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April 6, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL OFFICE: 440-988-4244

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL WEBSITE: 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

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, APRIL 7th Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 A.M. Joyce Ralph (Laureen Suspenski)

TUESDAY, APRIL 8th Mass at Nativity Parish
8:00 A.M. Larry Knoble (Jerry and Anne Knoble)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9th No Mass

THURSDAY, APRIL 10th Mass at St. Joseph Parish
7:00 P.M. Daniel Kaighin (Wife)
Confessions to follow Mass until 8:30 P.M.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11th Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 A.M. Patricia Orosz (Husband, David Orosz)

SATURDAY, APRIL 12th
11:00 A.M. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
4:00 P.M. Yolanda Argenti (Sacred Sisters)
Mass at St. Joseph Parish
5:30 P.M. Ray and Emma Kirsch (Diane)
Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 13th Masses at St. Joseph Parish
8:30 A.M. Joe Sherba (Mom and Dad)
11:00 A.M. Mariano Campana (Family)
5:00 P.M. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes

Daily Readings

MONDAY, APRIL 7th Lenten Weekday
Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41-62 Jn 8:12-20

TUESDAY, APRIL 8th Lenten Weekday
Nm 21:4-9 Jn 8:21-30

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9th Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Jn 8:31-42

THURSDAY, APRIL 10th Lenten Weekday
Gn 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59

FRIDAY, APRIL 11th Lenten Weekday
Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr
Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42

SATURDAY, APRIL 12th Vigil: Palm Sunday of
the Passion of the Lord
Lk 19:28-40 (37) Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11
Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

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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 6th

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

MONDAY, APRIL 7th

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 8th

5:00 P.M. Dinners on the Go (NBVM Parish)
7:00 P.M. Parent Club (School MPR)
7:00 P.M. Wonderful Women (SJ Social Hall South)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9th

9:00 A.M. Pew Washing (SJ Church)
6:00 P.M. Stewardship Meeting (Social Hall Lobby)
6:30 P.M. Sacred Sisters Meeting (O.S.E. Community Ctr.)

THURSDAY, APRIL 10th

5:30 P.M. Lenten Soup Supper (School Gymnasium)

FRIDAY, APRIL 11th

9:45 A.M. Palm Weaving after Mass (SJ Social Hall Lobby)
7:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross (Nativity Church)

SUNDAY, APRIL 13th

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

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish

Sunday, March 23	\$	14,601.19
Eoffering	\$	2,729.62
Total Sunday Offerings	\$	17,330.81
Other Collections		
Tuition Assistance	\$	1.00
Maintenance	\$	140.00
Home Missions	\$	11.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$	5.00
Easter	\$	70.00
Book Rack	\$	12.00
Lenten and Easter Flowers	\$	10.00

Nativity Parish

Saturday, March 22	\$	1,889.00
Other Collections		
Catholic Home Missions	\$	20.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$	5.00
Central and Eastern Europe Missions	\$	10.00
El Salvador	\$	5.00
Landscape	\$	30.00

Fifth Sunday of Lent



COME EXPERIENCE

THE ANSWER

If you have not had the chance to see this year's performance of
THE ANSWER, NOT TO WORRY!

This year's final performance will be on;

April 11 and 12 | 7:30 P.M.
Solid Rock Community Church
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Elyria, Ohio

EVENT COST: **FREE** | PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION

Mary's Way of the Cross

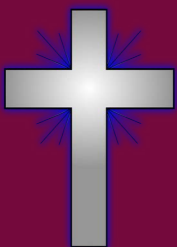


These amazing women offer a beautiful portrayal of the Stations of the Cross as "Mary's Way of the Cross." Throughout this season of Lent, the group will be presenting at several area churches. If you haven't yet seen this presentation, you have another opportunity!

Friday, April 11th - 7:00 P.M.

St. Patrick Parish, located at 512 N. Main St., Wellington

TAIZÉ PRAYER



Please join us on
Good Friday, April 18th
7:00PM
for a special Taizé prayer service
at St. Joseph Church

Palm Weaving



Please join us on
Friday, April 11th
St. Joseph Social Hall Lobby
following the 9:00 A.M. Mass
to learn the art of palm weaving.

Bring a pair of craft scissors if you have them,
other supplies will be provided.

All are welcome. Have questions?
Call Sue Cotton at 440-986-1725

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 10th in St. Joseph School Gymnasium**. Soup will be served at 5:30 P.M., we will be praying the Rosary at 6:30 P.M., and Mass will begin at 7:00 P.M. We look forward to seeing you there! For questions, call Sue at 440-986-1725.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 P.M.

