

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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Secretary: Mrs. Pam Reust — Phone: (260) 672-2838
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St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church
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Mailing Address:
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Roanoke, IN 46783

Mass Times
Sunday 9:15 am
Holy Days See Schedule

Confessions can be heard by appointment.

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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 8, 2026

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Nov 9	(SJ)	8:00 AM	No Mass	Fr. Eustace day off
Tuesday	Nov 10	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Linda Pulver	Carolyn, Joe, Doug, Melissa, Andy , Ron, Larene
Wednesday	Nov 11	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Liv. & Dec. Keith Sanders Family	Mr. & Mrs. Keith Sanders
Thursday	Nov 12	(SJ)	6:00 PM	John Frantz Family	Mr. & Mrs. John Frantz
Friday	Nov 13	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Oneta Bader	Mrs. Gay Hinen
Saturday	Nov 14	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Mabel Wright	Mr. & Mrs. Donald Wright
Saturday	Nov 14	(SJ)	4:00 PM	Keith Kryder	Keith Kryder Family
Sunday	Nov 15	(SJ)	7:30 AM	Jack Ocken	Amy Ocken
Sunday	Nov 15	(SC)	9:15 AM	Gilbert Coonrod	Mr. & Mrs. Wally Trabert
Sunday	Nov 15	(SJ)	11:00 AM	For the People	

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

	Cantor	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Ushers	Servers
Nov 14 (SJ) 4:00 PM	J. & J. Abbott	C. Close	J. & C. Osterholt/M. Kemp	D. Dietsch/R. Kaufman	Volunteers
Nov 15 (SJ) 7:30AM	B. Deckard	S. Herber	T. Barfell	T. & A. Sorg	Sorg Family
Nov 15 (SC) 9:15 AM	J. Kehmeyer	C. Greulich	J. Hinen/T. Rivas	Ky Trabert/We Trabert	M. Hesting/E. Cerna
Nov 15 (SJ) 11:00AM	K. Kehmeyer	M. Zwick	R. Neher/L. Smart/K. Pleus	A. Herber/M. Avilla	I., K. & K. Herber

Nov 15 Contribution Counter V. Moring J. Poiry
T. Winans

Prayers for St. Catherine's

Sheryl Winters Julie Kelly Cayce Cobb Carol Ness

Alan Bogg George & Judy Young Deedee Felger

Shirley Smith Jackson Longenbaugh Debbie York

Beau Craft Alberta Nix Mike Woenker

Tommy Duffy David Pressman

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

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!

Prayers for St. Joseph's

Christine Sharon Patsy Pat Mary George Bob

Dick Diane Special Intentions Don Heit

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.

Thank You

Thank you so much for all the baby things you gifted the Women's Care Center which I am so grateful for you thinking of our moms & babies. We are expecting 1,222 babies in the next few months so your gifts will be quickly put to use! Bless you,

Anne

Flocknotes Sign-up

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

Fr. Eustace's Column



Theme: Be Part of the Five Wise Virgins

Dearest in Christ, today's readings remind us that our journey to heaven requires wisdom, vigilance, and spiritual preparedness.

Growing up in the 1980s and 1990s, I remember how seriously many people took their spiritual lives. One biblical passage that deeply challenged me was the Gospel of the ten virgins. It made me realize that some people may miss the kingdom of heaven, not because they never believed in God, but because they became careless about the salvation of their souls.
In today's Gospel (Matthew 25:1–13), the five wise virgins prepared their lamps with sufficient oil, while the foolish ones were unprepared. All ten were virgins, all carried lamps, and all awaited the bridegroom. Yet, only five were ready when he arrived. **Beloved, it is not enough to begin the journey of faith; we must persevere until the end.**

The first reading reminds us that wisdom is found by those who earnestly seek her (Wisdom 6:12–16), while St. Paul encourages us to live with hope in the resurrection and eternal life (1 Thessalonians 4:13–18).
My dear friends, nobody can pray your way to heaven for you. Your parents, priests, friends, and loved ones can support you, but **nobody can borrow you their holiness, faith, or spiritual preparedness.** We must each take responsibility for our souls.

Therefore, let us examine ourselves: Is the oil of prayer, love, forgiveness, repentance, and good works burning in our lamps? Or have we allowed sin, pride, worldly pleasures, and spiritual laziness to extinguish our light?

Remember, the bridegroom may come when we least expect him. Do not postpone your conversion until tomorrow, for tomorrow is not promised to anyone.

My take-home message: Keep your lamp burning, guard your soul, persevere in holiness, and live each day prepared to meet the Lord.

May the Holy Spirit grant us the wisdom of the five wise virgins, that when Jesus comes, we may enter with Him into the eternal wedding feast. Amen. **Fr. Eustace**

Christmas Trees

St. Joseph and St. Catherine will be assisting children from Catholic Charities this Christmas season. Tags will be on the trees in the vestibules the weekend of November 14-15. All gifts must be new. Do not the wrap any gifts. All gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 6. If you have any questions please contact Tim or Shirley by phone or text at 260 -615-2302.

