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March 30, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Lent

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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, MARCH 31st Mass at St. Joseph Parish

9:00 A.M. Holly Herbert (Dan Balko)

TUESDAY, APRIL 1st No Mass

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2nd No Mass

THURSDAY, APRIL 3rd Mass at St. Joseph Parish

7:00 P.M. Tina Argenti Taylor (Sacred Sisters)

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 4th Mass at St. Joseph Parish

9:00 A.M. Florence Veroni (John and Cathy Sekletar)

SATURDAY, APRIL 5th

11:00 A.M. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish

4:00 P.M. Ray, Evelyn, and Chuck Wasik

(Son, Dan Wasik)

Mass at St. Joseph Parish

5:30 P.M. Vicki Russo (Tom Russo)

Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 6th Masses at St. Joseph Parish

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

11:00 A.M. Tom George (The George Family)

5:00 P.M. For the Faithfully Departed

All Souls Intentions

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish	
Sunday, March 16	\$ 10,350.00
Eoffering	\$ 1,959.19
Total Sunday Offerings	\$ 12,306.19
Other Collections	
Children's Envelopes	\$ 2.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 269.70
Maintenance	\$ 206.00
Black and Indian Missions	\$ 10.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 1.00
Central and Eastern Europe Missions	\$ 85.00
Book Rack	\$ 14.00
Nativity Parish	
Saturday, March 15	\$ 2,834.00
Other Collections	
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 10.00
Maintenance and Upkeep	\$ 750.00
Landscape	\$ 40.00

St. Joseph Mass Livestream

To view our 11:00am Mass for the homebound, visit our YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/

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Or you can use the button on our website: https:stiosephamherst.com/

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, MARCH 30th

12:00 P.M. Knights of Columbus Fifth Sunday Rosary (St. Joseph Church)

MONDAY, MARCH 31st

No School March 30 through April 4 - Spring Break 7:00 P.M. OCIA (RCIA) (NBVM Parish Hall)

TUESDAY, APRIL 1st

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

7:00 P.M. Men's Group

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2nd

No PSR tonight

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 3rd

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 4th

11:00 A.M. First Friday Rosary - No luncheon (NBVM Parish Hall)

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4:30 P.M. Fish Fry (NBVM Parish Hall)

7:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross (St. Joseph Church)

SATURDAY, APRIL 5th

9:00 A.M. First Saturday Rosary (St. Joseph Church)

SUNDAY, APRIL 6th

6:00 P.M. Holy Ground Youth Group

Please join us for Mass before the meeting.

Daily Readings

MONDAY, MARCH 31st Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21 Jn 4:43-54

TUESDAY, APRIL 1st Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12 Jn 5:1-16

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2nd Lenten Weekday

Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit

Is 49:8-15 Jn 5:17-30

THURSDAY, APRIL 3rd Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7-14 Jn 5:31-47

FRIDAY, APRIL 4th Lenten Weekday

Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

SATURDAY, APRIL 5th Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21 Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11

SUNDAY, APRIL 6th Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21 Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11

Additional forms available in the Gathering Area

Join us for a night of "Fun" draising

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FRIDAY, APRIL 25TH ***NEW DATE***
6 PM TO 10 PM

DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 6:30





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The 20th Annual Shoeboxes for Catholic Charities almsgiving project is being hosted by St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church of Lorain. Over the past 19 years, personal care items have been collected to aide children and adults who seek assistance from the Catholic Charities Family Center and St. Elizabeth Homeless Shelter in Lorain. This year we invite the community to assist in the collection of personal care items, diapers, underwear, socks, feminine hygiene products, etc. for ages Newborn to Adult. Please drop off your donation at the church's main entrance, at 2711 W 40th St., Lorain, on Saturdays: April 5 and April 12 from 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. We are grateful for your support.



St. Joseph Church, Amherst and Nativity B.V.M., South Amherst

Soup Suppers and Rosary at St. Joseph Social Hall

April 10th - Soup served 5:30 P.M., Rosary 6:30 P.M.

Stations of the Cross - Fridays during Lent at 7:00 P.M.

April 4th - Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph April 11th - Stations of the Cross at Nativity

April 18th - Taizé Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph

First Friday and First Saturday Rosary

April 4th - 11:00 A.M. at Nativity Church (Rosary only no luncheon this month)

April 5th - 9:00 A.M. at St. Joseph Church

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at NBVM Parish

Monday through Friday 11:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. For information on Adoration, please call Josie Tornabene at 440-396-5429.

