

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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St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church

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Mass Times

Sunday 9:15 am

Holy Days See Schedule

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 6, 2026

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Sep 7	(SJ)	8:00 AM	No Mass	Fr. Eustace day off
Tuesday	Sep 8	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Linda Pulver	Terry & Darlene Leitz
Wednesday	Sep 9	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Liv. & Dec. Keith Sanders Family	Mr. & Mrs. Keith Sanders
Thursday	Sep 10	(SC)	6:00 PM	Bob Hinen & Walter Trabert Sr	Mr. & Mrs. Kirk Trabert
Friday	Sep 11	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Jim Reed	Don & Mary Heit
Saturday	Sep 12	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Perolio	
Saturday	Sep 12	(SJ)	4:00 PM	Keith Kryder	Chris & Janet Tyner
Sunday	Sep 13	(SJ)	7:30 AM	For the People	
Sunday	Sep 13	(SC)	9:15 AM	Ruth Ann Coonrod	Mr. & Mrs. Wally Trabert
Sunday	Sep 13	(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>
Sep 12 (SJ) 4:00 PM	K. Kehmeyer	K. Schneider	C. & S. Close	D. & P. Wright	Volunteers
Sep 13 (SJ) 7:30AM	B. Deckard	L. Zembala	C. & D. Snodgrass	P. Cler/M. Fedorcak	Volunteers
Sep 13 (SC) 9:15 AM	J. Kehmeyer	K. Scheumann	C. & D. Greulich/J. Hilligoss	K. Trabert/B. Trabert	M. Hesting/K. Brown
Sep 13 (SJ) 11:00AM	K. Kehmeyer	M. Ely	M. Zwick/I. Mattes	D. Meitzler/M. Avila	A. & I. Didier

**Sep 13 Contribution Counter P. Mattes S. Close
B. Miller**

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 David Pressman Patsy Gorman

Kate T. Mike Sharon MaryAnn K. Penny Pat

Nancy Edna Carol James Sheila

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

For God's precious children (old and young) to have the beautiful love and respect they deserve.

For all who the Lord desires to be invited and sign up for OCIA and continued blessing on those who will be called to come forth.

For 40 days of Life to be the most successful in our response to prayer and witness ever.

For our political leaders to respond to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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 the Thursday bible study to be abundantly Blessed.

For Prayer request please call Susie Close at 214-587-0915.

Fr. Eustace's Column

Theme: We Owe Each Other the Debt of Forgiveness and Reconciliation

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today, the Church reminds us of a debt that every Christian owes: **the debt of love, forgiveness, and reconciliation.**

In the first reading, God tells Ezekiel that he has a responsibility to warn the sinner. We must never be silent when someone is walking away from God. Sometimes, loving someone means having the courage to tell them the truth—not to condemn them, but to help them return to the right path.

St. Paul tells us in the second reading: **“Owe no one anything, except to love one another.”** Love is the greatest debt we can never finish paying.

Then Jesus gives us a practical way of dealing with those who hurt us. He says, *“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.”* Notice that Jesus does not say, “Go and tell everybody.” He says, **go to the person.**

How often do we do the opposite? Someone hurts us, and instead of speaking to the person, we tell our friends, our family, and sometimes even the whole community. Before the person who offended us knows what happened, everybody else already knows!

Jesus teaches us another way: **conversation before condemnation, reconciliation before retaliation, and forgiveness before revenge.**

Think of Joseph in the Book of Genesis. His brothers sold him into slavery and caused him tremendous suffering. Yet when Joseph had the opportunity to punish them, he chose forgiveness. He told them, *“You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good.”* (Genesis 50:20).

Think also of the father of the prodigal son. His son had hurt him, wasted his inheritance, and walked away. But when the son returned, the father did not say, “You must first suffer for what you have done.” He ran to embrace him.

