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November 24, 2024

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Mass:

Monday, Friday 9:00 A.M. - St. Joseph Parish

Tuesday 8:00 A.M. - Nativity of the BVM Parish

Thursday 7:00 P.M. - St. Joseph Parish

Saturday Vigil 4:00 P.M. - St. Joseph Parish

Saturday 5:30 P.M. - Nativity of the BVM Parish

Sunday 8:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 5:00 P.M. - St. Joseph Parish

The 11:00 A.M. Mass will be livestreamed.

The link can be found on our website: www.stjosephamherst.com

Confession at St. Joseph Parish:

Thursday - Individual Reconciliation 7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Saturday - Individual Reconciliation 11:00 A.M. - Noon

Liturgy Schedule

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25th Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 A.M. Laura Lane (Madeline Zaworski)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26th Mass at Nativity Parish
8:00 A.M. Deceased members of the Duke and Wizner Families (Carol Zellmer)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27th No Mass

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28th **Thanksgiving Day**
9:00 A.M. People of Nativity and St. Joseph Parishes
Mass at Nativity Parish
(No Mass or Confession at St. Joseph Parish)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29th No Mass

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30th
11:00 A.M. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
4:00 P.M. Walter Bonhotel (Larry and Sharon Maloney)
Mass at St. Joseph Parish
5:30 P.M. Margaret Sliman (Patty Sliman Clark)
Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1st Masses at St. Joseph Parish
8:30 A.M. Jane Hunter (Giacobbe Family)
11:00 A.M. Living and deceased members of the Koval Family (Lena Koval and Family)
5:00 P.M. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes

Daily Readings

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25th Weekday; Thirty-fourth or last week in Ordinary Time; Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 Lk 21:1-4

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26th Weekday
Rv 14:14-19 Lk 21:5-11

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27th Weekday
Rv 15:1-4 Lk 21:12-19

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28th Weekday; Thanksgiving Day
Sirach 50:22-24 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 Luke 17: 11-19

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29th Weekday
Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2 Lk 21:29-33

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30th Vigil: First Sunday of Advent
Jer 33:14-16 1 Thes 3:12—4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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Activity Schedule

MONDAY - FRIDAY
Eucharistic Adoration 11:00 A.M. - 10:00 P.M. (NBVM)

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
Faithfully Fit Yoga - Tue. & Thur. 9:30 A.M. (NBVM)
Will not meet on Thanksgiving Day

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24th
5:00 P.M. Holy Ground Youth Group (meet near choir) with fellowship to follow Mass (SJ Social Hall)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25th
No School - Nov. 25 through Nov. 29 Thanksgiving Break
7:00 P.M. OCIA (RCIA) (Nativity Parish Hall)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27th
No PSR Thanksgiving Break
Parish Offices Closed Nov. 27 through Nov. 29
Happy Thanksgiving to all

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish	
Sunday, November 10	\$ 10,521.90
Eoffering	\$ 2,909.03
Total Sunday Offerings	\$ 13,430.93
Other Collections	
Children's Envelopes	\$ 2.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 284.70
Maintenance	\$ 55.00
Hurricane Relief	\$ 100.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 93.00
Advent Flowers and Decorations	\$ 253.00
All Souls	\$ 35.00
All Saints Day	\$ 92.00
Nativity Parish	
Saturday, November 9	\$ 1,365.00
Other Collections	
All Saints	\$ 80.00
All Souls	\$ 25.00

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be held at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish located at 333 S. Lake St., South Amherst at 9:00am.
There will be **no Mass or Confessions** at St. Joseph Parish on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28, 2024.
Also, there will be no Mass on Friday, November 29, 2024 at either parish.

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Men's Group Meeting

Just a reminder that our next meeting on **Tuesday, December 3rd** will be our annual "Mansgiving" potluck dinner. We will then be taking a break for the holiday season and resume meetings in January.

