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October 12, 2025

The Twenty-Eighth 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, OCTOBER 13th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. John and Victoria Chihay (Granddaughter)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14th – Mass at Nativity Parish
8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the
Wood & Srawley Families
(Suzanne Strader)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15th – No Mass

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
7:00 p.m. Betsy Dunford (Suzanne Frisk)
Confessions to follow until 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. Suzanne Swlec (Mr. and Mrs. Ray Klimas)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18th
11:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
4:00 p.m. Frank and Vera Schermock
(Judi Guidish, Daughter)
Mass at St. Joseph Parish
5:30 p.m. George Schuman (Doris Schuman)
Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19th – Masses at St. Joseph Parish
8:30 a.m. Robert Chet (Family)
11:00 a.m. For All Souls of the Faithfully Departed
5:00 p.m. People of St. Joseph and Nativity
Parishes

Daily Readings

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13th – Weekday
Rom 1:1-7 / Lk 11:29-32

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14th – Weekday,
St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
Rom 1:16-25 / Lk 11:37-41

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15th – Saint Teresa of Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Rom 2:1-11 / Lk 11:42-46

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16th – Weekday
Saint Hedwig, Religious, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
Rom 3:21-30 / Lk 11:47-54

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17th – Saint Ignatius of Antioch,
Bishop and Martyr
Rom 4:1-8 / Lk 12: 1-7

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18th – Vigil,
The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 17:8-13 / 2 Tm 3:14 – 4:2 / Lk 18:1-8

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19th –
The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 17: 8-13 / 2 Tm 3:14 – 4:2 / Lk 18:1-8

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, OCTOBER 13th
7:00 p.m. O.C.I.A. –The Bible and the Catechism of the
Catholic Church – What and how to use
each. EVERYONE IS INVITED!
(Nativity Parish Hall)

7:00 p.m. St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
(Conference Room)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14th
5:00 p.m. Dinners on the Go – Drive-thru pickup
(Nativity Parish)

7:00 p.m. SJS Parent Club Meeting
(St. Joseph School MPR)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15th
5:30 p.m. P.S.R. for Kindergarten thru Grade 8
(St. Joseph School)

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16th
9:00 a.m. Vincentians Meeting (Conference Room)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17th
5:30 p.m. Cars line up to decorate for Trunk or Treat
6:15 p.m. Trunk or Treating begins (Parking lot
between SJ Church and baseball fields)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19th
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, September 28, 2025

Sunday Offertory	\$ 15,818.92
Children's Offertory	\$ 2.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 11.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 136.00
All Souls	\$ 20.00
All Saints	\$ 5.00
Catholic Communications Campaign	\$ 45.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 5.00
Gaza Collection	\$ 10.00

E-Giving – September 23, 2025-September 29, 2025

Eoffering-Sunday Offertory	\$ 2,655.69
Eoffering-Maintenance Fund	\$ 96.94
Eoffering-Christmas	\$ 24.70
Eoffering-Tuition Assistance	\$ 100.00
Eoffering-Retirement for the Religious	\$ 96.94

Nativity Parish

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Sunday Offertory	\$ 2,567.00
Catholic Communications	\$ 5.00

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DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR COMMITMENT CARDS

We are still in the midst of our Annual Stewardship Renewal. If you haven't returned your Commitment Card or completed one online at the parish website, stjosephamherst.com, it is **NOT** too late. Returning your commitment card is an important part of being an active member of St. Joseph and Nativity. Please take this opportunity to discern how God is calling you to grow closer to Him this year.

HOLY GROUND YOUTH GROUP

There will be **no Youth Group Meeting on Sunday, October 12th**. All 7th-12th Graders are welcome to come to our next session on Sunday, October 19th. You are welcome to join us for the 5:00 p.m. Mass. We ask everyone to meet over by the choir area. The Holy Ground Youth Group meeting starts after the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the school gym and ends at 7:30 p.m.

