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August 3, 2025
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. JOSEPH PARISH OFFICE: 440-988-2848
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ST. JOSEPH PARISH WEBSITE: stjosephamherst.com

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

Liturgy Schedule

MONDAY, AUGUST 4th – No Mass

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5th – No Mass

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6th – No Mass

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7th – No Mass/No Confessions

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8th – No Mass

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9th

11:00 a.m. NO Confessions
at St. Joseph Parish
4:00 p.m. Ruth Farkas (Family)
Mass at St. Joseph Parish
5:30 p.m. Ken M. Urig, Sr. (Kathy Urig)
Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10th – Masses at St. Joseph Parish

8:30 a.m. Marty and Bill Coughlin
(Family)
11:00 a.m. People of St. Joseph
and Nativity Parishes
5:00 p.m. John and Helen Spain
(The Family)

Daily Readings

MONDAY, AUGUST 4th – Saint John Vianney, Priest
Nm 11:4b-15 / Mt 14:13-21

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5th – Weekday, The Dedication of
the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

Nm 12:1-13 / Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6th – The Transfiguration
of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 / 2 Pt 1:16-19 / Lk 9:28b-36

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7th – Weekday, Saint Sixtus II,
Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest

Nm 20:1-13 / Mt 16:13-23

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8th – Saint Dominic, Priest
Dt 4:32-40 / Mt 16:24-28

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9th – **Vigil:**

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9 / Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12 /

Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

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in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9 / Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12 /

Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Activity Schedule

MONDAY-FRIDAY

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

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3rd

Hospitality Sunday following the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Masses (St. Joseph School Gym)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5th

6:30 p.m. Altar and Rosary Society
Meeting (NBVM Parish Hall)
7:00 p.m. Men's Group (SJ Lobby)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6th

6:30 p.m. Sacred Sisters Meeting
(O.S.E Community Ctr.)

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish

Sunday, July 20

Eoffering \$ 9,228.00

\$ 1,841.49

Total Sunday Offerings

\$11,069.49

Other Collections

Children's Envelopes \$ 2.00

Maintenance \$ 213.00

Tuition Assistance \$ 95.00

Assumption \$ 15.00

Nativity Parish

Saturday, July 12

\$ 1,039.00

Ascension

\$ 5.00

Maintenance & Upkeep

\$ 875.00

Saturday, July 19

\$ 1,590.00

Peter's Pence

\$ 10.00

Landscaping

\$ 10.00

Joseph Parish NEW OFFICE HOURS

Please note that St. Joseph Parish has

New Office Hours:

Monday through Friday

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Please note that there will be no
weekday Masses on the following dates:**

Monday-Friday, August 4-8

Monday-Wednesday, August 11-13

No Confessions on:

Thursday, August 7th

Saturday, August 9th

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 p.m. or 2:00-6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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

PSR Information

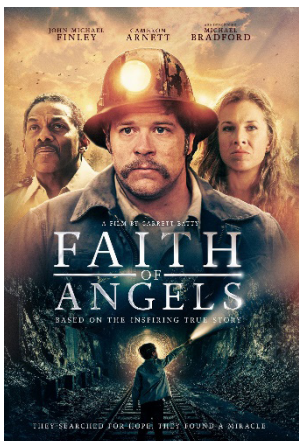
The 2025-2026 PSR Calendar, links to register, and sacramental links are all now open on our parish website. You may sign up your child/(ren) using the link below, or it can be found on our website, www.stjosephamherst.com. Please complete the Google Form for each child you would like to enroll in the 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 Mrs. Amy Makruski, PSR Coordinator, at amy.makruski@sjs-amherst.org. Registration Link for PSR only: <https://forms.gle/KQdErCzcW6JCdSzB6>.

FAITH OF ANGELS



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Based on a true story, 10-year-old Joshua's life depends on whether John is listening to God's voice. Joshua has been lost in an abandoned mine for FIVE days, but is not afraid because of his faith in Angels. Faith and Hope keeps Joshua optimistic, but will that be enough? John (and Divine Intervention) is Joshua's last hope of being found. Please join us on Monday, August 4th to find out the answers.

It's FREE!! Please join us in the SCHOOL MPR on **Monday, August 4th at 6:30 p.m.**
(1 hr. 40 min.)

