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October 26, 2025
The Thirtieth 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 27th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. Julia Wohlever (Family)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28th – Mass at Nativity Parish
8:00 a.m. Robin Hunker (Loos Family)

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 29th – No Mass

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
7:00 p.m. Fred Zemanek (Wife)
Confessions to follow until 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31st – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. Michael Sierra
(Sacred Sisters Prayer Group)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1st
11:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
4:00 p.m. James Liskiewicz (Wife)
Mass at St. Joseph Parish
5:30 p.m. For All the Souls of
the Faithfully Departed
Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd – Masses at St. Joseph Parish
8:30 a.m. For All the Souls of
the Faithfully Departed
11:00 a.m. Jesse Borocz (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 27th
7:00 p.m. O.C.I.A. – Who is Jesus and
What is the Message of Jesus' Life?
EVERYONE'S INVITED!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28th
5:00 p.m. Dinners on the Go – Drive-thru pickup
(Nativity Parish)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29th
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)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30th
9:00 a.m. Vincentians Meeting (Conference Room)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1st
9:00 a.m. First Saturday Rosary (St. Joseph Church)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd
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 27th – Weekday
Rom 8:12-17 / Lk 13:10-17

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28th –
Saints Simon and Jude Apostles
Eph 2:19-22 / Lk 6:12-16

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29th – Weekday
Rom 8: 26:30 / Lk 13:22-30

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30th – Weekday
Rom 8:31b-39 / Lk 13:31-35

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31st – Weekday
Rom 9:1-5 / Lk 14:1-6

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1st
Vigil – The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
(All Souls' Day)
Wis 3:1-9 / Rom 6:3-9 / John 6:37-40

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd
The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
(All Souls' Day)
Wis 3:1-9 / Rom 6:3-9 / John 6:37-40

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish – Sunday, October 12, 2025

Sunday Offertory	\$ 15,166.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 200.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 70.00
All Souls	\$ 20.00
All Saints	\$ 20.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 60.00
Children's Donation	\$ 3.00

E-Giving – October 7, 2025-October 13, 2025

Eoffering – Sunday Offertory	\$ 3,527.15
Eoffering – Maintenance Fund	\$ 101.64
Eoffering – Christmas	\$ 24.70
Eoffering – Vincentians	\$ 19.70
Eoffering – Retirement for the Religious	\$ 96.94
Eoffering – School Tuition Assistance	\$ 59.70

Nativity Parish – October 4th

Sunday Offertory	\$ 1,859.00
All Saints	\$ 5.00
All Souls	\$ 30.00

Nativity Parish – October 11th

Sunday Offertory	\$ 2,301.00
World Mission Collection	\$ 5.00
Communication	\$ 10.00

Nativity Parish – October 18th

Sunday Offertory	\$ 1,756.00
World Mission Collection	\$ 65.00
Maintenance and upkeep	\$ 710.00

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR COMMITMENT CARDS

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. We would be most grateful if you turn in your commitment card before November 3rd.

HOLY GROUND YOUTH GROUP

All 7-12th Graders are welcome to come to our next session on Sunday, November 2nd. 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.

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.

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!

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.

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. 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=NmI1YzFmMzMtMTc0Yi00MGI2LWE5YTQtYjJjZjAxMzc2Y2Fl>.

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 consultor 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.



MY DAILY Prayers

A free emailed recording of prayers and insights led by our bishops and priests. Take 10 minutes and join us in prayer.



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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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GIVE THANKS... for the gift of priests that you have known throughout your life. Those that baptized you, who have served at your home parish when growing up, those who have prepared you for marriage, or who have celebrated a family funeral with you and your loved ones.

“The Priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus Christ.”

— St. John Vianney

PRAY... that the Holy Spirit may inspire more men to discern this call of service. On this day, we gratefully reflect on the gift of priesthood for the Church and for those men who have generously responded to this vocation.

PERSONALLY INVITE... youth and young adults to consider this vocation. While it's natural for youth, looking toward their future, to make educational plans that will lead to the career of their choosing, their vocational discernment impacts God's Kingdom most.

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Stop by the school office to purchase a ticket.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

TICKET 12345

Nativity News

DINNERS ON THE GO

OCTOBER 28TH MENU

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

NOVEMBER 11TH MENU

Chicken Paprikash with Spaetzles
Salad
Garlic Breadsticks/Dessert
Soup – Beef Vegetable

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!

“HELP IS OUT THERE... FOR US SENIORS”

The Altar and Rosary Society will be presenting a talk on “Help is out there...for us Seniors.” Speaking will be Betty Stock, a Nativity BVM parishioner along with Tanner Salyers, Hospice Community Liaison with Sunset Hospice. Betty has researched available services that have helped her and her husband Jim for the past few years. Our informative talk will be on Wednesday, October 29th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Nativity Social Hall. Please plan to attend to find out services you may not know of. Light refreshments to follow.

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.

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 p.m. 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!**

EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING SESSION

A nearby Diocesan Training Session to become an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion is coming up. 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. The upcoming session is November 10, 2025, from 7:00-9:30 p.m. at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Sheffield.

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.

ELYRIA CATHOLIC CRAFT FAIR

Get ready to kick off the holiday season in style at the **Annual “March into Christmas” Craft Fair**, returning to Elyria Catholic High School, 725 Gulf Road, in Elyria, on **November 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.!** For just **\$5.00**, you can immerse yourself in a festive wonderland featuring more than **50 talented vendors**, all eager to help you find that perfect gift for your loved ones (or maybe a little something special for yourself!). Not only will you be checking off items on your holiday shopping list, but you’ll also be supporting the incredible *Elyria Catholic Marching Band and Color Guard* with every ticket purchased.

GRAVESIDE PRAYER SERVICE FOR DECEASED PRIESTS:

In conjunction with AM 1260 “The Rock” Cleveland Catholic Radio, The Catholic Cemeteries Association is hosting a Graveside Prayer Service for Deceased Priests on Monday, November 17th at 3:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park, 14609 Brookpark Road in the St. John Paul II Mausoleum, Section 5, across from the Priests’ Section 10. All are welcome. For more information or questions, please call Renee at 216-930-4866.

STOP FRAUD

There have been more fraudulent attempts to trick people into giving out personal information, to purchase gift cards, or a request for an “urgent matter.” These scams can come as a text, email, or even a phone call. They look and sound very legitimate.

Please know that no one from this Parish Office will ask you to make a purchase, or respond to an “urgent need.” All correspondence from the office will include specific information for the correspondence.

As a best practice, never open any links or give out private information without first checking to see that the source is legitimate.

IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION

As a reminder to ensure that you get proper credit on your contribution statement, PLEASE mark the outside of your envelope with the correct amount enclosed.

If you are not using a weekly Sunday Offertory envelope, be sure to include your name and address on your envelope as well. This will ensure that when posting the contributions to your account we have the correct amount entered.

DID YOU KNOW...

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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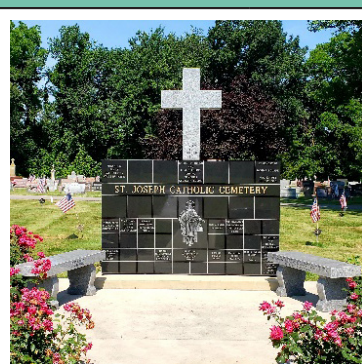
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