



# St. JOSEPH PARISH

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**April 12, 2026**  
**The Second Sunday of Easter**

ST. JOSEPH PARISH OFFICE: 440-988-2848  
*Office hours are Monday - Friday 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.*

NATIVITY BVM PARISH OFFICE: 440-986-7011

ST. JOSEPH PARISH WEBSITE: [stjosephamherst.com](http://stjosephamherst.com)

ST. JOSEPH PARISH ADDRESS: 200 St. Joseph Dr., Amherst, OH 44001

NATIVITY BVM PARISH: 333 S Lake St., South Amherst, OH 44001

NATIVITY BVM PARISH MAILING ADDRESS:  
P.O. BOX 767, Amherst, OH 44001

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL OFFICE: 440-988-4244

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL WEBSITE: [www.sjsamherst.org](http://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](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, APRIL 13th** – Mass at St. Joseph Parish  
9:00 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving for Len and Kathy Logar  
60th Wedding Anniversary

**TUESDAY, APRIL 14th** – Mass at Nativity Parish  
8:00 a.m. Lincicome Family (Nancy Smith)

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15th** – No Mass

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16th** – Mass at St. Joseph Parish  
7:00 p.m. Lilly Yuzon (Family)  
Confessions to follow Mass until 8:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17th** – Mass at St. Joseph Parish  
9:00 a.m. Sheila Montgomery (The Vincentians)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18th**  
11:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish  
4:00 p.m. James Temple (Audrey Bruck)  
Mass at St. Joseph Parish  
5:30 p.m. Victor Celaschi (Alberta Celaschi)  
Mass at Nativity Parish

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19th** – Masses at St. Joseph Parish  
8:30 a.m. Tony Alessandro (St. Joseph Players)  
11:00 a.m. Phyllis Holomuzki (John and Cathy Sekletar)  
5:00 p.m. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes

## Daily Readings

**MONDAY, APRIL 13th** – Easter Weekday  
St. Martin 1, Pope and Martyr  
Acts 4:23-31 / Jn 3:1-8

**TUESDAY, APRIL 14th** – Easter Weekday  
Acts 4:32-37 / Jn 3:7b-15

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15th** – Easter Weekday  
Acts 5:17-26 / Jn 3:16-21

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16th** – Easter Weekday  
Acts 5:27-33 / Jn 3:31-36

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17th** – Easter Weekday  
Acts 5:34-42 / Jn 6:1-15

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18th** – Vigil Third Sunday of Easter  
Acts 2:14, 22-33 / 1 Pt 1:17-21 / Lk 24:13-35

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19th** – Third Sunday of Easter  
Acts 2:14, 22-33 / 1 Pt 1:17-21 / Lk 24:13-35

### 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/>

## Activity Schedule

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

**TUESDAY, APRIL 14th**  
9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Classes  
(Nativity Parish Hall)  
5:00 p.m. Dinners on the Go – Drive-thru pickup only  
(Nativity Parish)  
7:00 p.m. SJS Parent Club Meeting  
(St. Joseph School MPR)

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15th**  
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, APRIL 16th**  
9:00 a.m. Vincentians Meeting (Conference Room)  
9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Classes (Nativity Parish Hall)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17th**  
6:00 p.m. SJS “Fun”draising event (Amherst Eagles)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19th**  
6:00 p.m. Holy Ground Youth Group Session  
for 8th Grade Only tonight (School Gym)  
(We will meet near the choir for the  
5:00 p.m. Mass prior to our session.)

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

#### **St. Joseph Parish – March 29, 2026**

|                          |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Sunday Offertory         | \$ 15,459.22 |
| Easter Offertory         | \$ 575.00    |
| Good Friday Collection   | \$ 70.00     |
| Christmas                | \$ 40.00     |
| Children’s Offertory     | \$ 2.00      |
| Maintenance Fund         | \$ 101.00    |
| Tuition Assistance       | \$ 30.00     |
| Catholic Relief Services | \$ 75.00     |
| Flowers and Decorations  | \$ 51.00     |
| Little Books             | \$ 69.00     |

#### **E-Giving – March 24-30, 2026**

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| Eoffering – Sunday Offertory              | \$ 3,284.32 |
| Eoffering – Christmas                     | \$ 24.70    |
| Eoffering – Easter                        | \$ 20.00    |
| Eoffering – Retirement Fund for Religious | \$ 100.00   |
| Eoffering – Flowers and Decorations       | \$ 24.70    |
| Eoffering – Vincentians                   | \$ 24.70    |
| Eoffering – Tuition Assistance            | \$ 100.00   |

#### **Nativity Parish**

Figures will be in upcoming bulletin.

