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October 4, 2026

The Twenty-seventh 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

ST. JOSEPH PARISH WEBSITE: stjosephamherst.com

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

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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

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, OCTOBER 5th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. Gabriella Selloni (Suzanne Strader, Aunt)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6th – Mass at Nativity Parish
8:00 a.m. Linda Abfall (Marsha Roth)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7th – No Mass

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
7:00 p.m. Donna Kuczynski
(Dorothy, Kathleen, and Bill Trautmann)
Confessions to follow Mass until 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. Patricia Orosz (Husband David)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10th
11:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Joseph's
4:00 p.m. Harold Anderson (Wife and Son)
Mass at St. Joseph Parish
5:30 p.m. Sylvia Marusin (Kathy Marcucci)
Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th – Masses at St. Joseph Parish
8:30 a.m. People of St. Joseph and
Nativity Parishes
11:00 a.m. Nick DiSilvester
(Wife, Audrey; Daughters, Nicole and Alecia;
and the DeSilvester Family)
5:00 p.m. Burt Vilagi (The Howells Family)

Daily Readings

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5th – Weekday
St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin,
USA: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
Gal 1:6-12 / Lk 10:25-37

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6th – Weekday
Saint Bruno, Priest: USA: Blessed Marie Rose
Durocher, Virgin
Gal 1:13-24 / Lk 10:38-42

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7th
Our Lady of the Rosary
Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 / Lk 11:1-4

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8th – Weekday
Gal 3:1-5 / Lk 11:5-13

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9th – Weekday
St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs;
St. John Leonardi, Priest
Gal 3:7-14 / Lk 11:15-26

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10th
Vigil: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 25:6-10a / Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 / Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 25:6-10a / Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 / Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Activity Schedule

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5th
7:00 p.m. O.C.I.A. – Topic is In Search of God II
EVERYONE'S INVITED
(Nativity Parish Hall)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6th
8:30 a.m. Hospitality Tuesday
(Nativity Parish Hall)
9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Class
(Nativity Parish Hall)
6:30 p.m. Altar Rosary Society Rosary
followed by Monthly Meeting
(Nativity Parish Hall)
6:30 p.m. Men's Group (School MPR)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7th
5:30 p.m. P.S.R. First Session for K-8 (School)
6:30 p.m. Sacred Sisters Meeting
(O.S.E. Community Center)
7:00 p.m. Candlelight Rosary Service
(Nativity Church)
Refreshments to follow
(Nativity Parish Hall)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8th
9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Class
(Nativity's Parish Hall)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9th – No School

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th
6:00 p.m. Holy Ground Youth Group Session
(School Gym)
Please join us for the 5:00 p.m. Mass

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/>

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
[sjandnbvmmmedia](https://www.youtube.com/@sjandnbvmmmedia).

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish – 9/20/2026

Sunday Offertory	\$ 14,408.00
Children's Offertory	\$ 2.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 7.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 135.00
Assumption	\$ 5.00
All Saints Day	\$ 15.00
All Souls Day	\$ 20.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 15.00
Catholic Communications Campaign	\$ 86.00

E-Giving – September 15-21, 2026

Eoffering-Sunday Offertory	\$ 3,659.81
Eoffering-Christmas	\$ 24.70
Eoffering-Vincentians	\$ 371.00

Nativity Parish – September 12, 2026

Sunday Offertory	\$ 1,858.00
Assumption	\$ 50.00
Faith and Values	\$ 40.00
Maintenance and Upkeep	\$ 765.00

TODAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Today is the day! Every parish household is asked to bring their completed Commitment Card to Mass or complete a card online at our parish's website, stjosephamherst.com. We are striving to become the Stewardship Parishes that God intended us to be – intentionally committed to prayer, parish ministry, and the sharing of our financial gifts. Each parishioner has a unique and vital part to play and is needed in this mission. What is your part this year? Put it in writing and turn in your Commitment Card today.

P.S.R. FIRST SESSION

Don't forget, P.S.R. (Parish School of Religion) for students in Kindergarten through 8th Grade, starts this Wednesday, October 7th, from 5:30-6:45 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish School. If you haven't registered, see the graphic on the next page of the bulletin for details, or visit the school website.

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. The next nearby upcoming session is Sunday, October 18, 2026, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at St. Peter Parish, 3665 Oberlin Avenue, Lorain, OH 44053.

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Basketball (Boys HS – JV & Varsity)	To Register Online:
Online Registration Open 9-21-2026 to 10-30-2026 - Player Fee: \$175 Questions: Chad Nagy Email: chad.m.nagy@gmail.com	- Go to www.stjosephamherst.com - Click on Ministries - Click on CYO - Click on Register Here Tab Questions: Jim Yanosko – Athletic Director Email: jyanosko@roadrunner.com Mobile: 216-496-5303

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All Children Coats will be donated to **Amherst-Kids Closet**. This Non-Profit provides free clothing to the community

October 3-October 25, 2026

Drop off in the Vestibule of St. Joseph Church

We appreciate your participation. Thank you – St. Joseph Vincentians

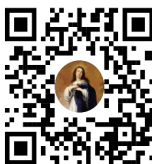


THE FIRST FRIDAY FORUM

The First Friday Forum of Lorain County will hear from Mr. Robert Koonce, Director of Planning and Operations for the Diocese, at our luncheon on Friday, October 9. Come join us for good food and fellowship as we listen to what is new from the Diocese. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. at **LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE** Spitzer Conference Center, 1005 N. Abbe Road, Elyria. Reservations need to be received by Monday, October 5. Call 440-320-3272, or email fflorain@gmail.com. Cost is \$25.00. Cash, credit, check accepted.

THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION

The Catholic Cemeteries Association's next Sunday Grief Support Group will be on Sunday, October 18th. 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, scan the QR code or call Suzi Richter at 216-930-4866.



DINNERS ON-THE-GO

October 13th Menu changed to:

Pot Roast
Redskin Potatoes
Sliced Carrots
Roll/Dessert
Soup – Broccoli Cheese

October 27th Menu changed to:

Breaded Pork Chops
Cabbage and Noodles
Applesauce Cup
Roll/Dessert
Soup – Loaded Baked Potato

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 pickup 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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6:00 P.M.

20-Minute Tour at Each Church

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5:30 P.M.
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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@sjs-amherst.org

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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.

“A NIGHT WITH MARY”



The Nativity B.V.M. Altar and Rosary Society, in South Amherst, cordially invites everyone to attend their Evening Candlelight Rosary Service.

Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
at Nativity B.V.M. Parish in South Amherst.

We celebrate October as the Month of the Holy Rosary, and we're holding our service on The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. We hope you will join us for a “quiet evening” with our Blessed Mother. We are looking forward to praying together and spending “A Night with Mary.” Refreshments will follow the service in the social hall.

POLKA MASS AND FALL FEAST DINNER



Join us for a Polka Mass and Fall Feast Dinner in our Parish Hall on Saturday, October 17 at Nativity in South Amherst. The Polka Mass will be at 5:30 p.m.,

with dinner to follow in the hall, along with some dancing and sing-a-longs. Come enjoy the parish activities and see and talk to someone you have not talked to in a while. Whether you are a member at Nativity, St. Joseph or any other parish, join us! Everyone is invited.



FALL 2026 ADULT FAITH STUDY

“David the King,” a six-week study session, begins on October 14/15, Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. **OR** Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Parish Social Hall, 41295 N. Ridge Road, Elyria, OH 44035. For more information and to register, call Jackie Prosak at 440-324-4212, ext. 130, or email her at jackiesvdp@gmail.com.

ROSARY COAST TO COAST ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

Rosary Rallies are taking place on Sunday, October 4th across the U.S. as part of the 54-day Rosary Novena for Our Nation from August 15th through October 7th, The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. St. Peter and Nativity B.V.M. Parish in Lorain invites everyone to join them in prayer on Sunday, October 4th at 4:00 p.m. at Lakeview Park Gazebo in Lorain.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

**Bradley Moore, son of David Moore
and Richard Dongarra, brother of Brenda Yovan.**

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.

PRO-LIFE EVENING OF PRAYER

Tuesday, October 13th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 41295 N. Ridge Road, Elyria, OH 44035. Please join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayers, Rosary, Devotions, and silent prayer.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your generosity toward the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) Collection. Your support helps CCC fulfill its mission of love to share the Gospel message of hope. If you haven't had time to give and would like to do so, it is not too late. Visit www.usccb.org/cc. To support the national effort of CCC with an online donation, please visit iGiveCatholic at usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/usccb-catholic-communication-campaign.

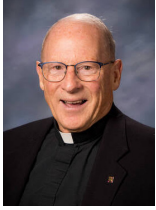
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL BLANKET SUNDAY

Beginning this weekend, October 3-4, SVDP is asking for your help. This year is the 40th year of their Annual Appeal to help neighbors in need. Please consider a monetary donation which will help purchase blankets, beds, and other winter essentials for those in need. All monies raised stay in NE Ohio. Please visit BlanketSunday.org for more information and to donate. Thank you for your support!

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.

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST

For Adults 40 & Over



Join us on Monday, Oct. 12
Westside Irish American Club
8559 Jennings Road, Olmsted Twp.

Discover the remarkable life of Pedro Arrupe, SJ! Fr. Bob Sanson, retired pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Strongsville and former professor at The Catholic University of America,

will share the inspiring story of Arrupe – a first responder, Jesuit priest, and witness to the devastation of Hiroshima. As Superior General of the Jesuits, Arrupe helped shape the Order's response to Vatican II, emphasizing a faith that does justice and deep care for the poor. Learn more about this remarkable man whose cause for sainthood was opened in 2018. Cost is \$15.00 per person, which includes light appetizers and 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.

WALKING WITH MARY THROUGH THE LIGHT AND DARKNESS OF OUR DAILY LIFE

Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center in Villa Maria, PA will sponsor a **Walking with Mary through the Light and Darkness of Our Daily Life** with Melannie Svoboda, SND, from Friday, October 9 to Sunday, October 11, 2026. This retreat weaves together prayer, music, scripture, in-pur sessions, videos, art, personal reflection time, and sharing. This time together will help us to know Mary better as our mother, sister, companion, and fellow disciple of Jesus. For more information on this program, go to <https://vmesc.org/programs-retreats/all-events?id=1080>

MASS IN POLISH AT NATIVITY IN LORAIN

All are welcome to celebrate Polish-American Heritage Month with Nativity Parish, 418 W. 15th Street in Lorain at their Annual Mass in Polish on Sunday, October 11th at 3:00 p.m. Bring your friends and relatives to this beautiful, sung Liturgy. English translations will be provided for the Mass. Following Mass, there will be a reception with food and fellowship. For more information, call 440-244-9090 or visit their website at nativitybmvlorain.org.

CATHOLIC CHURCH'S STANCE ON IMMIGRATION

Bishop Edward Malesic is frequently asked for his thoughts on the challenging immigration issues facing our country. He has prepared a summary of his reflections and included links to his previous individual and joint statements made with other bishops on this important issue. The page is available here: <https://dioceseofcleveland.org/immigrants> or use this QR

code to link to it. Please take some time to read Bishop's Malesic's Message and spend some time reflecting on it.



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