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**January 11, 2026**  
**The Baptism of the Lord**

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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](http://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, JANUARY 12th** – Mass at St. Joseph Parish  
9:00 a.m. Special Intention

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 13th** – Mass at Nativity Parish  
8:00 a.m. Larry Knoble (Terrie Chase)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14th** – No Mass

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 15th** – Mass at St. Joseph Parish  
7:00 p.m. Donald Seng (Friends)  
Confessions to follow until 8:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 16th** – Mass at St. Joseph Parish  
9:00 a.m. Richard Savinsky (Sacred Sisters)

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 17th**  
11:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish  
4:00 p.m. Nick and Lucille Ksenich (Family)  
Mass at St. Joseph Parish  
5:30 p.m. People of Nativity and St. Joseph Parishes  
Mass at Nativity Parish

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 18th** – Masses at St. Joseph Parish  
8:30 a.m. John Lachowyn (Laureen Suspenski)  
11:00 a.m. Al and Jo Ann Orosz (Friends)  
5:00 p.m. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes

## Daily Readings

**MONDAY, JANUARY 12th** – Weekday  
(First Week in Ordinary Time)  
1 Sm 1:1-8 / Mk 1:14-20

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 13th** – Weekday  
St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
1 Sm 1:9-20 / Mk 1: 21-28

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14th** – Weekday  
1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 / Mk 1:29-39

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 15th** – Weekday  
1 Sm 4:1-11 / Mk 1:40-45

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 16th** – Weekday  
1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a / Mk 2:1-12

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 17th** – Vigil,  
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Is 49:3, 5-6 / 1 Cor 1:1-3 / Jn 1:29-34

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Is 49:3, 5-6 / 1 Cor 1:1-3 / Jn 1:29-34

## 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](mailto:parishoffice@stjosephamherst.com), by Noon, NO LATER than 2 Fridays prior to the Sunday you want it to appear.

## Activity Schedule

**MONDAY-FRIDAY**  
11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (NBVM)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 12th**  
7:00 p.m. O.C.I.A. (Nativity Parish Hall)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 13th**  
9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Classes  
(Nativity Parish Hall)  
5:00 p.m. Dinners on the Go –  
Drive-Thru Pick-Up Only  
(Nativity, South Amherst)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14th**  
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, JANUARY 15th**  
9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Classes  
(Nativity Parish Hall)  
6:00 p.m. Scripture Study (St. Joseph Church)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 18th**  
6:00 p.m. No Holy Ground Youth Group  
Session tonight



## Catholic Renewal Ministries Traveling Healing Mass

January 16<sup>th</sup> 2026

St. Julie Billiart Parish

Fr. Bob Franco, Celebrant

Praise & worship begins at 7:00  
Liturgy begins at 7:30 p.m.

St. Julie Billiart Parish

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Healing prayer teams will be available after mass for individual prayer, and there will also be a social after mass.

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## The Baptism of the Lord

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

#### *St. Joseph Parish*

#### **Sunday, December 21, 2025**

Sunday Offertory	\$ 24,517.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 230.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 70.00
Children's Offertory	\$ 4.00
Year-end Contributions	\$ 11.00
Little Books for Advent	\$ 8.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 200.00
Christmas	\$ 1,995.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 296.00
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	\$ 40.00
Vincentians	\$ 3,000.00

#### **E-Giving – December 16, 2025-December 22, 2025**

Eoffering-Sunday Offertory	\$ 2,793.59
Eoffering-Maintenance Fund	\$ 96.94
Eoffering-Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 96.94
Eoffering-Christmas	\$ 24.70
Eoffering-Immaculate Conception	\$ 89.70
Eoffering-Vincentians	\$ 115.00

#### *Nativity Parish*

#### **Saturday, December 20, 2025**

Sunday Offertory	\$ 3,321.00
Propagation of Faith	\$ 50.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 50.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 160.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 45.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 95.00
Maintenance and Upkeep	\$ 870.00

#### **Thursday, December 25, 2025**

Christmas	\$ 14,308.00
Sunday Offertory	\$ 40.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 30.00

#### **Saturday, December 27, 2025**

Sunday Offertory	\$ 1,293.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 9.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 5.00

### HOLY GROUND YOUTH GROUP

There will be no Holy Ground Youth Group Meeting on Sunday, January 18th. We will meet on Sunday, January 25. All Youth Grades 7-12 are welcome to join us for the 5:00 p.m. Mass and the Youth Group Meeting afterwards in the school gym. The meeting will end at 7:30 p.m.

### A NEW SCRIPTURE STUDY

Have you wished you had a better understanding of the Sunday Scripture readings and Mass? Do you want to be more engaged in Mass? Join us on Thursday night at 6:00 p.m. in St. Joseph Church. We will be presenting Dr. Brant Pietre in videos explaining Mass and readings for the following Sunday. The study will continue on Thursdays evenings and end by 6:45 p.m. This is not a discussion group. Mass will follow at 7:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions, call Bob at 919-896-5413.

### CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY COLLECTION JANUARY 17-18, 2026

The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States. Gifts to the National Collection — the only second collection taken for higher education in the U.S. — support students during this crucial time and help the University conduct critical research that will serve parishes and dioceses throughout the country

### OUR GIFT TO YOU IN THE NEW YEAR: A FREEWILL WRITING RESOURCE

The Diocese has partnered with FreeWill to make it easier for our community to create their Catholic legacy. Using this online tool, you can write a legal will for free and protect your blessings, while including the necessary language to create an eternal legacy gift in your plans. This resource takes 20 minutes or less and can be paired with an attorney for more complex estates. We invite you to visit [www.catholiccommunity.org/freewill](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/freewill) to write a free, legal will.

