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July 5, 2026

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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P.O. BOX 767, Amherst, OH 44001

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, JULY 6th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. Michelle Cruz (Angela)

TUESDAY, JULY 7th – Mass at Nativity Parish
8:00 a.m. Lucy Costanzo (Carol Zellmer)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8th – No Mass

THURSDAY, JULY 9th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
7:00 p.m. Alex Pozniak (Francis O'Brien)
Confessions to follow Mass until 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 10th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. Richard Pasky (Wife)

SATURDAY, JULY 11th
11:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
4:00 p.m. Betsy Dunford (Terri Van Niel)
Mass at St. Joseph Parish
5:30 p.m. Jerry and Phyllis, parents
of Lynn Johnson ("The Sisters")
Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, JULY 12th – Masses at St. Joseph Parish
8:30 a.m. Robert Chet (Family)
11:00 a.m. John Zivic (Ted and Kathy Litkovitz)
5:00 p.m. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes

Daily Readings

MONDAY, JULY 6th – Weekday
Saint Marie Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22 / Mt 9:18-26

TUESDAY, JULY 7th – Weekday
Hos 8:4-7, 11-13 / Mt 9:32-38

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8th – Weekday
Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 / Mt 10:1-7

THURSDAY, JULY 9th – Weekday
St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9 / Mt 10:7-15

FRIDAY, JULY 10th – Weekday
Hos 14:2-10 / Mt 10:16-23

SATURDAY, JULY 11th
Vigil: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:10-11 / Rom 8:18-23 / Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9

SUNDAY, JULY 12th
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:10-11 / Rom 8:18-23 / Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9

Activity Schedule

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

TUESDAY, JULY 7th
8:30 a.m. Hospitality Tuesday, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass
(Nativity Parish Hall)
9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Classes
(Mill Hollow Amphitheater)
6:30 p.m. Men's Group (School MPR)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8th
6:30 p.m. Sacred Sisters Meeting
(O.S.E. Community Center)

THURSDAY, JULY 9th
9:00 a.m. Vincentians Meeting (Conference Room)
9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Classes
(Mill Hollow Amphitheater)

SUNDAY, JULY 12th
6:00 p.m. Holy Ground Youth Group Session (School Gym)
Please join us for Mass before the meeting.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish – June 21, 2026

Sunday Offertory	\$ 9,643.00
Children's Offertory	\$ 2.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 50.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 145.00
Little Books	\$ 2.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 154.00
Vincentians	\$ 2,251.00

E-Giving – June 16-22, 2026

Eoffering – Sunday Offertory	\$ 2,672.64
Eoffering – Christmas	\$ 24.70

Nativity Parish – June 13, 2026

Sunday Offertory	\$ 1,881.00
Landscape	\$ 20.00
Ascension	\$ 5.00

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/>

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.

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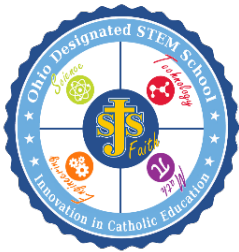
HOLY GROUND YOUTH GROUP

The Holy Ground Youth Group will not meet on Sunday, July 5th. The next meeting will be on Sunday, July 12th. All 7-12 Graders are welcome. We love to have you join us for the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Youth Group Sessions start at 6:00 p.m. For more information or questions, contact Josh at 440-650-7554 or email him at charles.j.gonzo@gmail.com.

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday, July 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the school Multipurpose Room (MPR). Men from both parishes are welcomed.

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. If you would like to tour the school, call the school office at 440-988-4244. They will be checking the voicemail periodically during the summer break.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III Helen Lewis and Brady Grove



BABY BOTTLE RETURN ST. JOSEPH AND NATIVITY PARISHES

Cornerstone Pregnancy Services would like to remind anyone who still has a baby bottle to please return it as soon as possible. The bottles are reused every year, and the return of all the bottles helps them immensely.

You can return full or empty bottles at Nativity in the back of Church, and at St. Joseph in the gathering area on the counter in the marked boxed or in the parish office.

Thank you once again for all your support.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER SIGN UPS

Many volunteers are needed in order to have a successful VBS experience for all of our participants. Adult, Teen, and Youth volunteers are needed and encouraged to sign up.

Youth entering 5th grade and up are able to volunteer. There are many ways to volunteer, even if you are only available for just one day of VBS or if you can just help with the set up or tear down. Volunteers over 18 must have completed the VIRTUS Training Program for the safety and protection of God's children. VBS starts Monday, July 20th-Friday, July 24th, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. To volunteer, contact Joy Rivera at Joyrivera@stjosephamherst.com or 440-396-7568.



CONGRATULATIONS!

We would like to recognize and Congratulate all of our former St Joseph Parish School and our St. Joseph Parish parishioners who have received honors at Elyria Catholic High School for the second semester of the 2025-2026 school year:

Colin Coughlin	2nd Honors
Amaya Deleon	3rd Honors
Nicole Ferguson	1st Honors
Zoe Gabriele	2nd Honors
Kadin Gatten	3rd Honors
Jacob Gillispie	3rd Honors
Julia Gillispie	1st Honors
Arthur Jaskiewicz	1st Honors
Samuel Kelly	1st Honors
William Kessler III	3rd Honors
Addison Long	3rd Honors
Michael Marrero	1st Honors
Collin Oberdick	1st Honors
Allison Roeder	1st Honors
Kailey Tomasch	2nd Honors
EllaMaria Tran	1st Honors
Giulianna Tran	2nd Honors

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.

