

# THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

ST. REMY CATHOLIC CHURCH—MAY 19, 2024



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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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# SCHEDULES, EVENTS & DAILY READINGS

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR MAY 18-26

**18 Sat:** 4:00 p.m. Sherry Swartz & Karen Coverstone  
**19 Sun:** 9:00 a.m. RACK Intentions  
           11:00 a.m. **Baccalaureate Mass**—Russia High School Class of 2024  
**22 Wed:** 11:15 a.m. Dave Borchers (Birthday)  
**23 Thurs:** 8:15 a.m. For Vocations  
           3:00 p.m. Confession (ending at 4:00 p.m.)  
**1:50 p.m.** **Children's Eucharistic Adoration & Last Day of School Party** (concluding at 3:30)  
           7:00 p.m. Confession (ending at 8:20 p.m.)  
**24 Fri:** 8:15 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Joe & Arline Brody Family  
**25 Sat:** Wedding: Kevin Drees & Rana Edwards  
           3:00 p.m. Confession (ending at 3:45 p.m.)  
           4:00 p.m.\* Henry & Mary Margaret Fullenkamp & Elton Pleiman  
**26 Sun:** 8:00 a.m. Confession (ending at 8:45 a.m.)  
           9:00 a.m.\* Harry Phlipot (Birthday)/Living & Deceased Members of the Vern & Norma Phlipot Fam.  
           11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Charles & Emma Monnin Family

\*4:00 p.m. Masses on Saturdays at St. Remy are celebrated "Versus Populum" (with the priest facing the people). All other Masses are celebrated "Ad Orientem" (with the priest facing the Lord in the tabernacle). Incense will be used at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Masses.



**EUCARISTIC 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

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 (May 20) at 8:00 p.m. in the parish office basement.
- Children's Adoration—adoration and last day of school party from 1:50-3:30 p.m. this week.
- Parish Council—the date for the next meeting has been changed to Wednesday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory basement.
- Catholic War Veterans—3rd Wednesday of the month (June 19) at 8:00 p.m. at the CWV Hall.
- Patriotic Rosary—will be prayed on the First Friday of the month (June 7) 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 MAY 25-26

### SERVERS

4:00 p.m. Gabriel Fullenkamp, Max Mayer, Sheldon Pohlman  
 9:00 a.m. Samuel & Francis Phlipot,  
           Jacob, Anthony, Benjamin, & Damian Caldwell  
 11:00 a.m. Jude & Leo Counts, Jayden Gaerke

### LECTORS

4:00 p.m. Barb Cordonnier  
 9:00 a.m. Don Borchers  
 11:00 a.m. Henry Cordonnier

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

4:00 p.m. Carrie Heuing  
 9:00 a.m. Deacon Meyer  
 11:00 a.m. Josh Pleiman

### USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

4:00 p.m. John Grogean, Don Cordonnier, Jeff Monnin,  
           John Magoto  
 9:00 a.m. Joe Timmerman, Craig Borchers, Mark Hoying,  
           Mark Harris  
 11:00 a.m. Eric Voisard, Rodney Counts, Mike Stueve,  
           VOLUNTEER NEEDED

### COLLECTION COUNTERS

Scott/Rachel Phlipot, Rob Hightower,  
           Dane/Rachel Borchers

## 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>	Jas 4:1-10 Mk 9:30-37	St. Christopher Magallanes & Com.
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Jas 4:13-17 Mk 9:38-40	St. Rita of Cascia
<b>Thursday:</b>	Jas 5:1-6 Mk 9:41-50	
<b>Friday:</b>	Jas 5:9-12 Mk 10:1-12	
<b>Saturday:</b>	Jas 5:13-20 Mk 10:13-16	St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII, St. Mary Mag. de Pazzi
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Dt 4:32-34, 39-40 Rom 8:14-17 Mt 28:16-20	The Most Holy Trinity

# Thank God for Our Priests!

Some of the information below was taken from articles written by Philip Kosloski and found at [www.aleteia.org](http://www.aleteia.org).

**Mental exhaustion.** According to recent studies, a great number of priests quit each year. They don't quit because they have a lack of faith in God. They don't quit because they don't believe in the calling God has placed on their life. Most don't even quit because of financial reasons. Priests quit because they are overwhelmed with mental exhaustion. Until you're a priest, you'll never fully understand what it's like to carry spiritual burdens for people. Getting up in the middle of the night, praying for your family of faith. Awakened in the middle of the night with someone on your heart. Overwhelmed with concern by a person's absence or distance. Your mind continually occupied with the presentation of the upcoming Sunday message—how to preach it, what to teach on, how to apply it. Getting critiqued on a continual basis. Being told you need to do better or that some areas of the church simply need to be better.

