

# SAINT REMY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 P.M. • Sunday: 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.  
Weekdays: Wednesday at 6:15 P.M., Thursday and Friday at 8:15 A.M.  
First Fridays: 7:00 A.M. during the school year, 8:15 A.M. during the summer  
First Saturdays: 8:15 A.M.

**New Parishioners:** Please register at the rectory office as soon as possible. This allows us to communicate with you about parish business and activities.

**Marriage:** Diocesan guidelines require that you contact a priest at least 6 months in advance of the proposed ceremony. Pre-marriage instructions and NFP classes are required.

**Baptism:** Please make arrangements by calling the rectory office. A Pre-Baptismal Class is required and is offered four times per year. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics.

**Confessions:** Tuesdays: 9:00-9:15 A.M.  
Wednesdays: 5:00-6:10 P.M.  
Thursdays: 3:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M. , 7:00 P.M.-8:20 P.M.  
Saturdays: 3:00-3:45 P.M.  
Sundays: 8:00-8:45 A.M. ~ Check for any change in the schedule on page 1.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Call (937)526-3437 any time, day or night, in case of emergency.

**Blessing for Expectant Mothers:** First Sunday of the month after the 11:00 A.M. Mass.

**Natural Family Planning Info:** Kent and Heather Borchers, (937)451-8363.

**Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration:** Thursdays: 9:00 A.M.-8:30 P.M.,  
with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 8:30 P.M.

**Help for Unplanned Pregnancies:** Connie McEldowney at Rustic Hope, Russia, (937) 526-4336; Elizabeth New Life Center, Sidney, (937)498-4425, [www.elizabethnewlife.org](http://www.elizabethnewlife.org).

**BULLETIN INFORMATION DEADLINE:** Tuesday, 12:00 P.M.

**JUNE 26**

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# SCHEDULES, EVENTS & DAILY READINGS

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR JUNE 25-JULY 3

- 25 Sat:** 5:00 p.m. Nory & Ruth Monnier  
**26 Sun:** 7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
 9:00 a.m. Wayne (Anniv.) & Boots Groff & Bec Berger  
 11:00 a.m. Special Intention  
**27 Mon:** 8:15 a.m. Robert & Florence Schwartz  
**28 Tues:** 8:15 a.m. Rhomane & Rosemary Bulcher (Wed. Ann.)  
 9:00 a.m. Confession (Father Fox)  
**29 Wed:** 5:00 p.m. Confession (Father Fox)  
 6:15 p.m. Ray & Viola Schmidt  
**30 Thurs:** 8:15 a.m. For Vocations  
 3:00 p.m. Confession (Father Fox)  
 7:00 p.m. Confession (Father Fox)  
**01 Fri:** 8:15 a.m. **First Friday**—Frenchy, Joyce, &  
 Dan Goubeaux  
**02 Sat:** 8:15 a.m. **First Saturday**—Living & Deceased  
 Members of the Paul & Erna Voisard Family  
 Wedding: Colleen Gehret & Aaron Kitzmiller  
 3:00 p.m. Confession (ending at 3:45 p.m.)  
4:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of the  
 Robert, Medge, & Danny Richard Family  
**03 Sun:** 8:00 a.m. Confession (ending at 8:45 a.m.)  
 9:00 a.m. Orville & Mary Ritter & Ed Bruns  
 11:00 a.m. Joe, Ruth, & Mike Groff

*You were called for freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for flesh; rather, serve one another through love.*

*~From today's Second Reading*



**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: 3:00—3:45 p.m.  
 Sunday: 8:00—8:45 a.m.

### REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

- Knights of Columbus—3rd Monday of the month (July 18) 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 (July 13) at 7:00 p.m. at the Russia Library.
- Catholic War Veterans—3rd Wednesday of the month (July 20) at 8:00 p.m. at the CWV Hall.
- Patriotic Rosary—will be prayed on the First Friday of the month (July 1) 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.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR THE WEEKEND OF JULY 2-3

### SERVERS

- 4:00 p.m. Gabriel Fullenkamp & Ross Fiessinger  
 9:00 a.m. Zane Shappie, Will & Lucas Borchers,  
 Jonah York, Ben & Nathan York  
 11:00 a.m. Jacob & Eli Schmitmeyer

