

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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Deacon: The Rev. Mr. Daniel Avila

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St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church

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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-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 23, 2026

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Aug 24	(SJ)	8:00 AM	No Mass	Fr. Eustace day off
Tuesday	Aug 25	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Linda Pulver	Phil & Nancy Grote
Wednesday	Aug 26	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Irene Hinen	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kehmeyer
Thursday	Aug 27	(SC)	6:00 PM	Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. John Hilligoss	
Friday	Aug 28	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Tackett	
Saturday	Aug 29	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Intention of Mr. & Mrs. Rob Neher	
Saturday	Aug 29	(SJ)	4:00 PM	Carole Ocken	Amy Ellet
Sunday	Aug 30	(SJ)	7:30 AM	For the People	
Sunday	Aug 30	(SC)	9:15 AM	Walter & Julia Trabert	Mr. & Mrs. Wally Trabert
Sunday	Aug 30	(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>
Aug 29 (SJ) 4:00 PM	J. & J. Abbott	S. Keller	B. Keller/M. Kemp	J. Osterholt/D. Dietrich	Volunteers
Aug 30 (SJ) 7:30AM	B. Deckard	D. Snodgrass	K. Walter/M. Smith	B. King/D. Walter	Sorg Family
Aug 30 (SC) 9:15 AM	J. Kehmeyer	J. Hilligoss	S. & G. Hesting/P. Trabert	L. Lickey/M. Trabert	R. Ness/J. Trabert
Aug 30 (SJ) 11:00AM	B. Beam	K. Pleus	M. & B. Savieo	J. & N. Didier	A. & I. Didier

**Aug 30 Contribution Counter D. Didier P. Carteaux
M. Sanders**

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)

Prayers for St. Joseph's

Prayers for the Repose of the Soul of Benji Johnson and consolation for his family and all those that loved him.

Bob Kehmeyer Crew Goodwin Sharon

For all the people in Indiana and Midwest experiencing damage from the storms and flooding.

For those assisting family members and undergoing changes in living situations and a Blessed transition for a family member that is relocating.

Prayers for Adoration to the Sacred Heart to flourish (and for more to sign up this weekend for Adoration on August 25) and more devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary then ever!

For God's healing for all that have been abused and for the abusers to come to God seeking His Mercy and transformation.

For God's Mercy for all away from the faith especially before passing and for their family and friends.

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.

For more information go to:



stjosephroanoke.org



stcatherineparish.org

Fr. Eustace's Column

Theme: Who Is Jesus Christ to Me?

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

For every serious Christian, the question, **“Who is Jesus Christ to me?”** may appear simple. But when we look deeply into our hearts, it becomes a very challenging question. It is not enough to know *about* Jesus; we must ask whether we truly **know Him, love Him, and follow Him.**



In today's Gospel, Jesus asks His disciples, *“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”* They gave different answers. But Jesus then made the question personal: **“But who do you say that I am?”**

Peter answered with faith: **“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”** This was more than a correct answer; it was a profession of faith. Jesus then entrusted Peter with the keys of the Kingdom, assuring us that He will never abandon His Church.

This should make us pause and ask ourselves: **Who is Jesus to me?** Is He only the one I call upon when I am in trouble? Is He only the one I come to worship on Sunday? Or is He truly my Lord, my Savior, my hope, and the center of my life?

St. Paul reminds us in the second reading that **God's wisdom is beyond human understanding.** Therefore, we must learn to trust God even when we do not understand His ways. And Isaiah reminds us that whatever authority, responsibility, or blessing we possess comes from God and should be received with **humility and gratitude.**

Dear friends, knowing who Jesus is must change how we live. If Jesus is truly the Christ, then He deserves our trust, our obedience, our repentance, and our whole heart.

Today, let us not only answer Peter's question with our lips. **Let us answer it with our lives.**

Jesus, You are my Lord, my Savior, and my hope. Help me to know You more deeply, follow You faithfully, and never be ashamed to belong to You.

St. Catherine's Website

St. Catherine's website is now up & running. Please check it out at: www.stcatherineparish.org

Religious Education Classes

Religious Education Classes will begin August 23 in both of our parishes. 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.

OCIA Inquiry Sessions Next Two Weekends

After all the Masses the next two weekends in both parishes, members of the OCIA team will be available to take questions about the process for entering or re-entering the Catholic Church that will start in September. These inquiry sessions offer the opportunity to learn more about the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). Is the Holy Spirit prompting you? Come and see what it's all about!

