



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.

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Sunday 9:15 am

Holy Days See Schedule

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 4, 2026

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Oct 5	(SJ)	8:00 AM	No Mass	Fr. Eustace day off
Tuesday	Oct 6	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Intention of Larry Zembala	
Wednesday	Oct 7	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Jim Reed	Anita Brinker & Maryanne
Thursday	Oct 8	(SC)	6:00 PM	Robert Hinen	Mr. & Mrs. Don Greulich
Friday	Oct 9	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Ginny Bauer	Mr. & Mrs. Dan Wisel
Saturday	Oct 10	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Eileen Herber	Mr. & Mrs. Steve Herber
Saturday	Oct 10	(SJ)	4:00 PM	For the People	
Sunday	Oct 11	(SJ)	7:30 AM	Henry Hinen	Kurt Kehmeyer
Sunday	Oct 11	(SC)	9:15 AM	Ralph Hinen	Vicky Davenport
Sunday	Oct 11	(SJ)	11:00 AM	Swanson & Magner Families	Mr. & Mrs. Erik Magner

(SJ) St. Joseph (SC) St. Catherine

	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Servers</u>
Oct 10 (SJ) 4:00 PM	K. Kehmeyer	K. Schneider	C. & S. Close	T. & B. Dwyer	Volunteers
Oct 11 (SJ) 7:30AM	B. Deckard	D. Snodgrass	T. Winans/M. Smith	M. Trevino/A. Baker	Sorg Family
Oct 11 (SC) 9:15 AM	J. Kehmeyer	J. Hilligoss	C. & D. Greulich	We Trabert/J. Trabert	R. Ness/K. Brown
Oct 11 (SJ) 11:00AM	M. Glenn	M. Zwick	I. Mattes/L. Smart	A. Herber/D. Meitzler	I. & K. Herber

**Oct 11 Contribution Counter V. Moring J. Poiry
T. Winans**

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

For the Repose of the Souls of Barbara, Michelle, Jack, Alice and Paul and their families.

Bob Kehmeyer Cathy B. David Karen Magdich
Carol Jessica L. G. M. Peggy Carissa

For our parish to be more abundantly Blessed in witness and prayer for the entire 40 days for Life than ever. Our parish day is quiet witness and prayer is Friday October 6 from 1-6. Adoration that same day for the cause of Life following the 8 am Mass until noon.

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.

Fr. Eustace's Column



WORK FOR SPIRITUAL EXCELLENCE

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, today the Word of God reminds us that **we are God's vineyard**. God has planted us, cared for us, blessed us, and entrusted something precious into our hands. Therefore, He expects us to bear good and excellent fruit.

In the first reading, Isaiah describes Israel as the Lord's vineyard. God prepared everything necessary for the vineyard to flourish, but instead of good grapes, it produced wild grapes. In the Gospel, Jesus gives us a similar image: the owner carefully prepared his vineyard and entrusted it to tenants, but when he came looking for fruits, they refused to give him what belonged to him.

The question for us today is simple: **What kind of fruit is my life producing for God?**

St. Paul tells the Philippians: "*Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable... think about these things*" (Phil 4:8). In other words, **do not settle for spiritual mediocrity. Work toward excellence in your relationship with God and with others.**

God has deposited something beautiful in every one of us. He has given us life, faith, talents, opportunities, relationships, and time. He does not expect us to be perfect, but He expects us to **keep growing and bearing fruit**.

Spiritual excellence means choosing forgiveness when hatred is easier; choosing honesty when lying is convenient; choosing prayer when distractions are everywhere; choosing kindness when others are unkind; choosing responsibility when nobody is watching; and choosing holiness even when the world tells us that holiness is unnecessary.

Jesus says, "*By their fruits you will know them*" (Matthew 7:16). Our Christianity must therefore be visible in the way we live.

Let us ask ourselves today:

Am I producing good fruit in my family?

Am I producing good fruit at my workplace?

Am I producing good fruit in my parish and community?

And, most importantly, am I producing good fruit in my relationship with God?

Dear friends, **God has invested too much in us for us to live ordinary and fruitless lives**. Let us not disappoint the One who has entrusted His vineyard to us.

May our lives produce the fruits of **faith, love, forgiveness, patience, generosity, honesty, service, and holiness**.

And when the Lord comes looking for the fruits of His vineyard, **may He find in us not excuses, but excellence; not empty leaves, but abundant fruit**.

Amen **Fr. Eustace**

Rosary Meeting

Rosary meeting will be at St. Joseph on Monday October 5th at 6pm.