### LECTORS

- 4:00 p.m. Bill Francis  
 9:00 a.m. Don Borchers  
 11:00 a.m. Ann Delaet

### DISTRIBUTORS

- 4:00 p.m. Nicole Doseck  
 9:00 a.m. Dan Poling  
 11:00 a.m. Kathy Nichols

### USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

- 4:00 p.m. Ron Simon, Matt Shappie, Dan Hoying, Kurtis Black  
 9:00 a.m. Josh Francis, Felix Francis, Adam Wood, Aaron Condon  
 11:00 a.m. Larry Platfoot, AJ Borchers, Pat Burke,  
**VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

### COLLECTION COUNTERS

Bart & Nicole Doseck, Michael Mayer

## READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

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| <b>This Sunday:</b> | 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21<br>Gal 5:1, 13-18<br>Lk 9:51-62 | Thirteenth Sunday<br>in Ordinary Time     |
| <b>Monday:</b>      | Am 2:6-10, 13-16<br>Mt 8:18-22                      | St. Cyril of<br>Alexandria                |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>     | Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12<br>Mt 8:23-27                     | St. Irenaeus                              |
| <b>Wednesday:</b>   | Acts 12:1-11<br>2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18<br>Mt 16:13-19    | Sts. Peter & Paul                         |
| <b>Thursday:</b>    | Am 7:10-17<br>Mt 9:1-8                              | First Martyrs of the<br>Holy Roman Church |
| <b>Friday:</b>      | Am 8:4-6, 9-12<br>Mt 9:9-13                         | St. Junipero Serra                        |
| <b>Saturday:</b>    | Am 9:11-15<br>Mt 9:14-17                            | Blessed Virgin Mary                       |
| <b>Next Sunday:</b> | Is 66:10-14c<br>Gal 6:14-18<br>Lk 10:1-12, 17-20    | Fourteenth Sunday<br>in Ordinary Time     |

# WHAT DOES FATHER FOX SAY?

***This is my last column.*** I will share some personal thoughts here, and I hope even those who don't much read the bulletin will see this.

***Some words for our children and young people.*** If you didn't know, I tried to give you special attention. My pastor, as a boy, seemed awfully intimidating; I never wanted you to see me that way. As a teenager, I never thought about seeking out the priest for any advice; as your priest, I always wanted you to feel safe in approaching me. It can be difficult to see the priest, who became familiar to you, move on. I just want you to know that wherever life takes either of us, I'll always be happy to see you. If you find your way down to Dayton and say hello, that will be a treat for me. And if the opportunity arises in years to come for me to help you, that will be my greatest joy.

***Believe me, Russia is special.*** I remember heading off to college, thinking I was way smarter than I was, and not appreciating what I had. That happens to all of us. Graduates, the wider world has a lot to offer and a lot of attractions, and it can be easy to feel our little village isn't much in comparison. But I can hardly imagine a better place to raise a family than this community.

***Any regrets?*** I regret every time I was impatient or sarcastic in any response, and like any of us, I think of missed opportunities. If there is anyone to whom I owe an apology, I am sorry for not realizing it and not offering that apology. This isn't really the best way, but I ask your forgiveness.

***Unfinished business.*** There were some things I had hoped to pursue, which must now be turned over to others. Before Covid, I was trying to stir us all up to be bolder in sharing our faith. Always remember that sharing our faith isn't a matter of being a theologian or in winning arguments, but in living our faith fully and letting that show. Always ask the Holy Spirit for boldness to speak gracefully when the opportunity arises. Also, I had hoped to launch a schola choir, which would focus on a *cappella* chant. There was definitely interest, but it wasn't easy to find someone who could lead it, and Covid, again, derailed the effort.

***A future altar rail?*** I advised Father Brown of the work done in the past few months on a possible altar rail; a file folder waits for him with all my notes.

***New educational facilities?*** Father Brown is also very aware of the interest in replacing the Parish Center with much improved facilities for religious education, youth programs, and other activities. I did some quiet work on this the past month or so—quiet because we want to let our Russia School pursue it's plans with no confusion caused by a parish project.

***Ongoing projects:*** Parishioners should expect to hear about work on the parking lots. There are some spots needing major attention, and unfortunately, that will cost real money, especially with oil prices soaring. One of the things I'm proud of is trying to keep our facilities in good shape, but that credit goes overwhelmingly to our Pastoral Council, staff members, and volunteers who all do their part.

