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August 24, 2025
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 - 8:30 P.M.
Saturday - Individual Reconciliation 11:00 A.M. - Noon

Liturgy Schedule

MONDAY, AUGUST 25th – Mass at St. Joseph
9:00 a.m. The Huff Family (Laureen Suspenski)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26th – Mass at Nativity Parish
8:00 a.m. Larry Knoble (Terry Chase)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27th – No Mass

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
7:00 p.m. Wanda Kelling (Kathleen Mount)
Confessions to follow
until 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29th – Mass at St. Joseph
9:00 a.m. Joanne Kroliski (Husband and Family)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30th
11:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
4:00 p.m. Frank and Esther Price
(Daughter and Grandson)
Mass at St. Joseph Parish
5:30 p.m. George Schuman (Doris Schuman)
Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31st – Masses at St. Joseph Parish
8:30 a.m. Robert Chet (Family)
11:00 a.m. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes
5:00 p.m. William J. and Regina T. Miller,
and Brian S. Hill and Families,
Living and Deceased
(Marlene Miller)

Activity Schedule

MONDAY-FRIDAY
11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (NBVM)

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
9:30 a.m. Faithfully Fit Yoga
(Mill Hollow)

MONDAY, AUGUST 25th
First Day of School, Grades K-8, and Kindergarten with
Last Names A-L

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26th
First day of School for Kindergarten with last names M-Z
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus
(School MPR)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27th
First Day of School for all Kindergarten Students

Daily Readings

MONDAY, AUGUST 25th –
St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 / Mt 23:13-22

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26th – Weekday
1 Thes 2:1-8 / Mt 23:23-26

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27th – Saint Monica
1 Thes 2:9-13 / Mt 23:27-32

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28th –
St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Thes 3:7-13 / Mt 24:42-51

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29th –
The Passion of St. John the Baptist
1 Thes 4:1-8 / Mt 6:17-29

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30th – **Vigil**
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 / Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a / Lk 14:1,7-14

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31st –
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 / Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a / Lk 14:1,7-14

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish	
Sunday, August 10	\$11,769.00
Eoffering (August 5-August 11, 2025)	\$ 3,403.28
Total Sunday Offerings	\$15,172.28
Other Collections	
Maintenance	\$ 141.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 70.00
Faith and Values	\$ 21.83
Assumption	\$ 72.00
Eoffering-Tuition Assistance	\$ 59.70
Eoffering-Maintenance Fund	\$ 126.94
Eoffering-Christmas	\$ 24.70
Eoffering-Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 96.94
Eoffering- Vincentians	\$ 318.14
Nativity Parish	
Saturday, August 9	\$ 1,206.00
Assumption	\$ 10.00
Landscaping	\$ 10.00

Canceled Due to Social Hall Renovation
Parish Family Picnic – Sunday, September 21st
12:00-3:00 p. m.
at St. Joseph Social Hall

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



The “Sacred Sisters” *Wednesday Night Ladies Prayer Group* Invite the Ladies of St. Joseph and Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes for an 11-Week Study *“Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come”*

Perhaps no book in the Bible fascinates people more than Revelation. Yet relatively few people have studied the book, especially from a Catholic perspective. *Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come* is an intriguing Bible study that shows how the kingdom established by Christ in this Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven.

Women’s “Sacred Sisters” will begin an eleven-week Bible study *“Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come”* by Jeff Cavins, on Wednesday, September 10th at 6:30 p.m. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation, followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information, call or text Lesley 440-371-6418.

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 Mrs. Amy Makruski, PSR Coordinator, at amy.makruski@sjs-amherst.org. Registration Link for PSR only: <https://forms.gle/KQdErCzcW6JCdSzB6>.

The First Friday Forum of Lorain County

The First Friday Forum of Lorain County will hear from Francine Costantini speaking about Youth Ministry in our Parish at our luncheon on Friday, September 5. Come join us for good food, fellowship and a great speaker. Lunch begins at 11:30 at the Spitzer Conference Center of Lorain County Community College, 1005 N. Abbe Road, Elyria. Reservations need to be received by 6:00 Monday, September 1. Call 440-320-3272 or 440-213-2132, or email fflorain@gmail.com. Cost is \$25.00.

Calvary Cemetery, Lorain – Pre-Planning Seminar

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour, educational preplanning seminar on **Saturday, September 13th, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., in the main office building of Calvary Cemetery, Lorain.** Please join us to learn more about the necessary steps to preplanning the burial process, burial options including options for cremated remains, and the Catholic burial rite. We kindly ask that you **RSVP** to this event to **Calvary Cemetery – 216-641-7575, ext. 6**, or email bstrauchon@clecem.org. Visit clecem.org for more information.

