



St. JOSEPH PARISH

NATIVITY OF THE BVM PARISH

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March 1, 2026
The Second Sunday of Lent

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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, MARCH 2nd** – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. Special Intention
- TUESDAY, MARCH 3rd** – No Mass
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4th**
5:00 p.m. Diocesan-wide Evening of Confession
at St. Joseph Parish
- THURSDAY, MARCH 5th** – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
7:00 p.m. Joseph Patrick Farkas (Family)
Confessions to follow until 8:30 p.m.
- FRIDAY, MARCH 6th** – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. Jim Loos (The Loos Family)
- SATURDAY, MARCH 7th**
11:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
4:00 p.m. Florence Zuffa (Daughter)
Mass at St. Joseph Parish
5:30 p.m. Bert and Digger Hyster (Joe and Marianne)
Mass at Nativity Parish
- SUNDAY, MARCH 8th** – Masses at St. Joseph Parish
8:30 a.m. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes
11:00 a.m. Charles Fornal (Marylu Prout)
5:00 p.m. For the Faithfully Departed – All Souls Intention

PLEASE NOTE: There will be **No Mass** on Tuesday, March 3rd.
ALSO: As a part of the Diocesan-wide evening of Confession,
Father Tim will be hearing Confessions at St. Joseph Church
beginning at 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 4th.

Daily Readings

- MONDAY, MARCH 2nd** – Lenten Weekday
Dn 9:4b-10 / Lk 6:36-38
- TUESDAY, MARCH 3rd** – Lenten Weekday
USA: St Katharine Drexel, Virgin
Is 1:10, 16-20 / Mt 23:1-12
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4th** – St. Casimir
Jer 18:18-20 / Mt 20:17-28
- THURSDAY, MARCH 5th** – Lenten Weekday
Jer 17:5-10 / Lk 16:19-31
- FRIDAY, MARCH 6th** – Lenten Weekday
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a / Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- SATURDAY, MARCH 7th** – Vigil, Third Sunday of Lent
Ex 17:3-7 / Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 /
Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
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Activity Schedule

- MONDAY-FRIDAY**
11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (NBVM)
- MONDAY, MARCH 2nd**
7:00 p.m. O.C.I.A. – Marriage, a Sacrament of Service –
What is necessary for a valid Christian marriage,
and what is it?
EVERYONE IS INVITED! (Nativity Parish Hall)
- TUESDAY, MARCH 3rd**
8:30 a.m. Hospitality Tuesday **moved** to next week since
there is No Mass today
9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Classes (Nativity Parish Hall)
6:30 p.m. Altar and Rosary Society Rosary followed by
monthly meeting (Nativity Parish Hall)
6:30 p.m. Men's Group (St. Joseph Gathering Area)
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4th**
9:00 a.m. Pew Washing (St. Joseph Church)
5:30 p.m. P.S.R. for Kindergarten thru Grade 8
(St. Joseph School)
6:30 p.m. Sacred Sisters Meeting Tonight
(O.S.E. Community Center)
- THURSDAY, MARCH 5th**
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)
- FRIDAY, MARCH 6th**
11:00 a.m. First Friday Rosary, light luncheon to follow
(Nativity Parish Hall)
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (St. Joseph Parish)
- SATURDAY, MARCH 7th**
9:00 a.m. First Saturday Rosary (St. Joseph Church)
- SUNDAY, MARCH 8th**
12:00 p.m. First Communion Parent Meeting to follow the
11:00 a.m. Mass (St. Joseph Church)
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.)

ST. JOSEPH MASS LIVESTREAMED

To view our 11:00 a.m. Mass for the homebound, visit our
YouTube Channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/@sjandnbvmmmedia8044/streams>
Or you can use the button on our
website:<https://stjosephamherst.com/>

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.

The Second Sunday of Lent

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish – February 15, 2026

Sunday Offertory	\$ 10,599.05
Children's Offertory	\$ 2.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 178.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 62.00
Eastern Europe Collection	\$ 33.00
Latin American Collection	\$ 2.00
Home Missions	\$ 28.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 20.00
Little Books for Lent	\$ 111.00

E-Giving – February 10-February 16, 2026

Eoffering – Sunday Offertory	\$ 3,174.32
Eoffering – Christmas	\$ 24.70
Eoffering – Maintenance Fund	\$ 4.70
Eoffering – Tuition Assistance	\$ 59.70
Eoffering – Vincentians	\$ 94.70

Nativity Parish – January 18, 2026

Sunday Offertory	\$ 1,612.00
Catholic University	\$ 20.00
Pro-Life	\$ 25.00
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	\$ 168.00
Maintenance	\$ 720.00

January 25, 2026

Sunday Offertory	\$ 3,705.00
Christmas	\$ 20.00
Catholic University	\$ 35.00
El Salvador-Latin America	\$ 75.00
Pro-Life	\$ 70.00

February 1, 2026

Sunday Offertory	\$ 1,613.00
El Salvador	\$ 10.00

HOLY GROUND YOUTH GROUP

The Holy Ground Youth Group **will not be meeting tonight, March 1st**. The Group's next meeting is Sunday, March 8th. All 7th thru 12th graders are invited. Join us for the 5:00 p.m. Mass, at St. Joseph Church. We meet 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.

