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**January 5, 2025
The Epiphany 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 6th Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 A.M. John Lachowyn (Laureen Suspenski)

TUESDAY, January 7th Mass at Nativity Parish
8:00 A.M. Louise Meyers (Chuck and JoAnne Fleming)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8th No Mass

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9th Mass at St. Joseph Parish
7:00 P.M. Sister Mary Ann Burke (Friend)
Confessions to follow Mass until 8:30 P.M.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10th Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 A.M. Melvin Gregg (Sacred Sisters)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11th
11:00 A.M. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
4:00 P.M. Robert VanNeil, Sr. (Daughter-in-law)
Mass at St. Joseph Parish
5:30 P.M. Fritz and Arlene Knoble (Wil Shaffer)
Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12th Masses at St. Joseph Parish
8:30 A.M. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes
11:00 A.M. Richard Pesti (Eleanor and Steve Nishanian)
5:00 P.M. Yolanda Argenti (Dodie and Dick Kollhoff)

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 5th
6:00 P.M. Holy Ground Youth Group (SJ Social Hall)
Please join us for 5:00 P.M. Mass before our session. We will meet near the choir.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6th
7:00 P.M. OCIA (RCIA) (Nativity Parish Hall)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7th
8:30 A.M. Hospitality Tuesday (Nativity Parish Hall)
Join us for Mass at 8:00 A.M. with refreshments to follow.
7:00 P.M. Men's Group (SJ Social Hall)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8th
6:30 P.M. Sacred Sisters Meeting
(O.S.E Community Center)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9th
9:00 A.M. Vincentians Meeting (Conference Room)

Daily Readings

MONDAY, JANUARY 6th Christmas Weekday
Saint André Bessette, Religious
1 Jn 3:22—4:6 Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7th Christmas Weekday, Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
1 Jn 4:7-10 Mk 6:34-44

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8th Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:11-18 Mk 6:45-52

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9th Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:19—5:4 Lk 4:14-22

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10th Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:5-13 Lk 5:12-16

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11th Vigil: The Baptism Of The Lord
Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12th The Baptism Of The Lord
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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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| <i>St. Joseph Parish</i> | |
| Sunday, December 22 | \$ 11,423.91 |
| Eoffering | \$ 2,752.29 |
| Total Sunday Offerings | \$ 14,176.20 |
| Other Collections | |
| Maintenance | \$ 545.00 |
| Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God | \$ 20.00 |
| Advent Flowers and Decoration | \$ 25.00 |
| Christmas | \$ 2,275.00 |
| Retirement Fund For Religious | \$ 100.00 |
| Immaculate Conception | \$ 180.00 |
| Year-End Giving | \$ 140.00 |
| <i>Nativity Parish</i> | |
| Saturday, December 21 | \$ 5,049.00 |
| Other Collections | |
| All Saints | \$ 25.00 |
| Retirement Fund For Religious | \$ 5.00 |
| Christmas | \$ 50.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | \$ 80.00 |
| Immaculate Conception | \$ 160.00 |

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/>

The Epiphany of the Lord



Dinners on the Go January



Dinners are \$13 and the Soups are \$4, additionally.

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

Nativity BVM Church located at 333 South Lake Street, S. Amherst.

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

THANK YOU for your continued support!

Jan. 14

Sliced Sirloin with Gravy
Baked Potato
Mixed Vegetables
Roll/Dessert
Soup: Chicken n Dumpling



Jan. 28

Lasagna
Salad
Roll/Dessert
Soup: Italian Wedding

The full menu through April of 2025 can be found on our parish website.

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 they 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!

House Blessing for the Epiphany of the Lord



Epiphany (also known as Twelfth Night, Theophany, or Three Kings Day) marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of “chalking the doors.” The formula for the ritual — adapted for 2025 — is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home: **20 + C + M + B + 25**.

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar— who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: “May Christ bless the house.” The “+” signs represent the cross, and the “20” at the beginning and the “25” at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so-marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.

The traditional date of Epiphany is January 6, but this year it is celebrated on January 5th. Why not start a new tradition in your family and celebrate the chalking of the doors and invite Christ to walk with you throughout the new year?

