The Day of Pentecost marked a turning point for the early Christians.

Pentecost was a Jewish feast celebrated 50 days after Passover, and pilgrims had come to Jerusalem from all over the world to celebrate the event. We all know the familiar story of what occurred on that Sunday. The Apostles and the Blessed Mother were gathered in the Upper Room, the same room where Christ had celebrated the Last Supper with them, and the same room where they had seen Christ after His resurrection. Scripture tells us: *And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues of fire, distributed and resting on each of them. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance* (Acts 2:2-4).

Christ promised the Apostles that He would send His Holy Spirit, a gift that they received and realized on Pentecost. After receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Apostles' fear was turned to courage, and they went out to preach the Gospel in all the languages that the Jews who were gathered there spoke. Many were converted and baptized on that day, and the Church was born. Pentecost marks the beginning of the Church. Still today, it is the Spirit who breathes life into the Church and the people of God.

As we celebrate this great feast day, it is a wonderful opportunity to ask ourselves how we are doing in exercising the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Are we spreading the Gospel and continuing the work of Christ within our families, our community, the Church, and throughout the world? Let us use this time to ask God to fill us anew with the Holy Spirit, who will empower and transform us into true disciples whose lives are a loving witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

## Exciting Possibilities

The saints' lives were not dull or boring... They weren't boring because they were filled with joy, hope, trust, and love.

### They were filled with holiness.

A life of holiness is the most exciting life we could possibly live. And that life is available, by the grace of God, for you and for me.

~Quote from  
Jon Leonetti



Catholic  
author & speaker

# RUSSIA COMMUNITY NEWS



**THE GATHERING PLACE**, which meets at the St. Joseph Village Centre, has a nice selection of 300-1,000 piece puzzles. The public is welcome to check them out and return them. The Village Centre is open for exercises on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Puzzles may be selected during this time. For more information about Gathering Place activities, please contact Ellen Heffner at (937)726-0618.

**THE TRAVELING FOOD PANTRY** will be located behind St. Remy Church on Saturday, June 18 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Volunteers and food donations are always welcome. For more information, please call Marie Daugherty at (937)564-6360.



**A CWV CHICKEN FRY** will be held at their hall on Kelch Road on Friday, June 10, beginning at 4:30 p.m. and ending when sold out. All are welcome!

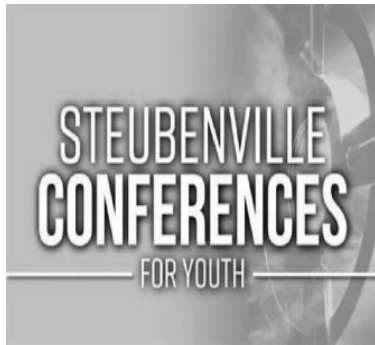
# CCD & YOUTH MINISTRY



## Save the Date for Bible Camp!

Mark your calendar for Bible Camp! It will be held this year from Tuesday, August 9—Friday, August 12.

## Steubenville Youth Conference Updates



If you are registered for the Steubenville Youth Conference that will be held from July 15-17 and haven't already done so, 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 on July 9, 10, and 12. The team consists of 8 young adults. If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please contact Mark Travis at (419)953-0614.

# Life Information For Everyone



## St. Remy Rosary Campaign

Join parishioners and pray a Rosary each day for peace in Ukraine and Russia and throughout the world, for our Supreme Court Justices, and for the conversion of our country!

If you would like to pray with other parishioners, please consider that from now until August 10, the Rosary will be prayed at the Grotto immediately following 6:15 p.m. Mass on Wednesday evenings. The Rosary is also prayed before each Mass.

**“I am the Lady of the Rosary, I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and ask for pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord any more, for He is already too grievously offended by the sins of men. People must say the Rosary. Let them continue saying it every day.”**

**~From the Message of Our Lady of Fatima**

## I Never Knew a Bikini Could Hide So Much

*The following article was written by Kaylin Koslosky and was found at [www.chastity.com](http://www.chastity.com).*



Do you know what’s funny about dressing modestly? It is the hardest thing to start, yet then becomes impossible to stop. My journey with modesty has happened in stages, prompted by questions that I continued to ask myself. These questions came from an internal battle between wanting to fit in and be seen as attractive on the outside, and wanting to find love and be seen as beautiful for who I am on the inside.

One key moment within this journey occurred while lying at a pool sun tanning in my new bikini. I began to simply observe the scene that I was immersed in. Women of all shapes and sizes were walking around or lying out like me in bikinis. I noticed some girls walk by with their arms draped across their stomachs—an insecurity that I immediately related with despite my athletic build. Other young women strutted confidently along the pool edge looking as if they had just stepped off of a runway. It was easy to track the eyes of the men around them as they walked by.

Whether the women walked confidently or insecurely, or somewhere in between, one thing struck me about each of them. Not once in my observations that day had I asked myself, “I wonder what is on her heart today” or “I wonder what her personality is like” or “I wonder what she dreams of doing some day.” Not once. All of my thoughts had been directed towards her swimsuit or her body. As a woman, that may just mean I am wondering where she got her suit or comparing my body to her body, but imagine what that is like for a man! It is hard to look at a woman barely wearing clothes and seek the beauty of her heart when it is the beauty of her body that she is broadcasting, and maybe even hiding behind.

So there I was, realizing all of this and yet laying there in a bikini myself. I knew that if I did catch the eye of a man, which I often thought I wanted, it would never be for any other reason than my body. I mean, how could it? He wouldn’t know me. Something about that left me with an empty feeling. Even just in relation to other women, I realized that a lack of clothing leaves us vulnerable to hurtful comparisons between each other in a world so focused on looks.

As I continued to glance around the pool, my eyes stopped on a beautiful young woman in a one-piece. It was easily noticeable because of the rarity of it. She had a child with her, and her husband sat and laughed beside her as they talked. I was mesmerized. For whatever reason, it was in this little family that I discovered one fundamental truth about modesty that I had been missing:

***You do not veil yourself because you believe you are ugly, you veil yourself because you know that you are beautiful.***

For so long I believed that a one-piece or tankini showed the world that I thought my body was ugly and I needed to hide it. So I stayed away from them at all costs to avoid judgment. However, modesty is not about hiding faults, it is about **veiling beauty**. In veiling her beauty, this young mother allowed me to notice other things about her—her smile, her adorable family, her nurturing heart...and this was all from afar!

Modesty veils physical beauty in a world obsessed with it, in order to reveal the inner beauty that is often overlooked. It prevents lust, harmful comparisons, and insecurity and gives rise to confidence and a greater capacity to love yourself and others by recognizing your own worth without needing the affirmation of each person that sees you. For me, bikinis were just the start. It is hard to turn back once you discover the freedom that modesty brings. Wherever you are at in this journey, ask yourself this: What beauty am I revealing to the world, and is it leading me to the love my heart yearns for? But beware! You may be starting down a path of no return.

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