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September 28, 2025
The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL OFFICE: 440-988-4244

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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 29th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish

9:00 a.m. Bob Hiser (Family)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th – Mass at Nativity Parish

8:00 a.m. Larry Knoble (Terrie Chase)

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 1st – No Mass

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2nd – Mass at St. Joseph Parish

7:00 p.m. Robert J. VanNiel II
(Dennis and Margaret Pehotsky)
Confessions to follow until 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3rd – Mass at St. Joseph Parish

9:00 a.m. Don Volante (Josi Powell)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4th

11:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
4:00 p.m. Jennie Ehlert (Family)
Mass at St. Joseph Parish
5:30 p.m. Jeff Gentile (Family)
Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5th – Masses at St. Joseph Parish

8:30 a.m. William Bringman (Family)
11:00 a.m. Sitto Deeby (The George Family)
5:00 p.m. People of St. Joseph and
Nativity Parishes

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 at Nativity Parish Hall

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 29th

7:00 p.m. O.C.I.A. – Topic is "Human Dignity" and
"Our Search for God"
EVERYONE'S INVITED!
(Nativity Parish Hall)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1st

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3rd

11:00 a.m. First Friday Rosary (NBVM)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4th

**Stewardship Renewal Weekend –
Remember to bring your Commitment Cards to Mass**

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5th

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6:00 p.m. Holy Ground Youth Group (School Gym)
Will meet near the choir before Mass
at 5:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Parent Meeting following
5:00 p.m. Mass (St. Joseph Church)

Daily Readings

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th –

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab / Jn 1:47-51

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th–

Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Zec 8: 20-23 / Lk 9:51-56

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1st – St. Therese of the

Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Neh 2:1-8 / Lk 9:57-62

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2nd – The Holy Guardian Angels

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 / Mt 18:1-5, 10

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3rd – Weekday

Bar 1:15-22 / Lk 10:13-16

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4th – Vigil,

The Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Hb 1:2-3, 2:2-4 / 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 / Lk 17:5-10

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Sunday Offertory	\$13,792.33
Tuition Assistance	\$ 87.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 220.00
Assumption	\$ 10.00
Catholic Communications Campaign	\$ 50.00
Gaza Collection	\$ 2,442.00

Eoffering – September 9-September 15, 2025

Eoffering-Sunday Offertory	\$ 3,170.93
Eoffering-Maintenance Fund	\$ 101.64
Eoffering-Christmas	\$ 24.70
Eoffering-School Tuition Assistance	\$ 29.70
Eoffering-Vincentians	\$ 302.00
Eoffering-Retirement for the Religious	\$ 96.94

Nativity Parish

Saturday, September 13, 2025

Sunday Offertory	\$ 1,827.00
Gaza Collection	\$ 685.00

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

The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A CATHOLIC CALL TO ACTION: CARING FOR CREATION

On **Sunday, September 28**, St. Ladislav Church (2345 Bassett Road, Westlake) will host a special panel presentation to explore the Church's call to care for God's creation. The discussion will highlight the themes of *Laudato si'* on its 10th anniversary, the global plastics crisis, and practical steps we can take to live more sustainably. Speakers include Brenna Davis (Director of Integral Ecology, Ignatian Solidarity Network), Heidi Paul (AP Environmental Science Teacher, Magnificat High School) and Marty Smith (Co-chair of the St. Ladislav Care for Creation Team). Discussion begins at 4:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

Please join us as we pray the most Holy Rosary at St. Joseph Church on Saturday, October 4th at 9:00 a.m.

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING

There will be a Confirmation Parent Meeting on **Sunday, October 5th at 6:00 p.m.** (following the 5:00 p.m. Mass) in St. Joseph Church. It is mandatory that at least one parent or guardian attend this meeting.

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM OF LORAIN COUNTY

The First Friday Forum of Lorain County will hear from Mary Pat Frey at our luncheon on **Friday, October 3**. Mary Pat will be speaking about Social Ministry in our Parish. Come join us for good food, fellowship and a great speaker. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. at **TOM'S COUNTRY PLACE, 3442 Stoney Ridge Road, Avon**. Reservations need to be received by 6:00 p.m. Monday, September 29. Call 440-320-3272, or email fflorain@gmail.com. Cost is \$25.00.

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/channel/UCjandnbvmmedia).

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.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT WEEKEND

Next weekend, **October 4th and 5th**, is Stewardship Commitment Weekend.

