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April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday of the Passion 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 ST. JOSEPH PARISH April 13, 2025

AND NATIVITY OF THE BVM PARISH

Liturgy Schedule

MONDAY, APRIL 14th Mass at St. Joseph Parish

9:00 A.M. Jennie Ehlert (Family)

TUESDAY, APRIL 15th Mass at Nativity Parish

8:00 A.M. Geraldine Lincicome (Nancy Ann Smith)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16th No Mass

THURSDAY, APRIL 17th Mass of the Lord's Supper at Nativity Parish

7:00 P.M. People of St. Nativity and St. Joseph Parishes Mass with washing of feet. Adoration and Confessions to follow Mass until 9:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18th Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord at St. Joseph Parish

12:00 P.M. Liturgy with Confessions to follow until 3:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19th Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at St. Joseph Parish

10:45 A.M. Blessing of Easter Food at St. Joseph Parish

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

8:45 P.M. Lighting of the Easter Fire

9:00 P.M. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes

SUNDAY, APRIL 20th Easter Sunday Masses of the Resurrection of the Lord

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

Mass at St. Joseph Parish

10:00 A.M. People of Nativity and St. Joseph Parishes

Mass at Nativity Parish

11:30 A.M. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes

Mass at St. Joseph Parish

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, APRIL 13th

6:00 P.M. Holy Ground Youth Group (SJ Social Hall South)
Please join us for Mass before the meeting.

MONDAY, APRIL 14th

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 15th

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16th

5:30 P.M. PSR K through Gr. 8 (St. Joseph School)

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 17th

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 18th

No School and Parish Offices closed

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

Daily Readings

MONDAY, APRIL 14th Monday of Holy Week Is 42:1-7 Jn 12:1-11

TUESDAY, APRIL 15th Tuesday of Holy Week

Is 49:1-6 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16th Wednesday of Holy Week Is 50:4-9 Mt 26:14-25

THURSDAY, APRIL 17th Holy Thursday, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15

FRIDAY, APRIL 18th Good Friday, The Passion of the Lord Is 52:13—53:12 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1—19:42

SATURDAY, APRIL 19th Holy Saturday, Vigil: Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord

Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ex 14:15—15:1 Is 54:5-14 Is 55:1-11 Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4 Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 Rom 6:3-11 Lk 24:1-12

SUNDAY, APRIL 20th Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP St. Joseph Parish Sunday, March 30 \$ 10,484.58 \$ Eoffering 2,729.62 **Total Sunday Offerings** \$ 13,214.20 Other Collections \$ 2.00 Children's \$ **Tuition Assistance** 30.00 Maintenance \$ 102.00 \$ Easter 290.00 \$ Good Friday 10.00 Central and Eastern Europe Missions \$ 5.00 \$ Catholic Relief Services 592.00 \$ Black and Indian Missions 40.00 \$ Lenten and Easter Flowers 86.00 \$ Little Books for Lent 4.00 Nativity Parish Saturday, March 29 \$ 2,959.00 Other Collections Central and Eastern Europe Missions \$ 25.00 Catholic Relief Services \$ 40.00 \$ Landscape 195.00 \$ Maintenance and Upkeep 435.00 Easter \$ 125.00 Easter Flowers 50.00

Please Note:

There will be NO 4:00 P.M. or 5:30 P.M. Mass on Holy Saturday, April 19. NO 5:00 P.M. Mass on Easter Sunday, April 20, and NO Mass on Monday April 21







HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 13th - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

4:00 P.M. Saturday Vigil Mass - at St. Joseph Church

5:30 P.M. Saturday Vigil Mass - at Nativity BVM Church

8:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., and 5:00 P.M. - at St. Joseph Church

Monday, April 14th

9:00 A.M. Mass of Holy Week at St. Joseph Church

Tuesday, April 15th

8:00 A.M. Mass of Holy Week at Nativity BVM Church

7:00 P.M. Chrism Mass at St. John Cathedral Church

EASTER TRIDUUM

Thursday, April 17th - Holy Thursday at Nativity B.V.M. Church

7:00 P.M. Mass of the Lord's Supper (with washing of the feet) Adoration and Confession to follow - Adoration closing at 9:00 P.M.

Friday, April 18th - Good Friday at St. Joseph Church

12:00 Noon Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (will be live streamed) Confessions to follow until 3:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M. Taizé Stations of the Cross (will be live streamed)

Saturday, April 19th - Holy Saturday at St. Joseph Church

10:45 A.M. Blessing of Easter Food

Confessions from 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon

9:00 P.M. Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection (will be live streamed) Lighting of Easter Fire will be at 8:45 P.M.

Sunday, April 20th - Easter Sunday (The 11:30 A.M. Mass will be live streamed)

8:30 A.M. and 11:30 A.M. Masses of Easter Sunday at St. Joseph Church

10:00 A.M. Mass of Easter Sunday at Nativity B.V.M. Church

Note: There will be no 5:00 P.M. Mass

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics, but is not a Holy Day of Obligation. 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 onwards. 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.