**Investing his whole life.** A priest invests his whole life into people, and yet people will turn their backs on their pastor at the first sign of a storm, usually without a conversation. Priests stand in the middle of disputes. Priests stand in the middle of gossip. Priests counsel broken marriages. Priests comfort those who have suffered loss. Priests navigate the waters of imperfect people, with a desire to see each one thrive in their faith. They long for spiritual breakthroughs. Our priests crave the very best for each of us. All of this, while trying to battle their own flesh and grow in their own relationship with God. Priests see the posts. Priests hear the whispers. Priests endure the negativity. Priests are continually caring for the sheep while fending off the wolves. Priests pour out and pour out—rarely being poured into.

**Encouraging our priests.** What keeps a priest going? YOU! You—the person who is genuinely hungry. You—the person who worships with passion and freedom. You—the teenager who is striving to be a follower of Jesus. You—the single mom who understands the beauty of the hope found in Christ. You—the one who walks through the door for the first time because you're in search of peace, hope, and community.

**Praying for priests.** Pray for your priests. Serve with your priests. Talk with your priests. Encourage your priests. They are human. They need you more than you think! Satan hates priests. Of course he would hate the men who are acting “in persona Christi”—in the person of Christ—the men who bring Christ's physical presence into the world in the Eucharist. That is why priests are constantly under spiritual attack. Aware of this, St. Faustina interceded on their behalf with the following prayer:

*Lord, give us holy priests; You yourself maintain their holiness. O Divine and Great High Priest, may the power of Your mercy accompany them everywhere and protect them from the devil's traps and snares, which are continually being set for the souls of priests. May the power of Your mercy, O Lord, shatter and bring to naught [nonexistence] all that might tarnish the sanctity of priests, for You can do all things.*

During her life on earth, Mother Teresa prayed for many people, but especially for priests. She knew the temptations they underwent and the many difficulties they struggled with. This is her prayer for priests:

*Mary, Mother of Jesus, throw your mantle of purity over our priests. Protect them, guide them, and keep them in your heart. Be a mother to them, especially in times of discouragement and loneliness. Love them and keep them belonging completely to Jesus. Like Jesus, they, too, are your sons, so keep their hearts pure and virginal. Keep their minds filled with Jesus, and put Jesus always on their lips so that He is the One they offer to sinners and to all they meet. Mary, Mother of Jesus, be their mother, loving them and bringing them joy. Take special care of sick and dying priests, and the ones most tempted. Remember how they spent their youth and old age, their entire lives serving and giving all to Jesus. Mary, bless them and keep a special place for them in your heart. Give them a piece of your heart, so beautiful and pure and immaculate, so full of love and humility, so that they, too, can grow in the likeness of Christ. Dear Mary, make them humble like you, and holy like Jesus.*

**A healthy perspective.** Cut these prayers out and post them on your refrigerator. Pray them with your family before or after meals or at bedtime. During a time when priests are criticized so publicly in so many arenas—the news, social media, public conversations—be the one who defends your priest. Be the one who tries to make your priest's job easier. Be the one who reminds people that priests are human beings just like you and me, with strengths and weaknesses. Talk to your priest and try to see things from his perspective. Just as children don't always “like” their parents, who only want what is best for their children, so people won't always like the decisions that are made by their priest. Keeping in mind that our priests want what is best for us—our salvation—will help us to have a healthy perspective.

**More holy shepherds.** Our priests are loaded with heavy burdens in this time when there are so few men committing to be priests. They spread themselves very thin trying to be the shepherd of so many people. We have long been praying for more holy priests. But when people criticize priests so frequently and so publicly, why would we expect young men to choose the life of a priest? Would we want our own sons to sign up for such ridicule? Let's give our priests the respect and support that they deserve. As we do, we will grow in virtue. As we grow in virtue, our families will become holy. And the family is where vocations are born. So let us pray for our priests. And let us pray for more holy priests. And let us pray for our souls and our families to be virtuous and holy, resulting in more holy shepherds to lead us to Heaven.

