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**January 12, 2025
The Baptism Of The Lord**

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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, JANUARY 13th Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 A.M. Mary, Betty and Amelia Sliman
(Nick and Patti Abraham)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14th Mass at Nativity Parish
8:00 A.M. Mary Knoble (Jerry and Anne Knoble)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15th No Mass

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16th Mass at St. Joseph Parish
7:00 P.M. Mary Jo Spain (Terry and Gina Pool)
Confessions to follow Mass until 8:30 P.M.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17th Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 A.M. James Liskiewicz (Wife)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18th
11:00 A.M. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
4:00 P.M. Joseph Teets (John and Cathy Sekletar)
Mass at St. Joseph Parish
5:30 P.M. George Schuman (Doris Schuman)
Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19th Masses at St. Joseph Parish
8:30 A.M. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes
11:00 A.M. Harry and Phyllis Fior (Family)
5:00 P.M. Mass of Blessing for Sandra Balko (Dan Balko)

Daily Readings

MONDAY, JANUARY 13th Weekday, First week in Ordinary Time
Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Heb 1:1-6 Mk 1:14-20

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14th Weekday
Heb 2:5-12 Mk 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15th Weekday
Heb 2:14-18 Mk 1:29-39

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16th Weekday
Heb 3:7-14 Mk 1:40-45

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17th Saint Anthony, Abbot
Heb 4:1-5, 11 Mk 2:1-12

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18th Vigil: Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Is 62:1-5 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19th Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 62:1-5 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11

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)

MONDAY, JANUARY 13th
7:00 P.M. OCIA (RCIA) (Nativity Parish Hall)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14th
5:00 P.M. Dinner on the Go pick-up (Nativity Parish Hall)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15th
5:30 P.M. PSR grades K through 8 (St. Joseph School)
6:30 P.M. Sacred Sisters Meeting
(O.S.E. Community Center)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19th
6:00 P.M. Holy Ground Youth Group (SJ Social Hall)
Join us for 5:00 P.M. Mass before our meeting,
we will meet near the choir.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish

Sunday, December 29	\$	8,999.92
Eoffering	\$	2,212.20
Total Sunday Offerings	\$	11,212.12
Other Collections		
Maintenance	\$	91.00
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	\$	126.00
Pro Life Local	\$	20.00
Christmas	\$	1,950.00
Retirement Fund For Religious	\$	115.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	55.00
Year-End Giving	\$	53.00
El Salvadore/Latin America Missions	\$	15.00
Christmas December 24/25	\$	26,771.00
Christmas Eoffering	\$	694.70
Total Christmas Offering	\$	27,465.70

Nativity Parish

Saturday, December 28	\$	1,663.00
Other Collections		
Maintenance and Upkeep	\$	100.00
Retirement Fund For Religious	\$	50.00
Christmas December 24/25/28	\$	15,030.60

St. Joseph Mass Livestream



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

<https://www.youtube.com/@sjandnbvmmedia8044/streams>

Or you can use the button on our website: <https://stjosephamherst.com/>

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Nativity Christmas Angels In Action

Thanks to everyone who helped make our 2 Christmas projects a huge success this year. First, we provided toys and clothes to 75 children in Lorain County through St. Vincent DePaul. Secondly, with donations from our Altar & Rosary Society, as well as private and corporate donations, we were able to provide a very special Christmas to the 50 men at the St. Elizabeth Center (with gift bags containing sweatshirts, long sleeve shirts, socks, hats, gloves, and candy). Your generosity and acts of love enabled all of these individuals and families to experience a blessed and happy Christmas. God bless you all!

~Nativity Parish Giving Tree Ministry



Dinners On The Go

Dinners are \$13 and the soups are an additional \$4.

Drive-thru pick-up only from 5:00-6:00pm at

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

located at 333 South Lake St., South Amherst.

To order, please call Lynn Johnson at 440-752-6519.

Thank you for your continued support!

January 14

Sliced Sirloin with Gravy

Baked Potato

Mixed Vegetables

Roll/Dessert

Soup: Chicken-n-Dumpling

Altar and Rosary Society Annual Membership Drive

Join the Altar and Rosary Society!

The Altar and Rosary Society welcomes women from Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in South Amherst and St. Joseph Parish in Amherst. Our mission includes caring for Nativity Parish's needs, fostering devotion to the Blessed Mother, assisting the needy and homeless, and supporting St. Joseph School.

We also host special guest speakers for parish enrichment and generously contribute to organizations like the Sandstone Community Church Food Pantry, St. Elizabeth's Shelter, the Nativity Christmas Angel Giving Tree, and others as needs arise. Funding for these efforts comes from donations and our Annual Mother's Day Bake Sale and Fall Apple Strudel Sale.

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!

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!