Plenary Indulgences - General Conditions

See the Gathering Area counter at St. Joseph and the tables at NBVM for an explanation of the General 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)

Ways to Keep Holy Week "HOLY"



Holy Week is a solemn week of extra prayer and fasting. It involves the Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. During those three days, we recall—and through our prayer participate in—Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples, His arrest, trial, and execution, the long day of silence (Holy Saturday) while His body rested in the grave, and His Resurrection on Easter. The many readings of Scripture surrounding the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ give us a lot of material for reflection and prayer.

Unfortunately, the rest of the world does not stop or slow down to give us extra time for all this liturgy and church attendance. As daily life continues, and our minds spin with scores of other stories that threaten to obscure the Jesus story, how can we maintain some realm of holy quiet? Here are just a few suggestions that we hope will help.

- Spend a little time each day, listening to music that helps you slow down. It doesn't matter what kind of music, as long as the listening helps you breathe more slowly and go to a place deeper in your spirit.
- Prepare at least one meal with special care for the people in your home (or, if you live alone, for you and a guest or two), and make certain all of you sit down together to eat it. It doesn't have to be fancy or expensive.
- Choose one of the Passion narratives and read it aloud to yourself over the course of the week. Don't try to learn anything new or have a profound experience; simply read the story, asking God to help this story live in you better this year than it ever has before.
- While you're relaxing at the end of the day try drawing aspects of Holy Week. Use whatever paper and pen(cil) is available and express something about symbols that are meaningful to you: cross, lily, bread, chalice, table, garden, hands, faces, a road...

Finally, you might find some time this week to go on a spiritual pilgrimage with Jesus, wherever you are. Reflect on how to do that in this video found on YouTube: https://youtu.be/IDxqrqXg5nU.

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St. Joseph Mass Live stream

For those who are homebound, St. Joseph Parish is excited to be able to **live stream** the following in celebration of Holy Week and Easter:

Good Friday Liturgy at Noon Good Friday Taizé Prayer Service at 7:00 P.M. Easter Vigil Mass at 9:00 P.M. Easter Sunday Mass at 11:30 A.M.



On YouTube search: <u>sjandnbvmmedia</u> Or you can get the livestream link from our website: www.stjosephamherst.com.

Jubilee Year of Hope - Upcoming Events



"A Jubilee Revival for a Flourishing Church"

An evening of reflection with the Vicar for Evangelization

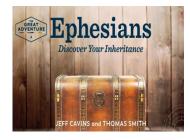
Thursday, April 24 7:00 PM Nativity B.V.M. Church 418 W. 15th St. Lorain, OH 44052

Father Damian Ference will open our understanding of and help us draw connections between the Eucharistic Revival, Bishop Malesic's pastoral letter, and the Jubilee Year of Hope. These three important initiatives have the potential to reinvigorate the faithful and ignite our spiritual lives.

Night Prayer and a reception will follow the presentation.

Please join us!

From Sacred Sisters Ministry



One of the most remarkable things about our Faith is that by God's grace, we have become His adopted sons and daughters. In your day-to-day life, what does it mean to be a son or daughter of God—an heir to His promises and blessings? When you sit in the pews each Sunday, what does it mean to you to be part of His family, the Church?

The Sacred Sisters Wednesday Night Ladies' Prayer and Bible Study Group invites you to join us for *Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance* on April 23rd at 6:30 P.M. at the Old Stone Evangelical Church Community Center (every Wednesday for 8 weeks).

In this 8-part study and video series, Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith will guide you in discovering the joy of *EPHESIANS!* If you have questions or would like to join us, please call or text Lesley at 440-371-6418.

Save the Date Baccalaureate Mass

Our Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated at the 11:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday, May 18th. This special day provides an opportunity for all high school, vocational school, and college graduates to participate in and be celebrated at Mass.

We invite graduates to take part by serving as a lector for the Processional Introduction, the First and Second Readings, and the Intercessions. Please encourage your graduate to participate—this is a beautiful Mass and a very special day for all!

Additionally, remember to **submit your graduate's photo and short bio by May 23rd**, so that they can be included in our Parish Newsletter. For questions or more information, contact Diane Syrowski at 440-522-2491 or via email at dianesyrowski@gmail.com.



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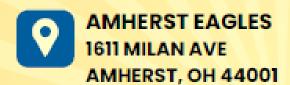
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Carlo Acutis Canonization April 27 - Movie Release



Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality explores the life and legacy of the soon-to-be Saint Carlo Acutis and how he navigated the modern world. It tackles urgent technology-related questions, examining how the virtual landscape threatens our fundamental understanding of what it means to be human.

The film also tracks the journey of a group of high school students who embark on a two-week pilgrimage from North Dakota to Italy to visit Carlo's tomb. A requirement for their pilgrimage: disengage from technology and leave their phones at home.

Many young people feel isolated, anxious, and unsure of what's real in a world saturated with screens. Amid their struggle, they need hope. They need a living example of how to live with purpose, clarity, and joy. *Roadmap to Reality* offers that through the model of Carlo Acutis.

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The film features Carlo's family and friends sharing their firsthand experiences and his impact on their lives. It also includes well-known voices in the Catholic Church and technology experts who offer a model for young people to engage in the digital world.