***Finances are excellent.*** Thanks to your continued generosity, our parish looks to finish the year – ending June 30 – in the black. We were in good shape when I came in 2014, and our balance sheet has improved. The only concern I have is that we do need to see our cemetery fund grow over the next few decades.

***Your faith is the bedrock of our parish.*** It has always been a source of tremendous joy and satisfaction as a priest to be in a community where the faith comes first. You fill our pews and keep me busy in the confessional. You have been such an encouragement to me, all the time. Priests get discouraged and are tempted to cynicism; witnessing your faith and receiving your support and kindness week by week is the best of all medicine. Thank you!

***Jesus said: Be not afraid!*** This time of change tempts us to worry because we don't know what the future holds. But the truth is, we never know the future! In that sense, Beacons of Light changes nothing! Realize that faith in Christ makes us strong and able to withstand anything.

There's not much more for me to say, other than I love you and I thank you. Praised be Jesus Christ, now and forever.

—Father Fox  
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# LIVE YOUR FAITH



The family receiving the **TRAVELING VOCATION CHALICE** this Sunday is Dan and Sally Monnin. The family receiving it the week of July 3 is Tom and Karen Doseck. 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.



**THE KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN INVITE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO THE MARIA STEIN COUNTRYFEST PILGRIMAGE** on Sunday, June 26 at 1:00 p.m. The pilgrimage entails a pedestrian procession from the west parking lot

of St. John Church to the grounds of the Maria Stein Shrine that will include praying the Rosary for peace. The pilgrimage will conclude with a Benediction service on the west patio of the shrine. All are welcome.

**WE ARE IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS TO COUNT COLLECTION** at noon on Sundays. This commitment would involve helping for roughly 45 minutes once every 5 weeks. If you would like to help or get more details, please call the parish office at (937)526-3437.



**THE NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS** will be held on Saturday, July 9 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the St. Joseph Village Centre. The next opportunity to take the class will be in October. Parents are required to attend a class before the Baptism of their child. Call Steven and Regina Schulze at (937)638-3642 to register or for more information.

*Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine.*

**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.

**MASS ON JULY 4**



As of July 1, we will not be having Mass at St. Remy on Mondays. However, Father James Reutter has graciously agreed to celebrate Mass here on Monday, July 4 at 8:15 a.m.; the conversion of our country and peace in the world is the intention. We thank Father in advance for his generosity!



Just a reminder that this Friday, July 1, is **FIRST FRIDAY**. Please note that First Friday Mass during the summer begins at **8:15 a.m.** To honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus, please make an effort to attend Mass on this day if your schedule permits.



**EVERY FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**, St. Remy's has a prayer vigil in Church. Please prayerfully consider participating as we implore God's mercy upon our families, our parish, our country, and the world. Feel free to come at any point

throughout the vigil. The schedule is as follows:

- 6:00 p.m. ~ Scriptural Rosary
- 7:45 p.m. ~ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with communal prayer of the Nine Offices of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 12:00 a.m. ~ Office of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 7:45 a.m. ~ Benediction
- 8:15 a.m. ~ Holy Mass in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (First Saturday)

**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.

Groups leading the Rosary at the Grotto for the next few Wednesday evenings are:  
Nurturing Network Mothers Club on June 29,  
and our High School Leadership Team on July 6.

**"Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world." ~Pope Blessed Pius IX**

# LIVE YOUR FAITH

## Bulletin Sponsor of the Week

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This week's featured sponsor is **KAUP PHARMACY.**

Located at 42 W. Main St. in Versailles, they can assist you with a full range of medical needs, including prescription refills, lift chairs, walking aids, wheelchairs, respiratory assistance, and even pumps for nursing mothers. Contact them at (937)526-3337 today to see how they can help you and your family!

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.



**ST. REMY'S IS HIRING A DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY.** This is a full-time position. The applicant must be Catholic and be able to demonstrate a grasp of Catholic theology and spirituality, and also have experience in supervision. He/she must either have catechetical/theological training or be prepared to pursue it. Responsibilities will include organizing and leading faith-centered activities

for youth (grades 7-12) and college age parishioners, helping with adult faith formation, and being responsible for compliance with child-protection requirements. The youth minister will report to the pastor, but will also work with staff and volunteers. He/she must be a self-starter, creative, and well organized. **We are also hiring a Director of Religious Education.** This position is part-time and involves directing the Catholic education of students in grades K-12. The same qualifications for an applicant for the youth ministry position apply. Submit a resume with letter of introduction and references to Pastor, 108 E. Main Street, Russia, Ohio, 45363. The deadline is July 15.