To prepare for Commitment Weekend, October 4th and 5th, please take the time to review the Stewardship Renewal Packet that each family has received. Please prayerfully consider the best way to share your Time, Talent, and Treasure to more actively live a Stewardship Way of Life. On Stewardship Commitment Weekend, each parish family is asked to mail in their completed Commitment Card using the envelope supplied in the Stewardship Renewal Packet or place their completed card in the collection basket during Mass or complete a card online at our parish website www.stjosephamherst.com.

ELYRIA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Elyria Catholic High School cordially invites all Junior High students and their families to our Fall Open House, which is scheduled for Sunday, October 5th, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. All are welcome, and families do not need to pre-register. Elyria Catholic is located at 725 Gulf Road in Elyria. Elyria Catholic is administering the High School Placement Test (HSPT) to current 8th graders on Saturday, October 18th, and Saturday, November 1st, from 8:30 a.m. until Noon. There is a parent information meeting at 8:30 a.m. on the morning of both tests. The cost for the test is \$20.00, and families can register online at www.elyriacatholic.com under admissions. Elyria Catholic is excited to invite all 8th grade students to be "Panthers for a Day." Students can visit the school from 7:45 a.m. until 2:15 p.m. Lunch is provided. Please contact Elyria Catholic at 440-230-8606 to schedule a visit.

For additional information about Elyria Catholic, please contact Terry Ziegelmeyer at ziegelmeyer@elyriacatholic.com or 440-230-8606.

Nativity News

DINNERS ON THE GO

OCTOBER 14TH MENU

Chicken Marsala
Wild Rice
Corn
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Soup – Minestrone

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!

CHAIR YOGA FLOW CLASS

Join parishioner, Cindy Miller, every **Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m.** for a one-hour Chair Yoga Flow Class. It is held at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Hall in South Amherst during the months of October through April and at the Amphitheater in Mill Hollow-Bacon Woods Park, which is a part of the Lorain County Metroparks Vermilion River Reservation for the months of May through September.

This is a donation-based class with the money going to the Nativity BVM Altar and Rosary Society when attending the class in their parish hall. For more information, call Cindy at 440-670-1300 or pick up a flyer in the back of church.

Bring water and your beautiful self and try a class. Your body and mind will be glad you did.

FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY

NBVM will host its First Friday Rosary on **Friday October 3, at 11:00 a.m.** All from Nativity and St. Joseph Parishes are invited to attend. A light lunch will be available in Nativity's Parish Hall following our prayer time.

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY SERVICE


The Nativity Altar and Rosary Society in South Amherst invites everyone to attend their Candlelight Rosary Service on **Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.** The Service will be comprised of the Rosary, a procession, a reading and litany as well as time for quiet reflection and song. Please come to honor Mary, our Mother, and pray for your special intentions. Dessert and fellowship will follow the service in our Social Hall.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS


Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 11th** at Nativity, in South Amherst. Polka Mass at 5:30 p.m. and dinner/social to follow in the Parish Hall. More details to come. **Everyone is invited** to Mass and dinner from Nativity, St. Joseph or any parish you are attending. No Cost.



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The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Through the
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St. Joseph Parish welcomes

Tucker Hayes Weigl
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into the fullness of our parish community and we congratulate their 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.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Shelly Fitch
and
Arnold Petek

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.

WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE

Join us for our next Women's Giving Circle event at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 9, 2025 at Valley Overlook, a family-run lodging and camping retreat nestled on 62 wooded acres surrounded by Cuyahoga Valley National Park. We'll hear from Dr. Andy Staron, professor at St. Mary Seminary, who will speak about the Augustinian Order and share insight into our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. You'll also hear powerful stories from some of our 2025 grant recipients and celebrate the difference your generosity is making across our community. For more information and to RSVP for the October 9 event, please visit: www.catholiccommunity.org/givingcircle or contact Mary Lou Ozimek at 216-696-6525, ext. 4070.

EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING SESSION

Training Sessions to become an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion are listed below. Registration is required. Please call the parish office at 440-988-2848 to learn more about the qualifications for the privilege of offering the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity to the faithful of our parish. Upcoming sessions are: Tuesday, October 21, 2025, 7:00-9:30 p.m. at St. Christopher Parish, Rocky River, Ohio, or Monday, November 10, 2025, 7:00-9:30 p.m. at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Sheffield.

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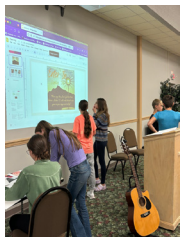
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HOLY GROUND YOUTH GROUP FALL CALENDAR

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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