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September 27, 2026
The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. JOSEPH PARISH OFFICE: 440-988-2848
Office hours are Monday - Friday 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH WEBSITE: stjosephamherst.com

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

NATIVITY BVM PARISH: 333 S Lake St., South Amherst, OH 44001

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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, SEPTEMBER 28th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. Millard and Julia Addy
(Nick and Patti Abraham)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th – Mass at Nativity Parish
8:00 a.m. Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th – No Mass

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1st – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
7:00 p.m. Mary Jo Spain (Family)
Confessions to follow Mass until 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2nd – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. Dann Haas (Mom and Dave)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3rd
11:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Joseph's
4:00 p.m. Deacon Jim and Irene Debrason
(Sue and Jeff Miller)
Mass at St. Joseph Parish
5:30 p.m. Mark Host (Dee and Lexie)
Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th – Masses at St. Joseph Parish
8:30 a.m. For the Faithfully Departed –
All Souls Intention
11:00 a.m. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes
5:00 p.m. Mass of Thanksgiving on the
Wedding Anniversary of Dick and Bre Szalay

Daily Readings

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th
St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz
and Companions, Martyrs
Jb 1:6-22 / Lk 9:46-50

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th
Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab / Jn 1:47-51

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th
St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Jb 9:1-12, 14-16 / Lk 9:57-62

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1st
St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Jb 19:21-27 / Lk 10:1-12

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2nd
The Holy Guardian Angels
Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5 / Mt 18:1-5, 10

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3rd
Vigil: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 5:1-7 / Phil 4:6-9 / Mt 21:33-43

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Activity Schedule

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th
7:00 p.m. O.C.I.A. – Topic is In Search of God.
EVERYONE'S INVITED!
(Nativity Parish Hall)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th
9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Class
(Mill Hollow Amphitheater)

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1st
9:00 a.m. Vincentians Meeting
(Conference Room)
9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Class
(Nativity's Parish Hall)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2nd
11:00 a.m. First Friday Rosary
(Nativity Church)
Luncheon to follow in Nativity's
Parish Hall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3rd
Stewardship Renewal Commitment Weekend
Remember to bring your Commitment Cards to Mass
9:00 a.m. First Saturday Rosary
(St. Joseph Church)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th
Stewardship Renewal Commitment Weekend
Remember to bring your Commitment Cards to Mass
6:00 p.m. Holy Ground Youth Group Session
(School Gym)
Please join us for the 5:00 p.m. Mass

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish – September 13, 2026

Sunday Offertory	\$ 10,619.12
Children's Offertory	\$ 2.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 186.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 130.00
Catholic Communications Campaign	\$ 35.00
Vincentians	\$ 2,680.00

E-Giving – September 8-14, 2026

Eoffering – Sunday Offertory	\$ 3,860.22
Eoffering – Christmas	\$ 24.70
Eoffering – Vincentians	\$ 329.14
Eoffering – Tuition Assistance	\$ 59.70
Eoffering – Maintenance	\$ 9.70

Nativity Parish

Figures will be in upcoming bulletin

The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

NEXT SUNDAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Get ready to be inspired! Today, we will hear the true story of a fellow parishioner who has embraced stewardship as a way of life and the difference it has made for them. Is something holding you back from embracing this incredible way of life? Pray about it this week. Review the Stewardship materials you received in the mail and take a step forward in faith. Remember to bring your Commitment Card to Mass next weekend or fill out one online at the parishes' website, stjosephamherst.com.

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.

HOLY GROUND YOUTH GROUP

All 7-12th graders are welcome to come to our Holy Ground Youth Group Session on Sunday evenings. We will have our next session on Sunday October 4th. You are welcome to join us for the 5:00 p.m. Mass. We ask everyone to meet over by the choir area. The Holy Ground Youth Group Sessions start at 6:00 p.m. in the school gym after Mass and end at 7:30 p.m.

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 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.

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

Please join us as we pray the most Holy Rosary at St. Joseph Church on Saturday, October 3rd at 9:00 a.m.

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/>



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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Questions?
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October 3-October 25, 2026

Drop off in the Vestibule of St. Joseph Church

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



DINNERS ON-THE-GO

October 13th Menu

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!

THE FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY

NBVM will host its First Friday Rosary on **Friday, October 2nd, at 11:00 a.m.** All from Nativity and St. Joseph Parishes are invited to attend. A light lunch will be available in Nativity's Parish Hall following our prayer time.