TRUNK OR TREAT

St. Joseph Parish School invites both parishes and school families to join us for our Annual Trunk or Treat Event on Friday, October 17th. Decorate your trunk and pass out treats. There will be a prize for the best decorated trunk. Cars line up at 5:30 p.m.-6:10 p.m. between St. Joseph Church and the baseball fields. Gates close at 6:10 p.m. for the safety of the children and will not reopen until 7:30 p.m. Trunk or Treating starts at 6:15 p.m. Those not participating in the trunk decorating are asked to park between the Church and School. For more information, see the school website.

ELYRIA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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 located at 725 Gulf Road in Elyria.

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.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 39TH ANNUAL BLANKET SUNDAY

Beginning the weekend of October 11-12, SVDP is asking for your help. Please consider a monetary donation to help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul purchase blankets, beds, and other winter essentials for those in need. All money raised stays in NE Ohio. Please visit BlanketSunday.org for more information and to donate or pick up an envelope at the doors of church. Thank you!



UNSUNG HERO

In this remarkable true story, David, in 1991, moved his wife and 6 children from Australia to the U.S. to chase the American dream. Survival was a struggle but giving up and giving in were **NOT** an option. All they had was family, resilience and hope. Along the way though, an Unsung Hero was helping. Do you have an Unsung Hero in your life? Maybe You

are or could be someone's Unsung Hero? Join me to see how their prayers were answered.

It's FREE!! Please join us in the SCHOOL MPR on TUESDAY, October 21st at 6:30 p.m. (1 hr. 53 min.)

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



Nativity News

DINNERS ON THE GO

OCTOBER 14TH MENU

Chicken Marsala
Wild Rice
Corn
Roll/Dessert
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 your continued support!



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

**Fr. Thomas Cleaton,
Marilyn Doslak,
and Marjorie Szabo**

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.*

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.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION

The Catholic Cemeteries Association offers free, safe, and
compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings and memorial
events throughout the year.

The next upcoming support/gatherings:

October 19th – Sunday Grief Support meetings
(3:00 p.m. – In-person; 5:00 p.m. – Virtual)

For details, visit: <https://www.clecem.org/Events/Events.aspx>
For more information or questions, call Renee at 216-930-4866.

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 40 HOUR DEVOTION AND REFLECTION

St. Mary Parish, 731 Exchange Street, in Vermilion, invites you
to join them for 40 Hour Devotion and evening reflections at
7:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 19th, Monday, October 20th and
Tuesday, October 21st. Each evening, a different deacon will
give the reflection. These deacons are Deacon Jim Tokarsky,
Deacon Jose Zamora, and Deacon Phil Dinovo. After evening
prayer, the Blessed Sacrament will be taken to the Altar of
Adoration in the Gathering Space until 6:50 p.m. the next day.
At that time, the Blessed Sacrament will then be returned to the
Church for Adoration and Reflection and closing Benediction.
Any questions, please call St. Mary's Parish Office at 440-967-
8711.

"IT TAKES THE VILLAGE" FUNDRAISER FOR COLE WILLIAMS

We need your support for Cole Williams who was
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donating easy



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EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING SESSION

Diocesan 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 register or 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.

CALLED YOU BY NAME – WEEKEND HEALING RETREAT

This weekend healing retreat is private and confidential for women healing after abortion. It is the weekend of October 24th-26th at the Bethesda House of Mercy. For more info, call 800-482-4100 or email bethesdahouseofmercy2008@gmail.com.