Learn more about the ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND at our parishes



Watch the bulletin for upcoming sessions at St. Joseph Parish and Nativity Parish to learn more about how the Angel Scholarship Fund can benefit our school.

Save the date: December 14/15.

Little Blue Books of Advent

The much awaited Little Blue Books of Advent are now available at both parishes. See the gathering area counter at St. Joseph Church and the back tables at Nativity Parish to get yours today. Cost is \$2.00 and the money can be dropped in the collection basket with the envelope provided. May you enjoy a prayerful and peaceful Advent season.

St. Joseph Giving Tree

Our giving trees will be going up soon! Take a tag from the tree and follow the instructions. All gifts need to be returned no later than December 15th.

If you prefer to shop online, Birthright and Blessing House both have wish lists on Amazon. Simply log onto your Amazon account and under the "Accounts and Lists" tab where you will see "Find a List or Registry," then you can use the search feature to find Blessing House or Birthright.

We are in need of helpers to sort the packages as they come in. To find out how you can be a part of this wonderful opportunity, call Evelyn Caffarel at 440-452-4361.

PLEASE NOTE: When returning gifts to the church, keep the ornament with the item, but *please* do not tie it to the bag handles as this makes it difficult to process and deliver the gifts to the various organizations. Gifts should not be wrapped unless specified to do so on the ornament.



Pew Washing for the Holidays



St. Joseph Sacristans will be washing pews and welcome anyone who would be able and interested in helping us clean the pews before Christmas. Pew washing will be held on

Wednesday, December 4th

at 9:00am

Questions - please contact Sue Cotton at 440-986-1725.

St. Peter Lorain Bus Trip

Once again St. Peter Parish in Lorain is sponsoring a bus trip. This year they will travel to Charleston, SC and Savannah, GA for 7 days and 6 nights, June 8-14, 2025. Cost is \$1,129.00 per person for double occupancy. More information can be found in the flyer located on the gathering area counter at St. Joseph Church. Or you can call Sr. Cordell Kopec for more details at 440-282-2378.

Choral Spectrum Christmas Concert

Choral Spectrum invites you to join us as we celebrate the Christmas Season with our winter concert: "A Merry Choral Spectrum Christmas." This concert will feature heartwarming and festive Christmas music that is sure to put you in the Holiday spirit! Performances are: Friday, December 13 at 7:30 pm at St. Peter Parish in Lorain; Saturday, December 14 at 7:30 pm at Sacred Heart Parish in Oberlin; and Sunday, December 15 at 4:00 pm at St. Mary Parish in Sandusky. The concerts are free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be collected. Choral Spectrum is an auditioned choir under the direction of Anthony Trifiletti.

Visit us at choralspectrum.org for more information!

Monday, December 9 Holy Day of Obligation

This year, December 8 is the Second Sunday of Advent, so the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** is transferred to Monday, December 9. When a Holy Day of Obligation in Advent, Lent, or Easter falls on Sunday and the Solemnity is transferred to Monday, the feast must be observed as a day of obligation on the day to which it is transferred.

Therefore, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, December 9, 2024 is to be observed as a Holy Day of Obligation.

St. Joseph Mass Livestream

To view our 11:00am Mass for the homebound, visit our YouTube channel:



<https://www.youtube.com/@sjandnbvmmmedia8044/streams>

Or you can use the button on our website:

<https://stjosephamherst.com/>

Paid Summer Internship for College Students! Build your resume with The FEST!

The FEST is looking for motivated college interns for a paid internship this summer as we celebrate 25 years and plan and prepare for FEST 2025! If you are an event, marketing, communications, logistics, or theology major and interested in building your resume while getting hands-on, real-life experience creating an event for 40,000 people, apply today. Becca was a first-year intern this past summer and shared, "This job taught me so many new communication skills, brought me closer to God, and it brought me to meet so many amazing people!" Send your resume to Caitlin (Caitlin@theFEST.us) by January 10th to apply!

Retirement Fund for Religious

Aging religious need your help.

