

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

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 11, 2026

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Oct 12	(SJ)	8:00 AM	No Mass	Fr. Eustace day off
Tuesday	Oct 13	(SJ)	8:00 AM	No Mass	Fr. Eustace gone
Wednesday	Oct 14	(SJ)	8:00 AM	No Mass	Fr. Eustace gone
Thursday	Oct 15	(SJ)	6:00 PM	Lucille Prouty	Mary Ann Hibbert
Friday	Oct 16	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Liv. & Dec. Keith Sanders Family	Mr. & Mrs. Keith Sanders
Saturday	Oct 17	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Bernadette Zembala	Larry Zembala
Saturday	Oct 17	(SJ)	4:00 PM	Keith Kryder	Keith Kryder Family
Sunday	Oct 18	(SJ)	7:30 AM	For the People	
Sunday	Oct 18	(SC)	9:15 AM	Ruthann Coonrod	Mr. & Mrs. Wally Trabert
Sunday	Oct 18	(SJ)	11:00 AM	Dan Shaffer	Jackie Shaffer
(SJ) St. Joseph (SC) St. Catherine					

	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Servers</u>
Oct 17 (SJ) 4:00 PM	K. Kehmeyer	C. Close	J. & D. Osterholt/S. Close	D. & P. Wright	Volunteers
Oct 18 (SJ) 7:30AM	D. O'Brien	T. Winans	C. & D. Snodgrass/K. Walter	T. & J. Sorg	Sorg Family
Oct 18 (SC) 9:15 AM	J. Kehmeyer	R. Ness	T. Rivas/J. Hilligoss	K. Trabert/L. Lickey	R. Landrigan/M. Hesting
Oct 18 (SJ) 11:00AM	B. Beam	M. Ely	K. Pleus/P. Mattes/R. Ne	A. & A. Yaney	B. & J. Pleus

Oct 18 Contribution Counter P. Mattes S. Close
B. Miller

Prayers for St. Joseph's

Bob Kehmeyer Cathy B. David Karen Magdich

Carol Jessica L. G. M. Peggy Carissa

Christine Sharon Patsy George Bob Dick Diane

For our parish to be more abundantly Blessed in witness and prayer for the entire 40 days for Life than ever.

For those away from the Faith to joyfully return.

For all struggling with addictions and other serious illnesses to be healed.

For all marriages to be Holy and those estranged from one another to be reconciled.

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 Sue Keller at 260-760-3626.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Consider OCIA, if you are:

- Unbaptized
- A baptized non-Catholic
- A baptized Catholic who has not been confirmed



"I waited far too long to begin this process. For many years I created reasons in my mind for putting it off. I told myself I was too busy, too nervous, or not confident enough in my understanding of the faith. ...Now that I have gone through the experience, I would encourage anyone who is considering this journey to step into it fully. The people who guide you are patient, welcoming, and genuinely committed to meeting you exactly where you are."

—Zach K. (St. Joseph OCIA, 2026)

For more information go to:



stjosephroanoke.org



stcatherineparish.org

Thank You

Thank you to all those that prayed & those who went to planned parenthood on Tuesday.

Fr. Eustace's Column



Theme: Are You Among the Chosen?

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today, the Lord places before us a very serious and personal question: **Are you among the chosen?**

The readings speak to us about a **banquet**—a feast prepared by God for His people. In the first reading, Isaiah tells us that *“the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines.”* God is preparing a place for us at His table. He wants us to share in His joy, His salvation, and ultimately in His Kingdom.

But in the Gospel, something tragic happens. The invited guests begin to make excuses. One goes to his farm, another to his business, and others simply refuse the invitation.

Dear friends, **the invitation is free, but our response matters.**

God continues to invite us. He invites us to Mass, to prayer, to repentance, to forgiveness, to holiness, and to eternal life. But what are we saying to Him?

Sometimes our response is: *“I am too busy.”*
“I have other things to do.”
“I will come back to God later.”

And slowly, the things of this world become more important than the God who gave us everything.

St. Paul, in the second reading, teaches us another attitude. He says, **“I have learned, in whatever situation I am, to be content.”** He knows how to receive God's blessings with gratitude and trust.

So the question today is not whether God has invited us. **He has.** The question is: **Have we accepted His invitation?**

And there is another warning in the Gospel. A man comes to the wedding feast without the proper wedding garment and is thrown out. This reminds us that it is not enough merely to be invited. **We must also prepare ourselves.**

The wedding garment represents a life of grace—a heart changed by repentance, faith, love, and good works.

Dear brothers and sisters, **we cannot claim to belong to Christ while refusing to allow Christ to change our lives.**

So, what is keeping you from the banquet?

Is it sin?
Is it pride?
Is it anger?
Is it unforgiveness?
Is it money, pleasure, business, or worldly distractions?
What are you holding onto that is making you say “no” to God's invitation?

Remember the words of Jesus: **“Many are invited, but few are chosen.”** (Matthew 22:14)

May we not only be invited, but may we respond generously. May we put on the garment of holiness, repentance, love, and faith, so that when the King comes, He will find us ready.

The invitation is before you. The banquet is prepared. The question is: Will you come?
Amen. **Fr. Eustace**

Right to Life Baby Shower

St. Catherine's Parish is having a Right to Life baby shower during the month of October. Donations can be dropped off in the back of church.

