



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

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Holy Days See Schedule

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 20, 2026

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Sep 21	(SJ)	8:00 AM	No Mass	Fr. Eustace day off
Tuesday	Sep 22	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Linda Pulver	Myra & Marina Katovich
Wednesday	Sep 23	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Beulah Eschbach	Robert & Kim Eschbach
Thursday	Sep 24	(SC)	6:00 PM	Wilma Kumfer	Mr. & Mrs. Mark Trabert
Friday	Sep 25	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Intentions of Larry Zembala	
Saturday	Sep 26	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Liv. & Dec Jack & Carole Ocken Family	Amy Ellet
Saturday	Sep 26	(SJ)	4:00 PM	For the People	
Sunday	Sep 27	(SJ)	7:30 AM	Walter Kehmeyer	Kurt Kehmeyer
Sunday	Sep 27	(SC)	9:15 AM	Gaylen (Ed) Smith	Shirley Smith
Sunday	Sep 27	(SJ)	11:00 AM	Jim Reed	Anita Brinker & Maryanne Buchea
(SJ) St. Joseph (SC) St. Catherine					

	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Servers</u>
Sep 26 (SJ) 4:00 PM	K. Kehmeyer	S. Keller	B. Keller/ K. Schneider	R. Kaufman/D. Di-etsch	Volunteers
Sep 27 (SJ) 7:30AM	D. O'Brien	C. Herber	M. Smith/T. Barfell	J. & J. Sorg	Sorg Family
Sep 27 (SC) 9:15 AM	J. Kehmeyer	J. Trabert	R. Ness/T. Rivas/K. Trabert	Ky. Trabert/A. Trabert	J. Hesting/V. Hesting
Sep 27 (SJ) 11:00AM	B. Beam	Al. Yaney	M. & B. Savieo	An. Yaney/M. Horn	N. Didier

**Sep 27 Contribution Counter B. Keller C. Snodgrass
K. Sanders**

Prayers for St. Joseph's

Bob Kehmeyer Don Sharon Penny Pat
Carol Garland Patsy Gorman Kathy

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 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 Adoration on September 22 to be more attended than ever and for the whole world to draw closer to the Lord.

For those away from the Faith to joyfully return.

For the parish picnic on Sunday 9/20 to bring us all closer to the love of God we share than ever.

For all struggling with addictions and other serious illnesses to be healed.

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: Position Yourself for a Hire

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as we gather for this weekend's celebration, the Word of God gives us a challenging invitation: **Position yourself for a hire.**



In today's Gospel, the landowner goes out at different hours of the day looking for workers. Some are hired early in the morning, others later, and even some at the last hour. Yet, at the end of the day, the landowner gives each one the same wage.

What is Jesus teaching us?

God is always looking for people who are ready to work in His vineyard. The question is not simply, "*What will I gain?*" but rather, "*What am I willing to give?*"

Many of us are interested in God's blessings, but we sometimes forget God's work. We want the reward, but we do not want the sacrifice; we want the harvest, but we do not want to labor.

The prophet Isaiah reminds us in the first reading: "**My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways.**" God's justice is greater than our calculations. His generosity is not measured by human standards.

St. Paul challenges us in the second reading to **conduct ourselves in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ.** In other words, our Christian life must show that we belong to Christ.

Dear friends, **the vineyard is the Church, the world, our families, our communities, and every place where God has placed us.** Every day, God asks us: "*What are you doing in my vineyard?*"

Perhaps you have been standing idle because of fear. Perhaps you think it is too late. Perhaps you believe you have nothing to offer. Today's Gospel says: **It is never too late to respond to God's call.**

Three practical lessons

1. Position yourself for God's call.

Live in such a way that when God calls, you are ready. Prayer, Mass, confession, charity, forgiveness, and service keep us spiritually prepared.

2. Stop comparing your reward with another person's reward.

The workers who came early complained because those who came later received the same wage. Do not allow comparison to steal your joy. God knows your labor, your sacrifice, and your heart.