# LIVE YOUR FAITH



Receiving the **TRAVELING VOCATION CHALICE** to display in their home this Sunday is the Greg and Rose Pleiman family. Receiving it the week of May 26 is the Justin and Megan Aselage family. Please pick up the chalice from the area inside the door to the parish office after Mass on Sunday, and return it to the same place the following Friday.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT FATHER REUTTER WILL BE CELEBRATING MASS AT ST. REMY AT 8:15 A.M. ON MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 27.**

**“TASTE OF THE SHRINE”** will be held at the Maria Stein Shrine on Thursday, May 23 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Enjoy the historical beauty and charm of the shrine while sampling some of the finest food and drink crafted in God’s country! Visit [mariasteinshrine.org/taste-of-the-shrine](http://mariasteinshrine.org/taste-of-the-shrine) to order tickets today!



### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE ASKED TO BE A SPONSOR FOR SOMEONE’S BAPTISM OR CONFIRMATION?

This is an honor, but so much more. Whether for Baptism or Confirmation, being a sponsor means that you are promising to assist in raising this person in the Catholic Faith and helping him or her to grow in it. It means that you are agreeing to be the light of Christ to them and to help them be fully immersed in the teachings of the Holy Catholic Church, which was established by Jesus Himself. In order to fulfill that responsibility, the sponsor needs to be a “practicing Catholic.” This means that prayer, Scripture, the sacraments, and especially the Mass are important priorities in his or her life, as indicated by participation at Mass every weekend and frequent reception of the sacraments. This also means that a sponsor needs to be at least 16 years of age and a fully initiated Catholic who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation, and, if married, was married in the Catholic Church. If you are someone who is not fully initiated into the Church, please contact the parish office about the RCIA process, and we can help you to make this happen.



**THE MONTHLY 70ish AND OLDER LUNCH** will be held on Tuesday, May 21 at 11:30 a.m. at the St. Joseph Village Centre. Don’t miss the great food and the uplifting fellowship!

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



We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual, and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

### Message from Son of the Parish Father Ethan Hoying



*In the bulletin over the past few weeks, you hopefully have seen an advertisement for “Ember Day.” This is a one-day discernment camp/retreat for young men hosted by our seminarians. The day will include prayer, sports, activities, and food. I myself will be there, too!*

I highly, highly, highly encourage you to seriously consider attending! In fact, I firmly believe that every single young man should attend. Growing up, I thought that God always EXPLICITLY told a young man if He wanted him to become a priest. I myself was open to the idea of being a priest, but I never really felt called, and I certainly never heard God speaking to me. In fact, I wanted to get married and have a family! So then how did I become a priest? Because I didn’t want to look back later on in life always wondering what might have been. So I entered seminary after high school. And to make a long story short, in seminary I had the TIME and TOOLS to discern what God wanted for me.

“Ember Day” was designed exactly for that purpose. It was designed to give you the time and tools to help you figure out your vocation because: 1) God will reveal your vocation to you, but you have to first give Him the chance, and 2) He rarely shouts, but always whispers. We need the tools to hear His voice...To discern means “to separate apart.” To discern means to separate yourself away from the world, to take a step back, to hit the pause button in the midst of the busyness of life, and simply connect with God. Ember Day gives you the time and the tools to do just that.

Lastly, let me assure you that attending Ember Day does NOT mean that you have signed up for seminary! It’s simply a day to hang out with seminarians and recognize that they aren’t much different from you—they like hunting, sports, pizza, and movies, etc. The only difference is that they have courageously asked the question, “What will make me truly happy in life?” and have recognized that it is the same as asking, “What does God want me to do with my life?” Please email me at [fr.hoying@gmail.com](mailto:fr.hoying@gmail.com) or go to <https://catholicaoc.org/vocations> to sign up or for more information.

-Father Hoying

**DETAILS ABOUT EMBER DAY:** This event will be held on Saturday, June 8 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in McCartyville from 8:30-1:30, as well as on Friday, June 7 at Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary in Cincinnati from 8:30-3:00. It is for men who are graduating from high school in 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027. **If you know a high school gentleman, please make him aware of this exciting opportunity.** Registration information can be found in the message from Father Hoying above.



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

# LIVE YOUR FAITH

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Please call on these businesses when you are looking for products and services.