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Nativity News

Dinners on the Go

November 26

Pot Roast
Smashed Potatoes
Corn
Rolls/Dessert
Soup: Chicken with Wild Rice

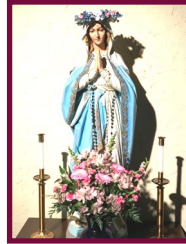
This will be the last meal for 2024. We want to wish a Merry Christmas to all as we take a break for the month of December.

We will resume making meals in January 2025. Keep an eye out on the website and in the bulletin for our 2025 menu.

All meals are \$13.00. Soup is \$4.00 more.
Nativity of the BVM Parish is located at
333 S. Lake Street in
South Amherst.
Drive-thru pick-up only between 5 - 6pm.
Call Lynn Johnson at 440-752-6519 to order!

*Thank you for your support of
NBVM Parish!*

First Friday Rosary



First Friday Rosary will be on
**Friday, December 6th at
Nativity Church at 11:00am.**
Please note that this month there
will be *no refreshments*
following the service.

Altar and Rosary Society

In lieu of our monthly Altar and Rosary Society meeting, we will have a Christmas luncheon for our members. Our next meeting will be February 4th so that everyone can take care of holiday blessings and tasks.

Questions, text Nancy Ann Smith 440-731-2369.

Hospitality Tuesday



NBVM will host Hospitality
Tuesday with refreshments
following the 8:00am Mass on
Tuesday, December 3rd in the Parish Hall.

Giving Tree Nativity



The Giving Tree will be up again at Nativity this Christmas season. Each angel ornament/envelope contains the name and age of a child along with clothing sizes and toy wishes (if available). Feel free to buy a toy and/or clothes for your child and bring your gifts back in Christmas gift bags and be sure to **ATTACH THE ANGEL/ENVELOPE TO YOUR GIFT** so that it can be matched to the correct family and child. We are asking that the gifts be returned **NO LATER THAN SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14th** so that they can be delivered to the families in time for Christmas.

As always, your generosity will go a long way to giving these kids a blessed Christmas. Any questions, contact Diane Kirsch at 440-935-2301.



ALL ARE WELCOME! 7TH - 12TH GRADERS HOLY GROUND YOUTH NIGHTS!

- Meet us by the pews near the choir for 5 o'clock Mass!
- Fellowship & faith formation to follow in the social hall
- Snacks provided
- Closing Prayer 7:30 PM



Quarter Two Dates!

November 24th
December 8th & 15th
January 5th & 19th

***Note 12/15 is our Christmas Party and will go until 8:15!



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St. Joseph School will once again be hosting their annual Kris Kringle Santa Shop. This is an opportunity for SJS students to do some secret shopping to purchase gifts for family and friends.

We are in need of new/gently used donations such as:

**household goods
jewelry
decorations
Christmas items,
books, games, toys,
pet items
baby items, etc.**



We are also in need of Christmas gift bags and tissue paper donations as well.

Donations can be dropped off **BEFORE 12/6** at the school entrance Door A.

November Calendar Raffle Winners

Below is our list to date of the Calendar Raffle winners. Thank you for your participation and congratulations. There are only a few weeks left, good luck to all!!

11/1/24 Martha Ponce \$200, sold by the Ponce family
11/2/24 Carrie Mason \$100, sold by the Mason family
11/3/24 Jeff & Sue Barnes \$100, sold by the Barnes family
11/4/24 Norm Schultz \$250, sold by the Kuhnle family
11/5/24 Keith Kapanke \$100
11/6/24 Lori Youngberg \$200, sold by the Youngberg family
11/7/24 Vanessa Roszak \$100, sold by the Yerkes family
11/8/24 Steve & Diane Medve \$200, sold by the Moran family
11/9/24 Melissa Holbert \$100, sold by the Savage family
11/10/24 Deb Werner \$100, sold by the Hunker family
11/11/24 Sabine Wright \$100, sold by the Kolcun family
11/12/24 Fred Goecker \$100.00, sold by the Pecina family
11/13/24 Beth Strawn \$100.00, sold by the Pecina family
11/14/24 Beth Burrelli \$250.00, sold by the Linell family
11/15/24 John Bonar \$100, sold by the Petro family
11/16/24 Kathy Thompson \$100, sold by the Thompson family
(Donated back to the school!)

