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January 19, 2025
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 20th Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 A.M. Burton and Emma Zender (Family)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21st Mass at Nativity Parish
8:00 A.M. Personal Intention

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22nd No Mass

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23rd Mass at St. Joseph Parish
7:00 P.M. Living and deceased members of the
Izold Family (Family)
Confessions to follow Mass until 8:30 P.M.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24th Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 A.M. Don Volante (The Sliman Family)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25th
11:00 A.M. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
4:00 P.M. George and Catherine Hollingsworth (Family)
Mass at St. Joseph Parish
5:30 P.M. Ron Brezinski (Wife, Sandy)
Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26th Masses at St. Joseph Parish
8:30 A.M. Mike Plato (Your Nativity Prayer Sister)
11:00 A.M. Deceased Alumni and Staff of St. Joseph School
5:00 P.M. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes

Daily Readings

MONDAY, JANUARY 20th Weekday, Saint Fabian, Pope and
Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr
Heb 5:1-10 Mk 2:18-22

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21st Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Heb 6:10-20 Mk 2:23-28

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22nd Day of Prayer for the Legal
Protection of Unborn Children
Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Mk 3:1-6

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23rd Weekday, Saint Vincent,
Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin
Heb 7:25—8:6 Mk 3:7-12

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24th Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church
Heb 8:6-13 Mk 3:13-19

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25th Vigil: Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26th Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish	
Dec. 31/Jan. 1 Solemnity of Mary	\$ 2,672.00
Other Collections	
Sunday Offertory	\$ 6,850.00
Christmas	\$ 1,055.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 25.00
Pro-Life Local	\$ 50.00
Year-End Contributions	\$ 200.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 25.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 45.00
Sunday, January 5	\$ 9,579.00
Eoffering	\$ 2,941.14
Total Sunday Offerings	\$ 12,520.14
Other Collections	
Children's	\$ 2.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 151.00
Maintenance	\$ 75.00
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	\$ 112.00
Pro-Life Local	\$ 106.00
Christmas	\$ 110.00
Little Black Books for Advent	\$ 2.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 86.00
Year-End Giving	\$ 105.00
Latin America Missions	\$ 206.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 10.00
Nativity Parish	
January 1 Solemnity of Mary	\$ 398.00
Other Collections	
Sunday Offertory	\$ 2,170.00
Christmas	\$ 125.00
Maintenance	\$ 240.00
Retirement for Religious	\$ 5.00
Saturday, January 4	\$ 1,176.00
Other Collections	
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 175.00
Pro-Life Local	\$ 123.00

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having you as part of our *flock*



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with us via
email & text

To be added to our weekly emails
simply text SJPA to 84576

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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, 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.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20th

No School - Martin Luther King Day
7:00 P.M. OCIA (RCIA) (Nativity Parish Hall)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21st

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22nd

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, JANUARY 23rd

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26th

12:00 P.M. Open House at SJS Catholic Schools Week
Hospitality Sunday following the 8:30 A.M.
& 11:00 A.M. Masses (St. Joseph School Gym)

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.

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 in South Amherst.

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

Thank you for your
continued support!

January 28

Lasagna
Salad
Roll/Dessert
Soup: Italian Wedding Soup

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

The graphic features a central sunburst design with the text "CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2025 Rejoice!" in blue and yellow. Surrounding the center are eight circular icons with the following text: "Who We Are" (cross), "When We Invest" (money), "What We Love" (graduation cap), "How We Inspire" (students), "How We Excel" (student working), "Why We Serve" (hands), "How We Compete" (sports), and "When We Invest" (money). The background includes faint icons of a calculator, keyboard, and musical notes. The Catholic Diocese of Cleveland logo is in the top left, and the dates "January 26 - February 1" are in the top right.

Catholic Diocese of Cleveland

January 26 - February 1

Who We Are

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2025
Rejoice!

True education enables us to love life and opens us to the fullness of life. - Pope Francis

St. Joseph Parish School is a STEM designated school, offering a preschool program, with 2 day, 3 day, and 5 day options. We also serve students in grades K-8 in a Catholic environment that is centered on Christ's values of love, truth, and service.

Come check out our St. Joseph Parish School at the OPEN HOUSE on Sunday January 26th following the 11:00am Mass.



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 Vincentian Ministry



You are never too young to start helping the needy!
Pictured is grandson of Vincentian member Margie Januzzi

Thank you from
The St. Joseph Vincentians
To all of our parishioners: Thank you so much to all who have contributed so generously to the St. Joseph Vincentians for the entire 2024 year. Your gifts of financial aid and food donations are greatly appreciated by us and by the many needy people that we serve. Because of your generosity, we have provided food and toiletries to 948 adults and 533 children. We have provided help with rent, housing, and utilities to 98 adults and 116 children, and have given 21 vouchers for clothing. Individual Vincentian members have performed 1,250 works of mercy.

Thank you and may God Bless each of you.

