



# St. JOSEPH PARISH & NATIVITY OF THE BVM PARISH

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**January 26, 2025  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

ST. JOSEPH PARISH OFFICE: 440-988-2848  
*Office hours are Monday - Friday 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.*

NATIVITY BVM PARISH OFFICE: 440-986-7011

ST. JOSEPH PARISH WEBSITE: [stjosephamherst.com](http://stjosephamherst.com)

ST. JOSEPH PARISH ADDRESS: 200 St. Joseph Dr., Amherst, OH 44001

NATIVITY BVM PARISH: 333 S Lake St., South Amherst, OH 44001

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P.O. BOX 767, Amherst, OH 44001

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL OFFICE: 440-988-4244

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL WEBSITE: [www.sjsamherst.org](http://www.sjsamherst.org)

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](http://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 27<sup>th</sup>** Mass at St. Joseph Parish  
9:00 A.M. Mary Alice Knipp (Family)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28<sup>th</sup>** Mass at Nativity Parish  
8:00 A.M. Dan & Sybil Knoble (Jerry & Anne Knoble)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29<sup>th</sup>** No Mass

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30<sup>th</sup>** Mass at St. Joseph Parish  
7:00 P.M. Terry Howells (St. Joseph Players)  
Confessions to follow Mass until 8:30 P.M.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 31<sup>st</sup>** Mass at St. Joseph Parish  
9:00 A.M. Charles and Hazel Kessler (Family)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup>**  
11:00 A.M. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish  
4:00 P.M. Flo Zuffa (Daughter)  
Mass at St. Joseph Parish  
5:30 P.M. Living and deceased members of the  
Klimczak Family (Family)  
Mass at Nativity Parish

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>nd</sup>** Masses at St. Joseph Parish  
8:30 A.M. Barbara Fachman (Jacque Fachman & Family)  
11:00 A.M. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes  
5:00 P.M. For the Faithful Departed All Souls Intentions

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

### *St. Joseph Parish*

<b>Sunday, January 12</b>	\$	15,059.51
Eoffering	\$	3,752.94
<b>Total Sunday Offerings</b>	\$	<b>18,812.45</b>
Other Collections		
Children's	\$	2.00
Tuition Assistance	\$	104.70
Maintenance	\$	60.00
Solemnity of Mary Mother of God	\$	60.00
Pro-Life Local	\$	323.00
Christmas	\$	305.00
Catholic University of America	\$	30.00
Latin America Missions	\$	65.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	5.00
Year-end contribution	\$	5.00

### *Nativity Parish*

<b>Saturday, January 11</b>	\$	<b>1,324.00</b>
Other Collections		
Solemnity of Mary Mother of God	\$	20.00
Pro-Life Local	\$	40.00
Latin America Missions	\$	10.00
Catholic University of America	\$	5.00

## 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 26<sup>th</sup>

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)

### MONDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>th</sup>

7:00 P.M. OCIA (RCIA) (NBVM Parish Hall)

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 28<sup>th</sup>

5:00 P.M. Dinners on the Go pick-up (NBVM Parish Hall)  
7:00 P.M. Knights of Columbus (MPR)

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29<sup>th</sup>

5:30 P.M. PSR Grades K through 8 (St. Joseph School)  
6:30 P.M. Sacred Sisters Meeting (O.S.E. Community Ctr.)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup>

9:00 A.M. First Saturday Rosary (SJ Church)  
12:00 P.M. The Answer The Musical Auditions  
(SJ Social Hall)

### 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.

## Daily Readings

### MONDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>th</sup> Weekday

Saint Angela Merici, Virgin  
Heb 9:15, 24-28 Mk 3:22-30

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 28<sup>th</sup> Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and

Doctor of the Church  
Heb 10:1-10 Mk 3:31-35

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29<sup>th</sup> Weekday

Heb 10:11-18 Mk 4:1-20

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 30<sup>th</sup> Weekday

Heb 10:19-25 Mk 4:21-25

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 31<sup>st</sup> Saint John Bosco, Priest

Heb 10:32-39 Mk 4:26-34

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup> Vigil: The Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>nd</sup> The Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### THE THREE ORDINARY VOICES OF GOD

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR  
MATTHEW KELLY

### God Hasn't Stopped Speaking - We've Stopped Listening

At the Christmas Masses this past year, our parish offered Matthew Kelly's book, *The Three Ordinary Voices of God*. Learning to listen to the voice of God will change your life powerfully and wonderfully.

This book will help you discover how God is speaking to you today and how that will change all your tomorrows.

If you haven't had a chance to read the book yet, now that the holidays are over is a perfect time to curl up with a great book!

# Nativity News

## Dinners on the Go

Dinners are \$13 and the soups are an additional \$4.  
Drive-thru pick-up only from 5:00-6:00pm 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!



**FIRST SATURDAY  
ROSARY  
at  
St. Joseph Church**

First Saturday Rosary will be held at  
St. Joseph Church on

**Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup> at  
9:00A.M.**

Please join us as we pray together the  
most Holy Rosary.

**St. Joseph Hospitality Donut Sunday**

Our Hospitality Ministry would like to invite you to our  
**Hospitality Donut Sunday on January 26<sup>th</sup>** 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 donuts 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!

**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.

Speak to your tax advisor or you call Catholic Community Foundation  
at 216-902-1312, for more information.



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 for opportunities to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope locally, and there are resources available on the Gathering Area counter at St. Joseph.