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1

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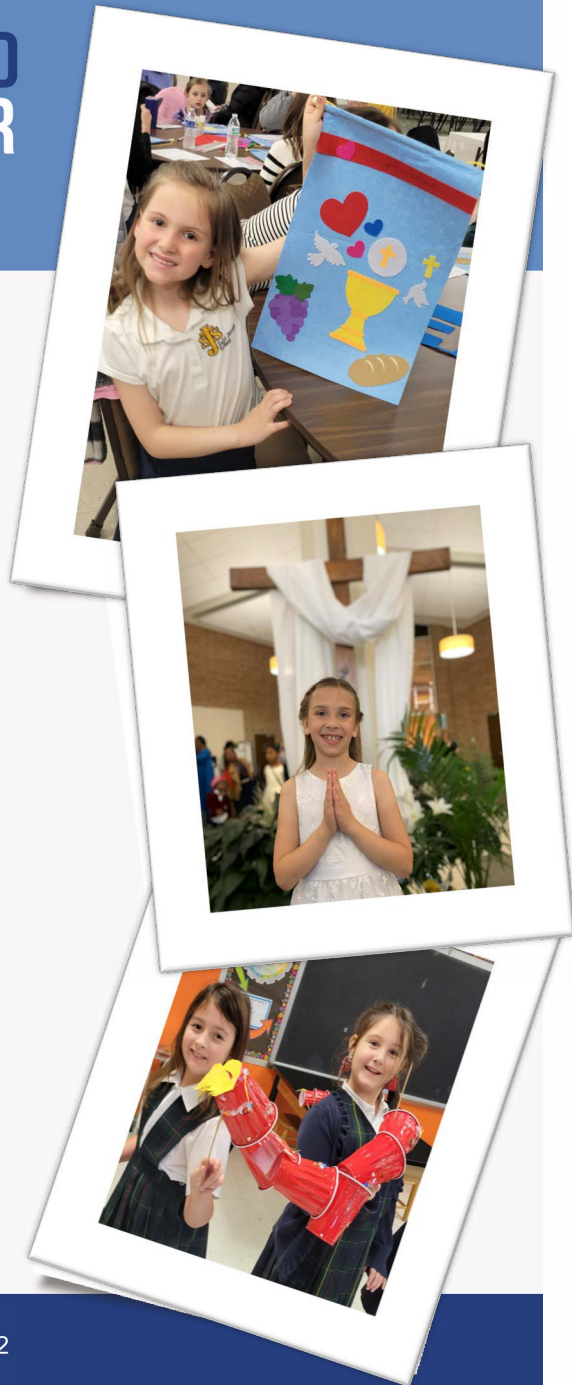
You contribution can be designated to a school of your choice.

*Contribution can be any amount. The amount of the tax credit cannot exceed the amount of your tax liability.

3

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A tax receipt will be provided that documents your Angel Scholarship Fund contribution. This receipt is then submitted with the Ohio 1040 tax form.



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That's right, your eligible Ohio state taxes can be donated to St. Joseph School rather than going to state of Ohio.

Speak to your tax advisor or you can call Catholic Community Foundation to learn more at 216-902-1312.

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

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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!

January 19th
February 2nd
February 16th

Meetings start at 6:00pm.

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



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Heartfelt Thank-You from St. Joseph Giving Tree Ministry

Thank-you to all those who so generously gave to support the Giving Tree Ministry and the agencies it supports. Below is a recap of the past two years showing the good we accomplished together.

	2024	2023
Estimated Donated Gift Totals:	\$4,225.50	\$4,852.00
Gift Card Totals	\$3,620.00	\$3,680.00
Grand Totals:	\$7,845.50	\$8,532.00

Just a glimpse of the fruits of our Ministry made possible by your support in this important and loving act of charity!



Year-End Giving

In the month of December, many parishioners very generously make donations before the end of the calendar year. The assumption is that contributions DATED in December are deductible in the current calendar year. However, the **deductibility of the contribution is dependent on the date in which the contribution is POSTMARKED or when someone is available to receive it during regular office business hours.** Please call the parish office if you have any questions about your contribution. Year-end Statements will be available in **mid-January**, after we have had time to record all the contributions received in the year of 2024.

In addition, if you are 70½ or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help us in our ministry and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish.

Questions? Contact Moira Wopershall of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525, ext. 8070, or visit, www.catholiccommunity.org/ira.

Catholic Charities Update

As we celebrate the joy of this Christmas Season, we are filled with gratitude for you and your generous support of the Catholic Charities Appeal this year! Your kindness reflects the true spirit of the season—giving from the heart to bring hope and dignity to those in need. Because of you, Catholic Charities is transforming lives, offering warm meals, safe shelter, and Christ's love to our neighbors.

Together, we've raised \$14,803,961 toward our \$15 million goal, with 93 of 187 parishes reaching their targets.

Use the link below to see your parishes participation. Thank you again, for your generosity!

[Monthly Parish Updates](#) | [Catholic Community Foundation](#) | [Cleveland, OH](#)

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Sunday Grief Support Groups

3rd Sunday of the Month | 3 pm In-Office | 5 pm Virtual Meeting

Please join us for an hour of sharing, listening, learning, and healing along your grief journey. Our support is Catholic based, but we are open to all grievers regardless of faith background.

