

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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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 18, 2026

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Oct 19	(SJ)	8:00 AM	No Mass	Fr. Eustace day off
Tuesday	Oct 20	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Mary Beth Brough Tippmann	Denise Roudebush
Wednesday	Oct 21	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Dan Yoder	Larry & Denise Zembala
Thursday	Oct 22	(SC)	6:00 PM	Chet Krasienko	Mr. & Mrs. Mark Trabert
Friday	Oct 23	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Steve Byalll	Dan & Kathleen Wisel
Saturday	Oct 24	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Patricia Witte	Larry Zembala
Saturday	Oct 24	(SJ)	4:00 PM	Linda Pulver	Carolyn, Joe, Doug, Melissa, Andy , Ron & Larene
Sunday	Oct 25	(SJ)	7:30 AM	Margaret Schnepp	Mr. & Mrs. Steve Herber
Sunday	Oct 25	(SC)	9:15 AM	Jim & Carol Young	John & Stacey Young
Sunday	Oct 25	(SJ)	11:00 AM	For the People	
(SJ) St. Joseph (SC) St. Catherine					

	Cantor	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Ushers	Servers
Oct 24 (SJ) 4:00 PM	J. Root	S. Keller	B. Keller/J. Girardot/T. Donahue	D. Dietsch/J. Osterholt	Volunteers
Oct 25 (SJ) 7:30AM	B. Deckard	L. Zembala	T. Barfell/A. Kasper/M. Smith	J. & J. Haifley	Volunteers
Oct 25 (SC) 9:15 AM	J. Kehmeyer	K. Scheumann	C. Greulich/J. Hinen	D. Hinen/J. Hinen	R. Trabert/V. Hesting
Oct 25 (SJ) 11:00AM	K. Kehmeyer	I. Mattes	A. & A. Yaney/L. Smart	M. Horn/M. Avila	N. Didier

Oct 25 Contribution Counter I. Mattes J. Abbott
C. Close

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

Prayers for St. Joseph's

Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Robert Kehmeyer and the Kehmeyer family.

George G. Martha Marie Betty Tim

Micki Sharon Toni Don Heit Don Kathy Carol

Doug Pat Jean Jackie Patty Patsy

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.

ST. Joseph Facebook Page

St. Joseph's has a facebook page! Please visit us at **St. Joseph Catholic Church - Roanoke, Indiana** and help us promote our parish!

Flocknotes Sign-up

To sign up for Flocknotes text stacutis to 84576 & follow the directions.

Fr. Eustace's Column



Theme: Give to Caesar What Belongs to Caesar

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, today's readings invite us to reflect on our responsibilities to God and to the world in which we live.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah reminds us that God can use anyone to accomplish His divine purpose, even someone who does not fully know Him. God used Cyrus, a pagan king, to fulfill His plan (Isaiah 45:1, 4–6). This teaches us that God's power is not limited by human expectations.

In the second reading, St. Paul praises the Thessalonians for their faith, love, and endurance. Their lives remind us that genuine Christianity is not merely about what we profess with our lips, but how faithfully we live out our faith every day (1 Thessalonians 1:2–5).

In the Gospel, the Pharisees attempt to trap Jesus with a question about paying taxes to Caesar. Jesus sees through their hypocrisy and responds with these famous words: **"Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God"** (Matthew 22:21).

Dear friends, Jesus' answer goes beyond paying taxes. It challenges us to examine our loyalties and ask ourselves: *Who truly governs my life—God or the world?* Yes, we have responsibilities to our country, our families, our communities, and the laws of the land. We must be honest citizens, responsible workers, and people who contribute to the common good. But our earthly responsibilities must never make us abandon our heavenly calling.

When Caesar demands what belongs to God, we must have the courage to stand for truth. When the world celebrates dishonesty, we must choose integrity. When society encourages immorality, we must defend our Christian values. When greed becomes fashionable, we must choose generosity. As St. Peter declares, **"We must obey God rather than men"** (Acts 5:29).

But there is an even deeper question in today's Gospel: What belongs to God? The answer is simple: **Everything we are and everything we have ultimately belongs to Him.**

In Genesis 1:27, we learn that we are created in the image and likeness of God. Just as Caesar's image was stamped on the coin, God's image is stamped upon every human person. Therefore, giving to God what belongs to Him means offering Him our hearts, our consciences, our time, our talents, and our entire lives.

My brothers and sisters, we cannot give God our lips on Sunday and give the devil our hearts during the week. We cannot carry the Bible in our hands while carrying hatred, dishonesty, and unforgiveness in our hearts.

