

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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Deacon: The Rev. Mr. Daniel Avila

Secretary: Mrs. Pam Reust

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St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church

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Mass Times

Sunday 9:15 am

Holy Days See Schedule

Confessions can be heard by appointment.

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 9, 2026

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Aug 10	(SJ)	8:00 AM	No Mass	Fr. Eustace day off
Tuesday	Aug 11	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Liv. & Dec. Keith Sanders Family	Mr. & Mrs. Keith Sanders
Wednesday	Aug 12	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Olga Arceo	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Arceo
Thursday	Aug 13	(SC)	6:00 PM	Mary Greulich	Mr. & Mrs. Don Greulich
Friday	Aug 14	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Linda Pulver	Terry & Darlene Leitz
Saturday	Aug 15	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Jim Reed	Don & Mary Heit
Saturday	Aug 15	(SJ)	4:00 PM	For the People	
Sunday	Aug 16	(SJ)	7:30 AM	Cassandra Kehmeyer	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kehmeyer
Sunday	Aug 16	(SC)	9:15 AM	JoEllen Krasienko	Judy Kehmeyer
Sunday	Aug 16	(SJ)	11:00 AM	Swanson & Magner Families	Mr. & Mrs. Erik Magner

(SJ) St. Joseph (SC) St. Catherine

	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Servers</u>
Aug 15 (SJ) 4:00 PM	J. Root	C. Close	M. Kemp/B. Keller	T. & B. Dwyer	Volunteers
Aug 16 (SJ) 7:30AM	D. O'Brien	C. Herber	K. Walter/M. Smith	J. & J. Haifley	Volunteers
Aug 16 (SC) 9:15 AM	J. Kehmeyer	C. Trabert	P. & K. Trabert/T. Rivas	W. Trabert/D. Hinen	M. Hesting/K. Brown
Aug 16 (SJ) 11:00AM	K. Kehmeyer	I. Mattes	K. Pleus/P. Mattes	T. Smart/D. Meitzler	B. & J. Pleus

Aug 16 Contribution Counter I. Mattes J. Abbott
C. Close

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



Prayers for St. Joseph's

Prayers for the Repose of the Soul of Patty(Elaine's friend) and for all who have passed and for their loved ones.

Bob Kehmeyer Jean Jackie Ann Kathy Karen
Kelly Pat Penny Bob George Don A. Mel Toni

Prayers for healing for all we know and do not know who have been affected by pornography and or are living an unchaste life and for their families. For those away from or have rejected God in their lives to Joyfully accept his love. For all who feel isolated due to illness, loneliness, struggle with addiction or mental illness to be touched by God through us. For God's mercy to be received by all especially those who are dying and those have died and for their loved ones.

Prayers for the nation to accept Jesus as the ultimate King and for the political and spiritual leaders to respond to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

Prayers for all of us, parishioners to pray and invite if guided by the Holy Spirit someone to come to OCIA.

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's Invitation Always Brings Calm

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

One of the greatest blessings we have is knowing that God never abandons His children. Whenever He calls us, His invitation is never meant to destroy us but to bring us peace, healing, and new strength.



In the first reading, Elijah was exhausted, afraid, and running for his life after the threats of Jezebel. Yet God invited him to the mountain, not to condemn him, but to restore him. God did not appear in the wind, the earthquake, or the fire, but in a gentle whisper. This reminds us that God often speaks to us in the quiet moments of prayer, not in the noise of the world.

In the second reading, St. Paul expresses his deep sorrow for his people, showing us that true love is willing to suffer for the salvation of others. A heart rooted in Christ never gives up on people, even when they reject the truth.

In the Gospel, Peter courageously stepped out of the boat at Jesus' invitation. As long as his eyes remained fixed on Christ, he walked on the water. The moment he focused on the storm, fear took over and he began to sink. How often we do the same! We allow fear, financial worries, family problems, sickness, or uncertainty about the future to take our eyes away from Jesus.

The storms of life are real, but Christ is greater than every storm. His invitation is simple: **"Come."** If we trust Him, He will calm not only the storms around us but also the storms within us.

Today, Jesus is inviting each of us to leave behind fear, sin, bitterness, and doubt. He is inviting us to trust Him completely. A person who accepts God's invitation with faith will always discover that His presence brings peace where there was anxiety, hope where there was despair, and courage where there was fear.

May we never be afraid to answer God's call, for every invitation from Him always leads to calm, salvation, and eternal life.