**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>.

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

## Message from Father Ethan Hoying



I want to offer my sincere thanks to the parishioners of St. Remy's for the role that many of you played in making my priestly ordination, Solemn First Mass of Thanksgiving, and open house reception very special for me. Please know of my deepest appreciation and gratitude. In particular, I want to say a huge thank you to my parents and family who planned and put in the work for my open house. Thank you also to all those who participated in my Ordination Mass, my First Mass, or honored me with your presence at my open house. To all those who sent cards and gifts to me, I am humbled by your love and support. I also want to thank Father Fox for his patience, guidance, wisdom, and courageous example throughout these years.

Chiefly, I offer my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you who form a part of the St. Remy Family! I intentionally use the world family, for I think this is what best describes a parish, and in particular, our parish. Families are for growing up in, going away from, and for coming back to. Thank you for the many prayers and sacrifices, known only to God, which were offered on my behalf. I could not ask for more.

If I am honest, my time at St. Remy's has been some of the most growth-filled and fruitful time of my entire life, and even of my seminary experience, of which many of you played a unique and indispensable role. I wish I could thank each and every one of you personally. I will certainly miss my St. Remy Family, but I can't wait for that time when our Blessed Lord will draw me back to all of you in our heavenly homeland.

For me, St. Remy's has been and will continue to be a place of undaunted hope. A hope which demonstrates that no matter how the darkness of the world might grow around her, the Cross at the center of this parish church will always stand out as our beacon of light. In this hope, it is easy to see that the future of St. Remy, like that of the whole of Holy Mother Church, will be well provided for. I know this because it is the throngs of the faithful who show, by their prayer and witness, that it is Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament which is the beating heart of this parish and this family.

In addition to my gratitude, please know and trust in my ongoing prayers for each of you, for our families, and for our God-given mission—especially as I approach the altar and offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. If I may, I humbly ask that you continue to pray for me. Through the intercession of St. Remy, and according to the Divine favor, may this parish be imbued with the spirit of charity and given the graces which she implores. May the Most Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ bless you abundantly.

~Father Ethan Hoying

# 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.

## Don't Forget to Register for Totus Tuus Summer Camp!



Totus Tuus means “Totally Yours.” This camp will be held right here in Russia at the school for grades 1-6 and 7-12! The program for grades 1-6 will run from Monday, July 11—Friday, July 15 from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Elementary students will need to bring a lunch along with them. The fee for elementary students is \$25 each. The program for grades 7-12 will go from Sunday, July 10—Thursday, July 14 from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. There is NO COST for the junior high and high school students! **All students must submit a registration form as soon as possible.** Forms can be found on the St. Remy’s Facebook page and on the table in the back of church.

## Help Needed for Totus Tuus Camp!



Are you interested in helping with registration or lunch duty at Totus Tuus Camp from July 11-15? You can volunteer to help out with registration from 8:45-9:15 a.m., or to assist with serving lunch and cleaning up tables from 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Teacher aides are also needed in the classrooms – there will be no need to give instruction, but just to be available to assist the missionaries with classroom management. Feel free to sign up for as many or as few days as your schedule allows by contacting Gina Hoying at (937)418-2455. Thank you in advance for your generous assistance!

## 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.

Take time this summer to get to know God better than you did yesterday, to love Him more than you did yesterday, to serve Him better than you did yesterday. Visit Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration, read a spiritual book, set up a daily prayer time to say the Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet. Do your part to make this summer a fruitful and blessed time!

## Message from our New Pastor, Father Ned Brown, Concerning Beacons of Light



This new assignment of the North West Region 5 Family of Parishes promises to be my most challenging assignment to date. It will expose and exasperate my own human weaknesses and shortcomings, which I ask you to handle with patience. I already anticipate many of the decisions that need to be made might affect negatively upon one parish over another, as I may be asking of them a sacrifice they do not want to accept or offer, while seemingly favoring the other. I am well aware, and hopefully you are too, that the future is full of many uncertainties, contradictions, and difficult, heart-wrenching decisions concerning our faith and our relationships amongst our own families and communities.

