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November 16, 2025
The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. JOSEPH PARISH OFFICE: 440-988-2848
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ST. JOSEPH PARISH WEBSITE: stjosephamherst.com

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P.O. BOX 767, Amherst, OH 44001

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, NOVEMBER 17th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish

9:00 a.m. Special Intention for Ricardo Hernandez

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18th – Mass at Nativity Parish

8:00 a.m. Jack Smith (Nancy Smith)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19th No Mass

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish

7:00 p.m. Mary Riley (Friends and Family)
Confessions to follow Mass until 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21st – Mass at St. Joseph Parish

9:00 a.m. Holly Herbert (Dan Balko)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd

11:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
4:00 p.m. Mary and Richard Shagovac
(Gerry Dickinson)
5:30 p.m. Deceased members of
the Duke and Wisner Families Mass
at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd – Masses at St. Joseph Parish

8:30 a.m. Frank Coughlin (Family)
11:00 a.m. John and Joan Reinke
(The Reinke Family)
5:00 p.m. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes

Daily Readings

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17th

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

1 Mc 1:10,15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 / Lk 18:35-43

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18th

The Dedication of the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul,
Apostles; USA Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

2 Mc 6:18-31 / Lk 19:1-10

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19th – Weekday

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 / Lk 19:11-28

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20th – Weekday

1 Mc 2:15-29 / Lk 19:41-44

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21st

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 / Lk 19:45-48

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd

Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

2 Sm 5:1-3 / Col 1:12-20 / Lk 23: 35-43

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd

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2 Sm 5:1-3 / Col 1:12-20 / Lk 23: 35-43

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, NOVEMBER 17th

7:00 p.m. O.C.I.A The Holy Spirit in Our Lives;
and The Precepts of the Church, Dogma,
and Infallibility
EVERYONE'S INVITED!
(Nativity Parish Hall)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18th

6:30 p.m. Men's Group Meeting
(St. Joseph Social Hall Lobby)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19th

5:30 p.m. PSR Gr K-8 (SJ School)
6:30 p.m. Sacred Sisters Meeting
(O.S.E. Community Center)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21st

6:30 p.m. XLT Adoration (St. Joseph Church)

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Sunday Offertory	\$ 19,000.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 247.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 96.00
All Souls	\$ 526.00
All Saints	\$ 509.00
Flowers and Decorations	\$ 60.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 11.00
Children's Offertory	\$ 2.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 250.00

E-Giving – October 28, 2025-November 3, 2025

Eoffering-Sunday Offertory	\$ 3,144.98
Eoffering-Maintenance Fund	\$ 106.94
Eoffering-Christmas	\$ 49.68
Eoffering-Retirement for the Religious	\$ 96.94
Eoffering-Easter	\$ 24.98
Eoffering-World Mission Sunday	\$ 299.00

Nativity Parish

Sunday Offertory will be in next week's bulletin.

REMINDERS TO ALL ST. JOSEPH LECTORS

St. Joseph Lectors, please remember to pick up your 2025 practice book from the back sacristy at your convenience.

The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITTLE BLUE BOOKS OF ADVENT

The much awaited Little Blue Books of Advent are now available at both parishes. See the gathering area counter at St. Joseph Church and the back tables at Nativity Parish to get yours today. Cost is \$2.00 and the money can be dropped in the collection basket with the envelope provided. May you enjoy a prayerful and peaceful Advent season.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH MUSIC MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please join us on Friday, December 26th at 7:00 p.m. here at St. Joseph Church for an amazing Christmas Concert. Bring your family, invite a friend, bring a guest to an evening of beautiful traditional and contemporary Christmas music for all ages.

PEW WASHING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

St. Joseph Sacristans will be washing pews and welcoming anyone who would be able and interested in helping us clean the pews before Christmas. Pew washing will be held on Wednesday, December 10th at 9:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Church.

PRO ORANTIBUS DAY

Friday, November 21st is Pro Orantibus Day ("For Those Who Pray"), honoring cloistered men and women. It is a day of thanksgiving, solidarity, and support for contemplative religious who spend their lives in total dedication to God in union with Jesus and interceding for the salvation of all. For more information, visit: <https://cloisteredlife.com/>

The Diocese of Cleveland has three diocesan cloistered communities. They are the Carmel of the Holy Family, Poor Clare Colettines, and Poor Clare of Perpetual Adoration.

Please lift up in prayer these religious men and women for their dedication to our Lord and to their life of prayer.

2026 MASS INTENTION BOOK

Requests can be mailed in and we will process them in the order in which they are received.

Please include your name, phone number and email, so we can confirm your requested dates and Mass Intentions.

St. Joseph Parish: You are welcome to stop in to the Parish Office to schedule a Mass Intention. Be aware that due to staffing availability, we will not be able to accept any Mass Intentions before 9:00 a.m. Also, we are unable to take any Mass Intentions for Nativity Parish.

Mail **St. Joseph Mass Intentions** to: 200 St. Joseph Drive, Amherst, OH 44001

Nativity Parish: In addition to mailing your Mass Intention requests, you can also send them via email to nativitysouthamherst@gmail.com. Once the date is confirmed, you can drop the offering in the collection basket clearly marked with the following: "For Mass Intention" include the date and who the Mass Intention is for, along with your name and phone number.

