



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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 13, 2026

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Sep 14	(SJ)	8:00 AM	No Mass	Fr. Eustace day off
Tuesday	Sep 15	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Linda Pulver	Carolyn, Joe, Doug, Melissa, Andy, Ron, Larene
Wednesday	Sep 16	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Olga Arceo	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Arceo
Thursday	Sep 17	(SJ)	6:00 PM	Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Steve Perolio	
Friday	Sep 18	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Steve Byall	Dan & Kathleen Wisel
Saturday	Sep 19	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Intentions of Larry Zembala	
Saturday	Sep 19	(SJ)	4:00 PM	Jeffrey Close	Chuck & Susie Close
Sunday	Sep 20	(SJ)	7:30 AM	Dan Shaffer	Jackie Shaffer
Sunday	Sep 20	(SC)	9:15 AM	Ralph Hinen	Randy Hinen
Sunday	Sep 20	(SJ)	11:00 AM	For the People	

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

	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Servers</u>
Sep 19 (SJ) 4:00 PM	J. Root	C. Close	J. Girardot/T. Donahue/T. Barfell	T. & B. Dwyer	Volunteers
Sep 20 (SJ) 7:30AM	K. Kehmeyer	J. Haifley	T. Winans/K. Walter/A. Kasper	T. & A. Sorg	Sorg Family
Sep 20 (SC) 9:15 AM	J. Kehmeyer	C. Trabert	P. & K. Trabert/G. Hesting	W. Trabert/D. Hinen	R. Ness/R. Trabert
Sep 20 (SJ) 11:00AM	M. Glenn	I. Mattes	K. Pleus/P. Mattes/R. Ne-	T. & L. Smart	B. & J. Pleus

Sep 20 Contribution Counter I. Mattes J. Abbott
C. Close

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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

Bob Kehmeyer David Pressman Pat Sharon

Mike Penny Jackie Jean Tom R. Carol Frank

For 40 days of Life to help bring about conversion from abortion.

For our political leaders to respond to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and for our parish to be more fervent than ever with prayer and witness.

For those away from the Faith to joyfully return and all who are being called to come to OCIA to respond to the Holy Spirit.

For all with dementia and other chronic illnesses and their care takers.

For Adoration and Devotion to the Blessed Mother to flourish more than ever.

Prayers in constant Thanksgiving to God and all in need of healing in God's Merciful Will.

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.

Fr. Eustace's Column



Theme: When Is Forgiveness Enough?

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We live in a world where hatred, anger, jealousy, selfishness, greed, betrayal, lying, cheating, and broken promises have wounded many hearts. Sometimes the deepest wounds come not from strangers, but from people we trusted—family members, friends, or colleagues.

And so, like Peter in today's Gospel, we ask Jesus: **“Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?”**

Peter thought seven times was already generous. But Jesus answered: **“Not seven times, but seventy-seven times.”** In other words, **forgiveness has no limit.**

The first reading from Sirach gives us the reason: *“Remember your last days, and set enmity aside.”* Remember that one day we too will stand before God. If we expect God to forgive our sins, we must learn to forgive those who have sinned against us.

Jesus is not saying that the wrong does not matter. He is teaching us that **we must not allow another person's wrongdoing to poison our hearts.** For forgiveness does not mean pretending that nothing happened. It means refusing to allow hatred to have the final word.

Sometimes we say, *“Father, I can forgive, but I can never forget.”* Perhaps we may remember the wound, but forgiveness means that **the wound no longer controls our heart.** We stop seeking revenge. We stop wishing evil upon the person. We place justice in God's hands and ask Him to heal us.

St. Paul gives us another powerful reason: **“None of us lives for oneself.”** (Romans 14:7). We belong to one another. The Christian life cannot be lived with a heart permanently locked in resentment.

And Jesus makes this even clearer in the Gospel through the servant who was forgiven a great debt but refused to forgive a much smaller debt. The master became angry and said, in effect: **“I forgave you all that debt. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow servant?”**

Brothers and sisters, **how much has God forgiven you and me?** If God has been patient with us, who are we to refuse patience to another?

Three lessons for us today:

1. **Forgive because you too need forgiveness.**

Before pointing at another person's sin, remember your own weaknesses and the mercy God has shown you.

2. **Forgiveness is a decision before it becomes a feeling.**

You may still hurt after forgiving. Pray, *“Lord, I am not yet able to forget this pain, but I choose to forgive. Heal my heart.”*

3. **Do not carry yesterday's wounds into tomorrow.**

Resentment can become a prison. Forgiveness sets the heart free. Sometimes the person we need to forgive most is the person whose offense we have been carrying for years.

Dear friends, **when is forgiveness enough?** Jesus' answer is: **do not count.**

As often as you are hurt, return to mercy. As often as you fall, seek God's forgiveness. As often as someone hurts you, ask God for the grace to forgive.