Amen. **Fr. Eustace**

Thank You

Thank you for all who came to Eucharistic Adoration last Tuesday.

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 your 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,

I am *Fr. Andrews Okwan*. I represent MIS-SIONCARE-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	\$1,290.00	\$2,912.00
Online Giving	\$45.00	\$2,726.00
Offertory Income Loose	\$165.10	\$485.00
Preservation-Building	\$65.00	\$300.00
Votives	\$11.00	\$61.00
Holy Day	\$0.00	\$20.00

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 New Eve | Lectio: Mary | Episode 1

The Book of Genesis begins with the story of Adam and Eve, whose sin of disobedience breaks their relationship with God. God does not abandon his people, but gradually prepares them for the coming of his Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus, the promised "seed" of Genesis 3:15 is the "New Adam," and his mother, the promised "woman," is the "New Eve."

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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.

HOPE IN THE STORM MENTAL HEALTH SPIRITUAL SUPPORT GROUPS

WHEN
August 11, 2026 at 7 PM

WHERE
Blessed Fr. Solanus Casey Center
765 Poplar St. Huntington, IN 46750

Our Hope in the Storm Spiritual Support Group provides a safe, welcoming space for individuals navigating mental health challenges, supporting loved ones, or those simply seeking hope & connection. Through faith-filled conversation, prayer, mutual support, & encouragement participants are accompanied in a spirit of compassion & hope. These groups are not therapy but a chance to encounter the healing presence of Jesus Christ in a caring and sup-

CONTACT
dstuart
dstuart@huntingtoncatholic.org

Drew Stuart at
Or 260-224-0522



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.staloyoder.org/festival. Everyone is welcome!

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

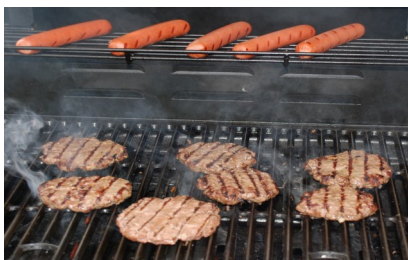
PRAYER FOR SYNOD 2026

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.

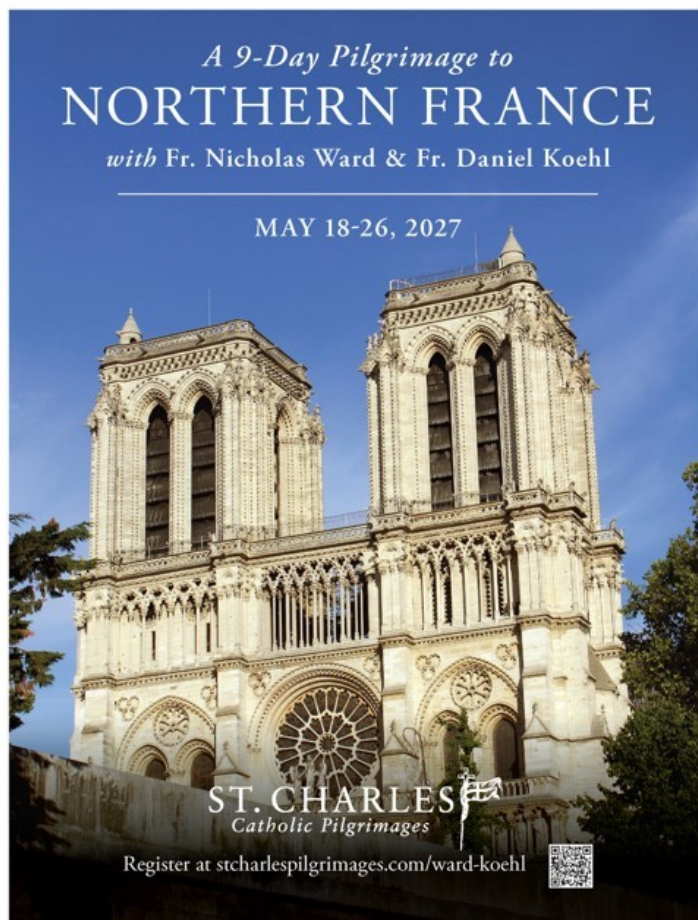
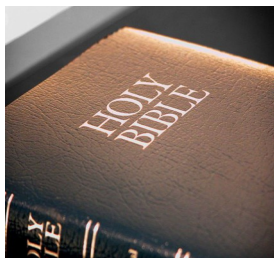
Save the Date for the Picnic

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.



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