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August 2, 2026
The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

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, AUGUST 3rd

9:00 a.m. No Mass

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4th

8:00 a.m. No Mass

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5th – No Mass

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6th

7:00 p.m. No Mass

No Confessions

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7th

9:00 a.m. No Mass

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8th

11:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish

4:00 p.m. Donna Kuczynski (Agatha Golub and Family)

Mass at St. Joseph Parish

5:30 p.m. Ken M. Urig, Sr. (Kathy Urig)

Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9th – Masses at St. Joseph Parish

8:30 a.m. Tony Alessandro (Sacred Sisters)

11:00 a.m. Dennis Lavish (Sharon Hill)

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)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4th

9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Classes

(Mill Hollow Amphitheater)

6:30 p.m. Altar and Rosary Society Rosary in
Nativity's Prayer Garden followed
by meeting (Nativity's Parish Hall)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5th

No Sacred Sisters Meeting tonight

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6th

9:00 a.m. Vincentians Meeting

(Conference Room)

9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Classes

(Mill Hollow Amphitheater)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7th

11:00 a.m. First Friday Rosary at Nativity Church
followed by light luncheon
(Nativity Parish Hall)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9th

6:00 p.m. Holy Ground Youth Group Session
(School Gym)

Please join us for the 5:00 p.m. Mass

Daily Readings

MONDAY, AUGUST 3rd – Weekday

Jer 28:1-17 / Mt 14:22-36

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4th

St. John Vianney, Priest

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 / Mt 14:22-36 / Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5th – Weekday

The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Jer 31:1-7 / Mt 15:21-28

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6th

Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 / 2 Pt 1:16-19 / Mt 17:1-9

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7th – Weekday

Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions,

Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7 / Mt 16:24-28

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8th

Vigil: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a / Rom 9:1-5 / Mt 14:22-33

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9th

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a / Rom 9:1-5 / Mt 14:22-33

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish – July 19, 2026

Sunday Offertory	\$ 11,971.65
Children's Offertory	\$ 2.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 222.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 50.00
Vincentians	\$ 1,312.00

E-Giving – July 14-20, 2026

Eoffering – Sunday Offertory	\$ 3,123.68
Eoffering – Christmas	\$ 24.70
Eoffering – Vincentians	\$ 75.00

Nativity Parish – July 19, 2026

Sunday Offertory	\$ 1,450.00
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Please note: There will be **no** weekday Masses
August 3rd through August 7th at either parish.

There will be **no** Confessions on
Thursday, August 6th and Saturday, August 8th.

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 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MISSIONARIES OF JESUS MISSION APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

We are pleased to welcome Fr. Crespo Lape, MJ, who will celebrate all the Masses at St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes this weekend, August 1st and 2nd. Fr. Crespo Lape, MJ, is from the Philippines. He was a missionary priest in Indonesia and Papua New Guinea for many years. Presently, he is a pastor of Precious Blood Parish and St. Kevin Parish of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. The Missionaries of Jesus, Fr. Lape's community, is doing the annual Mission Appeal this year as part of the Missionary Cooperative Plan.

More than 65 % of the Missionaries of Jesus annual budget to support the mission worldwide comes from the Mission Cooperative Plan. We are working in the southern part of the Philippines; in the southern part of Papua New Guinea and in the northern part of Guatemala. In all these places, we journey with the poor and tribal minorities pushed by the mainstream society to the far-flung villages. We also work with the immigrants in the USA: in two poor parishes of Los Angeles and in the border of USA and Mexico in Brownsville, Texas.

In all the parishes where we work, the people cannot finance the sustenance of the missionaries and the different missionary works:

1. Evangelization: in Guatemala, our three missionaries serve 50 far flung and poor villages. During the offertory, people offer corn, bananas and other crops. People are very generous, but they do not have money. The missionaries cannot use the corn and other crops to run their vehicles to go to all the villages to give faith and Bible formation and also to celebrate the sacraments. It's the same situation in Papua New Guinea and Digos, Davao del Sur in the Philippines. In Digos, our two missionaries visit 30 villages situated in different mountains. Some villages are accessible only by motorcycle or with a horse. The Mission Office of the Missionaries of Jesus subsidize these parishes.
2. Education: In most of our parishes we help poor but deserving students from grade schools to college. These students give back to the parishes as they become involved in different ministries. Part of education is the formation of our 18 seminarians.
3. Socio-economic and punctual response to disasters: In the Philippines, we are now involved in helping the victims of typhoon Haiyan recover and rebuild their livelihood.
4. Health: Our missionaries help the people they serve in terms of health education but also through punctual response when people are sick. Every year, our Mission Office in Los Angeles organizes Medical-Dental Mission in parishes the MJ work. We bring doctors, dentists and medicines.

A second collection will be taken up this weekend to support their important missionary work. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Sydney Dubiel and Michael Evansco

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THE MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group that normally meets on the first Tuesday of the month will be moving their August meeting to Tuesday, August 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the School Multipurpose Room. This is a one-time change to the second Tuesday of the month. All are welcome and we look forward to having you join us. Contact Bob Hooper at 919-896-5413 with any questions.

