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July 6, 2025

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Office hours are Monday - Friday 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH ADDRESS: 200 St. Joseph Dr., 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

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, JULY 7th Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 A.M. Sandra Balko (Dan Balko)

TUESDAY, JULY 8th Mass at Nativity Parish
8:00 A.M. Larry Knoble (Terry Chase)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9th No Mass

THURSDAY, JULY 10th Mass at St. Joseph Parish
7:00 P.M. Richard Pasky (Wife, Mary Jane)
Confessions to follow Mass until 8:30 P.M.

FRIDAY, JULY 11th Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 A.M. George Kara
(Wife, Janice Kara and Daughter, Susan Ackley)

SATURDAY, JULY 12th
11:00 A.M. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
4:00 P.M. Rae Marie Gedeon (Sister, Mary Ellen Bulick)
Mass at St. Joseph Parish
5:30 P.M. Bob and Anne Dancik (Karen Dancik-Abfall)
Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, JULY 13th Masses at St. Joseph Parish
8:30 A.M. Terry Howells (Brother, Jeff)
11:00 A.M. Harry and Phyllis Fior (Family)
5:00 P.M. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes

Daily Readings

MONDAY, JULY 7th Weekday, Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time
Gn 28:10-22a Mt 9:18-26

TUESDAY, JULY 8th Weekday
Gn 32:23-33 Mt 9:32-38

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9th Weekday, Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a Mt 10:1-7

THURSDAY, JULY 10th Weekday
Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5 Mt 10:7-15

FRIDAY, JULY 11th Saint Benedict, Abbot
Gn 46:1-7, 28-30 Mt 10:16-23

SATURDAY, JULY 12th Vigil: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 30:10-14 Col 1:15-20 Lk 10:25-37

SUNDAY, JULY 13th Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 30:10-14 Col 1:15-20 Lk 10:25-37

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. (Mill Hollow)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9th
6:00 P.M. Stewardship Council Meeting
(SJ Office Conference Room)
6:00 P.M. Grief Recovery Program (SJ Social Hall Lobby)
6:30 P.M. Sacred Sisters Meeting (O.S.E. Community Ctr.)

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish

Sunday, June 22	\$	9,085.92
Eoffering	\$	3,198.87
Total Sunday Offerings	\$	12,284.79
Other Collections		
Children's Envelopes	\$	2.00
Maintenance	\$	360.00
Tuition Assistance	\$	15.00
Peter's Pence	\$	95.00
Missionary Co-op to SMA	\$	25.00

Nativity Parish

Saturday, June 14	\$	1,455.00
Other Collections		
Peter's Pence	\$	100.00
Saturday, June 21	\$	1,376.00
Other Collections		
Ascension	\$	10.00
Landscape	\$	35.00
Maintenance and Upkeep	\$	672.00



To view our 11:00 A.M. Mass for the homebound, visit our YouTube Channel:

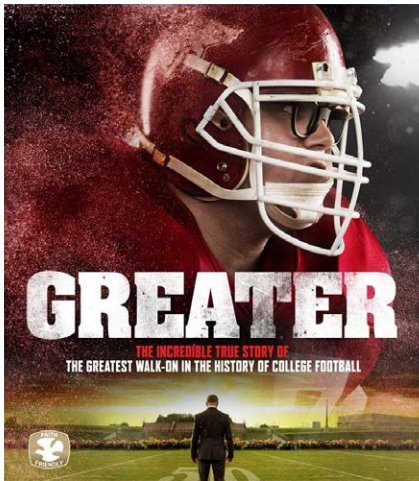
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Or you can use the button on our website:

<https://stjosephamherst.com/>

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hospitality Movie Night on July 14



A true story of the greatest football player that you've never heard of. However, it's NOT a movie about football. It's about a football player, his family and their love of God and each other. It shows what can be accomplished with hard work and prayer. It will inspire you to do more than you thought you were capable of doing, just like Brandon. With his priorities of faith, family, academics and football in that order, see how Brandon became the best version of himself.

