



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.

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Mass Times

Sunday 9:15 am

Holy Days See Schedule

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 16, 2026

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Aug 17	(SJ)	8:00 AM	No Mass	Fr. Eustace day off
Tuesday	Aug 18	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Dee Cler	Phil Cler
Wednesday	Aug 19	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Jim Reed	Anita Brinker & Maryanne Buchea
Thursday	Aug 20	(SJ)	6:00 PM	Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Perolio	
Friday	Aug 21	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Intentions of Larry Zembala	
Saturday	Aug 22	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Wally Johnson	Mr. & Mrs. Larry Nix
Saturday	Aug 22	(SJ)	4:00 PM	Dorothy Pequignot	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Eschbach
Sunday	Aug 23	(SJ)	7:30 AM	Joan Richards & Janet Hinen	Kurt Kehmeyer
Sunday	Aug 23	(SC)	9:15 AM	Julia Trabert & Joan Hinen	Mr. & Mrs. Kirk Trabert
Sunday	Aug 23	(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>
Aug 22 (SJ) 4:00 PM	J. & J. Abbott	B. Eherenman	J. Girardot/K. Schneider	M. Eherenman/R. Kaufman	Volunteers
Aug 23 (SJ) 7:30AM	K. Kehmeyer	S. Herber	A. Kasper/T. Winans	P. Cler/M. Fedorcak	Sorg Family
Aug 23 (SC) 9:15 AM	J. Kehmeyer	C. Greulich	R. Ness/C. & D. Greulich	Ky Trabert/A. Trabert	J. Hesting/V. Hesting
Aug 23 (SJ) 11:00AM	M. Glenn	P. Mattes	I. Mattes/M. Zwick	A. & A. Yaney	N. Didier

**Aug 23 Contribution Counter B. Keller C. Snodgrass
K. Sanders**

Prayers for St. Joseph's

Prayers for the Repose of the Soul of Howard Rumsey (Dave Rumsey's father) and consolation for the Rumsey family and all that loved Howard.

Bob Kehmeyer John and Hilary Didier Jean

Pat Kenneth Stephanie Jackie

For God's healing for all including addictions, pornography, all relationships, and for Holy Marriages.

For all of us to pray that there is someone we can invite to OCIA.

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 Mercy to be received by all especially the dying, and those who are away from Him or do not know Him.

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.

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



Theme: Hope Is Available When We Persist in Prayer

Dear friends in Christ,

Today, Jesus teaches us that **persistent prayer is an expression of deep faith and hope in God**. In the Gospel, the Canaanite woman came to Jesus with a desperate heart, pleading for the healing of her daughter. Though she appeared to be ignored and even tested, **she refused to give up**. She continued to trust and cry out to Jesus.



Her persistence teaches us an important lesson: **when God seems silent, do not conclude that God has abandoned you. Keep praying, keep believing, and keep trusting.**

Sometimes our greatest temptation is to give up when our prayers are not answered immediately. But God may use the period of waiting to deepen our faith, purify our intentions, and bring us closer to Him.

St. Paul reminds us of God's mercy, while Isaiah calls us to remain faithful and obedient to God's word. **When we remain faithful, hope is never lost.**

Perhaps you have been praying for healing, peace, a child, a job, reconciliation, or a breakthrough. Today, Jesus says: **Do not give up. Your tears are seen, your prayers are heard, and your hope is not in vain.**

The Canaanite woman finally heard: **"Great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."**

My brothers and sisters, **persistent prayer changes not only our circumstances; it changes us**. It turns fear into faith, despair into hope, and suffering into an opportunity to draw closer to God.

Do not give up on God. Keep praying. Keep trusting. Keep believing. Your hope is in the Lord. Amen. Fr. Eustace

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 (214-287-1951). There are sign up sheets at church entrances.

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.

We are still in need of a K/1 teacher at St. Catherine Parish. Please contact Ingrid Mattes if you are willing to serve in this role. The class size is small and it is a very rewarding experience to teach our young children about Jesus!

Save the Date

The Rosary Society will have a brunch August 16, 2026 after the 7:30am Sunday Mass. All are welcome. Please mark you calendar and a sign up sheet will be in gathering spaces the weekend of August 8/9. Hope to see you there!

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.

