



St. Joseph Catholic Church
641 North Main Street
P.O. Box 250
Roanoke, IN 46783
Mass Times

Saturday 4:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday 7:30 am & 11:00 am

Holy Days See Schedule

Confessions can be heard every Saturday at 3:15 pm at St. Joseph or by appointment.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 4th Tuesday of the Month 8:30AM to 6:00PM.

Online Giving: www.osvhub.com/st-joseph-church-roanoke/funds

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Mass Times

Sunday 9:15 am

Holy Days See Schedule

Confessions can be heard by appointment.

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 19, 2026

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Jul 20	(SJ)	8:00 AM	No Mass	Fr. Eustace day off
Tuesday	Jul 21	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Linda Pulver	Myra & Marina Katovich
Wednesday	Jul 22	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Jim Reed	Bobbie Wilhelmus
Thursday	Jul 23	(SJ)	6:00 PM	Intentions of Curtis Meade	
Friday	Jul 24	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Liv. & Dec. Tony Maurer Family	Kurt Kehmeyer
Saturday	Jul 25	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Wally Johnson	Deborah Stoffel
Saturday	Jul 25	(SJ)	4:00 PM	Keith Kryder	Stanley Wyss
Sunday	Jul 26	(SJ)	7:30 AM	For the People	
Sunday	Jul 26	(SC)	9:15 AM	Alyssa Trabert	Liz & Jake Couhorn
Sunday	Jul 26	(SJ)	11:00 AM	Cletus, Kevin & Matthew Fritz	Fritz Family
(SJ) St. Joseph (SC) St. Catherine					

	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Servers</u>
Jul 25 (SJ) 4:00 PM	J. Root	B. Eherenman	J. Girardot/K. Schneider	M. Eherenman/D. Dietsch	Volunteers
Jul 26 (SJ) 7:30AM	D. O'Brien	D. Snodgrass	A. Kasper/M. Smith	P. Cler/M. Fedorcak	Volunteers
Jul 26 (SC) 9:15 AM	J. Kehmeyer	R. Ness	P. & K. Trabert/J. Hilligoss	We. Trabert/J. Trabert	J. Trabert/M. Hesting
Jul 26 (SJ) 11:00AM	K. Kehmeyer	Al. Yaney	M. & B. Savieo	An. Yaney/M. Horn	N. Didier

**Jul 26 Contribution Counter D. Didier P. Carteaux
M. Sanders**

Prayers for St. Joseph's

Bob Kehmeyer Charles Mike Gase Laura Edna
Suzanne Ginty Melanie Deb Betty Mike
Jeni (sue Keller's daughter) Karen M. Mary
Carol Judy Karen Peggy Baby Isa

Prayers for Adoration and devotion to the Blessed Mother to flourish more than ever.

Prayers for the souls of all who have passed and for those that love them. For all the spiritual and political leadership to be responsive to the promptings of the Holy spirit.

Prayers for all of us as parishioners to discern how best to assist the clergy to help our parish become the Holiest possible and in reaching out to those away for the Faith and those in our neighborhood.

Prayers for relatives and friends with addictions and those struggling with estranged relationships and other hardships.

Prayers for all the ordained especially for those that served at St. Joseph and St. Catherine's. For Fr. Eustace, Deacon Dan, Fr. Kummer, and for our brother priest Fr. Benedict in Nigeria. For all the missionaries who have been at our parishes and for their special needs.

For Prayer request please call Susie Close at 214-587-0915.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults



Consider OCIA, if you are:

- Unbaptized
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- A baptized Catholic who has not been confirmed

"That One, True Church founded by God incarnate was indeed, The Holy Catholic Church"

... Isaac (St. Joseph OCIA 2026)

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Fr. Eustace's Column

Dearest brothers and sisters in Christ,

Theme: Whoever Has Ears Ought to Hear the Warning of a Loving Father

Last Sunday, Jesus ended the Parable of the Sower with the words, **"Whoever has ears ought to hear."** This Sunday, after teaching us through more parables, especially the parable of the weeds among the wheat, He repeats the same warning.