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.

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St. Joseph Vincentians will sponsor a coat drive. NEW and GENTLY USED, CLEAN Adult and children's coats will be collected for the benefit of St. Vincent de Paul Lorain County Prison Outreach Program and Amherst Kids Closet.

Please keep us in mind as you go through your closets. Specific dates will be forthcoming soon. Your participation is appreciated.

SACRED SISTERS WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER GROUP



Sacred Sisters Wednesday Night Prayer Group will not meet in the month of August, but will resume on Wednesday, September 9th, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at Old Stone Community Center. This session will be an

Eight (8) week study guide called the "Rescue Project" by Fr. John Riccardo. The Rescue Project is a compelling video series and small-group experience created by Fr. John Riccardo and the missionary apostolate, Acts XXIX. Designed to clearly proclaim the foundational message of the Gospel, it guides participants through 8-9 weeks of fellowship, and video presentations to help them encounter a deeper personal relationship with Jesus.

If you would like to join the Ladies Wednesday Night Prayer Group and or have questions, you can call or text Lesley at 440-371-6418. All are WELCOME!

WONDERFUL WOMEN



GATHERING AT NATIVITY HALL

Tuesday, August 11
7:00 – 8:15 PM

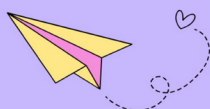
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Rachel
MacDonald



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PSR REGISTRATION FOR 26/27 IS OPEN!

All children in grades K-8 who do not attend a Catholic day school are invited to join us for our Parish School of Religion (PSR) Program. Classes take place on Wednesday evenings from October through April from 5:30-6:45 in St. Joseph School. Please register ASAP!

Use this link to register:
<https://forms.gle/7zxNadNbHQu3cQUu9>

PSR Fees:
1 Student: \$75
2 Students: \$60 each
3+ Students: \$45 each
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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. 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.

HOLY GROUND YOUTH GROUP

Will meet this Sunday, August 2nd and next Sunday, August 9th after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. All 7th-12th graders are welcome to join us. We would love it if you could join us for the 5:00 p.m. Mass before the session starts at 6:00 p.m. in the school gym. If you have any questions, contact Josh at 440-650-7554 or email him at charles.j.gonzo@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you.

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 Downtown Amherst!



Through the Sacrament of Baptism

St. Joseph Parish welcomes

Margot Mae Brill

Child of Zachary and Joselyn Brill

into the fullness of our parish community and we congratulate her 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:

Rev. Mark J. Peyton

Robert Kompare

Charles Wearsch

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.



FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY

The First Friday Rosary will be at Nativity BVM Parish on Friday, August 7th, at 11:00 a.m. Please join us in praying the Most Holy Rosary. A light luncheon will follow in Nativity's Parish Hall.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND FOR NATIVITY PARISH

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.

GRIEF PROGRAM

We are trying to determine if there is a need for another Grief Recovery Program or a Grief Support Program. If either of these programs interest you or if you have any questions, call Pam Waite at 440-309-7661.

WEST-SIDE WEDNESDAYS – YOUNG ADULT SUMMER SERIES

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. Our next session will be on August 26, 6:00 p.m. – Mass at St. John Cantius (Tremont) followed by dinner at Barrio.

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:

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THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST



For Adults 40 & Over
Join us Monday, August 10
7:00-8:30 p.m.
Westside Irish American Club
8559 Jennings Road, Olmsted Twp.

An Evening of Reflection:

In March, we briefly introduced the Ignatian prayer known as *The Examen*. This evening, we'll take a deeper look at this meaningful prayer and experience it firsthand through guided practice with Mary Pat Frey, Pastoral Associate at Divine Word Catholic Church.

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.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The Catholic Cemeteries Association's next **Sunday Grief Support Group** will be on **Sunday, August 16th. 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 will be held on the 3rd Sunday this 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 Suzi at 216-930-4866 or visit <https://www.clecem.org/Events/Events.aspx>.

Topics for the August 16th, 2026 meeting are Seasons and Types of Grief, and Returning to Work.

In-Person Locations (Main Office Buildings):

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

Virtual – Please register at

<https://clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>. Handouts for the meeting will be available when you register online.

MAKE PLANS FOR THE FEST TODAY!

The countdown to The FEST is on – only a couple of weeks away!! Now is the perfect time to invite your family and friends, and also secure your tickets. Join thousands throughout Northeast Ohio on Saturday, August 15, at ForeFront Field in Avon for a day of faith, family, and fun – The FEST. Enjoy Live performances from award-winning artists, CAIN, Matt Maher, and Riley Clemmons, along with family activities, great food, prayer opportunities, giveaways, and so much more. Admission is just \$10 a ticket. There is plenty of FREE parking available, with on-site parking passes also available for purchase. Gather your family and friends and make plans to be part of this inspiring day. Visit www.TheFEST.us for tickets and complete event details.

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).



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