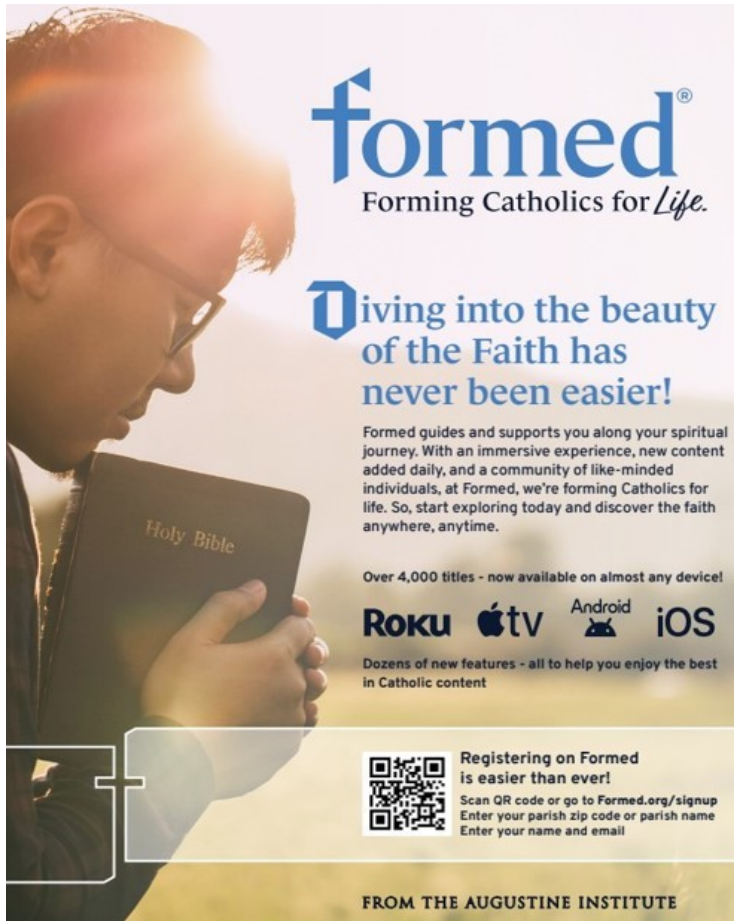
In the coming weekend, I will celebrate the Eucharist with you and share our mission story.

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

Week of July 26, 2026	St. Catherine	St. Joseph
Weekly Budget Goal:	\$2,335.12	\$5,881.65
Adult Envelopes	\$1,095.00	\$3,090.00
Online Giving	\$1,045.00	\$2,174.00
Offertory Income Loose	\$115.00	\$448.00
Preservation-Building	\$220.00	\$110.00
Votives	\$44.00	\$43.00
Holy Day	\$20.00	\$0.00

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..



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FROM THE AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

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.

Bishop Luers Euchre Knight

Join us at the Inaugural Euchre Knight for an evening of friendly competition and fellowship on Saturday, August 22 at Bishop Luers High School! Doors open at 5:30pm, Game Play begins at 6. \$20 per person. Singles format, no partner needed. Concessions available. Register at www.bishopluers.org under the Special Events tab.

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 16 Breakfast after 7:30 am Mass at St. Joseph

August 16 Donuts & coffee after 9:15am Mass at St. Catherine

August 19 Knights of Columbus meeting at 6:30pm in St. Joseph basement

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

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.

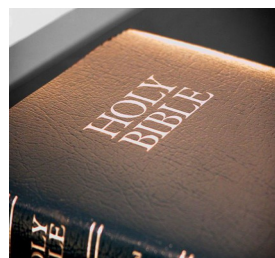
Save the Date for the Picnic

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.



Fidelis & Fraternus

Tuesdays from 6:30 – 8:30
6th – 12th graders



fraternus

Fidelis Sisterhood Youth Group

Grow in Faith. Build Sisterhood. Live Virtuously

KICKOFF NIGHT: August 25th at 6:30pm
Every Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:30 in the Youth Room
All 6th-12th grade girls welcome!

- **Sisterhood & Community:** Build lifelong friendships grounded in truth and joy.
- **Virtue & Faith:** Explore weekly topics that challenge and empower you.
- **Food & Fun:** Enjoy dinner and games with your sisters.

READY TO JOIN US?

Scan the QR code to register or visit fidelissisterhood.org
For questions, contact Kristen at fidelis@seasf.org

If the fee is a burden for your family use FSSO for 50% off or FSI00 for 100% off



Fraternus Brotherhood

- Weekly meetings beginning **Tuesday, August 25th**,
- 6:30-8:30 pm, Enter door #28

READY TO JOIN US?

Scan QR code to **register or visit:**

<https://www.seasf.org/st-elizabeth-fraternus-registration-26-27>

- Questions? Contact: fraternus@seasf.org

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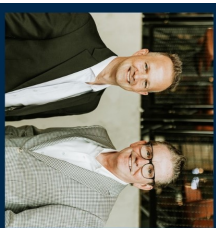


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