Mail **Nativity BVM Mass Intentions** to: P. O. Box 767, Amherst, OH 44001

In order to accommodate everyone, we will only accept two Mass Intentions per loved one until after the first of the year. At that time, if you would like to schedule an additional Mass Intention, you may do so as the schedule allows. The suggested donation for a Mass Intention is \$10.00.

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).

NOVEMBER CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

Below is our list of the first week of Calendar Raffle winners. Thank you for your participation and congratulations. There are a couple of weeks left – good luck to all!!

- 11/1: Jamie Neubauer \$200.00 – sold by the Stigall Family
11/2: Krisina Van Wagnen \$100.00 – sold by the Petro Family
11/3: Ruby Negrete \$100.00 – sold by the Kuhnle Family
11/4: Lindsay Grandt \$125.00 – sold by the Santiago Family
11/5: Jennifer and Scott Kliemann \$100.00 –
sold by the Kliemann Family
11/6: Dean Hunker \$200.00 – sold by the Hunker Family
11/7: Amanda Radca \$100.00 – sold by the Karhusz Family

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The Mission of the Archdiocese for the Military is to ensure that service members, veterans, and their families be able to seek sacramental preparation for Baptism, Confirmation, First Communion, penance, and marriage; to benefit from consultation with a priest, and to receive the Sacrament of penance as they defend our rights of freedom, speech, and face constant transition and uncertainty.

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St. Joseph School will once again be hosting their annual Kris Kringle Santa Shop. This is an opportunity for SJS students to do some secret shopping

to purchase gifts for family and friends. We are in need of new/gently used donations such as: household goods, jewelry, decorations, Christmas items, books, games, toys, pet items, baby items, etc. We are also in need of Christmas gift bags and tissue paper donations as well. Donations can be dropped off BEFORE 12/9/25 at the school entrance, Door A.



XLT & ADORATION

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NOV. 23

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
6:30-7:30PM

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Nativity News

DINNERS ON THE GO

NOVEMBER 25TH MENU

Salisbury Steak with Mushroom Onion Gravy
Egg Noodles/Peas and Carrots
Roll/Dessert
Soup – Italian Wedding

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!

No Dinners will be served during the month of December ...
Happy Birthday, Jesus.

“Dinners on the Go” will resume in January of 2026.
Have a happy, healthy, and Blessed New Year!

DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR STRUDEL ORDER



Your Strudel Order will be ready for “pickup” on Saturday, November 22nd at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Social Hall after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. The cost is \$13.00

per strudel. Payment is due when you pick up your strudel. Nativity BVM is located at 333 South Lake Street, in South Amherst.

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.

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.

GRIEF SUPPORT

The Catholic Cemeteries Association offers free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings. Our meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Please join us for an hour of sharing, listening, learning and healing.

Our next meeting is today – Sunday, November 16th
(3:00 p.m. In-person; 5:00 p.m. Virtual)

- All Saints, Northfield | 480 W. Highland Road
- All Souls, Chardon | 10366 Chardon Road
- Calvary, Cleveland | 10000 Miles Avenue
- Holy Cross, Akron | 100 E. Waterloo Road
- Holy Cross, Brook Park | 14609 Brook Park Road
- St. Joseph, Avon | 32789 Detroit Road

For details, visit: <https://www.clecem.org/Events/Events.aspx>

“IT TAKES THE VILLAGE” FUNDRAISER FOR COLE WILLIAMS

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

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

**Tom Gigliotti
James Temple,
Husband of Mary (Maisie) Temple
Norman Harwood**

We pray for her 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.

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.

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.

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025, AT 11:30A.M.
Join Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries for the 40th Annual Journey to Bethlehem Liturgy on Saturday, December 6, 2025, at 11:30 a.m., with our celebrant Bishop Michael Woost. Mass will take place at St. John Bosco, 6480 Pearl Road, Parma Hts. where Fr. Matthew Byrne is the Pastor. This liturgy is for persons with disabilities, their families, and friends and is a beautiful Christmas celebration, with a light luncheon following. For information, email megan.bonilla@ccdole.org All are welcome!


Through the
Sacrament of Baptism
St. Joseph Parish welcomes
Emmett Spencer Weickert
Son of Bennet and Mackenzie Weickert
into the fullness of our parish community and we congratulate his 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.

**JUBILEE PENANCE SERVICE
AT NATIVITY BVM, IN LORAIN**

Tuesday, November 18th, instead of the Jubilee Mass that evening, the pastors and parishes of our Lorain County West Deanery are invited to gather at Nativity BVM Parish in Lorain for a Penance Service, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Come to prepare your heart and soul for Thanksgiving and Advent.

**EXPERIENCE THE JOURNEY
TO BETHLEHEM**

It is an interactive guided walking tour through various scripture scenes of the Nativity Narrative, "traveling" to places like Nazareth, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and others on Saturday, December 6th, from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and 5:30-7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church 46 E. Main Street, in Wakeman.

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