



# St. JOSEPH PARISH & NATIVITY OF THE BVM PARISH

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**October 11, 2026**

**The Twenty-eighth 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](http://stjosephamherst.com)

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

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

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](http://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](http://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 12th** – Mass at St. Joseph Parish  
9:00 a.m. Len Findish (Millie Molnar)

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13th** – Mass at Nativity Parish  
8:00 a.m. Personal Intention

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14th** – No Mass

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15th** – Mass at St. Joseph Parish  
7:00 p.m. Georgene Vilagi (Sue and John Venzel)  
Confessions to follow Mass until 8:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16th** – Mass at St. Joseph Parish  
9:00 a.m. Carm Januzzi (John and Cathy Sekletar)

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17th**  
11:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish  
4:00 p.m. Tom Rottel (Paul and Marie Scott)  
Mass at St. Joseph Parish  
5:30 p.m. Marianne Haynes (Joe and Marianne)  
Mass at Nativity Parish

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18th** – Masses at St. Joseph Parish  
8:30 a.m. Robert Chet (Family)  
11:00 a.m. People of St. Joseph  
and Nativity Parishes  
5:00 p.m. Frank and Vera Schermock (Daughter)

## Daily Readings

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 12th** – Weekday  
Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 – 5:1 / Lk 11:29-32

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13th** – Weekday  
Gal 5:1-6 / Lk 11:37-41

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14th** – Weekday  
St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr  
Gal 5:18-25 / Lk 11:42-46

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15th**  
St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church  
Eph 1:1-10 / Lk 11:47-54

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16th** – Weekday  
St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin  
Eph 1:11-14 / Lk 12:1-7

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17th**  
Vigil: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Is 45:1, 4-6 / 1 Thes 1:1-5b / Mt 22:15-21

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18th**  
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Is 45:1, 4-6 / 1 Thes 1:1-5b / Mt 22:15-21

**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](mailto:parishoffice@stjosephamherst.com), by Noon, NO LATER than 2 Fridays prior to the Sunday you want it to appear.

## Activity Schedule

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

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 12th**  
7:00 p.m. O.C.I.A. – Bible and Catechism of the Catholic Church –  
What and how to use each.  
**EVERYONE'S INVITED!**  
(Nativity Parish Hall)

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13th**  
9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Class  
(Nativity Parish Hall)  
5:00 p.m. Dinners-on-the-Go, Drive-thru Pickup  
Only (Nativity Parish)  
7:00 p.m. Parent Club Meeting (MPR)  
5:30 p.m. Light Dinner  
at Good Shepherd Baptist Church,  
board Bus at 5:50 p.m.  
For Views and Pews –  
A Journey through Amherst's  
Architecture of Faith Tour

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14th**  
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. Giving Tree Committee Meeting  
(Social Hall Lobby)

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15th**  
9:00 a.m. Vincentian Meeting  
(Conference Room)  
9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Class  
(Nativity's Parish Hall)

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17th**  
5:30 p.m. Polka Mass (Nativity Parish)  
6:30 p.m. Fall Feast Dinner, Dancing, and  
Sing-a-longs (Nativity Parish Hall)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18th**  
Please join us for the 5:00 p.m. Mass  
6:00 p.m. Holy Ground Youth Group Session  
(School Gym)

### 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 Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

#### **St. Joseph Parish – September 27, 2026**

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Sunday Offertory                 | \$ 11,069.14 |
| Children's Offertory             | \$ 2.00      |
| Tuition Assistance               | \$ 70.00     |
| Maintenance Fund                 | \$ 177.00    |
| Assumption                       | \$ 10.00     |
| All Saints Day                   | \$ 10.00     |
| All Souls Day                    | \$ 10.00     |
| Good Friday/Holy Land            | \$ 5.00      |
| Catholic Communications Campaign | \$ 17.00     |
| Vincentians                      | \$ 1,278.00  |

#### **St. Joseph Parish E-Giving – September 22-28, 2026**

|                                        |             |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|
| Eoffering-Sunday Offertory             | \$ 2,712.64 |
| Eoffering-Christmas                    | \$ 24.70    |
| Eoffering-Retirement for the Religious | \$ 100.00   |
| Eoffering-Vincentians                  | \$ 321.70   |
| Eoffering-School Tuition Assistance    | \$ 100.00   |