CALL OUT FOR CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKERS

The Rosary Society needs your help filling the tables with treats for the St. Joseph Ultimate Cookie Walk! Please bake your favorite Christmas cookie recipe and drop off your homemade cookies at the Parish Hall on Friday, December 4, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. All proceeds will be donated to charity. Then, come to the sale on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to select from the wonderful assortment. Our goal is to sell 250 dozen cookies!

We need your help! Please use the sign up sheet in the vestibules if you wish to bake. You may contact Sara Smart at 260-433-3346 with any questions. Thank you for supporting our parish event!



Week of November 1, 2026	St. Catherine	St. Joseph
Weekly Budget Goal:	$2,335.12	$5,881.65
Adult Envelopes	$1,300.00	$2,520.00
Online Giving	$45.00	$2,474.00
Offertory Income Loose	$133.00	$496.00
Preservation-Building	$40.00	$940.00
Votives	$11.00	$73.00
Holy Day	$115.00	$248.00
Cemetery	$250.00	$190.00
Catholic Charities	$0.00	$20.00

Wreaths Across America

This Christmas, help us ensure that every veteran resting in **St. Joseph and St. Catherine Cemeteries** is remembered and honored.
We have identified **45 veteran graves at St. Joseph Cemetery** and **27 at St. Catherine Cemetery**, for a total of **72 veterans** who deserve our remembrance.
Ceremony will be at 12 Noon on December 19th at Roanoke American Legion, followed by placing the wreaths.
For just **$17 per wreath**, you can help us honor their service and sacrifice. Please consider sponsoring one or more wreaths and helping us reach our goal of covering every identified veteran's grave.
Sponsor a wreath today: Return a donation in the next collection basket, marked for "Wreaths Across America".
Remember the Fallen. Honor Those Who Serve. Teach the Next Generation.





Children dressed as Saints from St. Catherine & St. Joseph Parish.



November

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

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

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

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

November 17 First Reconciliation 6pm at St. Joseph

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

November 19 First Reconciliation after 6pm Mass at St. Catherine's

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

St. Catherine's Harvest Breakfast

St. Catherine's Harvest Breakfast will be November 8, 2026 after the 9:15 AM Mass. As always, this breakfast is a great opportunity to socialize with fellow parishioners and enjoy great food. Questions, call Teresa Flora, 260-224-3161.

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!

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.

Advent Confessions

Confessions will be held at St. Catherine's December 17th after 6pm Mass. Confessions will be held December 18th at St. Joseph's starting at 6:30 pm.

Join us for the St. Joseph Ultimate Holiday Cookie Walk

Our Cookie Walk will be a festive, self-serve event for the whole community. Just grab a container, stroll the tables, and fill a box with delicious homemade Christmas cookies weighed by the pound! Arrive early for the best selection—sold until we run out!

Host: St. Joseph Roanoke Rosary Society

When: Saturday, December 5, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Where: Parish Hall (641 N. Main St., entrance on 6th Street.)

All proceeds will be donated to charity.

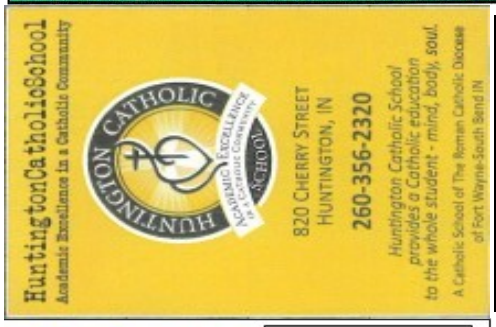


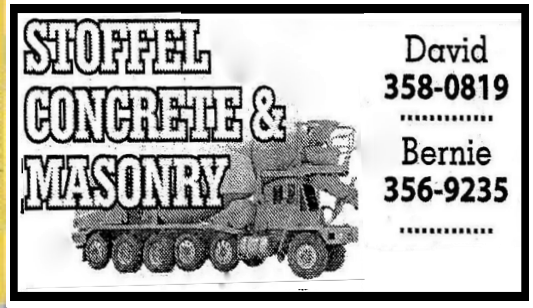




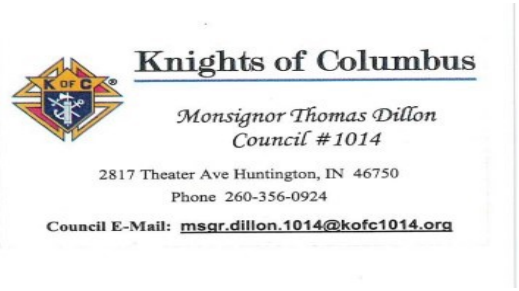
















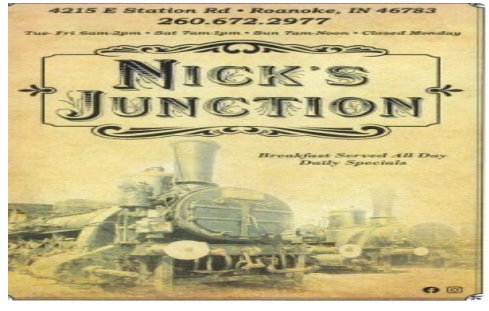












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