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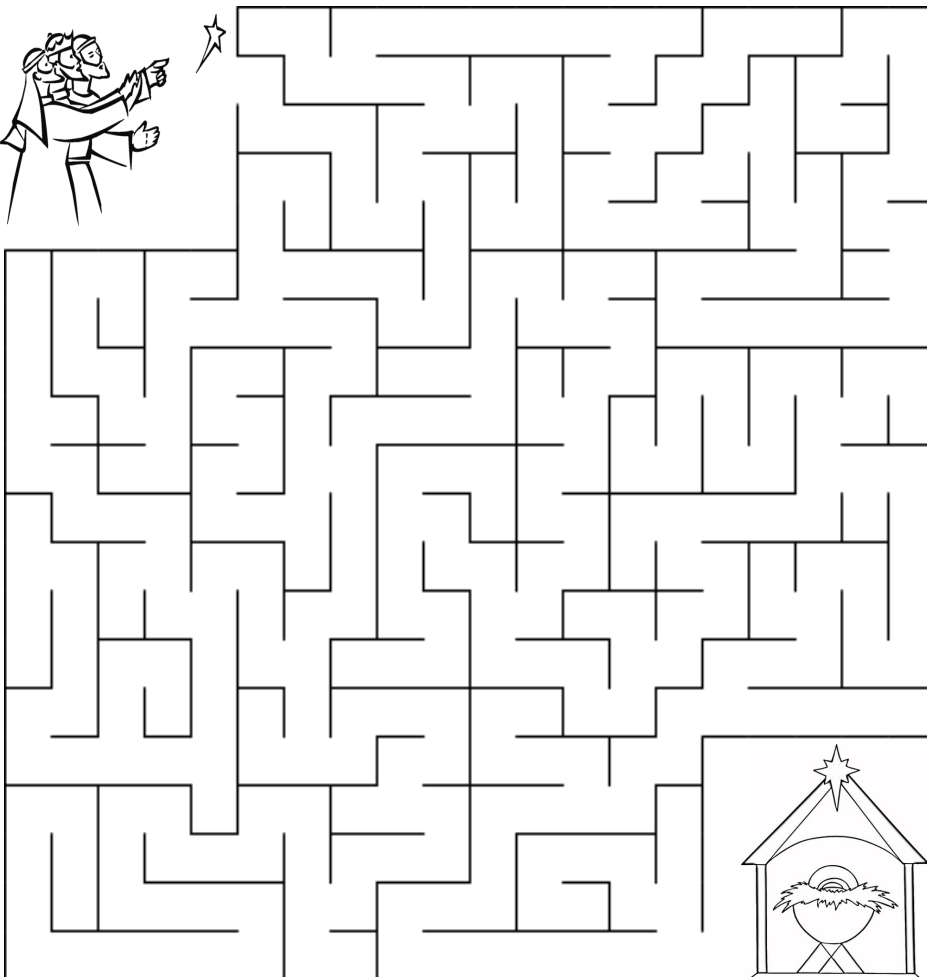


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Children's Worship Page



Today, we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. This is a special celebration when we remember the story of the Three Wise Men, or Magi, who traveled a long way to see Baby Jesus after following a bright star in the sky. When they found Him, they brought Him three special gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These gifts showed that Jesus was very important. It showed that He was a king, but we also know that He was sent by God to help everyone. The Epiphany reminds us that Jesus came for all people, no matter where they are from, and it is a time to celebrate sharing, kindness, and love.

Can you help the Magi find their way to Baby Jesus in this maze?



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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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!

Contact CRM: 440-944-9445

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 December.

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.

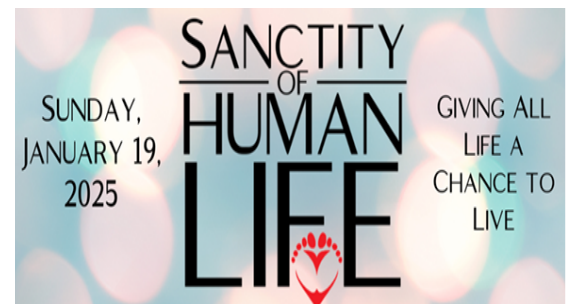
Sanctity of Human Life - January 19

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.



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Holy Ground Youth Group

Holy Ground Youth Group will meet on **January 5th**.

If you are able, please meet us near the choir for the 5:00pm Mass. Our session will begin at 6:00pm in St. Joseph Social Hall.





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