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September 7, 2025
Twenty-Third 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 8th – Mass at St. Joseph
9:00 a.m. Peggy Lucas (Friend)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th – Mass at Nativity Parish
8:00 a.m. Victor Celaschi (Alberta Celaschi)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th – No Mass

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th –
Mass at St. Joseph Parish
7:00 p.m. Joe Sroka (Norm, Alan, and Jayne)
Confessions to follow until 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. The Deceased Members of
the Herbert Family
(The Csanady Family)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th
11:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
4:00 p.m. Yolanda Argenti (Argenti Family)
Mass at St. Joseph Parish
5:30 p.m. Sherrie and Josh Zunt (The Sisters)
Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th –
Masses at St. Joseph Parish
8:30 a.m. People of St. Joseph and Nativity
Parishes
Jane Hunter (The Giacobbe Family)

11:00 a.m. Joseph Phillips
(Marilyn, Joseph, Brenda, & Matt)

5:00 p.m. For the Faithfully Departed –
All Souls Intention

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 8th
6:30 p.m. Movie Night (MPR)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th
5:00 p.m. Dinner on the Go – drive-thru, pick-up
(Nativity Parish)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th
6:30 p.m. Sacred Sisters Meeting
(O.S.E. Community Center)

7:00 p.m. Pre-Baptism Class (St. Joseph School)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th
6:00 p.m. Holy Ground Youth Group (School Gym)
Will meet near the choir before Mass
at 5:00 p.m.

Daily Readings

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th –
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 / Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th – St. Peter Claver, Priest
Col 2:6-15 / Lk 6:12-19

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th – Weekday
Col 3:1-11 / Lk 6:20-26

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th – Weekday
Col 3:12-17 / Lk 6:27-38

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th –
Weekday, The Most Holy Name of Mary
1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 / Lk 6:39-42

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th –
Vigil, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b-9 / Phil 2:6-11 / Jn 3:13-17

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th –
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b-9 / Phil 2:6-11 / Jn 3:13-17

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish	
Sunday, August 24	\$11,832.00
Eoffering (8/19 – 8/25/2025)	\$ 2,714.38
Total Sunday Offerings	\$14,546.38
Other Collections	
Tuition Assistance	\$ 10.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 186.00
Faith and Values	\$ 105.00
Assumption	\$ 120.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$ 1.00
Eoffering-Maintenance Fund	\$ 96.94
Eoffering-Christmas	\$ 24.70
Eoffering-Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 96.94
Eoffering-Vincentians	\$ 100.00
Eoffering – Assumption of Mary	\$ 24.70

Nativity Parish	
Saturday, August 23	\$ 1,932.00
Assumption	\$ 128.00
Faith and Values	\$ 5.00
Maintenance and Upkeep	\$ 1,185.00

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/sjandnbvmmedia).

Twenty-third 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 at 440-371-6418.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

A second collection will be taken up on the weekend of September 13th and 14th to assist the Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and surrounding areas who are struggling to survive, protect their children and live with dignity in dire conditions. Monies collected will be sent to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) who is providing vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical and psychological care for the sick, malnourished and wounded. If you make a check out, please make it payable to St. Joseph Church or Nativity BVM Church and write "Gaza" on the memo line and we will write a check to cover all donations.



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

**ALL 7-12TH GRADERS
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Saturday, September 27, 2025
Event 5:30 - 10:30pm / Dinner served 6:00pm

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email: stevefrankart@yahoo.com.

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



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CALVARY CEMETERY, LORAIN – PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR

Calvary Cemetery, Lorain – Pre-Planning Seminar

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour, educational pre-planning seminar on **Saturday, Sept. 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 pre-planning 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.

THE GIRL WHO BELIEVES IN MIRACLES



A little girl has so much Faith that people believe she can perform miracles. She tells them it's not her but God working through her in prayer. She believes that every day is a miracle and that the smallest mustard seed can grow into a huge tree. Do you believe in miracles? Is your faith strong enough to believe that all things are possible with God?

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).



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, its Polish-American Heritage and over 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.

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.

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.



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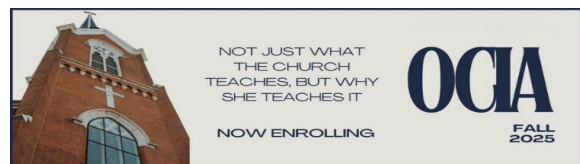
No-obligation informational reception, with yummy food,

Monday, September 22, 7:00 p.m.

Nativity's Social Hall, 333 S. Lake St., So. Amherst

**If not you, then someone you
know. Invite them to come!**

For anyone thinking about beginning OCIA,
check out this alum's recommendation→→



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time




Every Life is a Gift

Walk Run FOR LIFE

SEPTEMBER 20TH
2025
10AM - 2 PM

FORM A TEAM
AND JOIN US!
Bradley Woods Reservation, Westlake

"Jesus came that I may have life and have it more abundantly." ~John 10:10

YOU ARE INVITED!

Join us on Saturday, September 20th, 2025 from 10 AM - 2 PM for our Walk/Run for Life to support pregnant women, new moms, and their families. This event is an easy, fun way to get involved and make a difference for LIFE!

Scan the QR code to register today!

All proceeds go towards providing life-affirming services to women, men and children in our community.



Where: Bradley Woods Reservation, 4538 Bradley Rd, Westlake, OH
When: Saturday, September 20, 2025 | 10 AM - 2 PM



Visit our Website
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The flyer is a red rectangle with white text and graphics. At the top, there are two white line-art houses on either side of a circular arrangement of the word "SALE" repeated multiple times. In the center, the words "Huge Building Clean Out Sale" are written in a bold, sans-serif font. Below this, the words "Garage Sale" are written in a very large, bold, sans-serif font. Underneath, the location "St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church" is written in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by the address "2711 W. 40th Street" and "Lorain, OH 44053". A white arrow-shaped box points to the right and contains the dates and times: "Friday September 12, 2025", "Saturday September 13, 2025", and "9:00 am to 4:00 pm". At the bottom, a paragraph of text describes the items for sale: "Large Library of Books, School & Office Items, Electronics (TV, Scanners, Printers, Copy Machine) Glassware, Holiday Items and so much more." Below this, the phrase "Find Hidden Treasures!" is written in a bold, italicized, sans-serif font, followed by the payment information "Cash and Checks Only - No Credit Cards" in a smaller, sans-serif font.

**Huge Building
Clean Out Sale**

Garage Sale

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

Friday September 12, 2025
Saturday September 13, 2025
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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(TV, Scanners, Printers, Copy Machine) Glassware,
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Nativity News

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:

Updated for September 9th Menu

Sliced Sirloin (not roast pork as printed in a 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!



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Fr. John E. Manning

We pray for his family 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.

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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 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.

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>.

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