The question is not simply whether we pay our taxes to Caesar, but whether we give our lives to God.

Let us ask ourselves today: Am I giving God the place He deserves in my life? Are my choices guided by the Gospel or by worldly pressure? Am I using my gifts to serve God and humanity, or only to serve myself?

May the Lord give us the wisdom to fulfill our earthly responsibilities without betraying our heavenly citizenship, and the courage to choose His will even when the world chooses otherwise.

Remember: Caesar may have a claim on your coin, but God has a claim on your heart. Give Caesar what belongs to Caesar, but never deny God what belongs to God. Amen. Fr. Eustace

St. Catherine's Harvest Breakfast

St. Catherine's Harvest Breakfast will be November 8, 2026 after the 9:15 AM Mass. Please use the sign-up sheet in the back of church to indicate how many will attend and type of food you plan to provide. As always, this breakfast is a great opportunity to socialize with fellow parishioners and enjoy great food. Questions, call Teresa Flora, 260-224-3161.

Prayers for St. Catherine's

Sheryl Winters Julie Kelly Cayce Cobb

Alan Bogg George & Judy Young Carol Ness

Shirley Smith Jackson Longenbaugh Debbie York

Beau Craft Alberta Nix Mike Woenker

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.

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

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.

Week of October 11, 2026	St. Catherine	St. Joseph
Weekly Budget Goal:	$2,335.12	$5,881.65
Adult Envelopes	$1,176.00	$1,810.00
Online Giving	$45.00	$2,396.00
Offertory Income Loose	$128.00	$489.00
Preservation-Building	$230.00	$590.00
Votives	$34.00	$74.00
World Mission	$20.00	$5.00

Right to Life Baby Shower

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

Knights of Columbus

There will be a Knights of Columbus meeting Wednesday October 21st at 6:30pm in St. Joseph basement.

Parade of Saints

Children of all ages are invited to dress up as a saint and participate in a procession before Mass on November 1, 2026. Children will meet in the church hall at 8:30am. We will have saint costumes available to wear or the child can bring their own saint costume. The saint program will start around 8:45in church before Mass. Everyone is invited to come early to Mass to see the "Parade of Saints." Any question call Jane Trabert 609-8360

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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Saint Catherine and Saint Joseph form one faith community, and we would love to see *St. Catherine parishioners join in the many blessings offered in Adoration.* Please call Nancy Rodgers at 260-432-8223 (landline) or 260-271-3414 to sign up for any time slot between 8:30 a.m. And 5:30 p.m. Children are welcome, for Jesus Himself said, "Let the little children come unto me" (Matthew 19:14).



Adoration is Tuesday October 27th, after the 8am Mass until 6pm.

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

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

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

October 20,27 Knit Chicks 1-3pm at St. Joseph

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

October 18 World Mission Sunday

October 21 Knights of Columbus meeting at 6:30pm at St. Joseph

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

November

November 1,8,15,22 Religious Education Classes at St Catherine 7:45-9am Religious Education Classes at St. Joseph 9:30-10:45am

November 2 Rosary meeting at St. Joseph at 6pm

November 3,10,17,24 Knit Chicks 1-3pm at St. Joseph

November 5,12,19 Senior Dinners at 12pm please RSVP to Gretchen at 403-0365.

November 7 Rosary recitation before 4pm Mass at St. Joseph

November 18 Knights of Columbus meeting at 6:30pm at St. Joseph

November 22 Collection for Human Development

November 23 Rosary meeting at St. Catherine 6pm

November 24 Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph after 8am Mass until 6pm

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.

St. Joseph All Saints Day Procession

All Students are invited to dress up as their favorite Saint and process in with Father Eustace 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 contact Ingrid Mattes with any questions.

Thanksgiving Food Drive – Knights of Columbus

From **October 24 through November 22**, our Knights of Columbus council will be collecting canned and boxed food items to help those in need in our community. Donation baskets will be available in both church vestibules. Please consider donating nonperishable food items to help make Thanksgiving a little brighter for our neighbors in need.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

40 Days for Life

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

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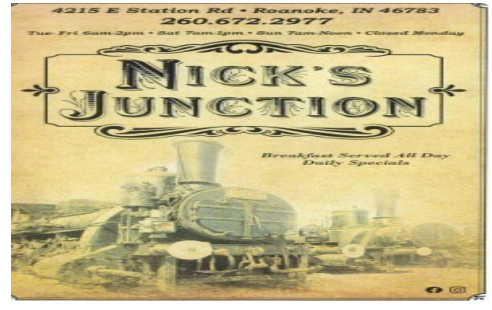

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