### NINE DAYS FOR LIFE 2026

You are invited to join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life Novena, 9 Days for Life, Friday, January 16th through Saturday, January 24th. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by email or text message. Sign up at: [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com). Hard copies of the novena will be available in the gathering area of church.

### 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 at [sjandnbvmmedia](https://www.youtube.com/sjandnbvmmedia).



# Nativity News

## DINNERS ON THE GO

### JANUARY 13, 2026 MENU

Pot Roast  
Red Skin Potatoes  
Carrots  
Roll/Dessert  
Soup – Chicken Dumpling

### JANUARY 27, 2026 MENU

Cabbage Rolls  
Mashed Potatoes  
Cup of Applesauce  
Roll/Dessert  
Soup – Broccoli n' Cheese

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!

## TUESDAY MASSES

### AT NATIVITY IN SOUTH AMHERST DURING THE WINTER MONTHS

**Please note:** During the winter months if the weather is bad and there is NO school for either or both St. Joseph School in Amherst or Firelands Schools in South Amherst due to the weather, then there will be NO Mass at Nativity of the BVM Church on that Tuesday morning.

## 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.



## ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

*Turning taxes into tuition*

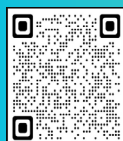
The Angel Scholarship Fund (ASF) is a State of Ohio approved Scholarship Granting Organization.

Donors to ASF may be eligible for a 100% tax credit on their State of Ohio income tax return for the year the contribution is made. ASF donations are awarded as tuition assistance for K-12 students in the Diocese of Cleveland, and donors may designate a school/schools to receive their donation. Just follow these three steps:

**STEP 1- Estimate your 2025 Ohio state tax liability**

**STEP 2 - Make your donation to ASF**

**STEP 3 - Claim your scholarship tax credit when you file your 2025 State of Ohio taxes.**



For more information, call or email: 216-902-1312 /  
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## The Baptism of the Lord



### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

**Karen Sliman**  
**Lee Grissinger, Father of Toni Grissinger**  
**Nancy Borer**  
**Virginia Daisy Klein**

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 THE ROCKS WEST



**For Adults 40 & Over**  
**Join us Monday, January 12**  
**7:00-8:30 p.m.**  
**Westside Irish American Club**  
8559 Jennings Road, Olmsted Twp.

### Who is C.S. Lewis? Why, as Catholics do we care?

Dr. Matt Carey Jordan, VP of Academic Affairs at Borromeo & St. Mary Seminary, has led several Lewis-themed pilgrimages to England and taken people behind the scenes to walk in the footsteps of C.S. Lewis. Join us for an enlightening discussion of the man behind *The Chronicles of Narnia* and *The Screwtape Letters*.

Light appetizers included. Cash Bar is available. **Advance tickets recommended.**

**Register in advance:** [www.theologyontherockswest.com](http://www.theologyontherockswest.com).  
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

### ST. JOSEPH MASS LIVESTREAMED

To view our 11:00 a.m. Mass for the homebound,  
visit our YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@sjandnbvmmedia8044/streams>

Or you can use the button on our website:  
<https://stjosephamherst.com/>

## Monthly Grief Support Groups

We offer a comfortable, private, and encouraging environment where you are free to explore your grief and all you are feeling. Meetings are open discussion, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is on your heart. Come and be in the presence of those who understand.

Our monthly grief support groups are offered in two formats: in-person and virtual.

- † In-person groups meet from 3 PM to 4 PM.
- † The virtual group meets from 5 PM to 6 PM, and you can register for the virtual session on our website

*Your RSVP is greatly appreciated but not required. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Renee Weese at [rweese@clecem.org](mailto:rweese@clecem.org) or 216-930-4866.*

### Locations

Holy Cross Cemetery, Brookpark  
Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron  
St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon  
All Saints Cemetery, Northfield  
All Souls Cemetery, Chardon

### 2026 Schedule

January 18th	July 19th
February 15th	August 16th
March 15th	September 20th
April 19th	October 18th
May 17th	November 15th
June 28th	December 20th

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## THE CLEVELAND GUILD OF THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The Cleveland Guild of the Catholic Medical Association is sponsoring a conference entitled, "Innovative Approaches to Compassionate Healthcare: The Ministry of Mercy" on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at St. Albert the Great Parish Life Center. Bishop Edward C. Malesic will celebrate the opening conference Mass at 8:00 a.m. Medical education credits are available for healthcare professionals, and the conference is also open to anyone interested who is not in healthcare.

For online registration assistance, please contact Debra Sudy, 216-696-6525, ext. 3670. For questions about the conference, call 216-312-4172.

## MASS FOR THE GIFT OF HUMAN LIFE JANUARY 23, 2026

Join us for the Mass for the Gift of Human Life on Friday, January 23 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Bishop Edward C. Malesic will be the celebrant as our diocesan community gathers in prayerful solidarity with those participating in the national pro-life events in Washington, D.C.

## 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.

## UPDATING PARISH RECORDS

If you have recently moved, changed your phone number or email address, or updated your household status, please reach out to us so we can update our parish records. Additionally, if you are an adult whose parents were parish members and you're listed on their family file, but have never officially registered with us as an adult, please contact us at 440-988-2848. Most importantly, if you have been attending our church or are enrolled in our parish school but have not yet registered with the parish, please do so at your earliest convenience. Registering takes about 15 minutes.

## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

Also, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or via email at [response\\_services@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org).

## 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/>.



## 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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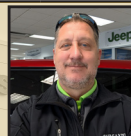
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