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Giving Tuesday- Help us build our STEM Project Fund!

<https://www.wegivecatholic.org/organization/Saint-Joseph-Parish-School>

Consider donating to help us say "yes" to the dreams of our students.

Thanks to past generous donors we've been able to say "yes" to many ideas proposed by our students and staff members, including:

- a bug museum display
- upgraded and replacement supplies for the Design Studio
- online subscriptions for design and build tools, and
- several more projects happening now!

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Saturday, December 7th
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Advent Prayer Opportunity



As we approach the sacred season of Advent, Father Michael Denk would like to invite you to join the **PrayAdvent Prayer Program**, a free program designed to deepen your relationship with Christ.

Program Highlights:

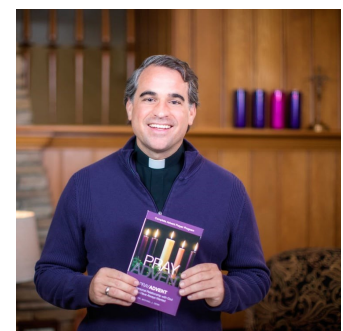
- **Daily Guided Meditations:** Receive daily emails featuring audio recordings where Fr. Michael will personally guide you through a new prayer experience each day of Advent.
- **Weekly Webinars:** During Advent, participate in live webinars every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. EST, which offer deeper insights and interactive discussions.

Important Dates:

- **Registration Deadline:** Please register by **Wednesday, November 27th, midnight EST.**
- **Preparation Days:** Begin on **Thursday, November 28th.**
- **Program Start:** The program officially begins on **Sunday, December 1st.**

To learn more or sign up for this program visit:

<https://www.theprodigalfather.org/pray40days/>



St. Teresa of Avila Church

1878 Abbe Road, Sheffield Village, OH 44054

Monthly Holy Hour for Life



Tuesday: November 26th at 7:00pm

All are invited to come pray before our Lord.

The Holy Hour includes:

- Scripture Reading
- Litanies
- the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Questions? Call the church office at 440-934-4227.

Children's Worship Page



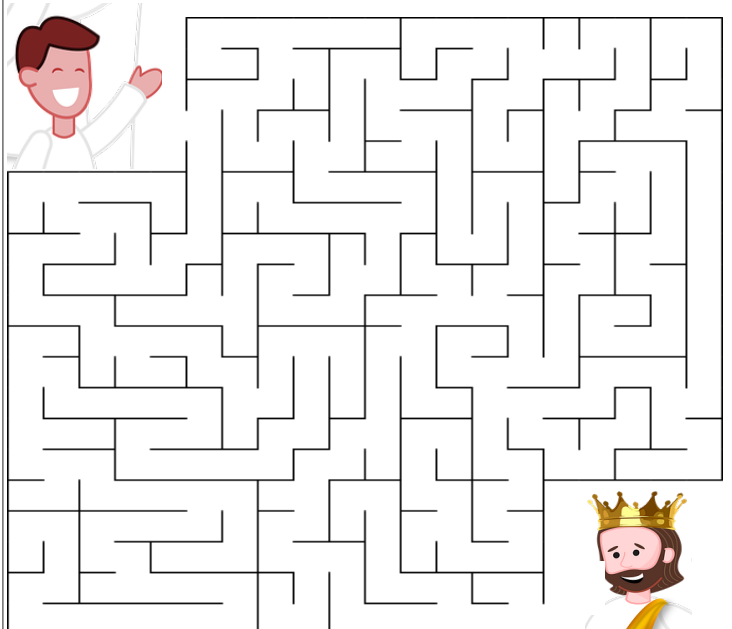
**Thank you God for all that grows,
Thank you for the sky's rainbows,
Thank you for the stars that shine,
Thank you for these friends of mine,
Thank you for the moon and sun,
Thank you God for all you've done!**

This Sunday, we celebrate
*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the
Universe.*

We hear about this in today's
second reading. ~ *Revelation 1:5-8*

Let us remember to give thanks to God for
sending His only Son, Jesus to redeem us.