And above all, look at Jesus on the Cross. Those who crucified Him had caused Him unimaginable pain, yet He prayed: **“Father, forgive them.”**

Dear friends, forgiveness does not mean that what someone did was right. **Forgiveness means refusing to allow another person's wrongdoing to poison our hearts.** Reconciliation does not always mean returning to the same relationship or ignoring boundaries. It means choosing peace instead of hatred and leaving room for healing.



Today, let us ask ourselves: **Who have I refused to forgive? Whom have I stopped speaking to? Whose name still causes anger in my heart?**

Perhaps Jesus is saying to us today: **Go and make peace. Pick up the phone. Say, “I am sorry.” Say, “I forgive you.” Take the first step.**

Life is too short to carry the heavy burden of hatred. One day, we will stand before God, and the only debt He will ask us about is the debt of love.

May God give us the grace to forgive as we have been forgiven, to reconcile as Christ reconciled us, and to love even when it is difficult. Amen. Fr. Eustace

LITURGICAL MINISTERS' SCHEDULE ANNOUNCEMENT

It's that time again when the next Liturgical Ministers' schedule needs to be created. This next schedule will include the months of October through January.

Won't you please consider becoming more involved by volunteering to be a Eucharistic Minister, Usher, Lector, Cantor, or server? It is important, and an honor, to be an active part of the masses here at St. Catherine's.

We are especially in need of Altar Servers ... Training will be provided. Please note that ADULTS can be altar servers.

If you are interested in becoming more involved in the masses at St. Catherine's, please contact Carla Trabert, 213-1360, or e-mail at trabwaca6@yahoo.com by September 11th.

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

Week of August 30, 2026	St. Catherine	St. Joseph
Weekly Budget Goal:	\$2,335.12	\$5,881.65
Adult Envelopes	\$1,075.00	\$1,825.00
Online Giving	\$45.00	\$3,726.00
Offertory Income Loose	\$98.00	\$498.00
Preservation-Building	\$20.00	\$1,765.00
Votives	\$27.00	\$95.00
Catholic University	\$30.00	\$75.00

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



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.



September

September 8 Rosary meeting at St. Joseph
6:30pm

September 8 St. Catherine Pastoral Council
meeting at 6pm

September 10 Senior Dinners at 12pm please
RSVP to Gretchen at 403-0365.

September 13, 20 27 Religious Education Clas-
ses at St Catherine 7:45-9am and Religious Edu-
cation 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. Jo-
seph after 8am Mass until 6pm

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.

Rosary Meeting

Rosary meeting at St. Joseph Tuesday Sep-
tember 8 at 6:30pm.

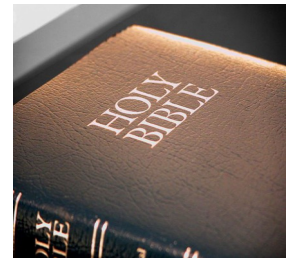
PRAYER FOR SYNOD 2026

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 dis-
cerning 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 invita-
tion 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 pa-
trons, 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 Edu-
cation 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.



St. Henry's Truck

St. Henry's truck will be
here at 1pm on Saturday
September 19th & leave
on Sunday September
20th after 11am Mass.
Please fill the truck up.
Let us fill up the truck
with used clothing,
house-hold items and
furniture. Please no bro-
ken electronics. De-
clutter your life and
make a difference in
someone else's.



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



Welcome to new and returning members!
September is a great time to come and try a meeting,
many are joining now as the year begins.

If you're ready to join, scan the QR code below:

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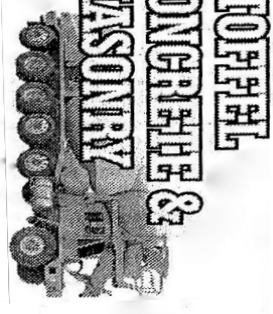
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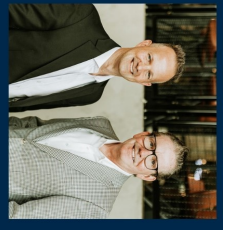
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