Missioncare August 22-23

Dear friends in Christ,

Fr. Anthony Agyemang-Bonsu is coming. I represent MISSIONCARE-USA.

We are a Catholic mission outreach serving vulnerable children in rural parts of Nigeria, offering support through education, clean water, and nutrition.

In the coming weekend, I will celebrate the Eucharist with you and share our mission story.

Your prayers and generosity help God's children stay in school and grow in hope. Thank you for your willingness to bring mercy and lasting change through this mission appeal. Remain Blessed

Bible Study

Continuing Bible Study on Genesis Chapters 14-34, starts September 3rd and ends December 3rd. We meet every other Thursday. We will meet in the church basement 6:30-8:00 PM. There is no cost. If you have questions please contact Chuck Close (214-287-0914). There are sign up sheets at church entrances.

Week of July 26, 2026	St. Catherine	St. Joseph
Weekly Budget Goal:	\$2,335.12	\$5,881.65
Adult Envelopes	\$1,005.00	\$2,049.00
Online Giving	\$245.00	\$2,459.00
Offertory Income Loose	\$114.00	\$493.00
Preservation-Building	\$0.00	\$3,255.00
Votives	\$25.00	\$69.00
Holy Day	\$15.00	\$185.00
Catholic Universities	\$0.00	\$25.00

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..



Cabrini | Trailer

From Alejandro Monteverde, award-winning director of Sound of Freedom, comes the powerful epic of Francesca Cabrini, an Italian immigrant who arrives in New York City in 1889 and is greeted by disease, crime, and impoverished children. With broken English and poor health, Cabrini builds an empire of hope unlike anything the world had ever seen.

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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.

Central Catholic High School Alumni Luncheon

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Classic Catering Center, 2832 Hillegas Road

Doors open 11:00 a.m. Luncheon served at 12:00 pm

Reservations please by August 30 Contact: Debby Andrews 260-466-5280 Luncheon - \$20.00 per person. Choices: Swiss Steak with potatoes and gravy, green beans OR Strawberry Chicken Salad. Both served with pie, coffee, lemonade or iced tea.

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 August 25 after the 8am Mass until 6pm.



August

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

August 22-23 Missioncare USA

August 25 Pastoral Council at 6pm at St. Joseph Parish Hall

August 25 Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph after 8am Mass until 6pm

September

September 7 Rosary meeting at St. Joseph 6:30pm

September 8 St. Catherine Pastoral Council meeting at 6pm

September 13, 20 27 Religious Education Classes at St Catherine 7:45-9am and Religious Education Classes at St. Joseph 9:30-10:45am.

September 13 St. Catherine's Picnic at 3pm

September 20 St. Joseph's Picnic at 3:30pm

September 20 Donuts & coffee after 9:15am Mass at St. Catherine

September 21 Rosary meeting at St. Catherine at 6pm

September 22 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.

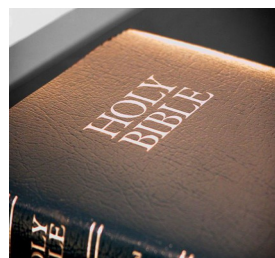
Save the Date for the Picnic

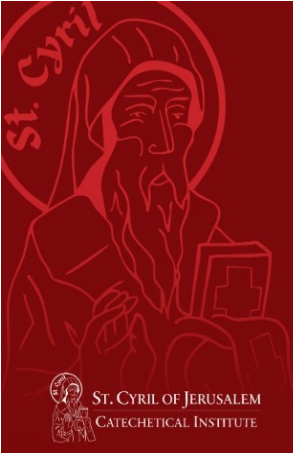
The St. Joseph Parish Picnic will be on Sunday, Sept. 20 from 3:30-6:00 p.m. We will serve grilled hot dogs and hamburgers; please bring a side to share. Sign-ups for attendance and volunteering will be available on Aug. 29. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Rumsey at 260-417-5660.



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) ingridmattesdre@gmail.com for Questions or register.





Registration for the Fall 2026 term is now open!

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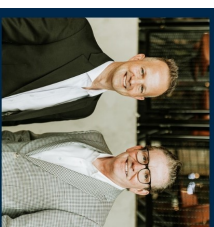
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