



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

Pastor: Father Eustace Okorie

Deacon: The Rev. Mr. Daniel Avila

Secretary: Mrs. Pam Reust

Rel. Education Dir. Mrs. Ingrid Mattes

Director of Music: St. Joseph, Mr. Kurt Kehmeyer Phone: (260) 396-2211

Director of Music: St. Catherine, Ms. Judy Kehmeyer Phone: (260) 396-2617

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9am - 3 pm Monday—Friday

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St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church

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Columbia City, IN 46725

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Mass Times

Sunday 9:15 am

Holy Days See Schedule



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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 2, 2026

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Aug 3	(SJ)	8:00 AM	No Mass	Fr. Eustace day off
Tuesday	Aug 4	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Linda Pulver	Phil & Nancy Grote
Wednesday	Aug 5	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Intentions of Larry Zembala	
Thursday	Aug 6	(SJ)	6:00 PM	Fr. Eustace	Pam Reust
Friday	Aug 7	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Jim Reed	Dan & Kathleen Wisel
Saturday	Aug 8	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Tim Winans	
Saturday	Aug 8	(SJ)	4:00 PM	Keith Kryder	Chris & Janet Tyner
Sunday	Aug 9	(SJ)	7:30 AM	Wally Johnson	Deborah Stoffel
Sunday	Aug 9	(SC)	9:15 AM	Holly Trabert	Liz Cauhorn
Sunday	Aug 9	(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 8 (SJ) 4:00 PM	K. Kehmeyer	K. Schneider	C. & S. Close	B. & J. Harrison	Volunteers
Aug 9 (SJ) 7:30AM	B. Deckard	J. Haifley	T. Winans/T. Barfell	T. & J. Sorg	Sorg Family
Aug 9 (SC) 9:15 AM	J. Kehmeyer	J. Trabert	S. & G. Hesting/R. Ness	J. Hinen/L. Lickey	R. Trabert/R. Landri-gan
Aug 9 (SJ) 11:00AM	B. Beam	M. Ely	A. & A. Yaney	A. Herber/M. Avila	I. & K. Herber

Aug 9 Contribution Counter P. Mattes S. Close
B. Miller

Prayers for St. Joseph’s

Prayers for the Repose of the Soul of Marsha Smith Schenkel (Theresa Barfell’s mother) & those who loved Marsha.

Bob Kehmeyer Mike Gase Tom Penny Jean

Rob (Renee Gase brother) Kathy Patrick Daniel

Prayers for all who are in nursing homes or hospitals or homebound to get good care especially Suzanne and Edan.

Prayers of Thanksgiving for the Knights to be an overflowing Blessing to assist Fr. Eustace and our parish to be the Holiest possible.

Prayers that our spiritual and political leaders respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to guide the nations and our Catholic Church in the world!

Prayers for God’s Mercy to be received and shared by all especially those who are dying, homeless, those who have addictions and away from the Faith and who have rejected God and for all of to be purified.

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



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- Unbaptized
- A baptized non-Catholic
- A baptized Catholic who has not been confirmed

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... Isaac (St. Joseph OCIA 2026)

For more information go to
stjosephroanoke.org



Fr. Eustace's Column

Theme: "You Give Them Something to Eat." (Matthew 14:16)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This Sunday, God invites us into a new dimension of Christian discipleship—the ministry of giving, sharing, and caring for those in need. Christianity is not only about praying, attending Mass, or reading the Bible. It is also about becoming the hands through which God feeds the hungry, comforts the lonely, and restores hope to the broken.



In the first reading, the Lord lovingly invites everyone: **"Come, all you who are thirsty... come and eat without money and without cost"** (Isaiah 55:1). God's generosity knows no limits. He gives freely because His love is unconditional.

St. Paul reminds us in the second reading that **nothing can separate us from the love of Christ** (Romans 8:35-39). If we have truly experienced that love, then we must become instruments of that same love to others.

In the Gospel, the disciples wanted to send the hungry crowd away. But Jesus gave them a surprising command: **"You give them something to eat."** He did not say, "Wait for someone else." He did not say, "They are not your responsibility." He said, **"You."**

Today, Jesus repeats those same words to each of us. Feed someone with food. Feed someone with kindness. Feed someone with forgiveness. Feed someone with your time. Feed someone with encouragement. Sometimes, a listening ear, a phone call, a visit to the sick, or a helping hand can save a life.

The miracle began when a little boy offered his five loaves and two fish (John 6:9). What we think is too little becomes abundant when placed in the hands of Christ. God does not ask us to have everything; He asks us to share what we have.

