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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, FEBRUARY 3<sup>rd</sup> Mass at St. Joseph Parish 9:00 A.M. Mark LaLonde (Therese and Family)

 $TUESDAY, FEBRUARY \ 4^{th} \ Mass \ at \ Nativity \ Parish$ 

8:00 A.M. Poor Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5<sup>th</sup> No Mass

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6<sup>th</sup> Mass at St. Joseph Parish

7:00 P.M. Alfred Frankart (Family)

Confessions to follow Mass until 8:30 P.M.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7<sup>th</sup> Mass at St. Joseph Parish

9:00 A.M. Lucille Ksenich (Family)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8th

11:00 A.M. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish 4:00 P.M. Andrew, Thelma, and John Gersak

(Ben an Sue Naelitz)

Mass at St. Joseph Parish

5:30 P.M. Living and deceased members of the Fay,

Knoble and Martin Families (Jerry and Anne Knoble) Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9th Masses at St. Joseph Parish

8:30 A.M. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes

11:00 A.M. Daniel Kaighin (Wife)

5:00 P.M. Rickard Szalay (Wife and Daughters)

#### **Daily Readings**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3<sup>rd</sup> Weekday (Fourth Week in Ordinary Time) Saint Blaise, Bishop and

Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop

Heb 11:32-40 Mk 5:1-20

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4th Weekday

Heb 12:1-4 Mk 5:21-43

 $WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY \ 5^{th} \ {\it Saint Agatha}, \ {\it Virgin and Martyr}$ 

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Mk 6:1-6

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6th Saint Paul Miki and

Companions, Martyrs

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 Mk 6:7-13

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7<sup>th</sup> Weekday

Heb 13:1-8 Mk 6:14-29

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8th Vigil: Fifth Sunday in

**Ordinary Time** 

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11 Lk 5:1-11

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9th Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11 Lk 5:1-11

#### **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)

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>nd</sup>

1:00 P.M. "The Answer The Musical" Auditions

(SJ Social Hall)

6:00 P.M. Holy Ground Youth Group (SJ Social Hall)

We will meet near the choir for the 5:00 P.M.

Mass prior to our session.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3<sup>rd</sup>

7:00 P.M. OCIA (RCIA) (NBVM Parish Hall)
7:00 P.M. St. Joseph Parish Council Meeting
(Office Conference Room)

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4th

8:30 A.M. Hospitality Tuesday (Nativity Parish Hall)

6:30 P.M. Altar and Rosary Meeting (Nativity Parish Hall)

7:00 P.M. Men's Group (SJ Social Hall)

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5th

5:30 P.M. PSR Grades K through 8 (St. Joseph School)

6:30 P.M. Sacred Sisters Meeting (O.S.E. Community Ctr.)

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6th

9:00 A.M. Vincentian Meeting (Office Conference Room)

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7th

11:00 A.M. First Friday Rosary (NBVM Church and Hall)

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8<sup>th</sup>

12:00 P.M. "The Answer The Musical" Auditions (SJ Social Hall)

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9th

12:00 P.M. First Communion Parent Meeting (SJ Church)

1:00 P.M. "The Answer The Musical" Auditions

(SJ Social Hall)

#### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish	
Sunday, January 19	\$ 9,005.40
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Total Sunday Offerings	\$ 11,110.84
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Children's	\$ 2.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 52.00
Maintenance	\$ 270.00
Solemnity of Mary Mother of God	\$ 5.00
Pro-Life Local	\$ 213.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 2.00
Latin America Missions	\$ 31.00
Nativity Parish	
Saturday, January 18	\$ 846.00
Other Collections	
Solemnity of Mary Mother of God	\$ 110.00
Pro-Life Local	\$ 30.00
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#### **First Holy Communion Parent Meeting**



Meeting for parents of students who will be making their First Holy Communion this year, will be held on:

Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> following the

11:00 A.M. Mass at St. Joseph

# **Nativity News**

#### **Dinners on the Go**

Dinners are \$13 and the soups are an additional \$4. Drive-thru pick-up only from 5:00-6:00 P.M. at To order, please call Lynn Johnson at 440-752-6519.