The national cultural atmosphere is of no help either, as it is at best caustic and detrimental to accomplishing the work of evangelization, true reform, and conversion of heart to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This culture, it must be admitted, even affects our remote and hidden location, and it wants us to shed the Christian and Catholic Faith and embrace secularism and relativism as its guide and truth. Amidst these headwinds, the diocese has embarked on a pastoral response called “the Beacons of Light.” It hopes to resolve issues swirling around the reallocation of a diminishing resource of our pastors and priests serving in our Archdiocese, with the hopes of revitalizing parish life and ministries with a greater commitment to the Faith and perennial teachings of the Church.

North West Region 5 is a part of a diocesan level restructuring of the diocesan parishes from what was based around parish life of one particular community to a family of churches making up one canonical parish from various communities. We are being asked to choose our faith over our communities and embrace a larger community of fellow believers in the Catholic Faith. Despite all of these challenges and so many more unmentioned, the work in the vineyard of the Lord remains. “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Mt 28:18-20). I anticipate this will require more commitment to the faith, not less, more authentic committed leaders, not less, if we are to fulfill the work the Lord has begun in us when we were first baptized.

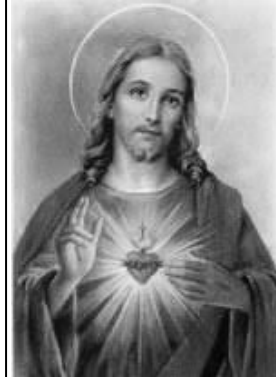
I have always lived by the motto, “Leave it better than what you found it.” In as much as I am able, I intend to do just that for the churches of the NW-5 Family of Parishes. Many answers I am seeking, for all of this has not yet been revealed to me, neither by my superiors nor in my own thoughts about this initiative we have been thrust into. I ask you to pray for me and my brother priests so that we are faithful to an interior prayer life. I find this easily forgotten aspect to be an important key to effectively lead this community through this and have us all be stronger in our faith and service to the Lord on the other side.

Much more could be said and should be said, but it will have to wait until another opportune time. There is only so much we all can digest and process at one time anyway, and I intend to respect that dynamic. As you probably noticed, I wrote this introduction slowly. It’s because I know you can’t read fast. Just kidding. Really and honestly though, one of my crosses in life is I hate to write out things. A weekly update in the bulletin would be a crucifixion for me, so I don’t promise I will do that, but I will write in the bulletin a lot more than I have in the past and much more than I would like to. It’s that pesky “pick up your cross and follow me” line in the Gospel only that impels me. In saying this, I am saying this process and venture will all require a lot of virtue from all of us if we are to be found faithful followers of our Lord Jesus Christ. If we do it in and for the Lord, we are not promised we will like it and all will be easy. He promises it will be fruitful for eternal life, and much of the fruit will be kept hidden from us in order to preserve us in His grace and mercy. God bless!

Your friend and future Pastor in Christ,  
*Father Ned Brown*

## *Finding our Measure in the Heart of Christ*

*The following article, written by Servant of God Ida Peterfy, was found in the June edition of Magnificat daily devotional.*



To be present to someone is more than just to be physically present; it is *to feel with, to think with, to move with that person. It is inspired by love.* When you love you feel something, but that feeling

bursts into action, and into words and gifts.

If that would be all there is to love, how long would that love last? Not very long. Even if we love someone very much, we are human, so what happens? There are misunderstandings, disagreements, e.g., “You let me down,” “You didn’t do...” There are difficulties. Is it strange that if you really love, you will go through sufferings and difficulties? No, it is not strange; it is part of love.

I would like you to know Someone I love very much. The One I love has a Sacred Heart. Sacred means “holy,” which is a word for “good,” a goodness we find in God alone...You cannot love someone you do not know. You get to know a person because you make an effort to know them; then the person begins to reveal himself to you. This is what is so fantastic about God; as soon as you start learning about him, getting in contact with him, your whole life changes. Why? Because all of a sudden you see how much He loves you and how much you mean to Him. If you talk about the holy heart of a person, you are not talking about a “thing” but about the person who is doing many good things because he or she has a very good heart. Look at the loving Christ who has a Sacred Heart. See the Person of our Lord—how good, loving, and accepting He is, how much He is dying to save us, how much He wants us to be united to Him.

~Servant of God Ida Peterfy

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