Flocknotes Sign-up

This weekend, we are starting our Flocknotes sign-up. Flocknotes provides a secure and easy way for the parish to communicate important information to you! You may choose to opt out or change your groups in the future by going to stjosephstcatherine.flocknote.com

To sign up:

1. Text stacutis to 84576
2. Click on the link in your text message to create your profile. Enter your name and email address. Hit Save.
3. Choose your Parish group and other groups that you wish to belong to.
(for instance, all women are members of the Rosary Sodality and should join)
4. Respond to the message in your email to confirm your email address

Week of October 4 2026	St. Catherine	St. Joseph
Weekly Budget Goal:	\$2,335.12	\$5,881.65
Adult Envelopes	\$3,641.44	\$2,255.00
Online Giving	\$45.00	\$2,424.00
Offertory Income Loose	\$120.75	\$495.00
Preservation-Building	\$85.00	\$3,105.94
Votives	\$22.00	\$33.00

Right to Life Baby Shower

St. Joseph's will be having a Right to Life Baby shower in the month of October. Baskets will be put out October 3rd in vestibules for donations. Donations to be made to Women's Care Center.

40 Days for Life Coming Up

The fall campaign to pray against abortion, 40 Days for Life, is coming up. The prayer campaign lasts from Sept. 23 to Nov. 1.

White Mass

A White Mass will be celebrated by Father Royce Gregerson at the St. Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel next to the Cathedral in Fort Wayne at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21. Anyone is welcome, especially anyone in healthcare, and their families. A dinner arranged by the Catholic Medical Guild of Northeast Indiana will follow, directly below the chapel in the Guerin Chapel Lower Level. Dinner cost is \$15. You can RSVP for dinner at fortwayne.cathmed.org or call 222-6978 for RSVP or details.

World Mission Sunday

On October 18, we celebrate World Mission Sunday as a universal Church family, marking the 100th anniversary of this vital observance. Under this year's theme, "One in Christ, united in mission," Pope Leo XIV invites us to support over 1,000 local mission territories in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and Latin America. Please keep all missionaries in your daily prayers and give generously. To learn more or donate online, visit diocesefwsb.org/pontifical-mission.

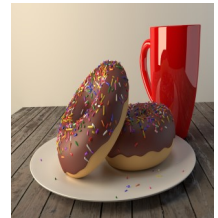


The Holy Family Parish Statue Visitation

The statue of the Holy Family will be passing through families of both parishes, beginning on the 27th of this month, until the Feast of the Holy Family. After Christmas families are encouraged to sign up and indicate interest, as it is expected to stay only for one week in each family. We intend to be dedicated our homes with the love, virtues, and protection of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Coffee and Donuts

Sunday October 18th there will be coffee and donuts after 9:15am Mass at St. Catherine's. Please join us for fellowship.



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.

2026 Once A Knight Foundation Annual Smoker

Saturday October 17th -7PM-Midnight- under the tent at Bishop Luers School near football practice field. Join us for Mass at Bishop Luers Chapel at 5:45PM. Tickets are available pre-sale at all Home Football Games as well as at the event that night. This is a great night of food- fellowship – and College football! Funds go to Luers Athletics. For more information or tickets call Jeff Stanski 704-4485 or Mick Palmer 437-7849.

Trunk or Treat

Get those creative juices flowing! \$25 gift cards will be awarded to the adult with the best costume and the best decorated car. Trunk-or –Treat will be on October 25th following the 9:15 Mass at St. Catherine Hand out candy and have a good time!

October

October 15,22,29 Senior Dinners at 12pm
please RSVP to Gretchen at 403-0365.

October 11,25 Religious Education Classes at St
Catherine 7:45-9am

October 18,25 Religious Education Classes at St.
Joseph 9:30-10:45am

October 13,20,27 Knit Chicks 1-3pm at St. Jo-
seph

October 18 Coffee and donuts at St. Catherine
after 9:15 am Mass

October 18 World Mission Sunday

October 27 Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph
after 8am Mass until 6pm

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Thank you to all who have given so gener-
ously to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. If
you have not made a donation yet there
is still time. Please mail, drop in collection
basket or stop at parish office to make
your donations. Parish office hours are
Monday-Friday 9am-3pm. Thank you!

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 dis-
cerning 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 invita-
tion 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 pa-
trons, Mary, the Immaculate Conception, and St.
Matthew.

Amen.

St. Joseph All Saints Day Procession

All Students are invited to dress up as their
favorite Saint and process in with Father Eu-
stace at the beginning of the 11 am mass on
November 1. Costumes do not have to be
elaborate and may include an object/symbol
for their saint. Mark your calendars now and
join us on this special occasion! Please con-
tact Ingrid Mattes with any questions.



Fidelis & Fraternus
Tuesdays from 6:30 – 8:30
6th – 12th graders



Over 20 dads visited Fraternus last week. Please contact
us if you'd like to attend an upcoming meeting.



**Candlelight Rosary at
Fidelis Summer Camp
(next Fidelis retreat - Oct 24th - 25th)**

Grow friendships at weekly meetings & retreats.

More info at: fidelis@seasfw.org or fraternus@seasfw.org

Prayers for St. Catherine's

Sheryl Winters Julie Kelly Cayce Cobb

Alan Bogg George & Judy Young Carol Ness

Shirley Smith Jackson Longenbaugh

Beau Craft Alberta Nix

Prayers for Deacon Dan Father Eustace and all for-
mer priests at St. Catherine's.

Pray for those that have passed before us, the home-
bound and the ill.

For Prayer request please call Carol Greulich 260-609
-5269

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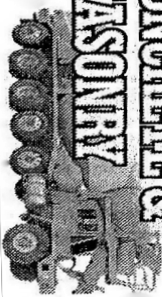
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