



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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 27, 2026

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Sep 28	(SJ)	8:00 AM	No Mass	Fr. Eustace day off
Tuesday	Sep 29	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Linda Pulver	Myra & Marina Katovich
Wednesday	Sep 30	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Jim Reed	Kurt Kehmeyer
Thursday	Oct 1	(SJ)	6:00 PM	Steven Josephson	Dan & Teresa Flora
Friday	Oct 2	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Intentions of Larry Zembala	
Saturday	Oct 3	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Bill Ehner	Marie Ehner
Saturday	Oct 3	(SJ)	4:00 PM	Brandi McDonald	Chuck & Susie Close
Sunday	Oct 4	(SJ)	7:30 AM	Brandon McDonald	Chuck & Susie Close
Sunday	Oct 4	(SC)	9:15 AM	George & Phylliss Ness	Tim & Tom Ness
Sunday	Oct 4	(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>
Oct 3 (SJ) 4:00 PM	J. & J. Abbott	K. Quickery	M. Kemp/T. Donahue	B. & J. Harrison	Volunteers
Oct 4 (SJ) 7:30AM	K. Kehmeyer	S. Herber	K. Walter/A. Kasper	B. King/D. Walter	Sorg Family
Oct 4 (SC) 9:15 AM	J. Kehmeyer	C. Greulich	P. & K. Trabert	M. Trabert/B. Trabert	R. Trabert/W. Scheumann
Oct 4 (SJ) 11:00AM	K. Kehmeyer	An. Yaney	Al. Yaneyt/M. Zwick	J. & N. Didier	A. & I. Didier

Oct 4 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)

For more information go to:



stjosephroanoke.org



stcatherineparish.org

Prayers for St. Joseph's

Bob Kehmeyer Don Sharon Penny Pat
Carol Garland Patsy Gorman Kathy Mike
Jean Jackie Crew Dot Kate Kim Mary Ella
John Atkinson Diana Paul D. L. R. Jane

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.

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: God Has Never Given Up on You—So Don't Give Up on Yourself

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The readings today place before us a very important reality: **repentance, forgiveness, and the unfailing patience of God.** God never gives up on us. Therefore, we must never give up on ourselves.

The first reading from the prophet Ezekiel reminds us that our past does not have to determine our future. If a sinner turns away from sin and begins to do what is right, God is ready to forgive. The Lord says, *"If the wicked turns away from all the sins he has committed... he shall surely live; he shall not die"* (Ezekiel 18:21).

What a merciful God we have! Perhaps someone here is carrying guilt because of something done in the past. Perhaps you have fallen many times and you are beginning to believe that God is tired of you. **No! God has never given up on you.** As long as you are alive, the door of repentance remains open.

But God's mercy should never become an excuse to remain in sin. **Repentance must be genuine.** We cannot continue deliberately doing what is wrong while claiming that God will always forgive us. God's mercy calls us to conversion.

In the second reading, St. Paul presents Jesus as our model of obedience and humility: *"He humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross"* (Philippians 2:8). True repentance requires humility. We must be able to say, **"Lord, I was wrong. Forgive me. Help me to change."**

In today's Gospel, the first son initially said **"No"** to his father's request, but later changed his mind and went. The second son said **"Yes,"** but did not go. Jesus teaches us that God is not interested merely in what we say with our lips; **He wants a changed heart and a life that reflects our faith.**

This is where the Gospel challenges each of us. **Which son am I?** Do I say "Yes, Lord" in church but live "No, Lord" outside the church? Have I become comfortable with a particular sin? Have I allowed pride, anger, unforgiveness, dishonesty, lust, greed, or resentment to become part of my life?

Dear friends, **it is never too late to turn back to God.** Your failure is not the end of your story. Your sin is not greater than God's mercy. But you must make the decision to return.



The words of St. John remind us: *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness"* (1 John 1:9).

So today, do not run away from God because you have sinned. **Run back to Him.** Go to confession. Forgive someone. Repair what you have damaged. Leave the sinful relationship. Return to prayer. Come back to Mass with a renewed heart.

God has never given up on you. Please, don't give up on yourself.

May we have the courage to say today:
"Lord, I am sorry. I want to change. Give me the grace to begin again."

Amen. **Fr. Eustace**

Our heartfelt thanks for a wonderful Parish Picnic

We extend our gratitude to Barb Rumsey for her leadership in organizing a delightful and prosperous Parish picnic. Barb's planning, organizational skills, creativity, and teamwork were truly commendable. She guided the Rosary Group and its members in organizing this successful event for our parish family. Thank you, Barb, and your team for all your hard work.

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	\$1,150.00	\$1,890.00
Online Giving	\$45.00	\$2,095.00
Offertory Income Loose	\$171.00	\$494.00
Preservation-Building	\$15.00	\$860.00
Votives	\$18.00	\$88..00
Catholic Communications	\$100.00	\$20.00

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

Announcement

St. Catherine's ABA will be held this Sunday 20th of September while St. Joseph will be held next Sunday 27th. Please let's continue to play our supportive roles as the faithful..

Rosary Meeting

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

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.



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



We have visitors each week, so join us Tuesday!
Dinner will be provided!



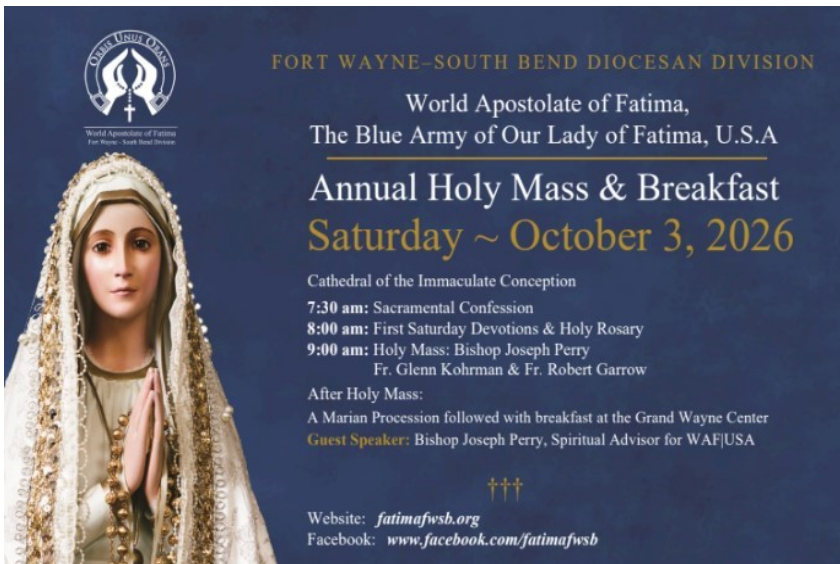
Preparing gift bags for the needy last week.

Grow friendships at weekly meetings & retreats.

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

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.



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Saturday ~ October 3, 2026

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8:00 am: First Saturday Devotions & Holy Rosary
9:00 am: Holy Mass: Bishop Joseph Perry
Fr. Glenn Kohrman & Fr. Robert Garrow

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September

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

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 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 27 Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph after 8am Mass until 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.

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

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

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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