It's FREE! Please join us in the SCHOOL GYM on **Monday, July 14th at 6:30 P.M.** (2 hrs., 11 min.)

Come in through the East door with the blue awning. If you have any questions, contact Phil Rawlings at philrawli@aol.com, or at 440-897-7437.

Brought to you by St. Joseph Hospitality Ministry.



SJS Extended Day Care Position Available!

The Extended Day Care Program at St. Joseph Parish School provides nurturing care for students before and after school, as well as full-day care for preschool-age children. We also offer a Summer Care Program and are currently hiring caregivers for immediate openings, with additional positions available throughout the school year. Below is what you can expect from the SJS Extended Day Care experience:

- Responsibility includes caring for children after school, playing with students/leading activities, ensuring students are safely picked up, and some light cleaning.
- Candidates must be 18 or older, have a high school diploma and must be Virtus trained, pass a background check, have patience, be reliable, and enjoy spending time with children.
- Summer Care hours vary. During the school year, shifts are 2:00-5:00 or 2:00-6:00, Monday through Friday.

Interested?

Contact Jennifer Gober the director for Extended Day Care at extended.preschool@sjs-amherst.org

PSR Information

The 2025-2026 PSR Calendar, links to register, and sacramental links are all now open on our parish website. You may sign up your child/(ren) using the link below, or it can be found on our website, www.stjosephamherst.com. Please complete the Google Form for each child you would like to enroll in the program. If your child is in a sacramental year for First Holy Communion or for Confirmation, there are additional forms that need to be filled out. All of the forms are located on the PSR page of the website, just click this link to be redirected to that page [PSR | St. Joseph Amherst](#). The deadline for registering is August 31, 2025.

If you would like to enroll an Eighth grade student for Confirmation preparation, the student must have attended PSR or participated in some other faith formation for their Seventh grade year. If this is the case, please enroll the student in Confirmation Prep Year 2. Students wishing to participate in Confirmation preparation who have not completed Year 1 must do so first before moving on to Year 2, regardless of the grade level they are enrolled in at school.

PSR will again be held on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:45 P.M. Sessions will begin in October and end in April. Fees will be invoiced once classes have begun. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Angie Eads at angela.eads@sjs-amherst.org. Registration Link for PSR only: <https://forms.gle/KQdErCzcW6JCdSzB6>.

Stay Connected to Your Parish and Your Faith

There are many ways to stay spiritually connected and up-to-date with parish life. Explore the options below and find what works best for you!

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- *@stjosephnativity* (Church)
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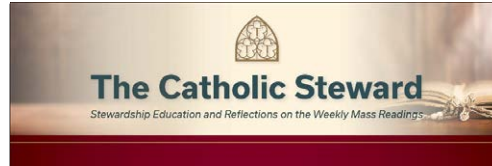
Watch our **11:00 A.M. Mass livestream**, pre-Mass videos, spiritual content, and more!

Websites

- Parish: www.stjosephamherst.com
- School: www.sjsamherst.org

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IS 66:10-14C; PS 66:1-7, 16, 20; GAL 6:14-18;
LK 10:1-12, 17-20

In today's Gospel passage, from Luke, we find our Lord appointing disciples to go out and prepare others to receive His invitation into the Kingdom of God. Every verse has something to say about the way a Christian steward should approach others. Let's consider at least one of the coaching tips Christ gives.

"The Lord appointed seventy-two others whom He sent out ahead of Him in pairs to every town and place He intended to visit." In His wisdom, Christ sent His disciples out not as individuals but in pairs, as teams. This approach to evangelization certainly provided practical advantages. The disciples could lean on each other for mutual support and encouragement, helping each other to stay on task and to put their heads together to pray and problem-solve. This teamwork approach is just as relevant to us modern-day Christian stewards. It takes courage and commitment to go out and invite others into the Christian life. We need to work together to do it well.