Nativity News

AN INVITATION FROM THE ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY ...

There are no limits to the relationship you can have with the Almighty God. One way to enhance your connection with Christ is with St. Bridget's devotional. The Lord gave her this path of prayers for us to grow in our understanding and love for Him and elevate our faith. It not only gives us very personal time with the Lord, it is a way to help other souls too. Join us for this presentation by John Kowalski:

Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025

**Nativity BMV Parish
333 South Lake Street
South Amherst, OH 44001
7:00-8:00 p.m.**



WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!

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 [sjandnbvmmedia](https://www.youtube.com/sjandnbvmmedia).

Dinners on the Go is BACK!

Nativity of the BVM is excited to announce the return of the Dinners on the GO for the fall of 2025.

First up on the menu is:

September 9

Roast Pork, Cheezy Potatoes,
Mixed Vegetables, Roll/Dessert,
Soup – Ham 'n Bean

All dinners are \$15.00 and include dessert. A 16-oz. soup cup is \$5.00. Additional desserts (if available) are \$2.00 each.

Nativity of the BVM Parish is located at

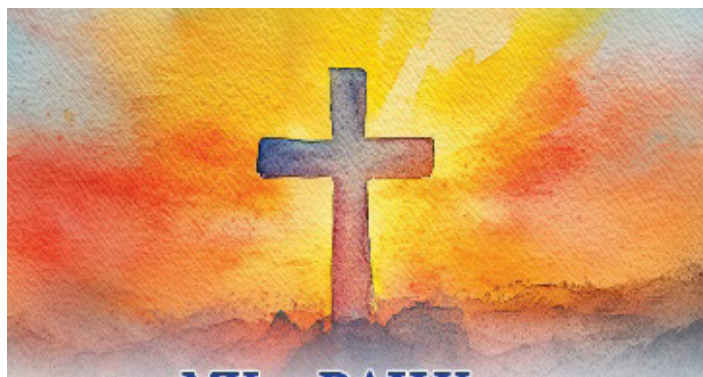
333 S. Lake Street, in South Amherst.

Drive-thru pick-up only is from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Please call Lynn Johnson at 440-752-6519 to place your order(s).

Please try to place your order by the Friday BEFORE a dinner. Thank you for your continued support!


NBVM Holy Communion to the Homebound

If you or someone you know – whether a friend, family member, or acquaintance – is a member of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in South Amherst and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Lynn Johnson at 440-752-6519 or Wendy Rosso at 440-986-0304, so that we are able to meet the needs of the homebound.



MY DAILY Prayers

A free emailed recording of prayers
and insights led by our bishops and priests.
Take 10 minutes and join us in prayer.



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dioceseofcleveland.org/mydailyprayers
– and encourage others to join us!

Share the Prayers!



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Villa Maria Weekend Retreat

Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center in Villa Maria, PA, will sponsor a special Weekend Retreat with Eric A. Clayton on September 26-28, 2025. Eric is the deputy director of communications for the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States and the author of multiple books on Ignatian Spirituality and everyday life. The Retreat is entitled, "Cultivating a Spirituality of Storytelling: How Ignatian Spirituality Helps Us Uncover Our Deepest Selves."

For more information or to register, go to: <https://vmesc.org/programs-retreats/all-events?id=1024>.

Stop Fraud

There have been more fraudulent attempts to trick people into giving out personal information, to purchase gift cards, or a request for an "urgent matter." These scams can come as a text, email, or even a phone call. They look and sound very legitimate. Please know that no one from this parish office will ask you to make a purchase, or respond to an "urgent need." All correspondence from the office will include specific information for the correspondence.



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Seminarian Fundraiser Steak Bake

Porterhouse Steak Dinner \$30.00

Includes: Baked Potato, Corn on the Cob, Salad, Roll & Butter, and Dessert.

Coffee, Soda, Tea, and Draft Beer Provided

Basket Raffle, 50/50, and more!

Amherst Eagles 1161 Milan Ave., Amherst

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Event 5:30 - 10:30pm / Dinner served 6:00pm

To purchase tickets contact Steve Frankart 330-814-8844
email: stevefrankart@yahoo.com.

Or buy online: <https://tinyurl.com/KofCSteakBake>

Tickets must be purchased by September 19th.