Departed need not be interred at our Catholic cemetery locations.

Your RSVP is greatly appreciated. Please RSVP to rabrams@clecem.org or 216-930-4866.

2025 Meeting Dates

January 19	July 20
February 16	August 17
March 16	September 21
April 27	October 19
May 18	November 16
June 22	December 21

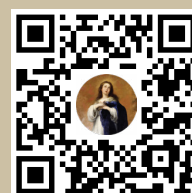
Locations

(Cemetery Offices)

- St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon
- Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron
- Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park
- Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland
- All Saints Cemetery, Northfield
- All Souls Cemetery, Chardon

Bereavement Programs

Scan the QR code below to view our grief support resources, sign up for our Bereavement Bulletin, or listen to our podcast episodes focused on grief support.





Catholic Renewal Ministries Traveling Healing Mass

Friday, January 17th 2025

Julie Billiard Parish

Fr. Bob Franco, Celebrant

Praise & worship begins at 7:00
Liturgy begins at 7:30 p.m.



Julie Billiard Parish
5500 Lear Nagle Rd.,
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All are Welcome!

Healing prayer teams will be available after mass for individual prayer, and there will also be a social after mass.

Come, Sing and Praise God with Joy!

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Monday, January 13

**Our First Ever – Night of Reflection
Nunc Coepi & Ho’oponopono
(the Hawaiian Blessing) Retreat**

A look at the New Year. A time to start over, a time to begin. Tom Pussel, Director of Evangelization/St. Raphael’s Parish along with Ginny Pippin, Certified Lay Ecclesial Minister and Spiritual Director will provide talks, time for reflection, and group discussion to draw us closer to God and His plan for us.



Cost is \$15.00 per person. Includes all materials, light appetizers & refreshments. Cash Bar is also available. **Advance tickets highly recommended** for catering purposes.

Register in advance:

<https://www.theologyontherockswest.com/>

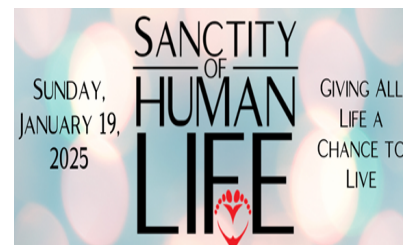
Doors open at 6:30pm. Program begins at 7pm.

Sanctity of Human Life - January 19

On January 22, 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a presidential proclamation designating the Third Sunday of January as National Sanctity of Life Day.

Every life is precious from the moment of conception until natural death. One of the best ways we can protect unborn lives is by supporting local pregnancy help organizations who daily reach women, men, and families with messages of hope and life.

Cornerstone Pregnancy Centers in Elyria and Cleveland provide numerous medical, educational, and material resources for moms and dads in need. We hope you will support us through your daily prayers, donations, and involvement in our ministry events. For more information, visit cornerstonepregnancy.org or call 440-284-1010.



If you are able, please consider attending **The Annual Mass for Life** at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist located at 1007 Superior Ave E, Cleveland, OH 44114 on **Friday, January 17th at 10:00am.**

Children's Worship Page



Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. This is the celebration of the day when Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. Even though Jesus never sinned and didn't need to be baptized, He chose to do it to show us how important Baptism is and to remind us of who He truly is.



Baptisms are celebrated with family and friends because it is a special and important day in our lives. Ask mom or dad if they can show you some pictures of the day you were Baptized.

Can you decode the puzzle to show a sentence from today's Gospel reading? A few letters have been filled in for you to help you get started.



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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In the charity of your prayers,
we commend to God:
Deacon Ronald Adkins
James King

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.



Mass For Life

If you are unable to attend, please join AM 1260 The Rock as we broadcast the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland's **Annual Mass for Life**, live from the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on **Friday, January 17th at 10:00am**. Listen via radio, through our website (am1260therock.com), or on our mobile app. Your prayers for LIFE are needed now more than ever for the most vulnerable in our society, the unborn! God Bless You!



New Program! AM 1260 The Rock will begin airing "**Buring Hearts**" on Monday, January 20th, during the 3:00pm hour. Replacing Food for the Journey with Sr. Ann Shield, Rachel Herbeck will host this new program, using Scripture to draw us into deeply intimate conversation with the Lord. She asks us to consider two questions: What is God saying to us? And, what are we doing about it? Journey with Rachel to discover how to make your own roadmap through the Word of God and allow Him to set your heart on fire with zeal for His Word! For a complete schedule of programs, visit www.am1260therock.com.

Be Aware of Scams



The threat of fraudulent attempts to trick people into giving out personal information, to purchase gift cards, or a request for an "urgent matter" are an ever-present reality in our digital world. These scams can come as a text, email or even a phone call. They look and sound very legitimate.

Please know that no one from the parish office will ask you to make a purchase, or respond to an "urgent need". All correspondence from the office will include specific information as to the nature of the correspondence.

As a best practice, never open any links, give out private information or respond to texts or emails without first checking to see that the source is legitimate.

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