Whenever a loving father repeats himself, it is because the matter is urgent. Jesus is pleading with us not to ignore the warning that can save our souls.



The Book of Wisdom reminds us that there is no God besides the living God, yet this all-powerful God is patient and merciful, always giving sinners time to repent. St. Paul assures us that when we are weak, the Holy Spirit comes to help us pray and return to God. In the Gospel, however, Jesus reveals another painful reality: while He sows the good seed, **the devil secretly sows the bad seed.** Many hearts that were once filled with faith have been poisoned by hatred, pride, lust, greed, dishonesty, unforgiveness, and indifference.

The most frightening part is that **the enemy does not destroy us overnight.** He works quietly until sin begins to look normal and holiness becomes a burden. A little lie becomes a habit. A little bitterness becomes hatred. A little compromise slowly destroys a soul.

My dear friends, before asking, *"Who is the bad seed?"* let each of us ask, **"What kind of seed am I becoming?"** The harvest will surely come, and each of us will give an account before God. We cannot blame the devil forever if we continue to water the weeds in our hearts.

Today, Jesus lovingly warns us: **listen while there is still time.** Pull out the weeds of sin through sincere repentance, frequent Confession, prayer, and the Holy Eucharist. God's patience is not permission to remain in sin; it is an invitation to change.

Whoever has ears ought to hear. Whoever hears should not delay. Tomorrow may be too late. Amen.

Fr. Eustace

Canned Food Drive

St. Catherine Parish will collect canned food/paper products now through the month of July. Donations will be given to the food pantry at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Columbia City.



Fr. Eustace Installation

To the parishes of St. Joseph and St. Catherine Bishop Kevin Rhoades has delegated very Rev. Matt Coonan to represent him for the Mass of installation of Fr. Eustace Okorie as Pastor. The Mass will be Thursday August 6th at St. Joseph at 6pm. Pastoral Council & Finance Committee from both parishes are required to be there for Mass. All parishioners from both parishes are welcome to attend.

Religious Education Classes

Religious Education Classes will begin August 23 in both of our parishes. You should be receiving Calendars and registration information in your email this week. If you are new to the parish, or have not had a student in Religious Education previously, please contact the Parish office or Ingrid Mattes at ingridmattesdre@gmail.com.

We are still in need of a K/1 teacher in both parishes. Please contact Ingrid Mattes if you are willing to serve in this role. The class size is small and it is a very rewarding experience to teach our young children about Jesus.

Prayers for St. Catherine's

Sheryl Winters Ariel Scieska Julie Kelly
Darwin Zumbrun Debbie York Cayce Cobb
Sharon Ruhe Sister Maria Alan Bogg

George & Judy Young Shirley Smith

Jackson Longenbaugh Carol Ness Beth Lahr

Sharon Hesting

Prayers for Deacon Dan, Father Eustace and all former priests at St. Catherine's.

Pray for those that have passed before us, the homebound and the ill.

Week of July 12, 2026	St. Catherine	St. Joseph
Weekly Budget Goal:	\$2,335.12	\$5,881.65
Adult Envelopes	\$895.00	\$2,572.00
Online Giving	\$45.00	\$2,409.00
Offertory Income Loose	\$78.00	\$491.00
Preservation-Building	\$220.00	\$120.00
Votives	\$21.00	\$42.00
Venezuela	\$393.00	\$1347.00

Stream Catholic Content!

Our Parish has recently acquired a subscription to FORMED, a Catholic streaming service with many inspirational and informative content for all ages! This is free to all Parishioners from both Parishes, their families and friends. To Join go to: 1) <https://signup.formed.org/>, 2) Enter your parish zip (46783/St. Joseph), 3) Enter your name and email..



Saint Mary Magdalene | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp for a discussion on the life and witness of St. Mary Magdalene. Who was she, and why is she a saint? Find out in this conversation.