"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 on **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.

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).



St. Joseph Trojan Basketball

2026 – 2027 BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Grades 3 thru 8 Signups

Online signups began Monday, September 21st and go through
Thursday, October 25th.

High School Sign ups

JV/Varsity began Monday, September 21st and go through October 30th.

Signups will be online at <https://stjosephamherst.com/cyo>

If you need an in-person signup, please contact me and we can arrange a meeting.

REGISTRATION FEE IS \$175.00

Parents: There is also a need for Coaches, so if you would like to volunteer your time to help coach our kids, please let me know and I will get you the information on what you need to do.

Any questions, please contact me.
Chad Nagy
440-752-9061

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 17th at Nativity in South Amherst. Polka Mass at 5:30 p.m. and dinner/social to follow in Nativity's Parish Hall. More details to come. Everyone is invited to Mass and dinner from Nativity, St. Joseph, or any parish you are attending. No cost.

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.

CHAIR FLOW YOGA CLASSES UPDATE

All Classes will move from Mill Hollow Amphitheater back to Nativity's Parish Hall on Thursday, October 1st. The meeting times will stay the same – 9:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To learn more about the Chair Flow Yoga Classes, contact Cindy Miller at 440-670-1300

The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Through the Sacrament of Baptism
St. Joseph Parish welcomes

Stanley Marc Wulfoop
Child of Kenneth and Allison Wulfoop

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

Marianne Haynes
Linda Abfall

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.*

“WHAT TO DO IN THE MOMENT” MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

“What to do in the Moment” is a training presentation explaining
what to do when a mental health emergency occurs. Participants will
learn about: (1) How to respond in a crisis, (2) Crisis intervention
training skills, and (3) Skills to use when making a call for help. Co-
sponsored by the Diocesan Social Action Office of Lorain County and
St. Julie Billiart and St. Peter Parishes in North Ridgeville. The event
will be held on October 4, 2026, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at St. Julie
Billiart Parish, 5500 Lear Nagle Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039.
The session is free, but freewill offerings will be gratefully accepted.
For questions or to register, contact Terry Flanagan at tjpfan@gmail.com. R.S.V.P.’s requested by September 28th.

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.

VIEWS & PEWS

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6:00 P.M.

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AT GOOD SHEPHERD
5:30 P.M.
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FALL 2026 ADULT FAITH STUDY

“David the King,” a six-week study session, begins on October 14/
October 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.

ELYRIA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Elyria Catholic cordially invites all Junior High students and their
families to their Fall Open House, which is scheduled for Sunday,
October 4th from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. All are welcome. Elyria
Catholic is located at 725 Gulf Road in Elyria, OH 44035.

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.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

This campaign represents a mission of love to share the Gospel message of hope with people in the United States using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money we collect remains here in the Diocese of Cleveland to fund local communications efforts. The other half supports the communication activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and other projects across the United States. Your help spreads the Gospel message. Learn more at www.usccb.org/cc. Please support this collection by using the envelope provided in your envelope packets. Extra envelopes are available in the gathering area of church or select Catholic Communications Campaign on Eoffering.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL BLANKET SUNDAY

Beginning the weekend of 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!

HEALING MASS

At St. Mary Church, 46 East Main Street in Wakeman, on Wednesday, September 30th at 6:30 p.m. with Fr. Ron Brickner and Fr. Jim Brown. During Mass, they will offer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, with special Prayer Teams to pray with those in need. All are welcome.

DID YOU KNOW...

Many of you may already know about our online Sunday Offertory option, which allows you to make charitable donations without using monthly envelopes. However, did you know that you can also contribute to Holy Days and Special Collections through myEoffering? MyEoffering offers a quick, simple, and secure way to donate to our parish. To learn more or to sign up, visit <https://myeoffering.com/>.

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Spend a prayerful weekend (**October 2nd to 4th**) reflecting on the life and spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi and his profound conversion to Jesus Christ on the 800th Anniversary of his death.

Themes to be addressed: His growing reverence for all creation and rapid growth of followers in the Lord, his commitment to dialogue, nonviolence, and peacemaking, and the Franciscan Way. The weekend will be conducted in prayerful silence after each talk. Weekend includes topical talks, liturgy, Adoration, meals, and optional group sharing session. Learn more and register at: <https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org/calendar>

Join our email list by scanning the QR code!



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, input 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>

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 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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