Because at the end of our lives, we will not be asked how many people defeated us, offended us, or hurt us. We will be asked whether **we learned to love as Christ loved us.**

Let us therefore pray:

“Lord Jesus, remove from my heart every hatred, resentment, and desire for revenge. Give me the grace to forgive as You have forgiven me. Heal my wounds, soften my heart, and make me an instrument of reconciliation. Amen.” Fr. Eustace

St. Henry's Truck

St. Henry's truck will be here Saturday September 19 at 1pm & will be picked up at noon on Sunday September 20th . Please fill the truck up. Let us fill up the truck with used clothing, house-hold items and furniture. Please no broken electronics. Declutter your life and make a difference in someone else's.



St. Catherine's Picnic

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. Please plan on coming and join the fun and fellowship! For questions, please call Carol Greulich (260) 609-5269

Week of September 6, 2026	St. Catherine	St. Joseph
Weekly Budget Goal:	\$2,335.12	\$5,881.65
Adult Envelopes	\$790.00	\$2,789.00
Online Giving	\$1,045.00	\$2,469.00
Offertory Income Loose	\$201.00	\$407.00
Preservation-Building	\$50.00	\$3,403.00
Votives	\$24.00	\$45.00
Catholic University	\$0.00	\$20.00
Catholic Communications	\$0.00	\$5.00
Missioncare	\$0.00	\$548.00

Join the fun of the St. Joseph Parish Picnic! Meet your fellow parishioners and share time with family and friends, all while enjoying food, games for the kids, prizes and entertainment.

Sunday, Sept. 20, 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Dinner will be served at 4:00 p.m.)

Check-in on 6th St. and receive your raffle ticket. Enjoy a hamburger or hotdog along with a variety of sides and desserts, while kids join the children's activities. Plus, listen to musicians play your favorites.

RSVP: Please use the sign up sheets in the vestibules at church to sign up to attend by writing your family name, number attending and what food dish you will bring. Last name begins with A-J brings: salad or vegetable; K-S: side dish; T-Z: dessert.

Volunteers: Please consider spending 30 minutes during the event to volunteer to run games for the kids, attend to the food tent, set up, clean up, among other activities. Volunteer sign up sheets can be found in the vestibules in the back of the church.

You may also contact Barb Rumsey at 260-417-5660 to sign up.

Sandwich boards/Sign up tables outside



Also, Sandwich boards will be displayed outside each side of the doors reminding parishioners to attend/volunteer.

Celebrate Your Wedding Anniversary

Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th or 70th wedding anniversary are invited to join Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades for a special Anniversary Mass this fall. Masses will be celebrated on SUN, Sept. 27, 11:30am at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. Anniversary couples will receive a commemorative certificate and two complimentary tickets to reception following Mass. Learn more and register at diocesefwsb.org/anniversary-masses

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 September 22, after the 8am Mass until 6pm.

September

September 17, 24 Senior Dinners at 12pm
please RSVP to Gretchen at 403-0365.

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 16 Knights of Columbus meeting 6:30pm at St. Joseph church basement

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

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the Roanoke Inter Church Council's Food Pantry located at the Seminary Methodist Church. The food pantry is open from 5-6 pm on the first and third Tuesdays and 10-11am on the second, fourth and fifth Tuesdays. If you are able to give one hour or more a month to the food pantry or would like more information, please call/text Pat O'Brien 734 512 3615. We always work in groups of at least 2 volunteers. Thank you for your consideration.

Coffee and Donuts

St. Catherine's will have coffee & donuts September 20th after 9:15am Mass.



 **Fidelis & Fraternus**
Tuesdays from 6:30 – 8:00 pm

The first Fraternus excursion is next weekend!

We've had a great start with many new members joining us.
Come and try a meeting on Tuesday!
If you're ready to join, scan the QR code below:

 **FIDELIS**  **FRATERNUS**

Weekly meetings & retreats allow for friendships that support you in becoming the young woman or young man that God is calling you to be.

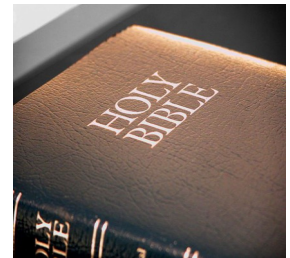
PRAYER FOR SYNOD 2026

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.

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.



Prayers for St. Catherine's

Sheryl Winters Ariel Scieska Julie Kelly

Darwin Zumbrun Debbie York Cayce Cobb

Sharon Ruhe Sister Maria Alan Bogg

George & Judy Young Shirley Smith

Beth Lahr Jackson Longenbaugh

Carol Ness Sharon Hesting

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.

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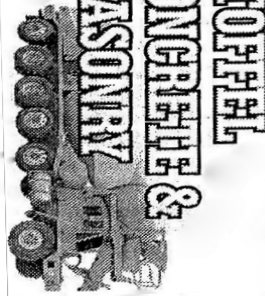
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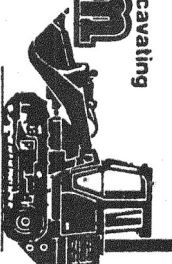
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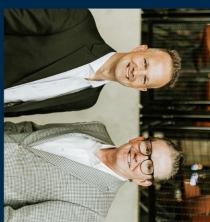
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