But there is also symbolic importance to working in teams. It points to the reality that when we invite others to embrace the Good News of the Gospel, we are not merely inviting them into a belief system, but into a relationship with Christ and through that relationship, into Christ's family — our fellow Christian disciples near and far.

Our parish is our immediate spiritual family in this extended worldwide fold. We are not meant to live as isolated individuals within the parish any more than we are meant to live in isolation within our families. We are meant to be a community. That is why it is so important for us to foster a vibrant, supportive, welcoming parish life. This is why we emphasize hospitality as one of the pillars of stewardship. It is not enough just to point others to Christ; we must invite them to join us in community with Him; we must offer a place and mission for them in the Church and within our parish family.

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

You are not alone. The Catholic Cemeteries Association is here to walk with you on your journey through grief. Join us for our **Free Monthly Grief Support Meetings**—a place to find strength, hope, and a voice for your sorrow.

CCA Grief Support July 20th “In-Office” at 3:00pm and “Virtual” at 5:00pm:

The Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly Grief Support Groups in two formats: In-Office (3pm) at six Cemetery Offices and Virtually (5pm) via Zoom. We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month; 4th Sunday if the third Sunday falls on a holiday. Meetings are open discussion, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is in your heart. The July 20th topic is **“Taking Care of Yourself While Grieving.”** 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 each of the following six cemetery locations:

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

***IMPORTANT NOTICE:** If there is inclement weather, check the voice mail greeting at 216-930-4866 for potential office closures before you drive to any of these locations. Our Virtual Grief Support Group remains an alternative for any In-Office Meeting cancellations.*

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 <http://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 [Rhonda](#) at 216-930-4866.

“A Closer Walk With Thee” – CCA Monthly Grief Support E-Newsletter:

Our Monthly Grief Support E-Newsletter, *“A Closer Walk With Thee,”* provides much of the same helpful grief support information presented at the monthly meetings but can be enjoyed from the comfort of your home and on any device where you can access your email. This E-Newsletter is sent on the first Tuesday of each month to any family or individual who has expressed interest in our bereavement programs. To subscribe to this valuable grief support resource, visit the sign-up form at <https://bit.ly/ccabereavementbulletin>, or contact Rhonda at rabrams@clecem.org or by calling **216-930-4866**.

Service Hours Opportunity – August 3rd at the CCA Booth at The FEST:

The Catholic Cemeteries Association is looking for energetic volunteers to help distribute free ice pops at this year’s FEST on **Sunday, August 3rd, between 10:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.** at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe. Volunteers will work in 2-hour shifts handing out refreshing ice pops. After their assigned shift, volunteers are welcome to enjoy the FESTivities or take a break and work an additional shift. Interested volunteers should contact Paige at pmuttillio@clecem.org or **216-554-6073**. This is a great opportunity for high school students or parish groups in need of service hours.

St. Anne and St. Joachim Luncheon



The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association – Anna Hurban District cordially invites you to a luncheon in honor of Saints Anne and Joachim on Friday, July 25, 2025, at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, 21281 Chardon Road, Euclid, OH.

The day's schedule is as follows:

- Confessions: 10:00 A.M.
- Mass: 11:00 A.M.
- Luncheon: 12:00 P.M.
- Benediction and Rosary: 2:30 P.M.

Reservations are required and must be received no later than July 10, 2025.

- Cost: \$35 per person for lunch
- Cash Raffle Tickets: \$5 each

Registration forms and additional details are available:

- In the Gathering Area at St. Joseph
- On the back tables at NBVM

We hope you can join us for this special day of faith, fellowship, and celebration.

St. Joseph and NBVM YouTube Channel

Our YouTube Channel offers the 11:00 A.M. Mass livestreamed, 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.



Subscribe to us on
YouTube at
[sjandnbvmmedia](https://www.youtube.com/sjandnbvmmedia)

Thanks to everyone who made
it to our last gathering,
Mary Undoer of Knots!