St. Joseph Summer Care

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Email: extended.preschool@sjs-amherst.org

Hours: 7:00 am to 5:30 pm

Ages: 4-12

Dates Open: June 8th - August 19th, 2026

Closed: Friday, July 3, 2026

Registration Fee
\$40.00 per family
(billed through Facts Management)

Rates

\$10.00 per hour or \$300 per week (1 child)

\$15.00 per hour or \$450 per week (2 children)

\$20.00 per hour or \$600 per week (3 children)

(Late pick-up will be charged an additional \$5.00 every ten minutes after 5:30pm.)

Various fun, educational and entertaining activities
scheduled everyday, including Field Trips around
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HOSPITALITY TUESDAY



All are welcome to join us for Mass on Tuesday, July 7th at Nativity Parish in South Amherst at 8:00 a.m. and for donuts and refreshments after Mass in Nativity's Parish Hall.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Altar and Rosary Society meeting in July 7th at Nativity Parish in South Amherst.

NBVM HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

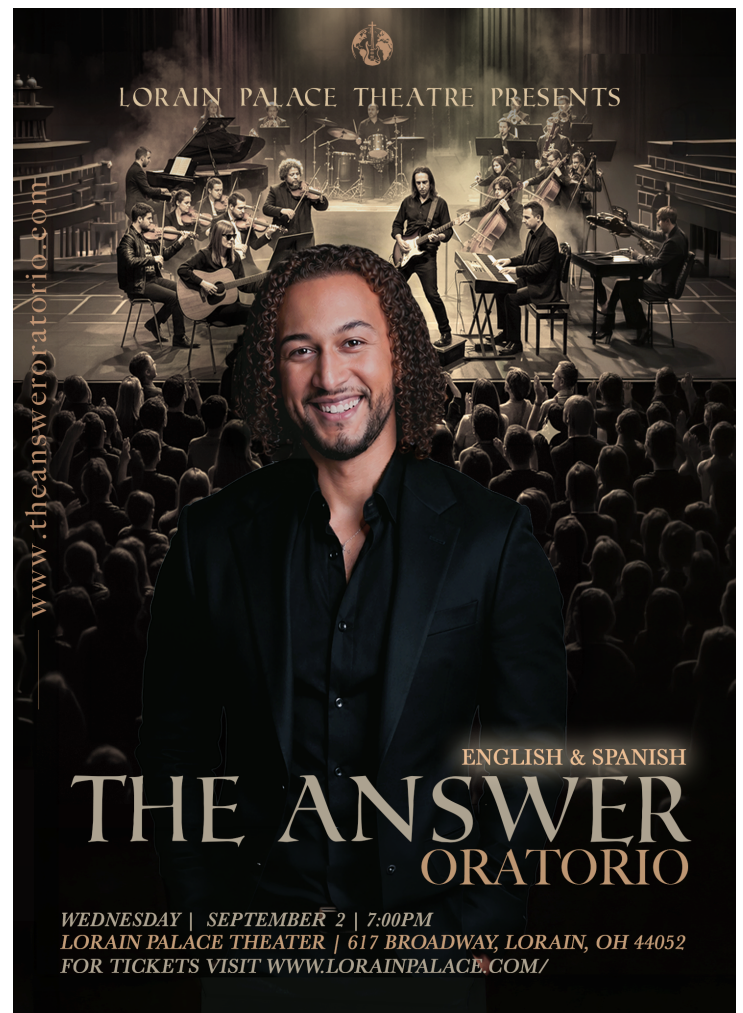
If you or someone you know – whether a friend, family member, or acquaintance – is a member of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in South Amherst and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Lynn Johnson at 440-752-6519 or Wendy Rosso at 440-986-0304, so that we are able to meet the needs of the homebound.

CHAIR YOGA FLOW CLASSES

During the summer months, The Chair Yoga Flow Classes are meeting at the Vermilion River Reservation (Mill Hollow Bacon Woods) Amphitheater. If you would like to join them, call Cindy Miller at 440-670-1300 for more information.

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

If you are 70½ or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help us in our ministry and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your advisors or IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parishes. Questions? St. Joseph Parishioners, contact Sharon Angell in our parish office at 440-988-2848, ext. 206. Nativity B.V.M. Parish parishioners, contact Ed Klimczak at 440-320-3508 or parishioners from both parishes are welcome to contact Moira Wopershall of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525, ext. 8070 or visit www.catholiccommunity.org/ira.



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Through the Sacrament of Baptism
St. Joseph Parish welcomes

Aria Rose Muncy
Jacob Edward Muncy, Jr.
and Lola Grace Muncy
Children of
Jacob and Bianca Muncy

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.