St. Joseph Hospitality Donut Sunday

Our Hospitality Ministry would like to invite you to the next **Hospitality Donut Sunday on January 26th** after the 8:30am and 11:00am Masses.

We will be hosting the event in the School Gymnasium as it is the beginning of Catholic Schools Week, so you can check out our parish school after enjoying a coffee and donut. The Open House begins at 12:00pm so the classrooms will not be open until then, but you can still enjoy the company of fellow parishioners with a donut and coffee and then take a walk around the school to see all the artwork on display in the halls.



Hope to see everyone at Donut Sunday and SJS Open House!

Thank you from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith

Thank you to all who gave so generously to the Missions during the Advent and Christmas Seasons. The generosity of so many people to the Missions during this time gives voice to God's goodness to our brothers and sisters in the Missions. Know that those you help in the Missions remember you in prayer! I too promise prayers for you and your families and may God's goodness shine on you in the New Year.

Thankfully in Christ,
Rev. R. Stephen Vellenga
Diocesan Mission Director

Men's Fellowship Group

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist

Biblical Foundations with Dr. Tim Gray

"How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" The doctrine of the Real Presence presents a difficulty for many people. This apologetic helps us to give a reason for our faith and to gain a deeper insight into our faith.

All men of NBVM and St. Joseph Parishes are invited to join us on Tuesday, January 21st at 7:00pm in St. Joseph Social Hall as we continue in a video series about The Eucharist.

The video is just over one hour, so we will see the first half only and see the second half on February 18th.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

NATIONAL SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE DAY

On January 22nd every year, National Sanctity of Human Life Day recognizes the value of every human life. The day celebrates human life from the moment of conception to natural death and is set on the anniversary of the 1973 Roe v. Wade U.S. Supreme Court Decision. The Catholic Church is recognizing this day at Masses today.

On the counter in the St. Joseph Gathering Area, you will find a Respect Life Novena. Please consider praying this Novena for the sake of the unborn and to promote the respect for all human life.

More resources and ways to support Pro-Life events can be found on the USCCB website: <https://www.usccb.org/january-22>. You can also support local Pro-Life establishments by using the Pro-Life envelope provided in your monthly offertory envelopes.

January Special Collections

Catholic University Collection

The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States. Gifts to the National Collection — the only second collection taken for higher education in the U.S. — support students during this crucial time and help the University conduct critical research that will serve parishes and dioceses throughout the country.

Latin America – El Salvador Collection

This is the only appeal made by the Diocesan Mission Office for the Cleveland Latin American Mission in El Salvador. It is the main support for two Diocese of Cleveland priests who work in the two parishes served by our Mission Office. This appeal also makes a contribution to the Collection for the Church in Latin America that is managed by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and benefits projects and the formation of seminarians, religious and lay leaders in 23 countries.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Nearly 38 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.

Year-end Contribution Statements

Year-end Statements will be available in late January, after we have had time to record all the contributions received in December. 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 nativitysouthamherst@gmail.com 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 in to the respective parish office.

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Children's Worship Page



The wedding at Cana is the story of when Jesus performed His first miracle. He and His mother Mary went to a wedding in a town called Cana. During the celebration, the wine ran out, which was a big problem for the hosts. Mary told Jesus about it, and even though it wasn't yet His time to show that He could perform miracles, she told the servants to do whatever Jesus said.

Jesus then told the servants to fill six big jars with water. After they did, Jesus made the water turn into wine! This was a special sign that showed Jesus' power, and it helped His disciples believe in Him.

This Gospel reading teaches us that Jesus cared about helping others, even with small problems, and that He can do amazing things!



Can you find these words from today's Gospel reading?



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|-----------------|------------------|
| Believe | Jars |
| Glory | Mary |
| Marriage | Disciples |
| Wine | Jesus |
| Cana | Water |

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Office of Marriage & Family Ministry 50th 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 2:00pm**, 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: <https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/parish-life/marriage-and-family-ministry/marriage/50th-wedding-anniversary-celebration>

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. Please ensure all information is accurate before submitting. If there are any errors, we will happily make the changes. You can submit a request for the certificate on the site listed above.

SPARK + IGNITE

January 20th 6:00 – 8:00 pm
St Mary, Wakeman

"Come and See!" John 1:46

Join us with Fr. Ron Schock on 1/20/25 for "**Spark**," a family potluck meal and fellowship beginning at 6:00, followed by a short testimony at 6:35-ish, then "**Ignite**" at 7:00 pm in the church for Adoration, with praise & worship songs and moments of sacred silence. Confessions and prayer teams will be available. Bring a dish to share if you can, but not required. Come for all or part of the evening. ***Bring a friend!***

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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 9:00am - 12:00pm** at **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 from 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, <https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/oh-huron/>.

Deadline to register is February 5th.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:



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

Fr. David McCafferty
Fr. Edward F. Weist

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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