Next gathering:
Tuesday, August 12 | 7:00 pm

**Our Guest Speaker will be
Kathy Nemeh from Path to
Faith, a local organization
dedicated to bringing people
closer to God by experiencing
His love to heal us physically
and spiritually.**



Keep in touch
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To be added to St. Joseph and Nativity's weekly emails, simply text SJPA to 84576. We typically only send emails and respect your privacy; text messages will be sent only for urgent situations.

Jubilee Mass

Father Craig Hovanec from Nativity B.V.M., Lorain, located at 418 W. 15th St., invites everyone from our diocese to celebrate a Jubilee Mass. Each county in our diocese has a designated pilgrimage church for the Jubilee Year of Hope, and Nativity B.V.M. of Lorain is that parish for Lorain County. Father Craig will celebrate a Jubilee Mass every other Tuesday with the next one being **Tuesday, July 15th at 6:00 P.M.**

Other special events will be held at Nativity B.V.M., Lorain throughout the year. You can visit their website for more information at www.nativitybvmlorain.org.

JUBILEE 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

The Office for Young Adult Ministry and the Vicar for Evangelization invite you to:

JULY JUBILEE: A Pilgrimage for Young Adults

St. John Bosco Parish & Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Shrine

Saturday, July 19th

4:00pm: Vigil Mass at St. John Bosco Parish

5:00pm: Pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Shrine

5:30pm: Prayers and Devotions at Holy Rosary Shrine

6:00pm: Hamburgers, Hot dogs, and Jubilee Ice Cream* and live music

Country Parlour Ice Cream will once again be collaborating with the Vicar for Evangelization to create two new ice cream flavors in honor of the Jubilee Year of Hope: **Pilgrim Tracks and Jubilee Indulgence!*



Catholic Diocese
of Cleveland



Join us on a Special Jubilee of Hope Bus Pilgrimage Thursday, July 24, 2025



Beginning at Nativity B.V.M. Church, the Lorain County Jubilee Sacred Site, we shall visit four additional pilgrimage sites for the Diocese of Cleveland. At each stop, we will learn about that church and share in a devotion. Please join us!

Itinerary

- 8:15 Holy Mass at Nativity B.V.M. Church
- 8:45 Board motor coach at Nativity B.V.M. Parking Lot (next to the church on 14th Street)
- 9:00 Promptly depart for Immaculate Conception Church, Madison
- 10:30 Arrive at Immaculate Conception Church, where we shall recite the Holy Rosary
- 11:15 Depart for St. Mary Church, Chardon
- 11:45 Arrive at St. Mary Church, where we shall recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 12:30 Depart for Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Euclid
- 1:10 Arrive at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, where we shall have lunch in their cafeteria
(Lunch includes tossed salad, chicken tenders, breadsticks, wraps, cookies, and drinks.)
We shall recite the Litany of Loreto in the chapel. Visit Grotto, Stations of the Cross,
Rosary walk and gift shop on your own.
- 2:40 Depart for St. Ann Shrine, Cleveland
- 3:00 Arrive at St. Ann Shrine, where Confessions will be available.
- 4:30 Depart for Lorain
- 5:30 Arrive at Nativity B.V.M. Church

The cost is \$60.00/person and includes the bus fare, lunch, donations to the sites, and snacks. The motor coach seating is limited to 55 people. The trip is offered at cost, so payments are non-refundable unless there is a waiting list with someone to take your place. Please call 440-320-9984 or 440-225-5990 with questions.

Name _____

Telephone Number _____ E-mail address _____

Number of Seats _____

Amount Enclosed at \$60/seat _____ (Please make checks payable to Nativity B.V.M. Parish.)

