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October 19, 2025

The Twenty-Ninth 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, OCTOBER 20th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. Sue Wohlever (Bill and Donna Chrysler)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21st – Mass at Nativity Parish
8:00 a.m. Mary Knoble (Jerry & Anne Knoble)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22nd – No Mass

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23rd – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
7:00 p.m. Lachowyn, Charnisky, Ralph &
Christopher Families
(Laureen Suspenski)
Confessions to follow until 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. Donald O'Brien (Daughter)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25th
11:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
4:00 p.m. Sarah Dillon (Family)
Mass at St. Joseph Parish
5:30 p.m. Robert and Ann Dancik
(Karen Dancik/Abfall)
Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26th – Masses at St. Joseph Parish
8:30 a.m. Joseph Chiaramonte (Daughters)
11:00 a.m. Rosie Goodwin (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, OCTOBER 20th
7:00 p.m. O.C.I.A. – Divine Revelation in Knowing
God, and Life in the Promised Land.
EVERYONE IS INVITED!
(Nativity Parish Hall)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21st
7:00 p.m. Men's Group Meeting **is cancelled
for tonight**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22nd
5:30 p.m. P.S.R. for Kindergarten through Grade 8
(St Joseph School)
6:30 p.m. Sacred Sisters Meeting
(O.S.E. Community Center)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24th
NO SCHOOL –
Diocesan Profession Development Day

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26th
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, OCTOBER 20th – Weekday
USA St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
Rom 4:20-25 / Lk 12:13-21

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21st – Weekday
Rom 5:12,15b, 17-19, 20b-21 / Lk 12:35-38

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22nd – Weekday
Saint John Paul II, Pope
Rom 6:12-18 / Lk 12:39-48

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23rd – Weekday
St. John of Capistrano, Priest
Rom 6:19-23 / Lk 12:49-53

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24th – Weekday
Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
Rom 7:18-25a / Lk 12:54-59

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25th –
Vigil, The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 / 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 / Lk 18:9-14

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26th –
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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Sunday Offertory	\$ 12,927.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 44.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 382.00
All Souls	\$ 75.00
All Saints	\$ 90.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 150.00
Vincentians Donations	\$ 1,693.00

E-Giving – September 30, 2025-October 6, 2025

Eoffering-Sunday Offertory	\$ 3,232.72
Eoffering-Maintenance Fund	\$ 136.94
Eoffering-Christmas	\$ 24.70
Eoffering-Vincentians	\$ 19.14
Eoffering-Retirement for the Religious	\$ 96.94

Nativity Parish

Sunday Offertory will be in next's week bulletin

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-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

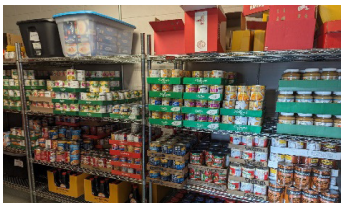
DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR COMMITMENT CARDS

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

All 7-12th 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.

VINCENTIAN THANK YOU



The St. Joseph Vincentian Ministry has two basic missions. The first is to provide the needy with nutritional supplemental food. The second is to help the needy pay for utility bills such as electricity and water. From

January through September this year, we have provided food for 419 adults and 273 children. We have increased our help with utilities and helped 67 adults and 82 children. The cost of food and utilities have increased this year. Your substantial and generous donations have enabled us to spend a total of **\$71,928.39** providing food and utilities to the needy in our area. We could not have helped these people without your support. Please continue your support and we ask for your prayers, so that we may continue to provide help to so many people who need it. Thank you to the people of St. Joseph Church and the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

May God bless you.
~ St. Joseph Vincentian Ministry

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

It is not too late. 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 you may pick up an envelope at the doors of church. Thank you!

ELYRIA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

Elyria Catholic is administering the **High School Placement Test (HSPT)** to current 8th Graders on **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 the test. 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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY OCTOBER 18-19, 2025

Celebrated every year on the penultimate Sunday of October, World Mission Sunday is the day when Catholics around the world unite to support the missionary work of the Church. Established by Pope Pius XI in 1926, it remains the only annual global collection that directly supports the 1,124 mission territories where the Church is young, struggling, or persecuted. On this day, every parish, in every diocese, in every country, joins in prayer and giving to ensure that missionaries can continue their vital work – building churches, forming priests, supporting catechists, and serving communities in need.

H A P P Y
Anniversary
— ♥ —

Sending warm wishes to Pete and Kelly Schuler who will celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary on October 20th! May your celebration overflow with love and laughter, surrounded by those closest to your hearts. May God bless you both on this very special moment in your life. Happy Anniversary!



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We need your support for Cole Williams who was struck and ran over by a drunk driver on Sept 1st.

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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

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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.

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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).



