



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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Second Sunday of Lent March 1, 2026

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Mar 2	(SJ)	8:00 AM	No Mass	Fr. Eustace day off
Tuesday	Mar 3	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Kate Elward	Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Osterholt
Wednesday	Mar 4	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Ruby Sullivan	Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Hinen
Thursday	Mar 5	(SC)	600 PM	Vincenzo Ceravolo	Mr. & Mrs. Giueseppe Ceravolo
Friday	Mar 6	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Ron Beeckman	Fr. William Kummer
Friday	Mar 6	(SJ)	6:00 PM	Station of the Cross	
Saturday	Mar 7	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Carol & Dee Dee Doehring	Mr. Dennis Doehring
Saturday	Mar 7	(SJ)	4:00 PM	For the People	
Sunday	Mar 8	(SJ)	7:30 AM	Waneta Thomas	St. Joseph Rosary Sodality
Sunday	Mar 8	(SC)	9:15 AM	Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Young	
Sunday	Mar 8	(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>
Mar 7 (SJ) 4:00 PM	K. Kehmeyer	K. Quickery	S. & C. Close/J. Girardot	D. Dietsch/J. Osterholt	Volunteers
Mar 8 (SJ) 7:30AM	B. Deckard	S. Herber	K. Walker/A. Kasper/T. Barfell	B. King/M. Trevino	Sorg Family
Mar 8 (SC) 9:15 AM	J. Kehmeyer	J. Hilligoss	D. & C. Greulich	D. Hinen/J. Hinen	R. Trabert/R. Landri-gan
Mar 8 (SJ) 11:00AM	M. Glenn	An. Yaney	Al. Yaney/P. & G. Brunett	A. Herber/D. Meitzler	I. & K. Herber

Mar 8 Contribution Counter C. Close D. Wright

Prayers for St. Catherine's

Sheryl Winters Ariel Scieska Julie Kelly
 Darwin Zumbrun Debbie York Cayce Cobb
 Sharon Ruhe Jo Hinen Alan Boggs
 Carol Ness George & Judy Young Jeanne Rethlake
 Jackson Longenbaugh

Prayers for Deacon Dan to get lots of rest and keep getting stronger each day since his last hospital stay. We are so glad to hear you are feeling better.

Pray for a good attendance at Stations of the Cross each week during Lent and also the Seder Supper at St. Catherine's

Prayers for all homebound & ill that them may improve

For Prayer request please call Sharon Hesting at 260-503-8054.

Rosary Meeting

There will be a meeting Monday March 23rd at St. Catherine's at 6:00pm. Please note the time change.

Prayers for St. Joseph's

Prayers for the Repose of the Soul of Julie Wildhaber & Karen Marie. Prayers for everyone how loved them.

Jean (Elaine's Cousin) Toni (Elaine's Mother) Xavier
 Kelly Marcie

Prayers for our children and their families within our parish family that are carrying burden of sickness, grief, loneliness, and loss of employment. All Merciful God, give them peace and hope, ease the worry in their hearts,...hear their prayers.

Prayers for volunteers to help with meals, stay with Deacon Dan while Elaine runs errands, grocery shop, or you run errands for Elaine. There are sign-up sheets in the vestibules this weekend for volunteers. You may also email Barb Rumsey at dbrumfam@frontier.com please provide name, email and phone number. God Bless your giving heart.

Prayers for continued healing for Deacon Dan who is gaining significant milestones this week and in thanksgiving for the extreme outpouring of prayer, love, good food and help we have received from God through our parish family.

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 and for all of us to discern how to become the best to assist them with their vocations to help our parish to be the Holiest possible.

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

Fr. Eustace's Column

Theme: It Is Time for Spiritual Transformation

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On this Second Sunday of Lent, we climb the mountain of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9). Before the Cross, Jesus reveals His glory. His face shines, His garments become dazzling, and Moses and Elijah appear—representing the Law and the Prophets. All Scripture points to Him. Then the Father speaks: *"This is my beloved Son... listen to Him."*



Lent is a call to listen—and to be transformed. In Genesis (12:1-4), Abraham becomes a new man the moment he trusts God and moves forward in faith. Transformation begins with obedience. We cannot remain where we are and expect spiritual growth.

St. Paul reminds us that Christ *"abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel"* (2 Timothy 1:10). Our transformation is possible because Jesus has conquered sin and death.

Peter wanted to remain on the mountain: *"Lord, it is good that we are here."* But we cannot stay in moments of glory. We must come down and live changed lives.

How?

- By listening to Christ daily in Scripture.
- By deeper prayer and sincere repentance.
- By small acts of sacrifice and charity.

True transformation is not outward but inward—a heart more trusting like Abraham, more attentive like the apostles, and more courageous in hope because of Christ.

This is our Lenten moment. Let us listen to Him—and be changed.

Amen.

Fr Eustace

Money Counters Needed

Money counters are needed for Sunday's after the 11am Mass. It usually takes an hour to an hour and a half. If interested please see Fr. Eustace or call the parish office Monday-Friday between 9am-3pm. 672-2838. Thank you

Fish Fry

St. Joseph's annual Fish Fry is Friday March 20th from 4:30 to 7pm at the Roanoke American Legion. There will be sign up sheets in the vestibules.



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.

