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August 16, 2026
The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. JOSEPH PARISH OFFICE: 440-988-2848
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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, AUGUST 17th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. John and Helen Spain (Family)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18th – Mass at Nativity Parish
8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the
Fay, Knoble, and Martin Families

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19th – No Mass

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
7:00 p.m. Tekla and Jozef Sroka (Granddaughter)
Confessions to follow Mass until 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21st – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. Richard Pasky (Wife)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22nd
11:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
4:00 p.m. Major “Skip” Jackson (Wife and Family)
Mass at St. Joseph Parish
5:30 p.m. Elaine Lewandowski (“The Sisters”)
Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23rd – Masses at St. Joseph Parish
8:30 a.m. Raymond Lavish (Daughters)
11:00 a.m. Jake Strickler (Eileen Chiamonte)
5:00 p.m. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes

Daily Readings

MONDAY, AUGUST 17th – Weekday
Ez 24:15-23 / Mt 19:16-22

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18th – Weekday
Ez 28:1-10 / Mt 19:23-30

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19th – Weekday
Saint John Eudes, Priest
Ez 34:1-11 / Mt 20:1-16

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20th
St. Bernard, Abbott and Doctor of the Church
Ez 36:23-28 / Mt 22:1-14

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21st
Saint Pius X, Pope
Ez 37:1-14 / Mt 22:34-40

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22nd
Vigil: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 22:19-23 / Rom 11:33-36 / Mt 16:13-20

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23rd
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 22:19-23 / Rom 11:33-36 / Mt 16:13-20

Activity Schedule

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 17th
7:00 p.m. SJS Preschool Orientation (MPR)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18th
9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Classes
(Mill Hollow Amphitheater)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19th
7:00 p.m. SJS Kindergarten Orientation (MPR)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20th
9:00 a.m. Vincentians Meeting
(Conference Room)
9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Classes
(Mill Hollow Amphitheater)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23rd
Hospitality Sunday following the 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Masses (School Gym)
12:00 p.m. St. Joseph School – Walk Thru
(School)

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish – August 2, 2026

Sunday Offertory	\$ 15,156.38
Tuition Assistance	\$ 58.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 131.00
Assumption	\$ 65.00
Faith and Values	\$ 51.00
Missionary Co-op Plan	\$ 10,277.00
Vincentians	\$ 5,664.00

E-Giving – July 28, 2026-August 3, 2026

Eoffering – Sunday Offertory	\$ 3,250.21
Eoffering – Christmas	\$ 24.70
Eoffering – Vincentians	\$ 20.00
Eoffering – Maintenance Fund	\$ 10.00

Nativity Parish

Offertory figures will appear in a future bulletin.

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.

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 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Sydney Dubiel and Michael Evansco
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WINTER COAT DRIVE COMING THIS FALL



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!

NORTHEAST OHIO CATHOLIC MAGAZINE WEBSITE

The Office of Communications recently launched a new, dynamic Northeast Ohio Catholic Magazine Website. It includes features and favorites from our print edition, along with a wealth of additional Catholic content that you are sure to enjoy. Readers can explore inspiring articles from renowned contributors such as Fr. Mike Schmitz, as well as content covering theology, spiritual growth, marriage and family life, Catholic living, and much more. Check out the new magazine website at: <https://neohiocatholic.org>.

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/>



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Catholic Education Fundraiser Steak Fry

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Event 5:30 - 10:00 Dinner Starts at 6:00 PM

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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
*Billed after classes begin

Questions?
Email
amy.makruski@sjshamherst.org

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.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY AUGUST 23RD



St. Joseph Hospitality Ministry and the Knights of Columbus invite everyone to
Hospitality Sunday on August 23rd
following the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses.
We will be serving coffee and donuts in
St. Joseph School Gymnasium.
We hope to see you there.

THE STANLEY ROTHER STORY

American Martyr: The Stanley Rother Story is coming to theaters nationwide on August 25 & 26 in English, and in Spanish on August 27 (En Español). The feature-length documentary narrated by Golden Globe and Emmy Award-winning actor Martin Sheen, follows the life, death and impact of Blessed Stanley Rother, an American priest from Oklahoma, who served the indigenous Tzu'tujil people of Santiago Atitlán, Guatemala until his martyrdom during the Guatemalan Civil War. Learn more about this inspiring and heroic story at www.BlessedRotherFilm.com.

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DINNERS ON THE GO IS BACK!

Nativity of the BVM is excited to announce the return of the "Dinners on the Go" for the fall of 2026.