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), "Why We Serve" (hands), "How We Compete" (sports), and "When We Invest" (money). The background includes faint icons of a laptop, keyboard, and musical notes. The Catholic Diocese of Cleveland logo is in the top left.

Catholic Diocese of Cleveland

January 26 - February 1

Who We Are

When We Invest

What We Love

How We Inspire

How We Excel

Why We Serve

How We Compete

**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 26<sup>th</sup> following the 11:00am Mass.

## AUDITIONS for THE ANSWER THE MUSICAL

February 1, 4:00pm - 7:00pm

February 2, 1:00pm - 3:30pm

February 8, 12:00pm - 3:00pm

February 9, 1:00pm - 3:30pm

Contact us at:

Theanswerthemusical2023@gmail.com Or on Instagram: theanswer\_musical25



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



440-895-7756



rachel.macdonald@sjs-amherst.org

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Second Collection January 25/26 - for California Wildfires

This weekend, at both parishes, a Second Collection will be 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 are not prepared to give today, 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 [here](#), or use this QR code:



### 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](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

### 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 [nativitysouthamherst@gmail.com](mailto: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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#### Yearly Contribution Statement

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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



### FEATURED SPEAKERS:



Father Mitch Pacwa, S.J.  
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Lecturer, EWTN Television & Radio Host.



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Retired NFL quarterback and  
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DIRECTIONS: Northeast corner of the  
intersection of Rt. 77 & Rockside Road  
at the Rt. 480 Interchange.

NEW IN 2025....50/50 Raffle  
Help to defray ever-increasing costs.  
**BRING CASH!**

Registration: 8:00 am  
Mass: 4:00 pm  
Adjourn: 5:00 pm

For info or to register, go to [www.cmfnco.com](http://www.cmfnco.com)  
Need help? Call 216-633-3502



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

Join us Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm - 8:00pm

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.

Cost is \$15.00 per person. Light appetizers  
included. Cash Bar is available.

Advance tickets recommended.

Register in advance:

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

Doors open at 6:30pm.



NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK  
FEBRUARY 7-14

Marriage:  
Source of Hope,  
Spring of Renewal.  
Pursue a  
Lasting Love

*Pursuing a*  
**LASTING LOVE**

The Diocesan Offices are sponsoring two Marriage events in 2025 to celebrate.

February 1

4 PM - 8 PM @ St. Hilary Parish  
2750 West Market St., Fairlawn, OH 44333

5 PM - 11 PM @ St. Noel Parish  
35200 Chardon Rd., Willoughby OH 44094



## 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!" Use the QR codes to reserve your spot at one of these two upcoming events. Or for more information on National Marriage Week, visit the Diocese website:

<https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/events/2025/02/01/pursuing-a-lasting-love-2025-clevelands-celebration-of-marriages>



St. Hilary Parish

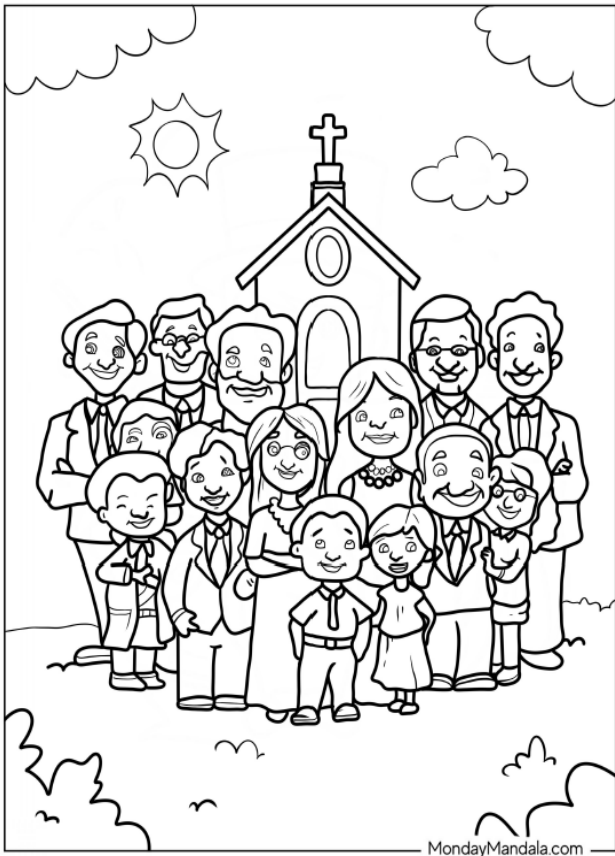


St. Noel Parish





# Children's Worship Page



MondayMandala.com

*We are all different,  
but united as one through  
Jesus in the Church.*



In today's second reading, Paul writes to the Corinthians to explain to them that everyone in the Church has a special gift from God. He compares the Church to a body. Just like a body has many parts—like hands, feet, and eyes—that all work together, the Church has many people with different gifts, and each one is important. Every part is needed to do God's work.

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## 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 2:00pm**, 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.



Saturday, February 1, 2025 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM  
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish  
418 W. 15th St. Lorain, Ohio 44052  
[nativitybvmlorain.org](http://nativitybvmlorain.org) [facebook.com/NativityLorain](https://facebook.com/NativityLorain)  
Sponsored by the Lorain County Serra Club



## 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 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 5<sup>th</sup>.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:



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

**Betty Szucs  
Mary Ann Blakeley  
David Beesing**

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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