Reconciliation (Confession) at St. Joseph Parish

Saturdays of Lent from 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Thursdays following the 7:00 P.M. Mass until 8:30 P.M. - exception Holy Thursday Good Friday following the Noon Liturgy until 3:00 P.M. Holy Saturday from 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Reconciliation (Confession) at NBVM Parish

Holy Thursday following the 7:00 P.M. Mass until 9:00 P.M.

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To learn more, visit https://formed.org/.



Ways to Pray this Lent

Looking for ways to make Lent more meaningful this year? Here are a few suggestions—though they may not be new to you, know that the Lord will speak to you in the way you need to experience Him in this Lenten Season.

Digital Content:

MyparishApp: A great way to add to your daily prayer



time! This app includes many resources such as Rosary audios, Daily Readings, prayers, and messages/reminders from our parish on upcoming events. A great way to stay connected.









More apps to try:

Laudate, Amen, Hallow, and Ascension.

You can find these apps at your app store provider.









Matthew Kelly's BEST LENT EVER:

An opportunity to encounter God's mercy that will renew your faith. Use the link below to receive daily emails from Dynamic Catholic.

https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent



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The recordings will be delivered daily by email. Visit, https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/my-daily-prayers to learn more and sign up for the daily emails.

Not Into Digital Resources? Not to worry; we have more resources for you. On the Gathering Area counter at St. Joseph Parish, and the tables at Nativity Parish, you will find pamphlets on: How to Pray a Holy Hour, How to Pray the Rosary, How to make a Good Confession, information on upcoming retreats, and while supplies last, the Little Black Book daily devotional. In addition, as listed above, you will have several opportunities to deepen your faith and prayer life through the Stations of the Cross, Adoration, Reconciliation (including the Diocesan-wide Evening of Confession), First Friday/Saturday Rosary, and Soup Suppers. Let's not forget the opportunity to attend the production, "The Answer," produced and directed by Christina Dupré. This Lent, there truly is something for everyone!

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Plenary Indulgences - General Conditions

See the Gathering Area counter at St. Joseph and the tables at NBVM for an explanation of the Conditions of Plenary Indulgences as we prepare ourselves during this Lenten Season to receive God's mercy and unconditional love.

We bring our sins and struggles to our Lord and to the Church, represented by the person of the priest, when we come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We confess our sins, our failures and our faults, promise to strive again to conform ourselves to Christ, and are forgiven. "The Lord never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness." (Pope Francis, First Angelus as pope, March 17, 2013)

REMINDERS FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Fridays during Lent are also days of abstinence. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Likewise, the norms for abstaining from meat are binding from age 14 onward. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection.

Jubilee Year of Hope - Upcoming Events



Called to be Pilgrims of Hope during this Holy Year 2025, Bishop Michael Woost will be at St. Ladislas Church (2345 Bassett Road, Westlake) on March 30 and April 1, from 7:00-8:30 P.M. During this Lenten Mission, he will provide an opportunity to reflect on God's promises for healing, peace, forgiveness, joy, salvation, and the fullness of life and love — in this life and the next! Each evening will invite the community to encounter the presence of God through the prayer of the Church. The Bishop's Lenten Mission will also offer participants the opportunity to obtain the Jubilee Plenary Indulgence.

Join us during the Jubilee Year 2025, for a special blessing of all those who work in healthcare. Medical professionals embody the spirit of "Pilgrims of Hope" by bringing healing and hope to others. As Catholics, we believe in the unity of body and soul, and we deeply appreciate those who sacrifice to improve the health and well-being of others. We hope our prayers will provide strength in this demanding vocation.

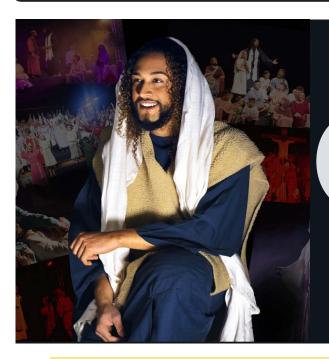
The blessing will take place during Mass on Saturday, April 5 at 4:00 P.M. and Sunday, April 6 at 10:30 A.M. at Nativity B.V.M. Church, 418 W. 15th St., Lorain, OH. A prayer card will be provided for all in attendance.