3. Work while there is still time.

None of us knows how much time remains. Do not postpone conversion, forgiveness, service, or reconciliation. **The invitation is today.**

Dear brothers and sisters, God is still passing through the streets of our lives looking for workers. **Will He find us ready?**

Let us not spend our lives standing idle while the vineyard of the Lord needs our hands, our hearts, our prayers, and our witness.

And when our earthly day is finished, may the Master find us faithful and say:

"Well done, good and faithful servant."

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

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 13, 2026	St. Catherine	St. Joseph
Weekly Budget Goal:	\$2,335.12	\$5,881.65
Adult Envelopes	\$1,115.00	\$1,285.00
Online Giving	\$245.00	\$2,561.00
Offertory Income Loose	\$97.00	\$464.00
Preservation-Building	\$200.00	\$585.00
Votives	\$27.00	\$61.00
Catholic Communications	\$60.00	\$30.00

Parish Picnic is this Sun., Sept. 20 from 3:30-6:00 p.m.

No need to RSVP, just come and join the fun of the St. Joseph Parish Picnic! Gather to meet your fellow parishioners, share time with family and friends.

Festivities begin at 3:30 p.m. (Dinner will be served at 4:00 p.m.) and clean up begins at 6:00 p.m.

Check-in on 6th St. and receive your family's raffle ticket for prizes, enjoy a hamburger or hotdog along with a variety of sides and desserts, kids can join the children's activities, plus listen to musicians play your favorites. See you at the picnic Sunday!

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. See the full-page bulletin insert this week listing 10 reasons to join the fall campaign.

Rosary Meeting

St. Catherine will have a Rosary meeting September 21st at 6pm.

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

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.

Announcement

St. Catherine's ABA hold this Sunday 20th of September while St. Joseph holds next Sunday 27th. Please let's continue to play our supportive roles as faith people.

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

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

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

October

October 1,8,15,22,29 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 18 Coffee and donuts at St. Catherine after 9:15 am Mass

October 27 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.

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 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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE 10 REASONS TO JOIN YOUR LOCAL VIGIL

1. You'll save lives. 40 Days for Life vigils have saved more than 26,000 lives—that we know of! Former abortion workers report that when somebody shows up to pray outside an abortion facility, the no-show rate can go as high as 75%.

2. To bring healing and mercy to those who have suffered the trauma of abortion. Many Christians keep quiet about abortion out of fear that women who have abortion will feel judged. But many who have had abortions say they feel more condemned by silence. Your loving witness can be the first sign of mercy after abortion.

3. You can foster conversions. More than 275 abortion workers have left their jobs in the abortion industry in response to a 40 Days for Life vigil.

4. Prayer closes abortion facilities. More than 185 abortion facilities have closed their doors and gone out of business forever following a 40 Days for Life campaign.

5. To make sure abortion-bound babies don't die alone. Even when your presence doesn't save a baby from abortion, it's a powerful act of solidarity. Even if that little girl or boy is aborted on your watch, that little girl or boy was loved because you were there. And that simple act of prayer and witness might be the only act of love that child receives in his or her short time on this earth.

6. You'll grow spiritually. More than 90% of 40 Days for Life participants report experiencing spiritual growth through their involvement.

7. To serve as the conscience of your community. Abortion thrives in the shadows. Your peaceful, prayerful witness exposes the tragedy of abortion and makes it impossible for your community to simply look away.

8. It's just the beginning. The impact of a 40 Days for Life campaign is rarely limited to the 40 days. Prayer on the sidewalk has led to numerous long-term fruits, including new pregnancy help centers, educational efforts, and year-round 40 Days for Life 365 vigils.

9. To obey God. "Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter" (Proverbs 24:11).

10. You could end abortion in your community. Nearly 100 cities have seen their LAST abortion facility close following a 40 Days for Life campaign.

BONUS REASONS

- The time outside will boost your vitamin D.
- Meet new friends...or even your future spouse!
- Become an expert on how to dress for the weather!



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