Every Movie Ticket Purchased Brings the Film to More Theatres. Get yours now!

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW at https://carloacutisfilm.com/



Theology On The Rocks West - For Adults 40 & Over



Monday, April 14th | 7:00 – 8:30 P.M. Westside Irish American Club, 8559 Jennings Rd., Olmsted Twp.

Passion Narratives Compared!

On Palm Sunday, we'll hear Luke's account of the passion and death of Jesus. What do the other Evangelists tell us? That's what we'll explore as Fr. Mark Latcovich, Pastor of St. Ladislas, explains.

Join us for a theologically enriching evening. The cost is \$15.00 per person, and light appetizers will be included. A cash bar is available. Advance tickets are recommended.

Register in advance at: https://www.theologyontherockswest.com/.

Doors open at 6:30 P.M.

Nativity News

Final Dinner on the Go until Fall 2025

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 29

Beef Stroganoff with Mushrooms and Noodles Applesauce Cup Roll/Dessert Soup: Chicken and Wild Rice

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 beginning 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.

Grief Recovery Program - St. Joseph Parish



If you have been struggling with grief over a loss for an extended period of time—at least one year—please consider participating in the Grief Recovery Program. Grieving is a normal reaction to the losses we face in life. These losses can include death, changes in health or lifestyle, career changes, retirement, and many others.

A recent phenomenon occurred during the Covid pandemic when hospital and nursing home visitations were canceled, and many people died without seeing their loved ones. Funerals were only allowed outdoors. This led to complicated grief. Unresolved grief from any kind of loss can lead to physical health issues, substance use, and depression. This is known as persistent or complicated grief.

This program is based on a 12-step approach to healing. It requires a weekly commitment—up to 12 weeks, a book, and a partner. If you are tired of suffering, please attend an informational session on **May** 7th **at 6:30 P.M.** in St. Joseph Social Hall.

To register and/or for questions, call Pam Waite at 440-309-7661 and please leave a message with your phone number.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Are you or someone you know struggling with the pain of separation or divorce?

You are not alone. We invite you to *An Evening for the Separated & Divorced*, a free event offering hope, healing, and community for those facing separation or divorce.

7 Date: April 22 Time: 7 pm EDT 1 Location: Virtual via Zoom

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Sign up at: www.aboundingjoyministry.com/events

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For questions, contact Carolyn@AboundingJoyMinistry.com
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Monthly Holy PRO Hour for Life

Tuesday: April 29th, 2025 at 7:00pm

All are invited to come pray before our Lord.

Rejoice in Creation Earth Day Celebration

St. Ladislas Church (2345 Bassett Road, Westlake) invites you to an evening of gratitude and praise, celebrating the beauty and wonders of our world.

Join us for a prayer service, followed by refreshments and a special musical performance by the Fairview Park Community Band. The event will take place on **Tuesday, April 22, at 7:00 P.M.** and is free and open to the public.



Catholic Cemeteries Grief Support

Please visit https://www.clecem.org/ for the most updated schedule of events.

Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly grief support groups in two formats: In-Office (3:00 P.M.) at six cemetery offices and virtually (5:00 P.M.) via Zoom. Meetings are held as open discussions surrounding a monthly topic, or whatever is on your heart. The April 27th topics are "Easter Season" and "Mother's Day Grief." We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to explore your grief. Come and be in the presence of those who understand.

3:00 pm In-Office Grief Support Groups meet in the main office building at the following locations:

All Saints, Northfield | 480 W. Highland Road All Souls, Chardon | 10366 Chardon Road Holy Cross, Brook Park | 14609 Brook Park Road Holy Cross, Akron | 100 E Waterloo Road Calvary Cleveland | 10000 Miles Avenue St. Joseph, Avon | 32789 Detroit Road

5:00 pm Virtual Grief Support Group meets for an hour via Zoom and follows the same monthly topic discussion as the in-office groups. Sign up at https://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup to receive login information and to download the handout materials. You can join virtually from any Wi-Fi enabled area via computer, laptop, smartphone, or even without Wi-Fi (via audio only) from your analog phone. If you do not have Wi-Fi or email, please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

Your RSVP for both In-Person and Virtual Grief Support is appreciated but not required to attend. For more information or if you have questions, please contact <u>Rhonda</u> at 216-930-4866.



Good Friday Offertory Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The Christians in the Holy Land are under much duress. Your donation helps to meet the basic needs of the People of God living there and to maintain a Christian presence.

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit https://myfranciscan.org/ or https://www.custodia.org/en/

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith

We received a letter of great gratitude for donations made to World Mission Sunday collection taken up in March. They wanted to thank our parishioners for responding with a spirit of love, service, and generous sacrifice. "Their willingness to support the universal mission of the Church shows their passionate commitment to Christ and His teachings."

World Mission Sunday contributions: \$1,015.00

CHECK OUT OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Our YouTube channel offers the 11:00 A.M. Mass livestream, along with past videos and newly added content! We will also be uploading weekly event videos featured during Mass on weekends, as well as new music from our music ministry.



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