Rosary Meeting

There will be a meeting Monday morning March 2nd at 10:00am at St. Joseph. Please note time change of the meeting.

A Mother's Hope

Please return all items for A Mother's Hope by Sunday March 8th. Place them in the baskets in the vestibules please. The list of needed items is in the back of church if you need another copy. If you have questions please call or text Shirley Sorg at 260-615-2302

Week of February 22, 2026	St. Catherine	St. Joseph
Weekly Budget Goal:	\$2,222.47	\$5,155.50
Adult Envelopes	\$1,070.00	\$2,287.00
Online Giving	\$195.00	\$1,999.00
Offertory Income Loose	\$270.60	\$467.01
Preservation-Building	\$1,190.00	\$3,080.00
Votives	\$27.00	\$75.00
Eastern Europe	\$50.00	\$10.00
Black & Indian	\$150.00	\$135.00

Fast and Abstinence

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT: Those who are 14 years of age or older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all of the Fridays of Lent.*

FASTING: On Ash Wednesday & Good Friday, those who are 18 but not yet 60 are allowed only one full meal. Two smaller meals are allowed as needed, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.*

*Those who are excused from fast & abstinence outside of the age limits include the physically or mentally ill, including individuals suffering from chronic illness, such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.

Homebound

If you are homebound and would like to receive the sacraments please call the parish office 260-672-2838 between the hours of 9:00am to 3pm Monday through Friday.

Knight of Columbus

The first meeting of the Knights of Columbus for St. Joseph & St. Catherine men will be April 13th at 6:30pm in St. Joseph basement. If you have not already signed up please attend the meeting to get all the information about Knights of Columbus.

Questions please call Bob Hartman 260-460-7124.

Collection for Black & Indian Mission

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 142nd annual Black and Indian Mission Collection last weekend. Your prayerful support enables people to know Jesus Christ in African American, Native American and Alaska Native communities all over the U.S.A. Spreading the Gospel couldn't happen without your support!

Senior Dinners

Senior dinners are at 12pm on Thursday please call Gretchen Brunett to RSVP at 260-403-0365.



Used Book Sale

Our annual used book sale will be held on Friday May 8 and Saturday May 9. We will begin accepting your books, cd's, dvd's, the weekend of April 11. No magazines accepted. More information to follow. Any questions call Deb Osterholt 260-615-7603



Fidelis & Fraternus

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



This week's focus:

Do you excuse your lack of discipline?

We must either command [our desires] or be enslaved by them. St Dominic



Experience the joy of a Catholic sisterhood in Fidelis or brotherhood in Fraternus. Enjoy games and dinner with friends and receive a challenge for the upcoming week. More info at: Fidelis@seasfw.org or Fraternus@seasfw.org



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March

March 1, 8, 15 22 Religious Educations Classes at St. Catherine 7:45am-9am Religious Education Classes at St. Joseph 9:30am-10:45am

March 2 Rosary meeting at St. Joseph at 10am please note time change

March 5,12,19,26 Senior meals at 12pm at St. Joseph RSVP to Gretchen at 260-403-0365

March 8 Daylight saving time begins

March 14 Rosary at 3:15 before Mass

March 15 Donuts & Coffee at St. Catherine after 9:15am Mass

March 17 55+group doors open 4:30 eat at 5

March 20 St. Joseph Fish Fry

March 23 Rosary meeting at St. Catherine 6pm please note the time change

March 24 Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph after 8am Mass until 6pm

Chrism Mass

The annual Chrism Masses will be held at Saint Matthew Cathedral in South Bend on Monday, March 30, at 7:00 p.m.; and at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on Tuesday, March 31, at 7:00 p.m.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has invited all priests, sisters, brothers, deacons and lay people of the diocese to attend either of these Masses.

At the Chrism Mass, the Holy Chrism is consecrated and the oil of catechumens and oil of the sick are blessed. This beautiful Mass manifests the communion of the priests with their bishop in the same priesthood and ministry of Christ.



Time Change

Please note time change next weekend as we spring forward.



AVA'S GRACE HEALING RETREAT

The Ava's Grace Healing Retreat is a free, daylong retreat for those who have experienced the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss. If you have lost a baby before or after birth, you are not alone. The retreat will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 28 at Saint Felix Catholic Center in Huntington. Participants will be invited into a prayerful day of healing that includes witness talks, couple conversation, small group discussion, Eucharistic Adoration, and a pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady on the retreat center grounds. Lunch will be provided. While the retreat is geared toward couples, individuals are welcome to attend. To register, visit diocesefwsb.org/avas-grace. For more information, contact Lisa Everett at leverett@diocesefwsb.org.

Lenten Mission

The World Apostolate of Fatima Blue Armyis having a Lenten Mission on Tuesday March 3rd at St. Therese Catholic Church 2304 Lower Huntington Rd. Fort Wayne IN 46819. Time 5:30pm Mass and 6:30pm Lenten Missions Speaker Fr. Edward Brodsky FSSP. Any questions contact: judy@fatimafwsb.org.

YOUNG ADULT INDOOR VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

A spring indoor volleyball league for young adults ages 18–35 will be held Wednesdays beginning March 4 from 6 to 10 p.m. in Fort Wayne. All skill levels are welcome, and participants may register individually or as a team. The cost is \$35. More information and register: diocesefwsb.org/cyar.

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