Thank you for your continued support!

#### February 11

Breaded Pork Chops Cabbage-n-Noodles Applesauce Cup Roll/Dessert Soup: Loaded Potato

#### **Hospitality Tuesday**

Nativity and Altar and Rosary will be hosting **Hospitality Tuesday on February 4** immediately following the 8:30 A.M.

Mass. All from Nativity and St. Joseph parishes are invited to join us for Mass and then for refreshments and fellowship immediately following.

#### **First Friday Rosary**



Join us at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in South Amherst for

First Friday Rosary on February 7 at 11:00 A.M.

Refreshments to follow in the parish hall.

#### **Altar and Rosary Meeting**

Nativity and Altar and Rosary Society will have their monthly meeting on

Tuesday, February 4 at 6:30 P.M.

in the Parish Hall. If you have not already done so, please bring your annual membership form and dues to the meeting.

#### **Altar and Rosary Society Annual Membership Drive**

#### **Membership Drive:**

The Annual Membership Drive runs from January to March 31. Dues are just \$5.00. Applications are available on the back tables at Nativity Parish or in the gathering area at St. Joseph Parish. Please place completed applications with dues in an envelope marked "Altar and Rosary Society Application and Dues" and drop them in the collection basket.

We invite all women to join us in serving others and growing in faith together!

#### **Monthly Meetings:**

When: 6:30 P.M. on the first Tuesday of the month (no meetings in January or July).

Where: Nativity's Social Hall.

Meetings last about an hour, and there are plenty of opportunities to share your time and talents!

#### **Sacred Sisters Bible Study**



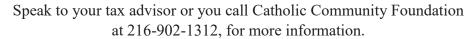
The Gospel of Luke takes you on a journey that begins with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth and culminates in Jesus' ascension into heaven. Along the way, you will witness key moments in salvation history, including the Annunciation, the Nativity, Jesus' Baptism, His public ministry, the Last Supper, and Jesus' suffering, death, and glorious Resurrection. The Gospel's powerful prose and beautiful details will deepen your desire to draw closer to Jesus and be transformed by His teachings.

The Gospel of Luke continually reveals how Jesus is the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies. With *Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled*, you will experience joy as you see how God has been faithful throughout the ages and how God's promise can guide you in your everyday life.

The Sacred Sisters Wednesday Night Ladies Prayer and Bible Study Group invites you to join us for *Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled* on February 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Old Stone Evangelical Church Community Center (every Wednesday for 8 weeks). In this 8-part study and video, Jeff Cavins and Dr. Jeffery Morrow will show you how to enjoy LUKE! If you have any questions or would like to join us, please call or text Lesley at 440-371-6418.

#### **Angel Scholarship Fund**

You can help St. Joseph School at no cost to you through a tax credit! That's right! Your eligible Ohio state taxes can be donated to St. Joseph School rather than going to the state of Ohio.





Contribution forms can be found on the counter in the Gathering Area at St. Joseph Parish.

#### Jubilee Year of Hope Proclaimed by Pope Francis

2025 is the Jubilee Holy Year, the 2,025th Anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord, an "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church." The concept of "Jubilee" has its origins in the Book of Leviticus (chapter 25) as a special year of reconciliation, pilgrimage, and coming home. Pope Francis has designated the 2025 Holy Year as a time to renew ourselves as "Pilgrims of Hope."

This USCCB web page (https://www.usccb.org/jubilee2025) offers Catholics some resources and ideas for celebrating the 2025 Jubilee locally or by making a special pilgrimage to Rome.

It is our hope that the Jubilee Year of Hope proclaimed by Pope Francis, which began on December 29<sup>th</sup> 2024, Feast of the Holy Family, and ends on December 28<sup>th</sup> 2025, will touch your hearts.

The bulletin will periodically have opportunities to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope locally, and there are resources available on the Gathering Area counter at St. Joseph.