Sacri Vultus - Holy Face Relic



St. Mary Catholic Parish, located at 731 Exchange St. in Vermilion, OH, is offering all the faithful the opportunity to venerate a sanctioned Vatican relic of Veronica's Veil under the pontificate of Pope Pius IX from 1855. This sacred relic will be available for veneration only, with no speaker presentation. The devotion is inspired by revelations from Our Divine Lord to Sister Mary of St. Peter, who was told, "By offering My face to My eternal Father, nothing will be refused, and the conversion of many sinners will be obtained." This is a beautiful chance for the faithful to reflect on the importance of reparation to the Holy Face of Jesus.

Wednesday, April 2 from 7:15 - 8:15 P.M. (follows the 6:45 P.M. Healing Mass)
Thursday, April 3 following the 8:30 A.M. Mass until 10:30 A.M.
Friday, April 4 from 6:00 - 7:00 P.M. and from 8:00 - 8:30 P.M. (following the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 P.M.)



COME EXPERIENCE

THE ANSWER

Did you miss seeing The Answer at our parish this past weekend? NOT TO WORRY! You have 3 more opportunities available to you. MARCH 28, 29 | 7:30PM mmaculate Conception Church 414 Madison St, Port Clinton, Ohio

APRIL 4, 5 | 7:30PM St. Justin Martyr 35781 Stevens Blvd. Eastlake, Ohio APRIL 11, 12| 7:30PM Solid Rock Community Church 680 North Abbe Road. Elyria, Ohio

EVENT COST: FREE | PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION

Mary's Way of the Cross



These amazing women offer a beautiful portrayal of the Stations of the Cross as "Mary's Way of the Cross." Throughout this season of Lent, the group will be presenting at several area churches.

If you haven't yet seen this presentation, you can catch it at one of the locations listed below.

Friday, April 4th - 7:00 P.M.
St. Matthias Parish, located at 1200 W. Sprague Rd., Cleveland
Friday, April 11th - 7:00 P.M.
St. Patrick Parish, located at 512 N. Main St., Wellington

Diocesan Day of Service

On Saturday, April 5th, we are calling all Catholics to take part in a diocesan-wide Day of Service as Eucharistic Missionaries and Pilgrims of Hope in the world. We are called to act and love like Christ by giving of ourselves for our brothers and sisters. People of all ages are encouraged to participate in service activities in their local community as individuals, families, and parish or school groups. Join us in celebrating the Eucharistic Revival Year of Mission and the Jubilee Year to share our Christian hope with every person we encounter.

First Friday Forum



Join us for an insightful luncheon with Fr. Andy Turner on Friday, April 4, at the Spitzer Conference Center at LCCC (1005 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria).

Fr. Turner will share updates on the

Seminary, offering a look at how it has evolved over the years.

Lunch begins at 11:30 A.M., and the cost is \$25. Reservations must be made by 6:00 PM on Monday, March 31.

To reserve your spot, please call 440-320-3272 or 440-213-2132, or email ffflorain@gmail.com.

Fourth Sunday of Lent







Family and Friends, Come One and All!

Join us Friday, April 4th, at Nativity BVM Church (333 S. Lake Street, S. Amherst) for a Lake Erie Perch Fish Fry! Dinners will be available for dine-in OR carry-out from 4:30 – 7:00 pm. The cost of each dinner is \$25.00.



Choice 1 The Lake Erie Perch Dinner

5 Pieces of fried
Lake Erie Perch
French Fries
Coleslaw / Roll / Butter
Piece of Cake
\$25



Choice 2 The Shrimp Dinner

10 Pieces of fried Shrimp French Fries Coleslaw / Roll / Butter Piece of Cake \$25



Choice:

The Combo Dinner

2 pieces of Lake Erie Perch & 6 Shrimp French Fries Coleslaw / Roll / Butter Piece of Cake \$25

The Kids Dinner (10 yrs. old and under) is \$5 for 1 slice of cheese pizza, a bag of potato chips, a juice box, and a slice of cake.



Cans of pop and bottled water will be available for \$1 each, while supplies last.

Coffee, tea, and lemonade will be provided.

No alcohol is permitted on premises.



This is a dine-in or carry-out event. "Drive-thru" is NOT available.

Call-ahead orders are appreciated but not required. Please contact Lynn Johnson at 440-752-6519. Pay by check to Nativity BVM or cash (preferred) at the door.

We look forward to seeing you!

"Don't forget to do good and to share with those in need." Hebrews 13:16



Area Fish Fries

St. Thomas The Apostle Parish 719 Harris Rd., Sheffield Lake Fridays - March 7 - April 11 4:00 - 7:00 P.M. 440-949-7744 St. Joseph Parish (Avon Lake) 3929 Lake Rd., Avon Lake Fridays, March 7 - April 11 4:30 - 7:00 P.M. 440-933-3152 St. Bernadette Parish 2300 Clague Rd., Westlake Fridays - March 7 - April 4 4:00 - 7:00 P.M. 440-731-1300

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 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary located at 333 South Lake St., South Amherst.