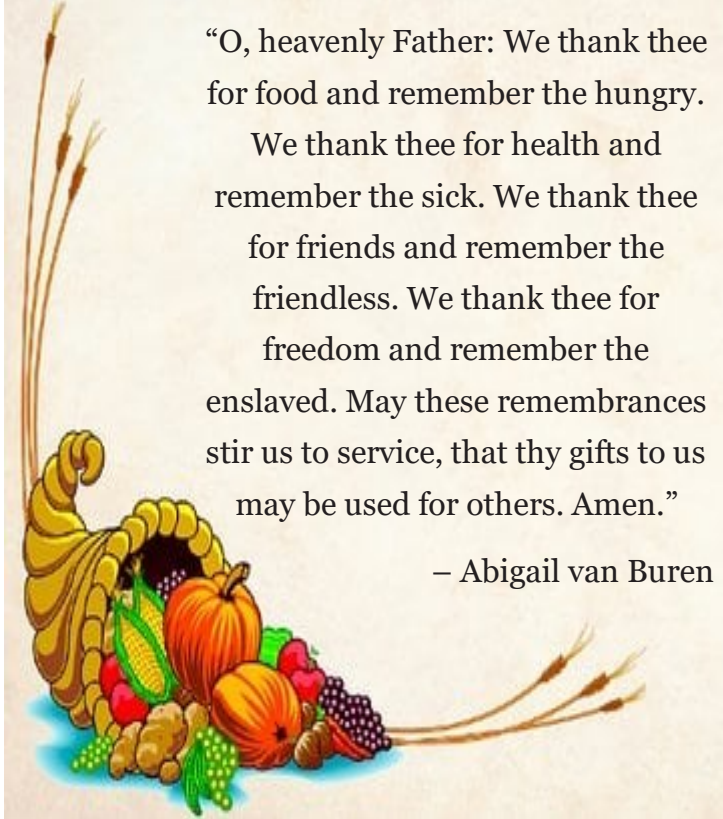
Can you find your way to
Jesus through this maze?



A Thanksgiving Day Prayer:

“O, heavenly Father: We thank thee for food and remember the hungry. We thank thee for health and remember the sick. We thank thee for friends and remember the friendless. We thank thee for freedom and remember the enslaved. May these remembrances stir us to service, that thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.”

– Abigail van Buren



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In the charity of your prayers, we commend to God:

Fr. Neil D. O'Connor;
Deacon Thomas J. Senn;
Michael T. Sierra, brother of Stephanie Sierra

We pray for their families and the families of all our deceased relatives and friends that they may enjoy eternal peace with our Risen Christ.

Let us also remember to pray for those confined to hospitals and nursing homes, the homebound, and their caregivers, our sons and daughters in the military, those dealing with mental illness and addictions, the homeless and those who have no one to pray for them.

Sacred Sisters Meeting Change

The Sacred Sisters prayer group will not be meeting on the following dates:

November 27th, 2024
December 18th, 2024
December 25th, 2024
January 1st, 2025



Our first meeting in the 2025 year will be Wednesday, January 8th at 6:30pm at the Old Stone Evangelical Church Community Center. All ladies of St. Joseph and Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary are welcome.

Reminder to All St. Joseph Lectors

St. Joseph Lectors, please remember to pick up your 2025 practice book from the back sacristy at your convenience.

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

Also, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or via email at response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org



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