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## SJS Sewing Club in Need of Supplies

St. Joseph Parish School Sewing Club is looking for supplies for their after-school program. If you are able to help with the items listed below, please drop them off at the school office Monday through Friday, 7:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.



- Cotton fabric (for quilting)
- NEW double-sided seam binding

#### Catholic Charities 2024 Comes to a Close

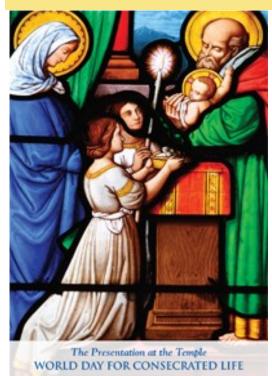
Thank you for your support of the 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal. We ended the year exceeding our goal with \$15,667,169 raised. Your generosity continues the integral work of Catholic Charities throughout Northeast Ohio, providing help and creating hope for the most vulnerable of our neighbors.

Thanks again for your part in transforming nearly 400,000 lives in 2024!

Save the date: Please join us February 15-16<sup>th</sup> for the 2025 In-Pew Appeal.

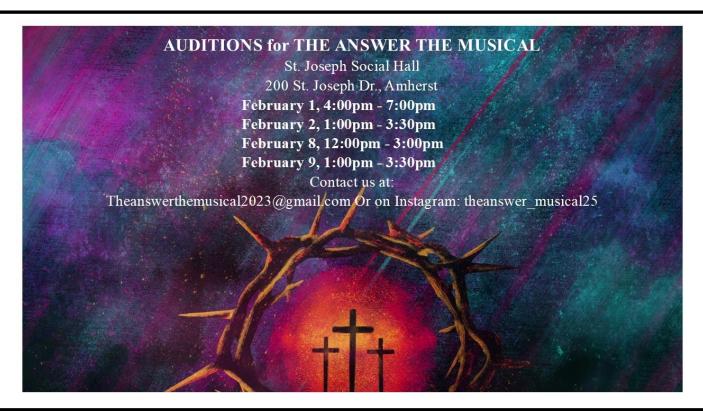
You can find the final parish statistic information by visiting Catholic Charities website at <a href="https://www.catholiccommunity.org/parish-school/catholic-charities-parish-resources/monthly-parish-updates">https://www.catholiccommunity.org/parish-school/catholic-charities-parish-resources/monthly-parish-updates</a>

#### World Day For Consecrated Life



This Sunday, we celebrate *World Day For Consecrated Life*. We recognize and give thanks for those who have consecrated their lives to God and the Church through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. The consecrated life is one way that women and men live out their baptismal commitment as followers of Jesus. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day.





#### ALL ARE WELCOME! 7TH - 12TH GRADERS

#### **HOLY GROUND YOUTH NIGHTS!**

- Fellowship & faith formation in the social hall
- Snacks provided
- Closing Prayer 7:30 PM





### **Upcoming Dates!**

Meetings start at 6:00pm.
We invite you to join us for 5:00pm Mass prior to the meeting.

February 2nd February 16th





#### The Presentation of the Lord

#### **National Marriage Week February 7-14**



The observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 9) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. This year's theme is "Marriage: Source of Hope, Spring of Renewal. Pursue a Lasting Love!"

Take this opportunity to enrich your marriage through Marriage Week Livestreams. Get ready for powerful livestreams each night (February 7<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2025) of National Marriage Week - 8

Essentials of a Lasting Love. All livestreams will be at 7:00 P.M. CST via our YouTube Channel. A special viewing link will be sent to you before the event. You can use this link to sign up or to learn more about this event.

https://www.marriageweek.org/live-events

#### **Collection for California Wildfires**

Last weekend, at both parishes, a Second Collection was taken up to help those affected by the California wildfires. With the devastation of the Los Angeles County fires over the past weeks, the Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) is assisting with humanitarian relief through the local agencies on the ground and will continue to help during the extensive recovery period to come.

