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November 1, 2026
All Saints Day

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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, NOVEMBER 2nd – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. For the Faithful Departed –
All Souls' Intention

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd – Mass at Nativity Parish
8:00 a.m. Blessings for Carol Brewer (Adele)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4th – No Mass

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
7:00 p.m. Walter and Josephine Pool
Confessions to follow Mass until 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. Glenn Frazer (The Myosky Family)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7th
11:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
4:00 p.m. David Jackson (Mom, Beverly)
Mass at St. Joseph Parish
5:30 p.m. Ray and Emma Kirsch (Diane)
Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8th – Masses at St. Joseph Parish
8:30 a.m. Tillie Sroka (Sacred Sisters)
11:00 a.m. Joe Nossek (Ken and Patti Rehoiek)
5:00 p.m. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes

Daily Readings

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd
THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)
Any Readings from No. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead (1011-1016)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd – Weekday
Saint Martin de Porres, Religious
Phil 2:5-11 / Lk 14:15-24

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4th
Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Phil 2:12-18 / Lk 14:25-33

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5th – Weekday
Phil 3:3-8a / Lk 15:1-10

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6th – Weekday
Phil 3:17 – 4:1 / Lk 16:1-8

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7th
Vigil: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 6:12-16 / 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14 / Mt 25:1-13

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8th
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Activity Schedule

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd
7:00 p.m. O.C.I.A. –
The Message of Jesus' Death and Resurrection; Jesus and Prayer. EVERYONE'S INVITED!
(Nativity Parish Hall)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd
8:30 a.m. Hospitality Tuesday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass
(Nativity Parish Hall)
9:00 a.m. Rosary Making
(St. Joseph Social Hall Lobby)
9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Class
(Nativity Parish Hall)
6:30 p.m. Men's Group
(St. Joseph Church Gathering Area)
6:30 p.m. Altar and Rosary Society Rosary followed by monthly meeting
(Nativity Parish Hall)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4th
5:30 p.m. P.S.R. for Kindergarten thru Grade 8
(School)
6:30 p.m. Sacred Sisters Meeting
(O.S.E. Community Center)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5th
9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Class
(Nativity's Parish Hall)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6th
11:00 a.m. First Friday Rosary (Nativity Church)
Light luncheon to follow
(Nativity Parish Hall)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7th
9:00 a.m. First Saturday Rosary
(St. Joseph Church)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8th
Mercy Health Screenings following the 8:30 a.m. Mass and before and after the 11:00 a.m. Mass (School MPR)
Hospitality Sunday following the 8:30 a.m. Mass and the 11:00 a.m. Mass (School Gym)
First Reconciliation Parent Meeting following the 11:00 a.m. Mass (St. Joseph Church)
Confirmation Parent Meeting following the 5:00 p.m. Mass (St. Joseph Church)
6:00 p.m. Holy Ground Youth Group Session
(School Gym)
Please join us for the 5:00 p.m. Mass

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.

All Saints Day

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

***St. Joseph Parish* – October 18, 2026**

Sunday Offertory	$ 11,963.20
Children's Offertory	$ 2.00
Tuition Assistance	$ 120.00
Maintenance Fund	$ 107.00
All Saints Day	$ 35.00
All Souls' Day	$ 5.00
World Mission Sunday	$ 247.00

***St. Joseph Parish E-Giving* – October 13-19, 2026**

Eoffering – Sunday Offertory	$ 2,924.44
Eoffering – Maintenance	$ 9.40
Eoffering – Christmas	$ 24.70
Eoffering – Vincentians	$ 375.00

Nativity Parish

Figures will be in upcoming bulletin.

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/

ROSARY MAKERS



You are invited to help make rosaries. All supplies provided. Meeting on Tuesday, November 3rd in St. Joseph Social Hall lobby from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Questions? Call or text Sue Cotton at 440-096-1725.

FREE HEALTH SCREENING AND DONUTS

Mercy Health will be here at St. Joseph's on November 8, 2026, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and before and after the 11:00 a.m. Mass to offer these screenings with results in a few minutes: Blood Pressure, Cholesterol, Glucose, and BMI. You do not need to be fasting. The screenings will be done in the St. Joseph School MPR Room. Donuts will be served in the gym.

ELYRIA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

Families can register for the **High School Placement Test on November 7th, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**, by visiting **elyriacatholic.com** to register. The parent meeting for those taking the placement test begins at 8:30 a.m. on the morning of November 7th.