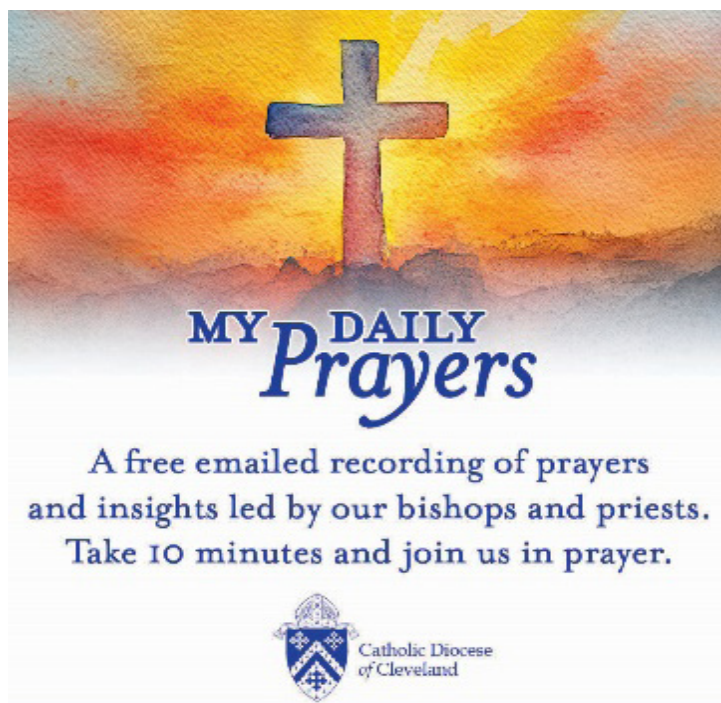
POVERTY SIMULATION

Could you survive one month in poverty? Take part in a live role-playing poverty simulation on Saturday, November 8, 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at St. Ladislav Church, Westlake. Open to ages 16+, free of charge, with light refreshments provided. Register by October 17 at tinyurl.com/2025simulation or email Shawn.Witmer@ccdole.org.

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 send only emails and respect your privacy; text messages will be sent only for urgent situations.



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– and encourage others to join us!

Share the Prayers!



St. Joseph Trojan Basketball

2025 – 2026 BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Grades 3 thru 8 Sign ups

Online sign-ups will begin Monday September 22nd and go through Friday October 24th.

High School Sign ups

JV/Varsity begin Monday September 22nd and go through October 31st.

Sign-ups will be online at <https://stjosephamherst.com/cyo>

If you need an in-person signup, please contact me and we can arrange a meeting.

REGISTRATION FEE IS \$175.00

Parents: There is also a need for Coaches, so if you would like to volunteer your time to help coach our kids, please let me know and I will get you the information on what you need to do.

Any questions please contact me.
Chad Nagy
440-752-9061

RAFFLE TICKETS

30 Reasons to be Thankful Calendar Raffle Fundraiser

30 chances to win AND winners
remain eligible for ALL 30 drawings.

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100% profit for SJS! Proceeds will help to create an outdoor learning environment/space to be used by all of our students Preschool - 8th grade! We look forward to being able to incorporate more of God's natural world into our traditional and STEM academic programs.

Our fundraising goal is \$25,000!

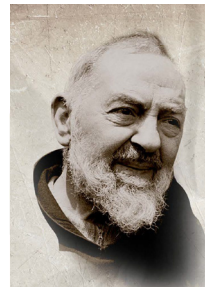
Winners announced daily at school starting November 1st. Drawings are live streamed on the school's Facebook page. Winners will be contacted by phone. Winners will also be listed at www.sjsamherst.org and posted in the church bulletin.

**CONTACT THE SCHOOL
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Many of you may already know about our online Sunday Offertory option, which allows you to make charitable donations without using monthly envelopes. However, did you know that you can also contribute to Holy Days and special collections through myEoffering? MyEoffering offers a quick, simple, and secure way to donate to our parish. To learn more or to sign up, visit <https://myeoffering.com/>.



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025

VENERATION FROM 12 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025

VENERATION FROM 9 A.M. TO 6:30 P.M.

MASS IN HONOR OF SAINT PIO AT 8:30 A.M.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT THE PARISH AT (440) 967 8711

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October 20th 6:30 – 8:00 pm,
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"Come and See!" John 1:46

Join us 3rd Mondays for Spark & Ignite.

Come for all or part of the evening. Bring a friend!

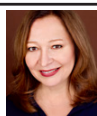
5:30-6:30 - a light Soup & Salad Dinner available in the Hall

6:30 - Church doors open

6:45 - Someone shares their faith journey story

7:00 - Eucharistic Adoration with sacred silence, and praise & worship music. Confessions and prayer teams available.

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