#### **Nativity Parish – September 19, 2026**

|                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| Sunday Offertory | \$ 1,459.00 |
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#### **Nativity Parish – September 26, 2026**

|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Sunday Offertory       | \$ 2,482.00 |
| Assumption             | \$ 50.00    |
| Communications         | \$ 110.00   |
| Maintenance and Upkeep | \$ 345.00   |

**St. Joseph  
2026 - 2027**

## CYO WINTER SPORTS



## REGISTRATION

Join the TROJANS and be part of a faith based program with a competitive edge!

| Basketball (Boys & Girls Grades 3-8)                                                                 | Cheer (Girls Grades 1-8)                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Online Registration Open                                                                             | Online Registration Open                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9-21-2026 to 10-25-2026</li> <li>Player Fee: \$175</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9-21-2026 to 10-25-2026</li> <li>Player Fee: \$120</li> </ul>                                                                                                                |
| Basketball (Boys HS – JV & Varsity)                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Online Registration Open                                                                             | To Register Online:                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9-21-2026 to 10-30-2026</li> <li>Player Fee: \$175</li> </ul> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Go to <a href="http://www.stjosephamherst.com">www.stjosephamherst.com</a></li> <li>Click on Ministries</li> <li>Click on CYO</li> <li>Click on Register Here Tab</li> </ol> |
| Questions: Chad Nagy<br>Email: <a href="mailto:chad.m.nagy@gmail.com">chad.m.nagy@gmail.com</a>      | Questions: Abigail Davidson<br>Email: <a href="mailto:abbsdavidson2018@yahoo.com">abbsdavidson2018@yahoo.com</a>                                                                                                    |
|                                                                                                      | Questions: Jim Yanosko – Athletic Director<br>Email: <a href="mailto:jyanosko@roadrunner.com">jyanosko@roadrunner.com</a><br>Mobile: 216-496-5303                                                                   |

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**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026**  
**6:00 P.M.**

*20-Minute Tour at Each Church*

OPTIONAL LIGHT DINNER  
AT GOOD SHEPHERD  
5:30 P.M.  
*Enjoy a bite to eat before  
the tour begins!*

**Donate to Connect to a Cause**  
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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](mailto:amy.makruski@sjs-amherst.org)

### DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR COMMITMENT CARD

We're still in the midst of our Annual Stewardship Renewal. If you haven't returned your Commitment Card or completed one online at the parish website, [stjosephamherst.com](http://stjosephamherst.com), it is NOT too late. Returning your card is an important part of being an active member of St. Joseph and Nativity. Please take this opportunity too discern how God is calling you to grow closer to Him this year.

### 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.

### 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.



#### St. Joseph Vincentians - WINTER COAT MINISTRY

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**All Adult and Children Sizes.**

**Adult Sizes** will be donated to the Lorain County Jail Ministry and given to individuals upon release. *Many of these individuals are released with nothing more than the clothes they came in.*

**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*



### 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!

### 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.

### 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 Nativity's Parish 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!



## The Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Mary, pray for me when my faith feels small....Mother of Mercy, pray for us, lead our hearts to Jesus." Those attending the "Quiet Evening with Mary" heard these words at the October 7th Candlelight Rosary Service, and The Nativity Altar and Rosary Society sincerely thanks those who came and prayed with us.

We are grateful to those who attended and hope they left feeling renewed in spirit and gained inner peace.

May Mary's spirit continue to flourish in our hearts, brightening the world around us in the days to come. As venerable Fulton J. Sheen stated "...if everyone lit just one little candle, what a bright world it would be..."



Through the Sacrament of Baptism

St. Joseph Parish welcomes

**Emily Grace Braun**

**Child of Riley and Kylie Braun**

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:

**Thomas Showalter**

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.*

### **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.

### **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.

### **SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL BLANKET SUNDAY**

St. Vincent de Paul Society (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 to which will help purchase blankets, beds, and other winter essentials for those in need. All monies raised stay in Northeast Ohio. Please visit BlanketSunday.org for more information and to donate or pick up a Blanket Sunday envelope at the doors of the church. It is not too late to donate. Thank you for your support!