**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 2024

May 12:	\$3,208
Weekly "bill pay" collection:	\$1,765
Catholic Relief Services (additional donation):	\$20
Average weekly "online giving" collection:	\$2,160
7/1/23-4/30/24 Sunday offerings budgeted:	\$355,520
7/1/23-4/30/24 Sunday offerings collected:	\$357,119

*If you would like to make your offerings online, please consider "bill pay" through your bank (which is free to use and involves no fees for the church), or go to [stremychurch.com](http://stremychurch.com) and click on "Online Giving" (in which the church pays transaction fees).*

Thank you for your generosity!

## From the Deacon's Desk

*The following article was submitted by Deacon Meyer.*

On the 50th day after Jesus' Resurrection, the apostles, Mary, and Jesus' disciples were gathered in the upper room, where they experienced something beyond their imagination. From the sky came a noise like a strong, driving wind. Tongues of fire fell upon all gathered there, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, they were given the gift of tongues, which enabled them to speak in different languages to the diverse groups of people in Jerusalem. This is what Jesus had promised them, and suddenly they understood.

After receiving the Holy Spirit, the disciples went out into the community of Jerusalem and boldly proclaimed the Gospel to all. The inhabitants of Jerusalem were shocked and confused. Some scoffed at the disciples and accused them of being drunk. Some, however, quickly came to believe. Peter stood up and gave a stirring, powerful sermon that presented the whole mystery of salvation. He spoke of Jesus as "the Savior" and told about the need to repent and be baptized. Acts 2:41 tells us, "Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day." The new followers devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and to the celebration of the Eucharist. A strong Christian community was formed in Jerusalem.

The coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost denotes the birth of the Church. The Holy Spirit's mission is to form the Church and empower each baptized member of Christ's body to fulfill his or her specific duty. Some are to preach, some are to care for the poor, some are called to shed their blood for their faith, and others are to be sent to other towns and villages. The scattering of the community of the believers in Jerusalem was clearly permitted by the Holy Spirit as a way of expanding the Church beyond Jerusalem. Today, the grace of the Holy Spirit is first given at Baptism and perfected in Confirmation. Each baptized and confirmed member of the Church has the potential to fully realize these graces, grow in holiness, and fulfill their divine mission. As we celebrate Pentecost today, let us call upon the Holy Spirit to help us to open ourselves more fully to God's will for us so that we would become a more holy and active member of His Body, the Church.

# RUSSIA COMMUNITY NEWS

**THE GATHERING PLACE QUILTING LADIES** are having a quilt raffle for our CWV veterans. All are welcome to support our veterans, who have sacrificed so much for our country. Tickets are one for \$1 or six for \$5; the drawing will be held on June 11. Please contact one of the following ladies to purchase your tickets: Marilyn Sherman, Trudy York, Betty York, Diane Grillot, Mary Ann Bohman, Wanda Monnin, Carolyn Francis, Rosie Pierron, Ellen Heffner, or Marilyn Monnin. For more information, please contact Marilyn Monnin at (937)205-6524.



**CWV MEMBERS AND VETERANS** are requested to gather behind the church at 8:00 a.m. on Memorial Day, May 27, for the flag raising. All are encouraged to participate in the 8:15 a.m. Mass, then proceed to the cemetery to salute our dead. Brunch will follow at the CWV Hall for members, social members, widows of deceased members, and a guest.

# CCD & YOUTH MINISTRY

## CHILDREN'S EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND LAST DAY OF SCHOOL PARTY!



All children in grades K-6 are invited to join us for a last day of school party on Thursday, May 23. Please meet in the school commons at 1:50, when school leaves out. From there, we will walk to the church lawn for an ice cream party with Father Reutter, followed by outdoor games (indoors if raining) 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 for Adoration before, don't miss out on this fun, faith-filled afternoon! Please pick children up at 3:30.

## We Need Religion Teachers for the 2023-2024 School Year

In anticipation of the next school year, we are seeking teachers for the following grades:

First grade on Wednesday afternoons from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

Second grade on Wednesday afternoons from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

Fourth grade on Wednesday afternoons from 1:05 p.m.-2:05 p.m.

Theology of the Body for junior high and high school girls on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

It's not too early to consider if God is calling you to fill one of these roles! Please contact Samantha Hightower for more information at (937)526-3437 or shightower@nvv.church. Thank you for your consideration!