Come in through the East door with the blue awning.

For questions, contact Phil Rawlings at philrawli@aol.com or 440-897-7437 (Hospitality Ministry).



Hospitality Sunday

St. Joseph Hospitality Ministry invites everyone to Hospitality Sunday on August 3rd following the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses. The men of our Knights of Columbus will be serving coffee and donuts in St. Joseph School Gymnasium. We hope to see you there!

Feast of the Assumption Holy Day Mass Schedule:

Thursday, August 14th,
7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Parish
Friday, August 15th,
9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Parish
Friday, August 15th,
12:00 p.m. Mass at Nativity Parish

Wonderful Women

All are welcome to join us for an evening of faith & fellowship with guest speaker: Kathy Nemeh from Path to Faith

AUGUST | 12 | 7-8:30 PM

Location

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
333 S Lake St.
South Amherst, OH 44001

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 a.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.

Save the Date: Stewardship Retreat 2025

Hosted by our **Stewardship Council**, this year's retreat is open to *everyone*—whether you're currently involved in a ministry or simply curious to grow in your faith.

This is a wonderful opportunity to:

- Deepen your spiritual journey
- Connect with fellow parishioners
- Explore the **Four Pillars of Stewardship** through an engaging speaker and small group discussions

Saturday, September 6, 2025

Retreat begins at 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast served at 8:30 a.m.

Lunch also provided

Watch the parish bulletin and check your email for RSVP details and additional information. We hope to see you there for this inspiring day of reflection, fellowship, and faith!



Sacred Sisters Wednesday Night Ladies Prayer Group

Please note that we will be taking a break from our Wednesday night meetings from August 13th through September 3rd.

We will resume on Wednesday, September 10th, 2025 at 6:30 P.M., meeting at the Old Stone Evangelical Church Community Center.

This session will run for eleven weeks, and we'll be starting with the study: **Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come** by Jeff Cavins.

All ladies from St. Joseph Church and Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary are welcome to join us!

If you have any questions, please text Lesley at 440-374-6518.



THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST

For Adults 40 & Over

Join us Monday, August 11 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Westside Irish American Club, 8559 Jennings Road, Olmsted Twp.

The Most Reverend Bishop Robert M. Pipta, of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma, will provide an evening of Getting to Know Eastern Christianity in light of the 1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicea.

Join us for a theologically enriching evening. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Light appetizers included. Cash Bar is available. **Advance tickets recommended.**

Register in advance: www.theologyontherockswest.com. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

CCA August 2025 Bulletin Announcements:

Please visit <https://www.clecem.org/> for the most updated schedule of events. You are not alone. Catholic Cemeteries Association walks with you along your grief journey. Please join us at our FREE monthly grief support meetings. Six convenient locations throughout the Diocese and a virtual meeting for those who cannot attend in person. Find strength, hope, and a voice for your grief.

CCA Grief Support August 17th “In-Office” at 3:00 p.m. and “Virtual” at 5:00 p.m.:

The 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. 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 August 17th topics are “Planning for Special Days/Memorials” and “Family Dynamics in 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 p.m., 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: Please check the weather forecast and if there is inclement weather, please check the voice mail greeting at 216-930-4866 for any 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 p.m. 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 Renee 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 Renee 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 that is presented at the monthly meetings but can be enjoyed from the comfort of your home and from any device where you can access your email. This e-newsletter is emailed the first Tuesday of each month to any family/individual who has expressed an interest in our bereavement programs. To subscribe to this valued grief support resource, go to the signup form at <https://bit.ly/ccabereavementbulletin> or contact Renee at rweese@clecem.org or 216-930-4866.



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.



Through the
Sacrament of Baptism
St. Joseph Parish welcomes

Clara Ann Lamb
Daughter of
Ryan and Sydney Lamb

into the fullness of our parish community and we congratulate her parents. May the Lord walk closely with you in your journey and may He guide your parents in this very important and challenging role they play in your life.

Nativity News

Altar and Rosary Society Meeting



The Altar and Rosary Society will hold their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, August 5 in the Parish Hall, at 6:30 p.m.**

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.

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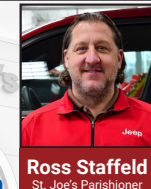


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