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August 31, 2025
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. JOSEPH PARISH OFFICE: 440-988-2848
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ST. JOSEPH PARISH ADDRESS: 200 St. Joseph Dr., Amherst, OH 44001

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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, SEPTEMBER 1st – Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery
For inclement weather, Mass will be held at NBVM in So. Amherst

9:00 a.m. Laurie Mendgik (Family)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd – Mass at Nativity Parish
8:00 a.m. Richard Herman (Robert Wenzler)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd – No Mass

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
7:00 p.m. Flo Zuffa (Daughter, Terri)
Confessions to follow
until 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th – Mass at St. Joseph
9:00 a.m. Nancy Doyle
(The Foley Family)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th
11:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
4:00 p.m. Joseph P. Farkas (Family)
Mass at St. Joseph Parish
5:30 p.m. Clara and Earl Hassel (Kathy Urig)
Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th – Masses at St. Joseph Parish
8:30 a.m. Jane Hunter (The Giacobbe Family)
11:00 a.m. Joseph and Carmel Chiaramonte
(Daughters)
5:00 p.m. People of St. Joseph and
Nativity Parishes

Daily Readings

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st –
World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
1 Thes 4:13-18 / Lk 4:16-30

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd – Weekday
1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 / Lk 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd –
St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Col 1:1-8 / Lk 4:38-44

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th – Weekday
Col 1:9-14 / Lk 5:1-11

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th – Weekday
Col 1:15-20 / Lk 5:33-39

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th –
Vigil Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 9:13-18b / Phm 9-10, 12-17 / Lk 14:25-33

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th –
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 9:13-18b / Phm 9-10, 12-17 / Lk 14:25-33

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, SEPTEMBER 1st

Labor Day – No School and Parish Offices Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd

First day of Preschool for 4-yr.-old a.m. Class

First day of Preschool for 3-yr.-old p.m. Class

8:30 a.m. Hospitality Tuesday following
the 8:00 a.m. Mass (Nativity Parish Hall)

6:30 p.m. Altar and Rosary Society Rosary
(Rosary Garden)

7:00 p.m. Altar and Rosary Society Meeting
(Nativity Parish Hall)

7:00 p.m. Men's Group
(St. Joseph Social Hall Lobby)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd

First Day of School for 4-yr.-old p.m. Class

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th

9:00 a.m. Vincentians Meeting (Conference Room)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th

9:00 a.m. First Friday Rosary (Nativity Parish)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th

9:00 a.m. Parish Retreat (Nativity Parish Hall)

9:00 a.m. First Saturday Rosary (St. Joseph Church)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th

6:00 p.m. Holy Ground Youth Group (School Gym)
Will meet near the choir before
Mass at 5:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish

Sunday, August 17 \$ 9,557.00

EOffering (8/12 – 8/18/2025) \$ 1,965.72

Total Sunday Offerings **\$11,522.72**

Other Collections

Tuition Assistance \$ 65.00

Maintenance Fund \$ 222.00

Faith and Values \$ 84.00

Assumption \$ 2,013.00

EOffering-Maintenance Fund \$ 101.94

EOffering-Christmas \$ 24.70

EOffering-Religious Retirement Fund \$ 96.94

EOffering-Vincentians \$ 320.70

Nativity Parish

Saturday, August 16 **\$ 835.00**

Assumption \$ 136.00

Twenty-second 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.

GARAGE SALE

Location:

St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church
2711 W. 40th Street, Lorain, OH 44053

Dates:

Friday and Saturday, September 12th & 13th

Time:

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day.

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 the link to be redirected to that page PSR | St. Joseph Amherst. The deadline for registering is this Sunday, 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@sj-s-amherst.org. Registration Link for PSR only: <https://forms.gle/KQdErCzcW6JCdSzB6>.

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



First Saturday Rosary will be held at St. Joseph Church on Saturday September 6th at 9:00 a.m.

Please join us as we pray together
the most Holy Rosary.

St. Joseph Pre-Baptism Class

St. Joseph Parish will be hosting a Pre-Baptism class on **Wednesday, September 10th** at 7:00 p.m. Please call the parish office at 440-988-2848 to register for the class, so that we will have materials available for you. This class is a requirement for all parents wishing to have their child baptized.

**CANCELED DUE TO SOCIAL HALL RENOVATION:
PARISH FAMILY PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST
12:00 – 3:00 P. M.
AT ST. JOSEPH HALL**

The First Friday Forum

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 p.m. 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

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 at **Calvary Cemetery – 216-641-7575, ext. 6,** or email **bstrauchon@clecem.org.** Visit **clecem.org** for more information.



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
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It's FREE!!

Please join us in the SCHOOL MPR on Monday, September 8th at 6:30 p.m. (1 hr. 37 min.) Come in through the East door with the blue awning. If questions, contact Phil Rawlings at philrawli@aol.com or 440-897-7437 (Hospitality Ministry).





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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.

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Saturday, September 27, 2025
Event 5:30 - 10:30pm / Dinner served 6:00pm

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Or buy online: <https://tinyurl.com/KofCSteakBake>
Tickets must be purchased by September 19th.

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nativity News

Hospitality Tuesday

NBVM in South Amherst invites all to attend our 8:00 a.m. Mass, followed by our Hospitality Tuesday Refreshments in the Parish Hall on **Tuesday, September 2**. Please join us for Mass, refreshments and great fellowship!

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).

Road Closed



Reminder that Pyle South Amherst Road remains closed at the Interstate-80 bridge. When traveling between Nativity Parish and Amherst, use State Route-58 and State Route-113, or Quarry Road and State Route-113.

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.

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 ...

(Updated for September 9th):

Sliced Sirlon (not Roast Pork as printed in previous bulletin)
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 our continued support!

Theology on the Rocks West



For Adults 40 & Over
Join us Monday, September 8
7:00-8:30 p.m.

Our Annual Field Trip Event to:
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary/Lorain
418 W. 15th Street, Lorain

Join us as we become Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year. We will be treated to a tour of one of the designated Sacred Sites at which a plenary indulgence may be obtained. Rich in history, with its Polish-American Heritage and more than 70 relics on display; it's an evening you don't want to miss.

Cost is \$15.00 per person. Light appetizers & refreshments included.
Advance tickets recommended. Register in advance: www.theologyontherockswest.com. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Labor Day Mass

Weather-permitting, Labor Day Mass, on Monday, September 1st, will be at 9:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Cemetery in Amherst. For inclement weather, Mass will be held at 9:00 a.m. at Nativity Church in South Amherst.

FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY AT NATIVITY BVM



NBVM BVM Alter and Rosary Society will be hosting their First Friday Rosary on Friday, September 5th at 11:00 a.m. at Nativity BVM Church. All from Nativity and St. Joseph Parishes are invited to attend. A light lunch will be available in the Parish Hall following our prayer time.

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

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.**

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