### **PRE-BAPTISM CLASS**

St. Peter Parish, located at 3655 Oberlin Avenue, Lorain 44053, is offering a Pre-Baptism Class on Sunday, October 18th at 2:00 p.m. Call 440-282-9103 to register.

### **CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN**

#### **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.



### **ELYRIA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST**

EC High School is offering Placement Tests on two dates, Saturday, October 17th or Saturday November 7th. For more information or to register for one of the Placement Tests, go to EC's website at [www.elyriacatholic.com](http://www.elyriacatholic.com). The parent meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on each date.

### 36TH ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON FOR DSAO LORAIN COUNTY

**Sunday, October 25, 2026, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at St. Mary in Elyria**  
Join us for the 36th Annual Peace & Justice Luncheon hosted by the Catholic Commission of Lorain County. Enjoy an afternoon of celebration, renewal, and fellowship. This Annual celebration recognizes individuals, parishes, and community organizations whose service, compassion, and commitment reflect the Catholic call to serve others throughout Lorain and Western Cuyahoga Counties. Proceeds will support Catholic Charities Diocesan Social Action Office in Lorain County. Our special guest will be Christopher Larson, the new President & CEO of Catholic Charities. The event is in the parish hall of St. Mary Parish in Elyria, located at 320 Middle Avenue. Tickets are \$25.00, and can be purchased in advance or pay at the door. Contact Shawn Witmer for more information by phone or text at 216-316-9544. RSVP requested no later than Monday, October 19.

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

The World Mission Sunday Collection grants funds to Mission Dioceses, which help to underwrite the basic physical footprint that keeps missionary life going: Where priests live, where sisters live, where children are catechized, where formation and pastoral work can happen, and where Holy Mass can be celebrated, often for the first time.

Part of the funds are used to help Missionary Dioceses run and survive, while the rest of the funds are used to build churches, seminaries, convents, and pastoral centers. In an average year, WMS helps to fund more than 900 infrastructure-related projects for the Church! The Collection will be taken up through the envelopes for World Mission Sunday that can be found in your monthly envelope packets. Thank you for your support of this vital mission.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

St. Peter Parish, 3655 Oberlin Avenue, Lorain 44053 is having an Anointing of the Sick Mass on Saturday, October 17th at 4:00 p.m. Anointing is intended for those who are seriously ill, facing surgery, weakened by old age, or handling serious health issues.

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND RETREATS AT THE JESUIT RETREAT CENTER

Jesuit Retreat Center, 5629 State Road, Parma, OH 44134, is offering the following retreats.

To learn more about these opportunities and register online go to the website at <https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org>

#### **Manresa One-day Retreat: Growing as Compassionate Contemplatives – Looking Back on Our Life through the Eyes of Grace**

Sunday, October 25, 1:00-8:00 p.m. *Presented by Joseph and Lauren Cummins.* Join us on this journey of reflection, discernment, and companionship as together we explore the gifts, challenges, and life-giving possibilities of life's Second Chapter. Cost: \$60.00, or \$150.00 for all 3 retreats (learn more on our [website](#)).

#### **October Sabbath Days – a Personal Retreat Day**

Tuesday, October 27, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Come and spend a day of renewal and prayer at the Jesuit Retreat Center. You are welcome to pray in our chapels, sit in quiet reading in the library, and walk and meditate on the beautiful grounds. Coffee, tea and a light lunch are provided. Cost: \$50.

#### **Forever the Beloved: Understanding Your True Identity**

Wednesday, October 28, 5:30 p.m.-Friday, October 30, 11:00 a.m. *Presented by Jane Knappenberger, PhD.* Step away from the pressure to prove your worth through achievement, status or success and rediscover your true identity as deeply and personally loved by God. Through Scripture, reflection, prayer, discussion and opportunities for healing, this retreat offers a powerful path toward greater peace, freedom, hope and wholeness. Cost: \$275.00 (commuter), \$350.00 (overnight).

### RESPECT LIFE

#### **respect life month novena**



OCTOBER 22-30  
[respectlife.org](https://respectlife.org)

October is Respect Life Month. Join Catholics nationwide praying a special Novena for the protection of human life from conception to natural death October 22-30. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more.

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