Seminarian Support paid through the
Grace Martello Scholarship Fund



HOLY GROUND YOUTH GROUP FALL CALENDAR

9/7	10/5	11/2	
9/14	10/19	11/9	12/7
9/21	10/26	11/16	12/14
9/28		11/23	

**MEETING TIMES AFTER THE 5PM
MASS UNTIL 7:30**

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JUBILEE OF EASTERN CHURCHES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26



On the Feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Lorain will host a Jubilee of Eastern Churches.

In lieu of the 6:00 PM Jubilee Mass, we will share the Divine Liturgy celebrated by the Very Reverend Mitred Archpriest Steven M. Paliwoda, pastor of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Lorain.

A Ukrainian cantor/choir will lead the music. The liturgy will be in English. Ice cream will follow.

This is an amazing opportunity for Roman Catholics to experience an Eastern Rite liturgy. We also hope to welcome many visitors from the Eastern Rite Catholic parishes in Lorain and beyond as we honor our beloved icon of the Black Madonna, a beautiful bridge between the Eastern and Western traditions of the Catholic Church. A guide for participating in the liturgy will be provided. Roman Catholics who have the proper disposition for receiving Communion are welcome to do so during the Divine Liturgy; instructions will be provided. Come celebrate the cultural richness of our International City!



August 26, 2025
6:00 PM



NATIVITY B.V.M.
418 W. 15th St., Lorain

In his encyclical *Ut Unum Sint*, Pope St. John Paul II said, "The Church needs to breathe with both lungs, its Eastern one and its Western one." Our Lady of Czestochowa is a beautiful bridge between these two expressions of the faith, as she is revered by the Roman Catholic Church in Poland, as well as being an icon from the Eastern tradition.

Scan here for a testimony on the riches gained from "breathing with both lungs!"



New Deadline For Bulletin Content

Please make a note that if you would like to submit information for the bulletin, please email it to parishoffice@stjosephamherst.com, by Noon, NO LATER than 2 Fridays prior to the Sunday you want it to appear.

YOU ARE INVITED! Annual Parish Retreat

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"I have come that you might have life, and have it abundantly." (Jn 10:10)

Our Lord wants only the very best for us. In turn, we should want to give Him our very best! Spend some time with Him and with your parish family, discovering what it is the Lord especially wants for you at this time in your life. We have a God of abundance. Let Him show you all He has in mind for you — to receive and to share!

The retreat will include inspiring talks by Fr. Godfrey Mullen from the Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville, Ill., time for quiet reflection, and brief small-group discussion. There is no cost to attend. A light continental breakfast is available starting at 8:30 a.m. The Retreat will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. and a catered lunch will be served at 12:25 p.m.

I truly hope that you can participate and ask that you please RSVP no later than September 2. You will be receiving an email to RSVP to this Retreat. After clicking on the "sign-up" button in the email, you will be taken to a page where you can click on either the "I will attend" or "I will not attend" button. To complete the RSVP be sure to click on the "Sign me up!" button. If you prefer, you can RSVP to the parish office at 440-988-2848.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Tim O'Connor,
Pastor



Retreat Leader -
Fr. Godfrey Mullen, OSB, is the rector of Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville, Ill. Professed as a monk of St. Meinrad Archabbey in 1989, he was ordained a priest in 1994. After returning from studies to the abbey in 2001 and earning his PhD in Liturgical Studies from the Catholic University of America in 2003, he taught seminarians, lay students, and deacon candidates for 12 years. He also held several administrative posts in the seminary at St. Meinrad. In 2012, he became pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Huntingburg, Ind. In 2013, Bishop Charles Thompson assigned him to be rector of St. Benedict Cathedral, and three years ago he began working to develop stewardship as a way of life at the cathedral parish. With stewardship now thriving at St. Benedict, he began his new assignment at Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville, Ill in 2022.

St. Joseph & Nativity of the BVM
Saturday, September 6, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Nativity of the BVM Social Hall

Sunday, September 28th, 2025

SAVE THE DATE

Noon – 5 p.m.

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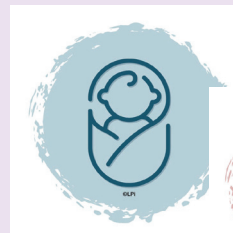
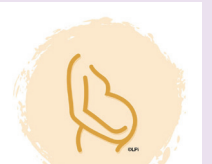
Monthly Holy Hour for Life

Tuesday: August 26th, 2025 at 7:00pm

All are invited to come pray before our Lord.

The Holy Hour includes:

- Scripture Reading
- Litanies
- the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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