**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.**

## The Second Sunday of Easter

### DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION



Please join us for our Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer Service, hosted by the Women's Prayer Group, including the sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy, on Sunday, April 12, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church in Amherst. All are welcome.

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 12TH

The Divine Mercy Devotion views mercy as the key element in the plan of God for salvation and emphasizes the belief that it was through mercy that God gave His only Son for the redemption of mankind, after the fall of Adam.

Divine Mercy is a devotion to Jesus Christ associated with the apparitions of Jesus to Saint Faustina Kowalska. In all, there were 14 revelations to Saint Faustina regarding The Feast of Divine Mercy. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her Diary entry 699: **My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that The Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.** For a more comprehensive explanation of The Divine Mercy Devotion, visit [www.thedivinemercy.org/message](http://www.thedivinemercy.org/message).

To fittingly observe the feast of Mercy, one should:

1. Sincerely repent of your sins by attending Confession before Divine Mercy Sunday.
2. Place your complete trust in Jesus.
3. Celebrate Mass and receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast.
4. Venerate the Image of the Divine Mercy.
5. Be merciful to others through your actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.

### 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 [jandnbvmmedia](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjandnbvmmedia).

## JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF "Fun"draising FOR ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL



## FEATURING



**FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH**  
**6 PM TO 10 PM**  
*DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 6:30*



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**Grab some friends and join us for dinner, drinks, a dueling piano show (new this year!), dancing, and fundraising for a great cause!**

**\$50 PER TICKET**  
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PLEASE RESERVE US A TABLE FOR 8 WITH THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

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### CALLED TO FLOURISH: SERVICE

*Continuing the mission of Jesus by responding to those in need*

Nourished by Word and sacrament, we are sent forth as a Church that serves. Through *Called to Flourish*, \$15 million is dedicated to strengthening Catholic Charities ministries that accompany the poor, the hungry, and the vulnerable. We strive to respond with compassion, dignity, and hope to those most in need through the following efforts:

- **St. Augustine Hunger Center**, which will relocate to the OLA/St. Joseph Center and feature expanded serving lines, a modern kitchen, food pantry, and space for employment services, mental health care, and emergency assistance.
- **Bishop Cosgrove Center**, where the first major renovations in 30 years will improve critical infrastructure while expanding wraparound services such as healthcare and mental health support for those experiencing homelessness.
- **Catholic Charities Regional Facilities** will include consolidating services to better serve our communities.

#### 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

#### OUR PROGRESS

##### St. Joseph:

- Goal: \$1,225,000
- Total Raised: \$753,997 (62%)
- # Gifts: 23

Last updated March 26, 2026

##### Nativity of the BVM

- Goal: \$185,000
- Total Raised: \$93,000 (50%)
- # Gifts: 12

## 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 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](http://www.stjosephamherst.com). Registration forms can be found on the admissions page of the school website.

## SAVE THE DATE VBS

Mark your calendars, Vacation Bible School will take place Monday, July 20th thru Friday, July 24th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. More information to follow in upcoming bulletins.

## 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.

For questions or more information, contact Diane Syrowski at 440-522-2491 or email her at [dianesyrowski@gmail.com](mailto:dianesyrowski@gmail.com)

HAPPY  
*Anniversary*

Join us in congratulating  
**Len and Kathy Logar**  
who will be celebrating their  
**60th Wedding Anniversary**  
on April 16, 2026

Your marriage is a beautiful testimony  
to the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.  
Wishing you continued happiness,  
health, and love as you celebrate your  
Diamond Jubilee Marriage.

## “DINNERS ON THE GO”

### April 14, 2026 Menu

Chicken Marsala  
Wild Rice  
Corn  
Roll/Dessert  
Soup – Beef Vegetable

### April 28, 2026 Menu

Sliced Steak  
Smashed Potatoes  
Country Green Beans  
Roll/Dessert  
Soup – Clam Chowder

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!

## HOLY GROUND NERF BATTLE!

APRIL 12TH

ALL 7-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS WELCOME

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6:00PM @ ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL

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## The Second Sunday of Easter

### 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.

### SUMMER SPORTS CAMP

The Fathers of St. Joseph, St. Leonard Youth Retreat Center, is offering a Summer Sports Camp. The week of June 15-19, from 9:45 a.m.-3:00 p.m. is for boys only, ages 10-14. The week of June 22-26, from 9:45 a.m.-3:00 p.m. is for girls only, ages 10-14. Registration fee is \$125.00 per child. Please register at [www.stleonardycr.com](http://www.stleonardycr.com). St. Leonard Retreat Center is located at 4076 Case Road, Avon, OH 44011. Questions: email [stleonardycr@gmail.com](mailto:stleonardycr@gmail.com) or call 440-934-6270.

### THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST



**For Adults 40 & Over**  
**Join us on Monday, April 13**  
**7:00-8:30 p.m.**  
**Westside Irish American Club**  
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*Would you like to hear What God Just Said?* Join blind

Cleveland broadcaster and Touched by Heaven podcast host Trapper Jack, and his wife, Elizabeth, for an evening of power storytelling drawn from real-life encounters with God that are happening today. Through humor, heart, and a broadcaster's ear, these stories of unmistakable grace and divine intervention, will have you wondering... if indeed, *God is still speaking – are we listening?* The cost is \$15.00 per person. 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.

### A 5-WEEK COUPLES BOOK STUDY

St. Mary's in Avon is offering a 5-week Couples Book Study on *The Good, The Messy, and The Beautiful: The Joys and Struggles of Real Married Life*, starting Wednesday, April 15th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. \$40.00 a couple includes one book. \$55.00 a couple includes two books. For more info or to buy tickets, visit [tobcle.org](http://tobcle.org). Question? Email [rlewis@tobcle.org](mailto:rlewis@tobcle.org).

### EASTER XLT

Encounter our Eucharistic Lord at XLT, a joyous evening of prayer and praise, on Monday, April 13, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at St. Ladislav (2345 Bassett Road, Westlake). We'll have songs of worship, time before the Blessed Sacrament, and end with Mass. All ages are welcome!

### TO THE HEIGHTS – FATHER/SON RETREAT

A Retreat in the spirit of St. Pier Giorgio Frassati for fathers and sons in Grades 7-12. There will be dynamic speakers, games, discussions, Adoration, lunch, and more. The keynote speaker will be Elvis Grabac, former NFL quarterback. Cost is \$35.00 a person. The Retreat

is on Sunday, April 26th from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe. Register at [tobcle.org](http://tobcle.org). Questions? Email [rlewis@tobcle.org](mailto:rlewis@tobcle.org).

### EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER FORMATION SESSIONS

A nearby upcoming 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 learn more about the qualifications for the privilege of offering the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity to the faithful of our parish. An Upcoming nearby session is on Monday, May 18, from 7:00-9:30 p.m. at St. Jude Parish, in Elyria.

### UPCOMING PRE-BAPTISM CLASS



St. Peter Parish Center on Oberlin Avenue in Lorain is offering a Pre-Baptism Class on Sunday, April 19th, at 2:00 p.m. Please contact the Parish Office at 440-282-9103 to register for the class.

### THE FIRST FRIDAY FORUM

The First Friday Forum of Lorain County will hear from Paul Orlousky, former investigative reporter, at the luncheon on Friday, May 1. He will be speaking on Lay Involvement in the Church. Come join us for good food, fellowship and a very informative speaker. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. at **TOM'S COUNTRY PLACE, 3442 Stoney Ridge Road, Avon.**

Reservations need to be received by Friday, April 24. Call 440-320-3272, or email [fflorain@gmail.com](mailto:fflorain@gmail.com). Cost is \$25.00.

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The Catholic Cemeteries Association's next **Sunday Grief Support Group** will be **Sunday April 19th. In-person will meet at 3:00 p.m.; virtual 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 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. For details, call Renee at 216-930-4866 or visit: [www.clecem.org/Events](http://www.clecem.org/Events)

### In-Person Locations:

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

### Virtual – Please register at

<https://clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>

## GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS

The Annual Mass for couples celebrating Fifty Years of Marriage will take place at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on Sunday, June 14, at 2:00 p.m. with Bishop Malesic. No need to RSVP. All couples married in 1976 and their families are invited to attend. There is an opportunity for pictures at the conclusion of Mass, which does fulfill the Sunday obligation. Attendance at the 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass is not required to receive a certificate. The 50th Anniversary Certificates are available from the Marriage and Family Ministry Office by request through the diocesan website. These are created on a monthly basis and mailed directly to the home.

## 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/>.

## BE AWARE OF SCAMS

The threat of fraudulent attempts to trick people into giving out personal information, to purchase gift cards, or a request for an “urgent matter” are an ever-present reality in our digital world.

These scams can come as a text, email, or even a phone call. They look and sound very real.

Please know that no one from our parish office will ask you to make a purchase, or respond to an “urgent need.” All correspondence from the office will include specific information as to the nature of the correspondence.

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



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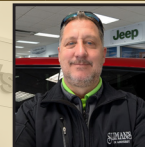
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