Please place this form and payment in an envelope labeled, "Jubilee Pilgrimage," and drop off at or mail to the rectory (Nativity B. V. M. Parish, 418 West 15th Street, Lorain, Ohio 44052) or place in the Nativity collection basket. **Reservations cannot be made by phone. Please note Nativity office hours are 8am-3pm, Monday and Wednesday, and 8am-noon, Tuesday and Thursday. Please call 440-244-9090 to confirm availability before heading to the office.**

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CATHOLIC RENEWAL MINISTRIES PRESENTS:

The Joy of the LORD is my STRENGTH

- Nehemiah 8:10

EVENT SPEAKERS



DR. JACI SABOL
Director of
Neuropsychology at
the University of Texas
and Director of the
Center For Spiritual
Care in her diocese.



DAVE VANVICKLE
Popular speaker
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Shall Bow."



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Charismatic Renewal
in Cleveland and
pastor of St. Peter &
St. Julie Billiart parishes.

MASS CELEBRANT: **MOST REVEREND MICHAEL G WOOST**
Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland

**Saturday
July 26, 2025**

St. Albert the Great Parish Life Center
6667 Wallings Rd,
North Royalton, OH 44133

Go to
www.crmweb.org
for registration details



Registration forms for this event can be found on the counter in St. Joseph Gathering Area

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST - For Adults 40 & Over

Join us on Monday, July 14, from 7:00 – 8:30 P.M.
Westside Irish American Club
8559 Jennings Rd., Olmsted Township

Be Still and Know:

*A Personal Invitation to
Christian Meditation*



Dr. Georges Nakhoul, physician,
will share with us the fruits and
biblical foundation of Christian
meditation. Discover what led him
to adopt this powerful
spiritual practice.

Join us for a theologically enriching evening.
Cost: \$15.00 per person – includes light appetizers.
Cash bar available.
Advance registration recommended.

Register at: [https://
www.theologyontherockswest.com](https://www.theologyontherockswest.com)

Doors open at 6:30 P.M.

Pilgrimage to Italy



Fr. Bob Franco, pastor of
St. Peter and St. Julie Billiart
Parishes in North Ridgeville,
is leading a pilgrimage to
Rome, Assisi, San Giovanni
Rotondo (home of the
monastery of St. Padre Pio),
and other religious sites

during the Holy Year 2025. The pilgrimage
includes a General Audience with our new pope,
Leo XIV (provided he is in Rome)!

This ten-day journey, from October 20–29, 2025,
will be a joyful time of encountering the Lord—
perhaps traveling with old friends and making
new ones. 206 Tours has prepared a wonderful
and inspiring itinerary. For more details,
including the full itinerary, site descriptions,
pricing, and booking information, please visit:
www.206tours.com/frfranco.

Spread the Word!

Join us for the best part of the summer!

On Sunday, August 3, The FEST returns to the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe, bringing thousands together for an unforgettable day filled with faith, family, and fun—all for free!

Explore the breathtaking 56-acre campus of our Diocesan Seminary, where you'll **find moments for prayer, reflection, Confession, and Adoration.** Enjoy inspiring music from Maverick City Music, Danny Gokey, Ben Fuller, and Seph Schlueter.

There's something for everyone! Adults can explore engaging exhibits and giveaways, while kids and grandkids can delight in activities like a petting zoo, crafts, and more!





THE FEST Visit www.theFEST.us for all the details, and don't forget to invite your friends!

8.3.25

Be Aware of Scams

The threat of fraudulent attempts to trick people into giving out personal information, to purchase gift cards, or a request for an “urgent matter” are an ever-present reality in our digital world. These scams can come as a text, email or even a phone call. They look and sound very real.

Please know that no one from the parish office will ask you to make a purchase, or respond to an “urgent need.” All correspondence from the office will include specific information as to the nature of the correspondence.

As a best practice, never open any links, give out private information or respond to texts or emails without first checking to see that the source is legitimate.

Did You Know...

Many of you may already know about our online Sunday Offertory option, which allows you to make charitable donations without using monthly envelopes. However, did you know that you can also contribute to Holy Days and special collections through myEoffering? MyEoffering offers a quick, simple, and secure way to donate to our parish.

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