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Save the Date

Please save the date for Saint Catherine's Church Picnic on Sunday, September 13 at 3PM. Meat, drinks, and tableware will be provided. Please bring a covered dish. There will be games and prizes. A sign up will be in the back of church in August. Please plan on coming and join the fun and fellowship! For questions, please call Carol Greulich (260) 609-5269



Money Counters Needed

We are in need of some parishioners to count money after the 11am Mass on Sunday. Please see Fr. Eustace or call the parish office Monday-Friday 9am –3pm at 260-672-2838. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus will have an Exemplification Ceremony after the 11am Mass at St. Joseph on 7/26/26. Family & parishioners are welcome to attend the ceremony.

THEOLOGY ON TAP - FORT WAYNE

Young adults are invited to the summer Theology on Tap Series titled *Built for Communion: The Catholic Social Life*. The weekly series runs every Tuesday from July 7th - July 28th. Individuals of any faith background are encouraged to attend. The event takes place at Charlie's Place (4201 N Wells St, Fort Wayne, IN 46808). Doors, food, and bar service open at 6:30pm and weekly talk begins at 7:00pm. Come for the food, drinks, and fellowship! Deepen your faith this summer, and invite a friend. We cannot wait to see you there! Learn more about the series at: diocesefwsb.org/tot-fw. Follow us on Instagram: [theologyontapfw](https://www.instagram.com/theologyontapfw)

July

July 28 Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph after 8am Mass until 6pm

August

August 1 Rosary said before 4pm Mass

August 3 Rosary meeting at St. Joseph 6:30pm

August 6 Fr. Eustace installation Thursday at 6pm Mass

August 16 Breakfast after 7:30 am Mass at St. Joseph

August 16 Donuts & coffee after 9L15am Mass at St. Catherine

August 19 Knights of Columbus meeting at 6:30pm in St. Joseph basement

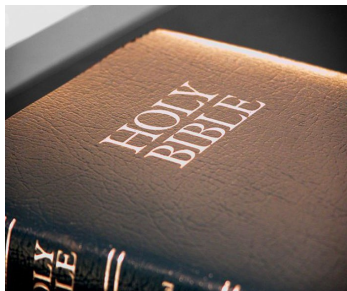
August 23, 30 Religious Education Classes at St Catherine 7:45-9am and Religious Education Classes at St. Joseph 9:30-10:45am.

August 26 Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph after 8am Mass until 6pm

High School Bible Study

We are excited to offer a free High School Bible Study this fall at St. Joseph. We will be starting with an overview of the Bible using the Venture Bible Timeline Program and will meet during Religious Education Classes select Sundays from 9:30-10:45 am. Please text or email Ingrid Mattes (260-466-3025)

ingridmattes-dre@gmail.com for Questions or register.



PRAYER FOR SYNOD 2026

Blessed Trinity, Source of our life and our unity. We ask for your presence with and within us as we undertake this synodal journey. Create in us , and all those responsible for preparing the synod, a discerning spirit. Help us to deepen our relationship with you and with one another over the months and weeks ahead. Grow in us the fire of your love, that we may eagerly respond to your loving invitation to spread the joy of the Gospel and to serve the poor, suffering, and vulnerable. Form us to be better disciples, creating vibrant, mission-oriented communities of faith, hope and charity. We ask this through the intercession of our diocesan patrons, Mary, the Immaculate Conception, and St. Matthew.

Amen.

Part Time Position

St. Joseph and St. Catherine are looking for a part time person to clean the churches. It would be on Mondays after Sunday service every week. Depending on activities in the church other times as needed. On Thursdays at St. Joseph it will need to be cleaned after senior meals when they are held. Cleaning after funeral dinners. This doesn't have to be for both churches please let us know if you interested in doing either church. Please call the office at 260-672-2838 if you are interest in the job. Please call Monday—Friday from 9am to 3pm.

Save the Date for the Picnic

The St. Joseph Parish Picnic will be on Sunday, Sept. 20 from 3:30-6:00 p.m. We will serve grilled hot dogs and hamburgers; please bring a side to share. Sign-ups for attendance and volunteering will be available on Aug. 29. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Rumsey at 260-417-5660.



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