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**January 18, 2026
The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

ST. JOSEPH PARISH OFFICE: 440-988-2848
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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, JANUARY 19th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. Lee Grissinger
(Dan and Carolyn Lawrence)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20th – Mass at Nativity Parish
8:00 a.m. Louise Meyers
(Michelle and Matthew Moran)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21st – No Mass

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22nd – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
7:00 p.m. Pam Belskis (The Flynn Family)
Confessions to follow until 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23rd – Mass at St. Joseph
9:00 a.m. Marilyn Doslak (Rita Hiser)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24th
11:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
4:00 p.m. George and Catherine Hollingsworth
(Family)
Mass at St. Joseph Parish
5:30 p.m. Joe and Mary Turton (Family)
Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25th – Masses at St. Joseph Parish
8:30 a.m. Living and Deceased Members
of the Izold Families (Family)
11:00 a.m. Mary Alice Knipp (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)

MONDAY, JANUARY 19th – No School – MLK Jr. Day

7:00 p.m. O.C.I.A. (Nativity Parish Hall)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20th
9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Classes
(Nativity Parish Hall)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21st
5:30 p.m. P.S.R. for Kindergarten-Grade 8
(St Joseph School)

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22nd
9:00 a.m. Vincentians Meeting (Conference Room)
9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Classes
(Nativity Parish Hall)

6:00 p.m. Scripture Study (St. Joseph Church)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25th – Catholic Schools' Week begins
Hospitality Sunday following the 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Masses (School Gym)

12:00 p.m. St. Joseph School Open House (School)

6:00 p.m. Holy Ground Youth Group (School Gym)
(We will meet near the choir for
the 5:00 p.m. Mass prior to our session.)

Daily Readings

MONDAY, JANUARY 19th – Weekday
1 Sm 15:16-23 / Mk 2:18-22

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20th – Weekday
St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
1 Sm 16:1-13 / Mk 2:23-28

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21st –
St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 / Mk 3:1-6

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22nd – USA: Day of Prayer for
the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23rd – Weekday
USA: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope,
Virgin
1 Sm 24:3-21 / Mk 3:13-19

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24th –
Vigil, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 8:23 – 9:3 / 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 / Mt 4:12-23

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25th –
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 8:23 – 9:3 / 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 / Mt 4:12-23

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish

December 24, 2025-December 28, 2025

Christmas Offertory	\$ 28,049.00
Sunday Offertory	\$ 9,040.93
Maintenance Fund	\$ 274.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 73.00
Children's Offertory	\$ 7.00
Year-end Contributions	\$ 332.00
Little Books for Advent	\$ 2.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 283.00
Flowers and Decorations	\$ 1.25
Immaculate Conception	\$ 57.00
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	\$ 113.00
All Saints Day	\$ 20.00
All Souls Day	\$ 20.00

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

Eoffering-Sunday Offertory	\$ 2,905.48
Eoffering-Tuition Assistance	\$ 100.00
Eoffering-Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 347.70
Eoffering-Christmas	\$ 623.02

Nativity Parish

Offertory figures will appear in a future bulletin

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY JANUARY 25TH



St. Joseph Hospitality Ministry and The Knights of Columbus invite everyone to **Hospitality Sunday on January 25th following the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses.**

We will be serving coffee and donuts in the **St. Joseph School Gymnasium.**

We hope to see you there.

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 Session afterward in the school gym. The session 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 – this is the only 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. To donate, please use the envelope in your monthly envelope packets.

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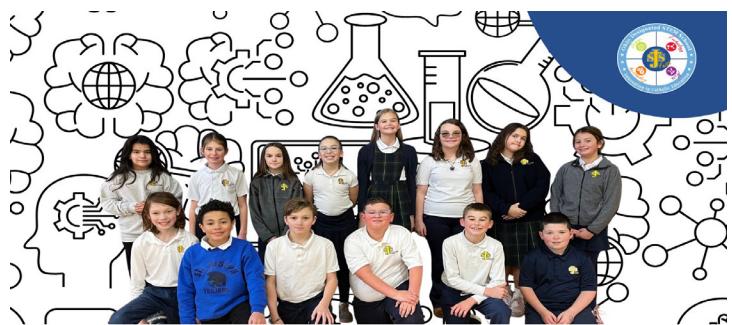
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NINE DAYS FOR LIFE 2026

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.

Hard copies of the Novena will be available in the gathering area of church.



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

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Or you can use the button on our website:

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Attention all Men!

You are cordially invited to attend the Diocese of Cleveland Annual Men's Conference on **March 7th**, at the Holiday Inn on Rockside Road.

Join other men from around the Diocese and Northeast Ohio for a day of Faith, Food and Brotherhood. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. This year's speakers are **Pete Burak**, columnist & podcaster; **Fr. Damian Ference**, Vicar for Evangelization; and **Bishop Edward C. Malesic**, who will also celebrate a Vigil Mass at the end of the day.

For more information & to register please visit www.cmfneo.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@clcem.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

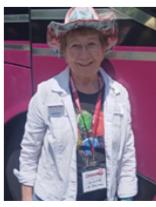
January 18th	July 19th
February 15th	August 16th
March 15th	September 20th
April 19th	October 18th
May 17th	November 15th
June 28th	December 20th

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Nativity News

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.

DINNERS ON THE GO

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!



ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Altar and Rosary Society Membership Drive has begun with the Stewardship program. Our yearly dues generally are collected January through March 1st. If you would like to join the Altar and Rosary Society and did not receive an Altar and Rosary envelope with your January donation envelopes, you can place your \$5.00 dues in an envelopes with the following information:

- Your Name, Address, City, Zip Code
- Phone Number (include 440 or area code). Cell phone numbers enable us to contact you if a storm is cancelling our meeting.
- Email Address, Birthday, and Home Parish

Drop it in the collection basket, or give it to one of the Society officers (Nancy Ann Smith, Carol Brewer, Michaelen Udovich, or Kathy Rokasy) OR mail it to:

Nativity BVM – Altar and Rosary Society,
P. O. Box 767, Amherst, OH 44001

We'd love to have you join us!

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.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Rev. Michael J. Troha
Tony Alessandro

Phyllis Holomuzki, sister of Ted Litkovitz
Emilio De Jesus, son of Felix and Alyssa De Jesus,
student at St. Joseph Preschool

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.

**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.

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.

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Year-end Statements will be available in late January, after we have had time to record all the contributions received in December. If you are a St. Joseph Parishioner and would like a Contribution Statement, please call the Parish Office at 440-988-2848 and your name will be added to our list. If you are a Nativity BVM parishioner and would like a Contribution Statement, please email the parish office at nativitysouthamherst@gmail.com and include your name, address, and envelope number. Or you can use the form below and drop it in the offertory basket or mail it in to the respective Parish Office.

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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.

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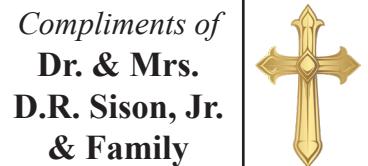


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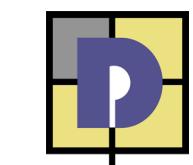


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