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday, March 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church gathering area. We will continue the Real Life Catholic "Fearless" video series. We look forward to seeing you there.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

There is a meeting for Parents or Guardians of students who will be making their First Communion this year on Sunday, March 8th, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass in St. Joseph Church.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY



St. Joseph School is committed to integrating the Catholic faith and culture to help students develop into mature, Christian persons, whose lives are modeled on Christ and His Gospel message. Check out our St. Joseph Parish School and register your child for the 2026-2027 academic year. Registration is now open; visit our website for details at

www.stjosephamherst.com. Registration forms can be found on the admissions page of the school website.

DIOCESAN EVENING OF CONFESSION

The Catholic Diocese of Cleveland invites all Catholics to participate in the Evening of Confession this Lenten Season on **Wednesday evening, March 4th**. Every parish that has a residence priest in the Diocese of Cleveland will be hearing Confessions **from 5:00-8:00 p.m.** Fr. Tim will be hearing Confessions **at St. Joseph Parish** on March 4th as well as on Thursday evenings after the 7:00 p.m. Mass and on Saturday mornings from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE: BACCALAUREATE MASS



Our Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated at the **11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 10th**. This special day provides an opportunity for all high school, vocational school, and college graduates to participate in and be celebrated at Mass.

We invite graduates to take part by serving as a lector for the Processional Introduction, the First and Second Readings, and the intercessions. Please encourage your graduate to participate – This is a beautiful Mass and a very special day for all to cherish.

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.

MINISTRY LEADER NEEDED FOR THE MISSION TEAM



The Mission Team is currently looking for a new Ministry Leader. After many years of service, John Sabo is relinquishing his role as Ministry Leader. Those of you who have participated in this ministry have many wonderful, heartfelt experiences of meeting and becoming friends with people both here and in El Salvador. Please pray about taking on this position so

that this ministry can continue, grow and give others the Spiritual and Religious experiences that are the foundation of this ministry. John will be leaving his position by April 2026.

If you are interested or have any questions about what this position entails, call John at 440-984-4429 or email him at StJosephmissionteam@gmail.com. John is willing to help in the transition of leadership.

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.

PEW WASHING FOR EASTER

St. Joseph Sacristans will be washing pews and welcome anyone who would be able and interested in helping us clean the pews before Easter. Pew washing will be held on **Wednesday, March 4th at 9:00 a.m.** at St. Joseph Church.

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY AT ST. JOSEPH

Please join us in praying the Rosary on Saturday, March 7th at 9:00 a.m. in St. Joseph Church.

PRE-BAPTISM CLASS

St. Joseph Parish will be holding a Pre-Baptism Class for any parent wishing to have their child baptized. The class will take place on Wednesday, March 11th, at 7:00 p.m. in St. Joseph School. You must register with the parish office before attending the class. Please call 440-988-2848 to register for the class and to schedule your child's Baptism.

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.

Save These
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Join us **February 27th AND March 27th** (Fridays), at Nativity BVM Church (333 S. Lake Street, S. Amherst) for a **Lake Erie Perch Fish Fry!** Dinners will be available for dine-in OR carry-out from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. The cost of each dinner is \$25.00.

 Choice 1 The Lake Erie Perch Dinner 4 Pieces of fried Lake Erie Perch & French Fries Coleslaw / Roll / Butter Piece of Cake \$25

 Choice 2 The Shrimp Dinner 10 Pieces of fried Shrimp French Fries Coleslaw / Roll / Butter Piece of Cake \$25
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 Choice 3 The Combo Dinner 2 pieces of Lake Erie Perch & 5 Shrimp French Fries Coleslaw / Roll / Butter Piece of Cake \$25
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The Kids Dinner (10 yrs. old & under) is \$5 for 1 slice of cheese pizza w/a bag of potato chips & a slice of cake.

Coffee, Hot Tea, Iced Tea, Tap Water & Lemonade will be provided with purchased meal(s). Cans of pop & bottled water will be available for \$1 each while supplies last.



No alcohol is permitted on the premises.

This is a dine-in or carry-out event. No "drive-thru" is available.



Call ahead orders are appreciated but not required to Lynn Johnson at 440-752-6519. Pay by check to Nativity BVM or cash (preferred) at the door.

*We look forward to seeing you there!
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ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Altar and Rosary Society membership has begun with the Stewardship program. Our yearly dues are generally 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 would love to have you join us!

The Second Sunday of Lent

“DINNERS-ON-THE GO”

MARCH 10, 2026 MENU

Salisbury Steak
Egg Noodles
Mixed Vegetables
Roll/Dessert

Soup – Ham and Bean

Dinners are \$15.00 each 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.
on the day of the dinner.

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.

Orders placed AFTER Friday cannot be guaranteed.