First-up on the menu is:

September 8

Cabbage Rolls

Mashed Potatoes

Applesauce Cup

Roll/Dessert

Soup – Chicken-n-Wild Rice

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. Orders placed AFTER Friday cannot be guaranteed.

Thank you for your continued support!

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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.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

**Donald Waite,
the brother of Dennis Waite**

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Mercy Health Lorain Hospital is seeking parishioners to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Spiritual Health Volunteers who visit and pray with patients. If you feel called to this ministry of compassion and presence, please contact Fr. Damian Ezeani, Director of Mission and Market Ethics Lead, Bon Secours Mercy Health Lorain, at 440-960-3846, or email him at DEzeani@bsmhealth.org.

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).

YOU ARE INVITED! *Annual Parish Retreat*

ST. JOSEPH
THE GOOD STEWARD

To you God entrusted his only Son; in You Mary placed her trust; with You Christ became man.

God is at work in our lives and in our parishes! This spiritual retreat is a powerful opportunity to pull away from the demands of everyday life and spend time with God and with one another. During our retreat, discern how God is calling you to use your gifts for His people, right here, right now. You are encouraged to welcome others from our Catholic community and invite them to attend this retreat as well.

The retreat will include inspiring talks about St. Joseph, the Good Steward, by Msgr. Robert Tucker from Seward, Nebraska. There will be time for quiet reflection and brief small-group discussion. There is no cost to attend. A light continental breakfast is available starting at 9:00 a.m. The Retreat will start promptly at 9:30 a.m. and a catered lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m.

I truly hope that you can participate and ask that you please RSVP no later than September 5. You will be receiving an email to RSVP to this Retreat. After clicking on the "sign-up" button in the email, you will be taken to a page where you can click on either the "I will attend" or "I will not attend" button. To complete the RSVP be sure to click on the "Sign me up!" button. If you prefer, you can RSVP to the parish office at 440-988-2848.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Tim O'Connor,
Pastor



Retreat Leader -

Msgr. Robert Tucker was ordained for the Diocese of Lincoln in 1989 and has been involved in parish work his entire priesthood. He taught religion in two parish schools during the first seven years of his priesthood, and then began working in school administration while also serving as a pastor. He served as pastor of the Cathedral of the Risen Christ for 19 years, and during that time, he was first introduced to stewardship as a way of life. His interest in stewardship further evolved during the past three years through his work with Catholic Stewardship Consultants. Together with CSC, Msgr. Tucker works with his current parish to help parishioners grow together as stewards in the love of God.



St. Joseph & Nativity of the BVM
Saturday, September 12, 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Nativity of the BVM Social Hall

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.

CALVARY CEMETERY, LORAIN PREPLANNING SEMINAR

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour, educational Preplanning Seminar on **Saturday, August 29th, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., in the main office building of Calvary Cemetery, Lorain.**

Please join us to learn more about the necessary steps to preplanning the burial process, burial options including options for cremated remains, and the Catholic burial rite.

We kindly ask that you **RSVP** to this event to **Calvary Cemetery** at **216-641-7575, ext. 6**, or email **bstrauchon@clecem.org**. Visit **clecem.org** for more information.

MAKE A WILL MAKE AN IMPACT ROOTED IN FAITH

August is National Make-a-Will Month – a wonderful time to create or update your will. The Catholic Community Foundation offers a free estate planning resource through FreeWill, an easy online tool that helps you create a legally valid will in about 20 minutes.

Creating a will is an act of love for your family and an opportunity to reflect the values that have guided your life. If you choose, you can also remember your parish or other Catholic ministries in your plans, helping ensure that your faith continues to bless others for generations to come.

Visit **FreeWill.com/CatholicCommunity** to learn more.

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.

VILLA MARIA EDUCATION & SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center in Villa Maria, PA will sponsor **The Four Connections: How to Flourish by Aligning Our Beliefs, Body, Brain, and Bonds** with **Anne Kertz Kernion** from August 28 through August 30.

Anne Kertz Kernion uses current research to link spiritual practices to improved health. Through multimedia presentations based on insights from neuroscience, psychology, and ancient spiritual practices, we'll explore the physical, mental, cognitive, and spiritual dimensions of wellbeing and how they interconnect. For more information on this program, go to: <https://vmesc.org/programs-retreats/all-events?id=1077>

EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING SESSION

The Diocese is offering formation sessions for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. 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 and to register. Nearby upcoming sessions are Tuesday, September 15, 2026, from 7:00-9:30 p.m. at St. Albert the Great Parish, 6667 Wallings Road, North Royalton, OH 44133 or Sunday, October 18, 2026, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at St. Peter Parish, 3665 Oberlin Avenue, Lorain, OH 44053.



MY DAILY Prayers

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