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November 8, 2026
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. JOSEPH PARISH OFFICE: 440-988-2848
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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, NOVEMBER 9th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. Cheri O'Connor (Friends)
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10th – Mass at Nativity Parish
8:00 a.m. Victor Celaschi (Alberta)
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11th – No Mass
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
7:00 p.m. James and Evelyn Stehle
(Gerald and Judith Corman)
Confessions to follow Mass until 8:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. Adam Wood (Strader and Wood Families)
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14th
11:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
4:00 p.m. Harold Anderson (Wife and Son)
Mass at St. Joseph Parish
5:30 p.m. Marshall Dimacchia (Kathy Urig)
Mass at Nativity Parish
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15th – Masses at St. Joseph Parish
8:30 a.m. In Memory of Mike Yurmanovich (Carol)
11:00 a.m. Cecilia McPhie (Sacred Sisters)
5:00 p.m. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes

Daily Readings

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9th
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 / 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 / Jn 2:13-22
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10th
Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Ti 2:1-8, 11-14 / Lk 17:7-10
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11th
Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop
Ti 3:1-7 / Lk 17:11-19
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12th
Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
Phlm 7-20 / Lk 17:20-25
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13th
Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
2 Jn 4-9 / Lk 17:26-37
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14th
Vigil: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 / 1 Thes 5:1-6 /
Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15th
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 / 1 Thes 5:1-6 /
Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Activity Schedule

MONDAY-FRIDAY
11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (NBVM)
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9th
7:00 p.m. O.C.I.A. – Bishop Barron's Reflection and Instructions of the Celebration of the Mass
EVERYONE'S INVITED!
(Nativity Parish Hall)
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10th
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. SJS Parent Club Meeting
(St. Joseph School MPR)
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11th
5:30 p.m. NO P.S.R. tonight
6:30 p.m. Sacred Sisters Meeting
(O.S.E. Community Center)
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12th
9:00 a.m. Vincentians Meeting
(Conference Room)
9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Class
(Nativity's Parish Hall)
St. Joseph School
One-hour Early Dismissal K-8
2:00 p.m. St. Joseph School Fall Conferences
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13th – No School
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14th
10:00 a.m. Fall Grounds Cleanup at
St. Joseph Church
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15th
6:00 p.m. Holy Ground Youth Group Session
(School Gym)
Please join us for the 5:00 p.m. Mass

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.

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.

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

***St. Joseph Parish* – October 25, 2026**

Sunday Offertory	$ 14,813.50
Children's Offertory	$ 2.00
Maintenance Fund	$ 140.00
All Saints Day	$ 25.00
All Souls Day	$ 105.00
Religious Retirement Fund	$ 100.00
Catholic Charities	$ 200.00
Flowers and Decorations	$ 100.00
Vincentians	$ 985.00

***St. Joseph Parish E-Giving* – October 20-26 2026**

Eoffering – Sunday Offertory	$ 2,586.85
Eoffering – Religious Retirement Fund	$ 100.00
Eoffering – Christmas	$ 24.70
Eoffering – World Mission Sunday	$ 50.00
Eoffering – Vincentians	$ 24.70

Nativity Parish

Figures will be in upcoming bulletin

REMINDERS TO ALL ST. JOSEPH LECTORS

St. Joseph Lectors, please remember to pick up your 2025 practice book from the back sacristy at your convenience.

FREE HEALTH SCREENING AND DONUTS

Mercy Health will be here at St. Joseph's on **Sunday, 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.

PRE-BAPTISM CLASS

St. Vincent de Paul Parish is offering a Pre-Baptism Class on Saturday, November 14th at 10:00 a.m. in the school building's lower level. Please register by the Thursday before the class by calling 440-324-4212, and select Director of Religious Education.

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/

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!



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.

Nativity News

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Nearly 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd or pick up a flyer in the gathering area of church. Please support this collection by using the envelope provided in your envelope packets or select Catholic Campaign for Human Development on Eoffering.

ELYRIA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

EC's Marching Band and Color Guard invite you to their annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 14th, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. With 60 vendors, guests can find unique gifts for everyone on their Christmas list. Admission is $5.00 for adults, and free admission for children 10 and under.

St. Joseph Parish School will once again be hosting their annual Kris Kringle Shop. This is an opportunity for SJS students to do some secret shopping to purchase gifts for their loved ones.

Donations can be dropped off before 12/4 at the school office. Please enter at Door A.

We are in need of new/slightly used donations such as:

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men's items*
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DINNERS ON-THE-GO

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

November 24th Menu
Sliced Sirloin
Smashed Potatoes
Country Green Beans
Roll/Dessert
Soup – Italian Wedding

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.



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**☺

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Through the Sacrament of Baptism
St. Joseph Parish welcomes

Cameron Robert Conley
Child of Bradley and Hannah Conley
and
Cooper James Tuma
Child of Gregory and Paige Tuma

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

John Krieg
Dave Kukucka
Kathy Hills
Elaine Breen

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.

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

St. Joseph Vincentians graciously thanks everyone from St. Joseph and Nativity Parish who participated in our Winter Coat Drive. We collected and donated 205 adult coats to the St. Vincent de Paul Lorain County Prison Outreach Program and 171 children's coats to Amherst Kids Closet, along with numerous miscellaneous winter accessories. Your generosity will help keep those in need warm during the cold winter months. We are blessed to have such a caring and giving church family. God bless you all!



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.

CELEBRATE ST. NICHOLAS DAY

Celebrate St. Nicholas Day, (partnership with St. Mary Vermilion Parish and the K of C 4539) the weekend of December 5-6 after all the Masses in the Gathering Space of St. Mary's Parish, 617 Exchange Street, in Vermilion. It is a free event for all youth. There will be food, festivities, bags of candy and goodies, and photos with St. Nick. Please R.S.V.P. at St. Mary's Vermilion Parish Office at 440-967-8711 by November 20th so we know a headcount.

PRO ORANTIBUS DAY NOVEMBER 21

On Saturday, November 21, the Church will celebrate Pro Orantibus Day ("For Those Who Pray"), Honoring cloistered men and women. It is a day of thanksgiving, solidarity, and support for contemplative religious who spend their lives in total dedication to God in union with Jesus and interceding for the salvation of all. For more information, visit https://religiouslife.com.

The Diocese of Cleveland has three orders of cloistered religious women. They are the Carmel of the Holy Family, Poor Clare Colettines, and Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration.

Please lift up in prayer these religious men and women for their dedication to our Lord and to their life of prayer.

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!"

A**ll 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**.

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM AN ADVENT RETREAT

Jesuit Retreat Center

Step away from the rush of the Holidays for just a weekend (**December 18th to 20th**). We invite you into the silence, beauty and mystery of Christmas, the Incarnation of Jesus, as a pilgrim on the journey to Bethlehem.

Our weekend will include presentations, an introduction to Ignatian Imaginative Contemplation, time for silence and personal prayer, small group sharing, and Liturgy for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Our guides will be Jayne Churchmack and Dorothy Noga McCarthy. Learn more and register at: https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org/calendar. **Join our email list by scanning the QR code!**

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

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**.

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