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August 9, 2026

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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, AUGUST 10th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish

9:00 a.m. Rudy Kubasak (Rich and Kathy Kubasak)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11th – Mass at Nativity Parish

8:00 a.m. Louise Meyers (Aunt Janice & Children)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12th – No Mass

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish

7:00 p.m. Fred Zemanek (George and Michele Poulos)
Confessions to follow Mass until 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish

9:00 a.m. Michelle Cruz (Angela)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15th

11:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
4:00 p.m. Robert J. Van Niel II (Jerry and Lenore Novak)
Mass at St. Joseph Parish
5:30 p.m. Sherrie Zunt (“The Sisters”)
Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16th – Masses at St. Joseph Parish

8:30 a.m. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes
11:00 a.m. Lauren Kutchenriter (Sue and John Venzel)
5:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the
Sowerby & Kwolek Families
(The Selent Family)

Daily Readings

MONDAY, AUGUST 10th

St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
2 Cor 9:6-10 / Jn 12:24-26

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11th

Saint Clare, Virgin
Ez 2:8 – 3:4 / Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12th – Weekday

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 / Mt 18:15-20

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13th – Weekday

St. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
Ez 12:1-12 / Mt 18:21-19:1

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14th

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63 / Mt 19:3-12

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15th

Vigil: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 56:1, 6-7 / Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 / Mt 15:21-28

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16th

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 56:1, 6-7 / Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 / Mt 15:21-28

Activity Schedule

MONDAY-FRIDAY

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11th

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)
7:00 p.m. Men’s Group
(St. Joseph School MPR)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13th

9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Classes
(Mill Hollow Amphitheater)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16th

No Holy Ground Youth Group Session tonight

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish – July 25, 2026

Sunday Offertory	\$ 18,099.25
Children’s Offertory	\$ 2.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 11.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 456.00
Assumption	\$ 55.00
Peter’s Pence	\$ 15.00

E-Giving – July 21-27, 2026

Eoffering-Sunday Offertory	\$ 3,405.64
Eoffering-Christmas	\$ 24.70
Eoffering-Vincentians	\$ 24.70
Eoffering-Tuition Assistance	\$ 100.00
Eoffering-Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 100.00

Nativity Parish – July 25, 2026

Sunday Offertory	\$ 1,572.00
Peter’s Pence	\$ 20.00
Maintenance and Upkeep	\$ 795.00

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.

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Sydney Dubiel and Michael Evansco
II



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 (919-896-5413) with any questions.

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!

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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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

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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!



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
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Questions?
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amy.makruski@sjc-amherst.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.

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.

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.

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.

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Tuesday, August 11
7:00 – 8:15 PM

GUEST SPEAKER
Rachel MacDonald

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Come and be inspired.
Bring a friend!

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:



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

Judy Kliemann

We pray for her 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.

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.

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.

THE WAIT IS OVER — FEST 2026 IS ALMOST HERE!

Next Saturday, August 15, thousands of people from across our Diocese (and beyond!) will gather for one incredible day of faith, family and fun – The FEST. It's a day to celebrate and reflect on all the Blessings of God in our lives, homes and community. Join us at ForeFront Field in Avon, Ohio.

Enjoy spectacular performances by award-winning Christian artists CAIN, Matt Maher, and Riley Clemmons. In addition, you will find opportunities for prayer throughout the day, family activities, great food, and our beautiful outdoor Mass celebrated by Bishop Malesic at 8:00 p.m. The evening concludes with a spectacular fireworks display that is sure to leave you filled with a spirit of joy and hope!!! National Catholic composer and song leader Steve Angrisano will lead the music for the Mass. National Catholic presenter Joe Melendrez will help open and MC this year's FEST. It's going to be an incredible day of faith and inspiration for all ages.

Bring your family. Invite your friends. Come celebrate your faith with thousands of others from across our region. It's the highlight of the summer – it's a perfect family day – it's The FEST. ForeFront Field is easy, convenient, safe and designed for events like The FEST. Tickets are \$10.00 per person (scholarships are available). For tickets, and all the details to help you plan your day at The FEST, go to: visit www.TheFEST.us.

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).

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.



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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.

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