## First Communicants in the Corpus Christi Procession



All second graders who made their First Communion this spring are invited to participate in the Corpus Christi Procession in a special way on Sunday, June 2, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Girls will be dropping flower petals along the route, and boys will be carrying small Eucharistic banners. Please dress in your First Communion attire. Students were given a permission form during religion class. Those who wish to participate are asked to return this form to the parish office, email Samantha Hightower at shightower@nvv.church, or call her at the parish office at (937)526-3437.

## Sign up for Gentlemen's Hiking Trips by May 22



West Gardner and Father Reutter will be taking two hiking trips with our high school gentlemen. The first one is for guys currently in grades 9 and 10 (class of 2026 and 2027) from June 28-30. The second is for guys currently in grades 11 and 12 (class of 2024 and 2025) from July 17-19. Those who are interested are asked to access the QR code shown here, or contact West Gardner at (801)696-0065. The deadline to sign up is this Wednesday, May 22.



## Save the date for Bible Camp: August 5-8

## ***Mothers & Priests: Giving Ourselves to Others***

*The following information was taken from an article written by Katie Sciba for The Catholic Telegraph.*

I remember the moment I realized my mother was a person. It's a strange thing to say, but prior to my twenties, my mom more closely resembled a resource. I could turn to her with my needs, confident she would have the solution. As a mother, she gave; and as her child, I took. When the light bulb turned on, I recognized a depth to my mom of which I had been totally unaware. I stopped looking at her as a well of provision and saw instead my sister in Christ, with emotions, thoughts, and needs unique to her.

It was impossible to fully appreciate the sacrifice my mom exerted until I was a mother myself. It's a blessing that contributes to who I am and calls me to a depth of love I couldn't previously comprehend. Still, when the final drip of coffee is downed and the last sock is matched, what remains is a person with spiritual, physical, and emotional needs.

Recently in church, I watched the parish priest slowly make his way across the narthex [vestibule or meeting area]. He took a few strides, then a parishioner stopped him with a question or a hello. Another few steps, then he was blessing a Rosary. His short walk was riddled with halts, and though the finer details were different, it all looked familiar. Another light bulb moment: his life and mine were more alike than not. Think about the priests and moms you know. Do you see the parallels? Our vocations call for putting others ahead of ourselves. We are awakened in the middle of the night—a child has a bad dream, a parishioner needs anointing. We frequently tend to souls. The people we serve come to us when they need something.

Whether we're talking about priesthood or motherhood, it calls for a lot of GIVE. Mothers and priests need fellowship, spiritual rejuvenation, and rest. Our callings consist of pouring ourselves out for the sake of others, who will likely lose sight of our humanity. As a kid, I regarded priests as existing somewhere above mankind but below angels in the hierarchy of creation. It didn't occur to me that a priest might need a break, an extra cup of coffee, or an understanding ear, like I do now as a mom.

Beyond the physical and mental demands, how well priests and mothers reflect the love of God has a significant impact on those we serve. At his ordination, a priest begins acting "in persona Christi," in the person of Christ; he becomes the face of Jesus in his community. Similarly, a mother's love and attention will shape the way her children see God.

It's common and natural for us to interpret God's regard for us according to our experience of our parents. Did your mother provide, but remain emotionally aloof? Was your mother gentle and lovely? These scopes of influence are as deep as they are wide; and since priests and mothers are called to the imitation of Christ in very particular ways, we need Jesus and fervent prayers.

As the Lord has given me a glimpse into the lives of his vicars, I've felt my heart catch on fire for their sake. Consider this a heartfelt invitation to mothers and clergy alike: Let's uphold each other in prayer, begging God to give us hearts like His own so we can love with abundance and lead souls to Heaven.

## ***Please Pray for Our Newest Priests!***

Saturday, May 18 is a very special day for seven young men from our archdiocese, as that is the day of their ordination to the priesthood at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral in Cincinnati. We thank them for the hard work they have put forth during many years of preparation, and we commend them for their commitment to serving God's people for decades to come. Please pray for our newest priests:

***Father Brice Berger***

***(St. Nicholas, Osgood—from our  
Family of Parishes)***

***Father Ben Mersch***

***(who worked here a few summers  
ago as a seminarian)***

***Father Adam Berning***

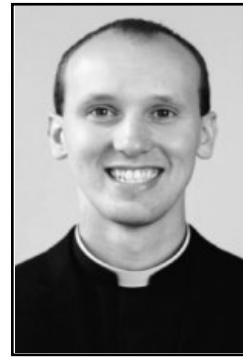
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