SAINT CARLO INSTITUTE SUMMER SESSION

*This session is for all who work with youth in Grades 6-12. The session will be from **Monday, August 3-Thursday, August 6** at the Center for Pastoral Leadership, Wickliffe.*

This four-day, three-night experience of formation includes classes, ministry workshops, off-campus excursions, daily Mass, and more. To find class and workshop details and to register, visit <https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/parish-life/youth-ministry/saint-carlo-institute>.



*I will praise your
name for ever,
my king and my God.*

– Psalm 145:1



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Edward Szabo, brother of Christine Fox

We pray for his 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.

WEST-SIDE WEDNESDAYS YOUNG ADULT SUMMER SERIES

This summer, *Theology on Tap West* is taking a brief break from its regular monthly gatherings – but the mission continues! Join young adults across Cleveland's west side for West-Side Wednesdays. Each evening begins with Mass at a different parish, followed by dinner at a local restaurant. It's a simple way to stay connected, meet new people, and continue growing in faith throughout the summer months. All young adults are welcome.

- July 29, 6:00 p.m. – Mass at Our Lady of Angels (Kamms Corner) followed by dinner at PJ McIntyre's
- August 26, 6:00 p.m. – Mass at St. John Cantius (Tremont) followed by dinner at Barrio

THANK YOU

We could not have reached our goal without your support!

We have recently concluded the *Called to Flourish: Our Church for the Future* campaign. St. Joseph and Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary successfully met their goals and even surpassed them! Join us this weekend to celebrate and learn about our current progress. We look forward to keeping our parishioners updated on campaign news and projects over the next five years. Thank you for your commitment to the future of our Church!

In the coming weeks, we will be sending a final email and mailing to those who may not yet have had the opportunity to participate. Please know there is still an opportunity to be part of this important moment in the life of our parish, and we invite you to prayerfully consider how you might participate in this shared mission.

At Our Parishes:

St. Joseph:

- Building a fund for an Athletic and Performing Arts Center

Nativity of the BVM:

- Replacing the church flooring
- Installing new pew cushions

Across Our Diocese:

- Parishes
- Worship
- Evangelization
- Service

If you need to adjust your pledge or have any questions, please reach out to the campaign office at (216) 902-1300 or calledtoflourish@catholiccommunity.org.

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CATHOLIC RENEWAL MINISTRIES ANNUAL CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

All are invited to attend **Catholic Renewal Ministries' 43rd Annual Charismatic Conference** to be held on **Saturday, July 25, 2026**, at St. Albert the Great Parish Life Center, 6667 Wallings Road, North Royalton 44133. This year's theme is "Be Renewed in the Power of the Holy Spirit." Guest speakers will be: Dr. Monica Richards, a missionary with Damascus in Columbus, who has developed a love for presenting the Gospel of freedom and dignity in an engaging and entertaining way; Fr. John Gordon, a dynamic preacher and evangelist and a priest of the Archdiocese of Newark, who is a council member of Pentecost Today USA; and Fr. Bob Franco, the Bishop's Liaison for Charismatic Renewal in the Cleveland Diocese and pastor of St. Peter and St. Julie Billiart Parishes in North Ridgeville. Auxiliary Bishop Michael G. Woost will be the celebrant for the Vigil Mass, and Matt Fafrak will lead us in contemporary praise music throughout the day and evening.

Visit the CRM website: www.crmweb.org or call 440-944-9445 for more information. Advance registration postmarked by Wednesday, July 15th, is \$40.00, and at the door \$50.00. Come, as we praise and exalt Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit.

THE FEST 2026 GREAT MUSIC, GREAT FUN, GREAT FAITH!

One of the many blessings of The FEST each year is the opportunity to enjoy some of the best contemporary Christian music. This year's lineup includes **CAIN, Matt Maher, and Riley Clemmons**. **Steve Angrisano** will also be on hand to lead the music for The FEST Mass.

Whether you enjoy worship music, powerful testimonies, or uplifting songs that strengthen your faith, there will be something for everyone at The FEST on **Saturday, August 15**.

In addition to the inspiring soul-stirring music, The FEST has something for everyone. You'll find activities for children and families, great food, inspiring displays, free giveaways, an outdoor Mass celebrated by Bishop Malesic at 8:00 p.m., along with a spectacular American Fireworks Display. Invite your family and friends and join us for this inspiring day of faith, family, and fun at ForeFront Field on Saturday, August 15.

Visit www.theFEST.us for a complete schedule, tickets and all the details.

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST



For Adults 40 & Over
Join us Monday, July 13

Westside Irish American Club
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Angels in the Bible

The Bible is filled with scenes of angelic beings employed to help God accomplish His will. **Fr. George Smiga, STD, & author** of several books including, "Angels in the Bible," will offer a brief overview of angels in Scripture and explore several lesser-known biblical stories in which they play a central role. Because angels are mediators of God's action, studying angels is studying God.

Cost is \$15.00 per person which includes light appetizers & refreshments. Cash Bar is also available. **Advance tickets highly recommended** for catering purposes. **Register in advance:** www.theologyontherockswest.com Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Program begins at 7:00 p.m.

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