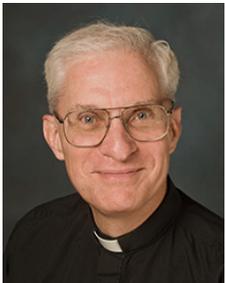
Thank you for our continued support!

HOSPITALITY TUESDAY

There is no Mass on Tuesday, March 3rd. Hospitality Tuesday will be moved to Tuesday, March 10th at 8:30 a.m. in Nativity's Parish Hall.

FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY AT NATIVITY BVM

Nativity Altar and Rosary Society will be hosting their First Friday Rosary on Friday, March 6, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. in Nativity's Church. All are welcome. A light luncheon will follow in the Parish Hall.



THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST

For Adults 40 & Over
Join us Monday, March 9
7:00-8:30 p.m.

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Cost is \$15.00 per person. Light appetizers included. Cash Bar is available. **Advance tickets recommended. Register in advance: www.theologyontherockswest.com.** Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

COME EXPERIENCE
THE ANSWER

MARCH 13, 14 | 7:30PM
Solid Rock Community Church
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MARCH 20, 21 | 7:30PM
St. Joseph Parish
200 Saint Joseph Drive
Amherst, Ohio 44001

MARCH 27, 28 | 7:30PM
Saint Angela Merici
20970 Lorain Road
Fairview Park, Ohio

EVENT COST: **FREE** | PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION

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.

St. Joseph

2026

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Track Grades 1 – 4

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Track Grades 5 – 8

Meet Days: Sundays

Practices Begin February 23, 2026

Season Starts March 28/29, 2026

Diocesan Championship – May 10-17, 2026

Other Spring Sports Offered – CYO Regional

Baseball – Boys Grades 3-8
Lacrosse – Boys & Girls Grades 3-8
Coach Pitch – Boys & Girls Grades 1-2
• Co-Ed
Softball – Girls 3-8
Tennis Boys & Girls Grades 1-8
• Individual Registration
Volleyball – Boys & Girls Grades 2-12

Athletes from other parishes will be combined to form teams, fees and location TBD.

If interested email Jim Yanosko – AD

Email: jyanosko@roadrunner.com

To Register Online:

1. Go to www.stjosephamherst.com
2. Click in Ministries
3. Click on CYO
4. Click on Register Here Tab

Questions: Jim Yanosko – Athletic Director

Email: jyanosko@roadrunner.com

Mobile: 216-496-5303

MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS



The women of our parishes offered a beautiful portrayal of the Stations of the Cross as "Mary's Way of the Cross" at St. Joseph Church last Friday. Throughout this season of Lent, the group will be presenting at several area churches. If you missed the presentation here, you can catch it at one of the locations listed below in the coming weeks of Lent.

- Friday, March 6th – 7:00 p.m.

St. Peter Parish, located at 3655 Oberlin Avenue, Lorain

- Friday, March 13th – 7:00 p.m.

St. Patrick Parish, 512 N. Main Street, Wellington

- Friday, March 20th – 12:15 p.m.

St. Mary's Parish, located at Reid and Eighth Street, Lorain

- Friday, March 27th – 7:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Parish, 731 Exchange Street, Vermilion

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT

The Catholic Cemeteries Association's next **Virtual Sunday Grief Support** will be **Sunday, March 15th at 5:00 p.m.** In a welcoming and supportive setting, find fellowship among others who share their experiences and understand the pain of loss. Meetings are being held virtually on the 3rd Sunday of the month, at no charge to you. Please join us for an hour of listening, healing, and finding comfort with others who understand. To register, please visit: <https://clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx> or call Renee at 216-930-4866 for more information.



Through the Sacrament of Baptism
St. Joseph Parish welcomes
Griffey John Toney
Son of
Nick and Olivia Toney

into the fullness of our parish community and we congratulate their 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.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Marilyn Scheidler
Joe Nossek
Ron Matty
Rachel Deisler

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.

CAMPAIGN AT ST. JOSEPH & NATIVITY OF THE BVM

St. Joseph and Nativity of the BVM parishes are joining all parishes across the Diocese of Cleveland in the *Called to Flourish* campaign, an effort designed to support the places we worship, the ways we serve, and the formation of future faithful.

Our goal is to raise \$1,225,000 for St. Joseph and \$185,000 for Nativity of the BVM, in pledges payable over five (5) years. **Half of every dollar raised will remain in our parishes to support** the priorities listed below. The other half will help form and support our Church's leaders, strengthen evangelization and Catholic education, and expand ministries that serve those most in need.

In the coming weeks, you may hear from Fr. Tim O'Connor or receive a mailing inviting you to participate. When you receive your invitation, we ask you to pray and consider a multi-year sacrificial pledge that is right for you.

Soon, we will officially kick off the campaign and share the progress we've already made. Today, join us in praying for the success of the *Called to Flourish* campaign.

PARISH PRIORITIES

St. Joseph:

- Building a fund for an Athletic and Performing Arts Center

Nativity of the BVM

- Replacing the church flooring
- Installing new pew cushions



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