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 September 20, 2026	St. Catherine	St. Joseph
Weekly Budget Goal:	\$2,335.12	\$5,881.65
Adult Envelopes	\$1,089.00	\$1,560.00
Online Giving	\$45.00	\$3,974.00
Offertory Income Loose	\$112.00	\$499.00
Preservation-Building	\$0.00	\$1,595.00
Votives	\$33.00	\$85.00
Catholic Universities	\$0.00	\$5.00
Holy Day	\$0.00	\$5.00

Right to Life Baby Shower

St. Joseph's will be having a Right to Life Baby shower in the month of October. 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. Our two parishes will have a special day of prayer on Tuesday, Oct. 6, with adoration at St. Joseph in the morning and a sidewalk prayer vigil in the afternoon outside the Ft. Wayne Planned Parenthood office. Details will be included in future bulletins.



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



Please join us, we welcomed new members
each week during September!



Fraternus Excursion September 2026

Grow friendships at weekly meetings & retreats.

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

Bourbon & Bags Bingo

Join us Saturday, October 10 at Bishop Luers High School for Bourbon & Bags Bingo, an evening filled with bingo, bourbon, fabulous bags, great prizes, and plenty of Luers Spirit. Doors Open: 5:30 p.m. Bingo Begins: 6:30 p.m. Learn more and register at www.bishopluers.org.

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.

Knights of Columbus Council #1014

On **Sunday, October 4th, at 4:00pm**, the Knights of Columbus Council #1014 is hosting the **18th Annual Living Rosary**, at the Huntington County Right to Life Memorial Monument, in the Grotto area behind St. Mary Church. The community is invited to pray together for an end to abortion and to honor all the babies who died in abortions while waiting to be born. There is parking on Warren Street, as well as in the church lot on Jefferson St. The public is encouraged to attend.

Thank You

Dear St. Catherine's Catholic Church Congregation

Thank you all for the continued, generous donations of non-perishable food to our food pantry, and for your continued support of the SVDP Food Pantry at St Paul of the Cross, and the neighbors we serve. Your donations help fight hunger in our area, and bring hope during times when they need it the most. When so many families are struggling with the high cost of rent, groceries, and basic necessities, your kindness provides more than assistance-it offers encouragement, dignity, and the reassurance that someone cares. Over the past year, the SVDP Conference of St. Paul of the Cross has helped more than 6,000 neighbors and your generosity plays a vital role in meeting that need. We appreciate your support in helping us move forward with the mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. With gratitude, Susan Jansen, Treasurer.

October

October 8,15,22,29 Senior Dinners at 12pm
please RSVP to Gretchen at 403-0365.

October 4,11,25 Religious Education Classes at
St Catherine 7:45-9am

October 4,18,25 Religious Education Classes at
St. Joseph 9:30-10:45am

October 5 Rosary meeting at St. Joseph at 6pm

October 6,13,20,27 Knit Chicks 1-3pm at St. Joseph

October 6 Eucharistic Adoration after 8am Mass
until 12pm. Prayer vigil in afternoon from 1pm
to 6pm outside Planned Parenthood Office.

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

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.

Prayers for St. Catherine's

Sheryl Winters Julie Kelly Cayce Cobb

Alan Bogg George & Judy Young Carol Ness

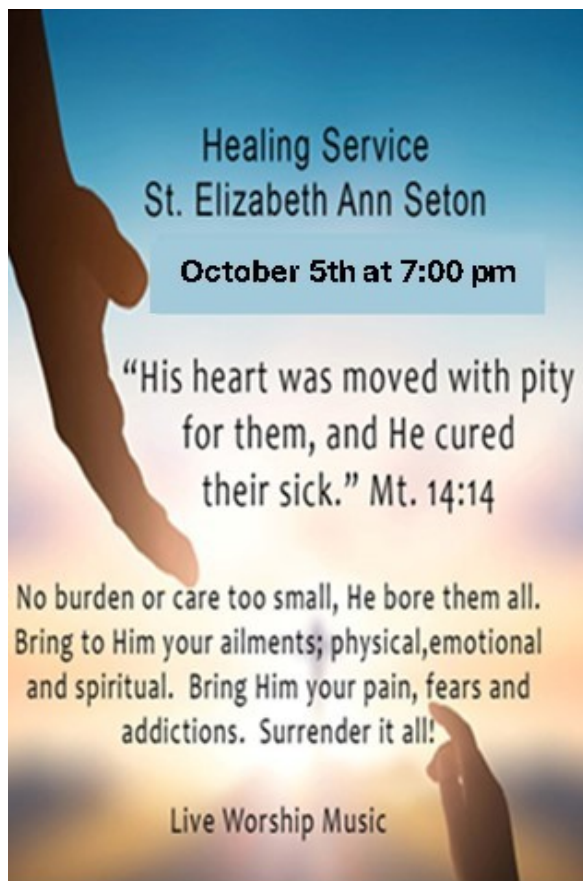
Shirley Smith Jackson Longenbaugh

Beau Craft Alberta Nix

Prayers for Deacon Dan Father Eustace and all 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



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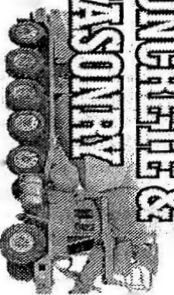
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