If you were not prepared to donate last weekend, you can send a check directly to CCUSA, which will ensure that funds are quickly available for critical relief efforts, including shelter, food and other humanitarian aid for those most in need. The mailing address is: Catholic Charities USA • 2050 Ballenger Ave., #400 • Alexandria, VA 22314. You can also give online to CCUSA's fire relief fund <a href="here">here</a>, or use the QR code.



#### **Year-end Contribution Statements**

**Year-end Statements are now available.** If you are a St. Joseph Parishioner and would like a contribution statement, please call the parish office at 440-988-2848 and your name will be added to our list. If you are a NBVM parishioner and would like a Contribution Statement, please email the parish office at <a href="mailto:nativitysouthamherst@gmail.com">nativitysouthamherst@gmail.com</a> and include your name, address and envelope number.

Or you can use the form below and drop it in the offertory basket or mail it to the respective parish office.

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### All Men of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes, SAVE THE DATE!

## "CALLED TO LEAD"

Diocese of Cleveland Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference Saturday, March 22, 2025

> Bishop Edward C. Malesic Speaking at 3:00 PM Celebrating Mass at 4:00 PM



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## Children's Worship Page



In today's Gospel reading, Mary and Joseph took baby Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to do something very important. According to Jewish law, when a baby boy was born, the parents would bring him to the temple to dedicate him to God and make a special offering. Mary and Joseph were being very obedient to God's laws.

When they arrived at the temple, they met a man named Simeon. Simeon was a good and faithful man who loved God. God had promised him that he would see the Savior before he died. When Simeon saw baby Jesus, he knew right away that this was the promised Savior. He was so happy and thanked God for keeping His promise. Simeon said that Jesus would bring light to the world and help people find God.

You can help spread the light of Jesus to everyone you meet so that His love can be shared always.

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Can you find the words below, taken from today's Gospel reading, in this word search?

Baby

Law

Joseph

Mary

Simeon

Savior

Jerusalem

Righteous

Presentation

Holy Spirit

## Office of Marriage & Family Ministry 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebration

We are always excited to celebrate the Jubilee Anniversary Mass for couples married 50 years. This Mass is celebrated at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in downtown Cleveland.

On Sunday, June 29, 2025 at 2:00 P.M., we will celebrate with all couples married in 1975. Everyone is invited and may bring family with them. Doors open at 1:30pm. This is NOT a ticketed event. There is no registration required. For full details, please visit the Diocesan website at: <a href="https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/parish-life/marriage-and-family-ministry/marriage/50th-wedding-anniversary-celebration">https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/parish-life/marriage-and-family-ministry/marriage/50th-wedding-anniversary-celebration</a>

The Office of Marriage and Family Ministry is pleased to provide a letter from Bishop Malesic and a certificate for all couples married 50 years. Attendance at the 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass is not required.

The certificates and letters are compiled **once a month** and must be requested online in advance.

#### Theology on the Rocks West For Adults 40 & Over



Join us Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00 - 8:00 P.M. Westside Irish American Club 8559 Jennings Rd., Olmsted Twp.

#### Auxiliary Bishop Michael G. Woost:

What you don't know about the Mass and so much more. We will journey through the evolution of the Mass today, the rites, prayers, traditions, graces, and the never-changing Eucharist.

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https://www.theologyontherockswest.com/

Doors open at 6:30 P.M.

## Magnificat Meal on February 15, 2025



Our Lady of the Lake Chapter of Magnificat is sponsoring a breakfast for Catholic women on February 15 from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

St. Peter Catholic Church in Huron.

All women from all parishes are invited and will have the opportunity to share a breakfast, fellowship, songs, prayer, and hear a speaker tell of how God has influenced her life.

For more information, please pick up a brochure from the St. Joseph Gathering Area counter or visit, <a href="https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/oh-huron/">https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/oh-huron/</a>.

Deadline to register is February 5<sup>th</sup>.

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#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

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

Victor Celaschi Zelah Williams

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.

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