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

Thank you for your continued support!

April 8

Breaded Chicken Cheesy Potatoes Green Beans Roll/Dessert Soup: Beef Vegetable

First Friday Rosary



FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY at Nativity BVM

Friday, April 4th 11:00 A.M. Nativity Church

Please join us as we pray together the Most Holy Rosary. Please note, there will be **NO** refreshments served after the Rosary this month.

Altar and Rosary Society Annual Membership Drive ENDS TOMORROW

The Annual Membership Drive ends on 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 it in the collection basket.

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

Monthly Meetings:

When: First Tuesday of the month at 6:30 P.M.

Where: Nativity Parish Social Hall. Meetings last about an hour, and there are plenty of opportunities to share your time and talents!

April Hospitality Tuesday CANCELED



There will be no Mass or
Hospitality Tuesday on
April 1st.
We will resume with
our usual
Hospitality Tuesday
next month.

Road Closure Notice



For those of you travelling to and from Nativity Parish for Adoration, Mass or other activities, please note the following.

The north-south road connecting Amherst and South Amherst, known as Pyle South Amherst Road in Amherst and Lake Street in South Amherst, will be closed at the bridge over I-80 starting this Monday, March 24, for a duration of 180 days.

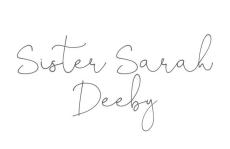
Detour Routes:

- West detour: Use Quarry Road and Route 113
- East detour: Use Route 58 and Route 113.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

WONDERFUL WOMEN

JOIN US TO HEAR FROM SPECIAL GUEST:









Lenten Soup Suppers



We are thrilled to host the LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS at St. Joseph Parish! All from St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes are invited to join us

for an evening of fellowship and prayer as we journey through the season of Lent. You are welcome to bring a pot of soup, or some bread or crackers to share, but it is NOT required.

The final Soup Supper will take place on **April 10**th in St. Joseph Social Hall. Soup will be served at 5:30 P.M., Praying the Rosary at 6:30 P.M., and Mass at 7:00 P.M. We look forward to seeing you there! For questions, call Sue at 440-986-1725.



Cemetery Clean-up

Our cemetery grounds must be clear for the mowing and trimming season. Any obstructions to mowing or trimming will be removed and discarded. The following is our cemetery policy and it will be adhered to by the groundskeeping crew.

- Decorations, must be removed by April 1st for the mowing season. If you want to save your decorations you must remove them before April 1st.
- No plantings of flowers, bushes, or vegetation of any kind are allowed.
- No landscaping or permanent decorations of any kind are allowed, including but not limited to stone, bricks, borders, etc.
- After April 1st, only fresh-cut flowers are allowed, in paper or foil wrapping, and these will be removed weekly.
- Regarding holidays during the growing season (April 1st to October 31st) Decorations will be allowed four days before the holiday. They must be removed 2 days following the holiday. Any decorations you do not remove, will be removed and discarded by groundskeeping personnel.
- Winter decorations will be allowed from October 31st to April 1st.

A Day in the Life of a Benedictine Monk

Greetings from the Benedictine monks at Saint Andrew Abbey, Cleveland! We are excited to launch our new *Come and See* Program!

If you are a male between the ages of 20-45, and are curious about Benedictine living, and would like to discern a possible vocation to religious life, we invite you to join us for a day of prayer, work, and discernment. We will take you through a day in the life of a Benedictine monk, here in Cleveland. We will start the day with Lauds at 7:10 A.M. and end with Vigils starting at 7:05 P.M. The program is scheduled to take place on the second Saturday of each month. If you would like to join us, and other young men for a day of discernment, please contact our vocation director, Father Thomas Sanders, or his assistant Br. Gregory Coyne, for further details. Walk-ups not accepted and space is

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Assistant Vocation Director, Brother Gregory Coyne, OSB

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ALL ARE WELCOME! 7TH - 12TH GRADERS

HOLY GROUND YOUTH NIGHTS!

- Fellowship and faith formation
- · Snacks provided
- Closing Prayer at 7:30 P.M.





Upcoming Dates!

Meet for the 5:00 P.M. Mass before the meeting

April 6th April 13th May 4th May 18th



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