April 11th - Nativity Parish

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Nativity of the B.V.M. 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 Nativity B.V.M. Parish

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

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics, but is not a Holy Day of obligation. Additionally, 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 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 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)

Little White Books - Easter Season Devotional



The Little White Devotional Books are now available. You can pick one up from the basket in the Gathering Area at St. Joseph or from the tables at Nativity. The cost is \$2.00, and you can drop the small envelope found in the front cover of the book into the offertory basket.

Pew Washing - St. Joseph Church

Wednesday, April 9
9:00 - 11:00 A.M.

All are invited to join our Sacristans in this cleaning day to prepare for Easter. Many hands make light work!





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

Confessions to follow until 3:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M. Taizé Stations of the Cross

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

Sunday, April 20th - Easter Sunday

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

Additional
forms available
in the
Gathering Area

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF “Fun”draising FOR ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL



FRIDAY, APRIL 25TH *NEW DATE*****

6 PM TO 10 PM

DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 6:30



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First Name	Last Name	Phone Number



PLEASE RESERVE US A TABLE FOR 8 WITH THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

Care Packages

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. We are grateful for your support.

**Please drop off your donation at the church's main entrance at 2711 W 40th St., Lorain
on Saturday, April 12th from 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

LENTEN LAMENTATIONS

Gorzkie Żale sung in English

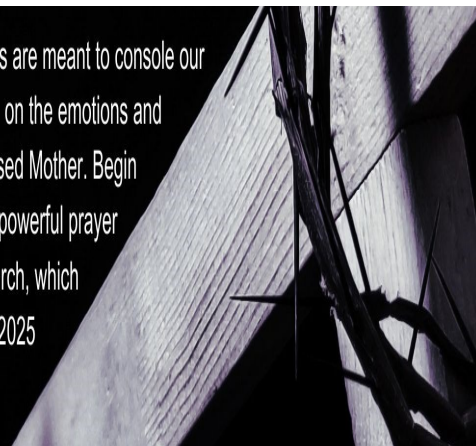
SUNDAY, APRIL 13

3:00 PM

Nativity B.V.M. Church
418 W. 15th St.
Lorain, OH 44052

nativitybvmlorain.org

These beautiful songs and prayers are meant to console our Lord in his sufferings by reflecting on the emotions and thoughts of our Lord and his Blessed Mother. Begin your Holy Week journey with this powerful prayer experience at Nativity B.V.M. Church, which is designated as Lorain County's 2025 pilgrimage church.



Carlo Acutis Canonization April 27 - Movie Release



Castletown Media and Wahl St. Productions, in association with the National Eucharistic Congress, Inc. and the McGrath Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame, invite you to the Catholic film event of the year.

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.

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/>

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

Theology On The Rocks West - For Adults 40 & Over



Join us on Monday, April 14th, from 7:00 – 8:30 P.M. at the 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. Ladislav, 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

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

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 questions, call Pam Waite at 440-309-7661
and please leave a message with your phone number.**

Fifth Sunday of Lent

WONDERFUL WOMEN

JOIN US TO HEAR FROM SPECIAL GUEST:

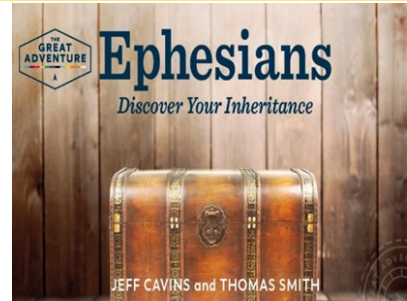
Sister Sarah
Deeby



Tuesday | April 8 | 7 pm
St. Joe's Social Hall



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.

EASTER BREAD SALE



The St. Francis X. Cabrini Altar and Rosary Society will be holding an Easter Bread Sale on Saturday, April 12, starting at 2:00 P.M. until the bread is sold out. **No preorders**—first-come, first-served!

Pick-up will be at the double doors near the cafeteria, facing Homewood Dr. Look for signs labeled "Bread Sale."

We will have sweet bread available, either with raisins or plain, for a suggested donation of \$12.00.

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 limited.

Vocation Director, Father Thomas Sanders, OSB
Office Phone: (216)-721-5300 Ext. 225
Email: thomas@standrewabbey.org

Assistant Vocation Director, Brother Gregory Coyne, OSB
Cell: (216)-894-3502
Email: gregory@standrewabbey.org

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

440-895-7756

rachel.macdonald@sjs-amherst.org

PLEASE PRAY FOR:



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

Rev. Edward Burba
Mary Louise Brezina
Bruno Meade
Nancy Doyle

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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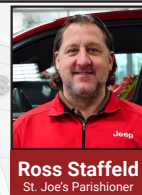
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