Wonderful Women

Kayla Wiita



All women and girls are welcome to join us for a special night of inspiration with Kayla Wiita!

Kayla has an incredible story of trust in God, perseverance and helping those in need. You won't want to miss it!

Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 7 pm
Nativity Hall

Hospitality Sunday November 8th

St. Joseph Hospitality Ministry and the Knights of Columbus invite everyone to Hospitality Sunday on November 8th 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!





IT'S STRUDEL TIME AGAIN!!!!!

Nativity B.V. M.'s Altar and Rosary Society is preparing to help you out with the upcoming holidays! Pre-order our **HOMEMADE** strudels!
Sign-up sheets are located in the back of Nativity Church
OR
Call St. Joseph's Parish Office at 440-988-2848.
Orders will be taken now thru Nov.10th. The cost is $13 per strudel. You will pay at the "pick-up" day, **November 21st,** at Nativity BVM after the 5:30 mass in the Hall. Strudel will be frozen at pick-up (directions for baking will be attached☺). They are DELICIOUS and so easy to bake...all fresh ingredients & **home-made.** *You'll be a baking ROCKSTAR!* ☺**ORDER NOW**☺

Nativity News

NOVEMBER – THE MONTH TO REMEMBER ALL SOULS

The month of November is set aside for us to remember those who have passed away and to pray for all the poor souls in Purgatory. Praying for the souls of our loved ones is a powerful way to show love and support even after their passing. The Church teaches that death is a transition to eternal life, and our prayers can help purify souls in Purgatory, speeding their journey to Heaven.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK NOVEMBER 1-7, 2026

Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation.



FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

Please join us in praying the Rosary on Saturday, November 7th at 9:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Church.

VETERAN'S DAY TRIBUTE CEREMONY



We would like to invite all the Nativity and St. Joseph Parishioners to the Annual Veterans Day Tribute Ceremony at the Veterans Mural Wall parking lot on Park Avenue, in Amherst on Wednesday, **November 11th at 11:00 a.m.** This yearly event is truly an inspirational tribute to our Veterans.

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.

DINNERS ON-THE-GO

November 10th Menu
Lasagna
Salad
Roll/Dessert
Soup – Chicken-n-Dumpling

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!

GUEST SPEAKER FROM GENESIS HOUSE SAFE HARBOR

Nativity's Altar and Rosary Society will be having a guest speaker from Genesis House Safe Harbor. The speaker will discuss what their organization does and who it assists. This will be after our November 3rd meeting. The discussion will be at 7:15 p.m. Anyone interested in learning about this particular organization is welcome to attend. It will be held in Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Hall in South Amherst.

HOSPITALITY TUESDAY

All are welcome to join us for Mass on Tuesday, November 3rd at Nativity Parish in South Amherst at 8:00 a.m. and for donuts and refreshments after Mass in Nativity's Parish Hall.



FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY AT NATIVITY BVM

Nativity Altar and Rosary Society will be hosting their First Friday Rosary on Friday, November 6, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. in Nativity's Church. All are welcome. A light luncheon will follow in the Parish Hall.

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.

All Saints Day



Through the Sacrament of Baptism
St. Joseph Parish welcomes

Tatum Paul Rospert
Child of Kyle and Mallory Rospert

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:
Robert Horvath

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.

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST
For Adults 40 & Over



Join us on Monday, November 9
7:00-8:30 p.m.
Westside Irish American Club
8559 Jennings Road,
Olmsted Twp.

Good Medicine, Hard Times: *Join us for a compelling presentation by Colonel Edward P. Horvath, MD, a US Army Reserve physician who completed 3 deployments to Iraq. Colonel Horvath will share powerful stories of caring for wounded soldiers, civilians and enemy combatants alike. Through his experiences, he explores the moral challenges of practicing medicine in war and the meaning of compassionate care when lives – including his own – are at risk.* Join us for a theologically enriching evening. Cost is $15.00 per person. Light appetizers included. Cash Bar is available. **Advance tickets recommended**. **Register in advance at www.theologyontherockswest.com.** Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

LEGAL AID

Legal Aid will be hosting a free legal advice clinic in Lorain County Saturday, November 7 at Lorain Public Library (at the Main Branch), with check-in beginning at 10:00 a.m.
At this clinic, our staff and volunteer attorneys will answer questions about civil legal issues related to housing, safety, consumer rights, health, family law, education, work, and income. The clinic is first-come, first-served, with no reservations needed.

THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION

The Catholic Cemeteries Association's next **Sunday Grief Support Group** will be on **Sunday, November 15th. In-person will meet at 3:00 p.m.; virtual will meet at 5:00 p.m.** In a welcoming, supportive setting, find fellowship with others who share their experiences and understand the pain of loss. Meetings will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month, at no charge. 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.

Lorain Spanish
English Speaking Cursillo
ELYRIA, OH



Cursillo (pronounced kur-see-yo), short for Cursillo de Christiand ("Short Course in Christianity"). It's a liturgical movement within the Catholic Church that originated in Mallorca, Spain, in the 1940s. It is designed to help lay Christians deepen their faith and become effective leaders by inviting their beliefs in daily life.

Men's Cursillo
November 19-22, 2026
For details about the Cursillo, checkout the website:
https://lsescursillo.org/about-us

For an application:
https://lsescursillo.org/candidate-application
Applications can be sent to the Rector at bognerdb@gmail.com

GRAVESIDE SERVICE
FOR DECEASED PRIESTS NOVEMBER 16, 2026

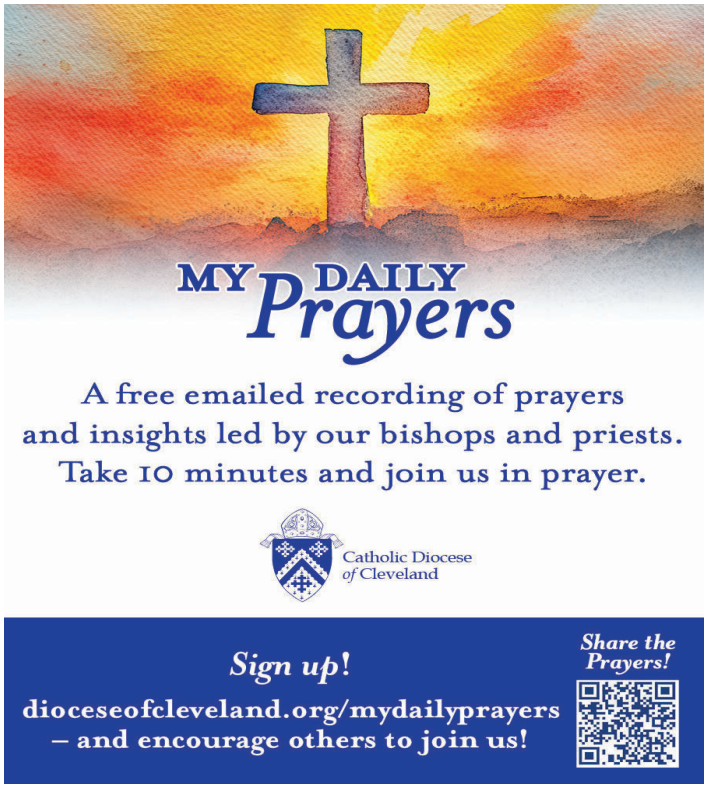
Catholic Cemeteries Association, in collaboration with AM 1260 The Rock, invites you to attend a Graveside Prayer Service for Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Cleveland. The service will be held at Holy Cross Cemetery Brookpark in the St. John Paul II Mausoleum, section 5 across from the priests' section 10, The service will be indoors beginning with the Divine Mercy Chaplet, recited at 3:00 p.m. – Hour of Mercy, followed by In Paradisum, and visitation of the graves in section 10. For more information, please contact Suzi Richter or call 216-930-4866.

GLOBAL CELEBRATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE & FRIENDSGIVING DINNER

Saturday, November 21, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Holy Family, Stow

The Global Celebration of Young People takes place on the Feast of Christ the King. It is an opportunity for young people around the world to remember that they are a dynamic source of hope for the Church and the world, as emphasized by St. John Paul II. This year's theme is "Take Courage!"

All young adults ages 18-39 in the Diocese of Cleveland are invited to this special celebration on Saturday, November 21. Our evening will begin with Mass at 5:00 p.m. at Holy Family in Stow, followed by a Friendsgiving Dinner. Join us for an evening of faith, fellowship, gratitude, and good food. Together, we will give thanks to the Lord for our community and for those who encourage and inspire us to live out our faith in the world. **Please RSVP** to help us plan and ensure that we have plenty of food for our feast. We look forward to celebrating with you. For questions, please contact **Dr. Megan Lowes-Bolin**.



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/.

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 and 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**.

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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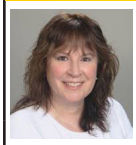
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