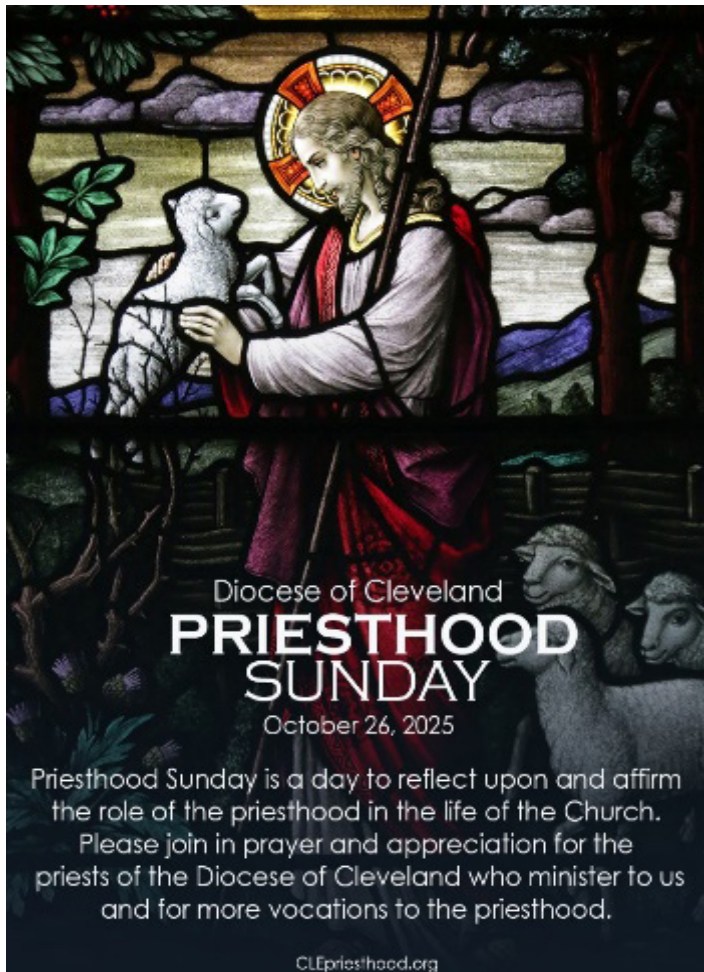
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PRE-CANA RETREAT DAY

St. Joseph in Avon Lake is hosting a fall Pre-Cana Retreat Day in their Social Hall on Saturday, November 15th, from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., for those engaged couples preparing for marriage. The cost for this Retreat is \$70.00, which will also include a continental breakfast and hot lunch. The Retreat will conclude with the 4:30 p.m. Mass. For more info and to register, go to their website at <https://www.stjosephavonlake.org/marriage> or register at <https://onrealm.org/SaintJoseph/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=NmI1YzFmMzMtMTc0Yi00MG12LWE5YTQtYjJjZjAxMzc2Y2Fl>

INTERRELIGIOUS UNDERSTANDING: LOOKING BACK, MOVING FORWARD

Is a lecture by Dr. John Borelli that will be held on Tuesday, October 28 at 6:00 p.m. in the Dolan Science Center at John Carroll University. Dr. Borelli – a longtime consultant to the Vatican and the U.S. Bishops – will reflect on the 60th Anniversary of Vatican II's Declaration on Non-Christian Religions, and the importance of dialogue today. For information, contact 216-397-4700 or www.visit.jcu.edu/tuohycenter.



Diocese of Cleveland
PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY
October 26, 2025

Priesthood Sunday is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church. Please join in prayer and appreciation for the priests of the Diocese of Cleveland who minister to us and for more vocations to the priesthood.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Patricia Billick

Felicia Heyer

Ann Scaglio, Mother of Lynn Shukait

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.

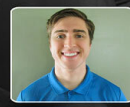


THEOLOGY ON TAP

IN SICKNESS & IN HEALTH: MERCY IN ACTION
What does it mean to serve Christ in the sick and suffering today?



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Katie Raddell
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Moderated by Mark Gorsuch, Behavioral Specialist

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST
Forest City Brewery | 7pm

Registration will be available at dioceseofcleveland.org/totcle.
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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
OFFICE TO PURCHASE**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Nativity News

DINNERS ON THE GO

OCTOBER 28TH MENU

Breaded Pork Chops, Cabbage 'n Noodles, Applesauce
Roll/Dessert, and Soup – Loaded Baked Potato

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 pickup 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!

IT'S STRUDEL TIME AGAIN!!!!



Nativity B.V. M.'s Altar and Rosary Society is preparing to help you out with the upcoming holidays! Pre-order our **HOMEMADE** strudels!

Sign-up sheets are located in the back of Nativity Church **OR** Call St. Joseph's Parish Office at 440-988-2848. Orders will be taken now through November 10th. The cost is \$13.00 per strudel. You will pay at the "pick-up" day, **November 22nd**, at Nativity BVM after the 5:30 Mass in the Hall. Strudel will be frozen at pickup (directions for baking will be attached). They are **DELICIOUS** and so easy to bake...all fresh ingredients and **homemade**. *You'll be a baking ROCKSTAR!* **ORDER NOW!**

Thank You

The Altar and Rosary Society would like to acknowledge all who attended the Candlelight Rosary Service on October 8th. A special thanks to those who led the Rosary decades and procession, the greeters, our lector, and organist. The service ended with a beautiful gathering in our Social Hall, thanks to those who helped in our kitchen.

Our Blessed Mother heard our prayers, petitions, and songs. WE can be assured she carried them to heaven. We ask our Lord to continue to bless you and yours. Our Society is grateful for your support.

"God doesn't forget your prayers. He answers them when the time is right." (paraphrase of Psalm 37:5)



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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