Dear friends, the world is hungry—not only for bread, but also for love, compassion, and hope. Let us never walk past the poor, neglect the elderly, ignore the lonely, or harden our hearts to those who suffer. As Scripture reminds us, **"Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead"** (James 2:17).

May we leave this Eucharist determined to become bread broken for others, just as Christ has become Bread for us. Then, through our generosity, many will discover the loving face of God.
Amen. **Fr. Eustace**

Fr. Eustace Installation

To the parishes of St. Joseph and St. Catherine Bishop Kevin Rhoades has delegated very Rev. Matt Coonan to represent him for the Mass of installation of Fr. Eustace Okorie as Pastor. The Mass will be Thursday August 6th at St. Joseph at 6pm. Pastoral Council & Finance Committee from both parishes are required to be there for Mass. All parishioners from both parishes are welcome to attend.

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!

Rosary Meeting

There will be a Rosary meeting at St. Joseph's on Monday August 3rd at 6:30pm. All women of the parishes are welcome.

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

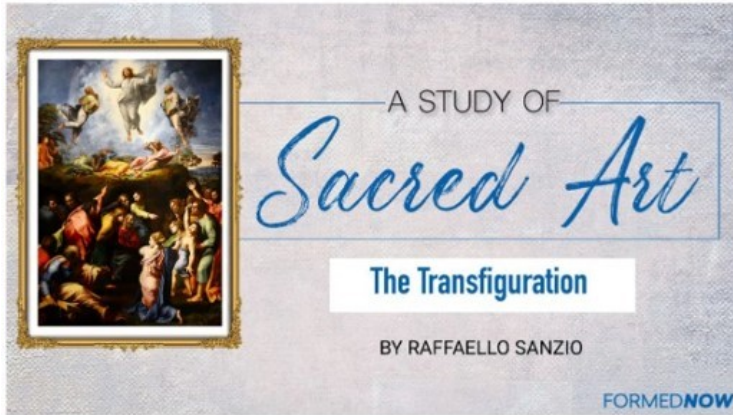
Prayers for Deacon Dan, Father Eustace and all former priests at St. Catherine's.

Pray for those that have passed before us, the homebound and the ill.

Week of July 26, 2026	St. Catherine	St. Joseph
Weekly Budget Goal:	\$2,335.12	\$5,881.65
Adult Envelopes	\$1,019.00	\$1,292.00
Online Giving	\$195.00	\$4,020.00
Offertory Income Loose	\$64.25	\$496.00
Preservation-Building	\$20.00	\$1,505.00
Votives	\$21.00	\$42.00

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..



The Transfiguration | Sacred Art

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with Raffaello Sanzio's painting, "The Transfiguration," to discuss its theological meaning and how it can speak to us today.

Our parish has a free Formed subscription for you! Simply scan the QR code or visit [formed.org/signup](https://signup.formed.org/) to create your account and select our parish to get free access to this content and much more!



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.

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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



SAVE THE DATE

The St. Aloysius Festival is Saturday, August 22 from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. There will be a char-grilled chicken dinner, concessions, children's games, petting zoo, bingo, silent auction and a 50/50 raffle. For more information, visit www.stalyoder.org/festival. Everyone is welcome!

August

August 3 Rosary meeting at St. Joseph 6:30pm

August 6 Fr. Eustace installation Thursday at 6pm
Mass

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 25 Pastoral Council at 6pm at St. Joseph
Parish Hall

August 26 Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph
after 8am Mass until 6pm

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 attend-
ance and volunteering will be available on
Aug. 29. If
you have any
questions,
please contact
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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.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus council 11276, 10444,
17867, and the Charity Softball Game committee
would like to see everyone on August 8th at the
Queen of Angels sports field. Mass starts at
4:00pm and the game starts at 5:45.

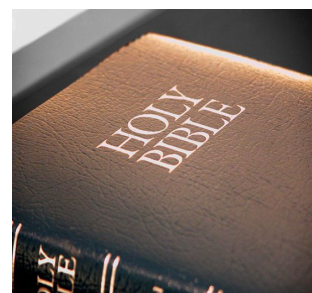
There will be entertainment for the entire family, in-
cluding a silent auction with items such as Notre
Dame football tickets provided by Bishop Rhoades,
many great golf outings, dinner at Eddie Merlot, a
gift basket including Firekeepers Casino and many
other great auction items.

All net proceeds of the charity event go towards
Cancer Services of Northeastern Indiana and Com-
munity Harvest Food Bank

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 Reli-
gious Education Classes
select Sundays from 9:30-
10:45 am. Please text or
email Ingrid Mattes (260-
466-3025)

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tions or register.



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