



**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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**St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church**

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**Mass Times**

**Sunday** 9:15 am

**Holy Days** See Schedule



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# Third Sunday of Lent March 8, 2026

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Mar 9	(SJ)	8:00 AM	No Mass	Fr. Eustace day off
Tuesday	Mar 10	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Olga Arceo	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Arceo
Wednesday	Mar 11	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Fr. Bob VanKampen	
Thursday	Mar 12	(SJ)	600 PM	Jack Ocken	Jack Ocken Family
Friday	Mar 13	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Marge Osterholt	Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Osterholt
Friday	Mar 13	(SC)	6:00 PM	Station of the Cross	
Saturday	Mar 14	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Barbara Metraier	Suzanne Ginty
Saturday	Mar 14	(SJ)	4:00 PM	Keith Kryder	Kathy Welter
Sunday	Mar 15	(SJ)	7:30 AM	Irene Hinen	Kurt Kehmeyer
Sunday	Mar 15	(SC)	9:15 AM	Betty Wilcox	Mr. & Mrs. Dan Flora
Sunday	Mar 15	(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>
Mar 14 (SJ) 4:00 PM	J. & J. Abbott	K. Schneider	D. & J. Osterholt/M. Kemp	D. Dietsch/R. Kaufman	Volunteers
Mar 15 (SJ) 7:30AM	D. O'Brien	D. Snodgrass	C. Snodgrass/M. Smith/T. Winan	Ji. Haifley/Ju. Haifley	Volunteers
Mar 15 (SC) 9:15 AM	J. Kehmeyer	C. Trabert	S. & G. Hesting	B. Trabert/W. Trabert	K. Brown/M. Hesting
Mar 15 (SJ) 11:00AM	B. Beam	M. Zwick	M. & B. Savieo/R. Neher	J. Didier/M. Avila	A. & E. Didier

**Mar 15 Contribution Counter K. Quickery/M. Horn**

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 continue to gain strength and get stronger each day. Pray for Elaine as she cares fo Deacon.

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

In Thanksgiving for Adoration and for volunteers to help coordinate monthly Adoration.

In Thanksgiving for all the meals, prayers, errands, and Love Deacon Dan and Elaine have received from the hand of God through our parish family. For the beautiful visit from our daughter. Deacon will be starting cardiac rehab.

Bob Kehmeyer Angie Bridget

Prayers for Father Eustace that he be able to find time to rest in his very active ministry.

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

### Baby Bottle Thank You

Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne would like to THANK YOU to all who helped us to meet our 2026 goal! Your generosity allows us to continue to meet the needs of at-risk children and their families in the communities we serve. Thank you for your considerations,

Joy Olry Baby Bottle Coordinator

## Fr. Eustace's Column

### **Theme: Worship God in Spirit and in Truth**

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On this Third Sunday of Lent, the Church invites us into a deep and sincere examination of our worship. In the Gospel from Gospel of John, Jesus encounters the Samaritan woman at the well and declares: *"The hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth."*



These words are not casual; they are a call to conversion.

Worship in **spirit** means that our relationship with God must come from the depths of our hearts. It is not merely about external rituals, beautiful hymns, or pious appearances. It is about a living connection with God — prayer that is honest, repentance that is genuine, and love that is sincere.

Worship in **truth** means that we stand before God without masks. No hypocrisy. No double life. No pretending. God sees beyond our words into our hearts. He desires simplicity, humility, and transparency.

In the first reading from the Book of Exodus, we see how the people murmured and doubted God in the desert. Their hearts were far from Him, even though they had witnessed His power. False worship begins when trust in God fades and is replaced by complaint, gossip, disobedience, and divided loyalty.

Then St. Paul, in the Epistle to the Romans, reminds us that justification and peace come through faith. True obedience to God fills the soul with hope, not despair. When we worship rightly, peace returns to our hearts.

Dear friends, Lent is a season of spiritual thirst. Like the Samaritan woman, we come to the well empty, wounded, and searching. Jesus waits there. He knows our sins, our hidden struggles, our inconsistencies — yet He does not condemn. He invites. He offers "living water."

To worship in spirit and truth practically means:

- Forgiving those who hurt us.
- Confessing our sins sincerely.
- Praying not only with lips but with life.
- Living the same faith at home, at work, and in church.

Let us ask ourselves today: *Is my worship transforming me? Is my heart aligned with my prayers?*

May this Lenten season purify our intentions, renew our hearts, and lead us to authentic repentance. May our worship be honest, humble, and alive — so that our souls may find true salvation in Christ our Lord.

Amen. **Fr. Eustace**

## 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

There will be a rosary said starting at 3:15pm on Saturday March 14th before the 4pm Mass. Please join us in saying the rosary.

### A Mother's Hope

This is the last week for donations to A Mother's Hope. Please leave all items in the vestibules. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

If you have questions please call or text Shirley Sorg at 260-615-2302

Week of March 1, 2026	St. Catherine	St. Joseph
Weekly Budget Goal:	\$2,222.47	\$5,155.50
Adult Envelopes	\$825.00	\$3,792.00
Online Giving	\$45.00	\$4,634.00
Offertory Income Loose	\$150.00	\$498.00
Preservation-Building	\$50.00	\$3,268.00
Votives	\$46.00	\$94.00
Eastern Europe	\$0.00	\$3.00
Black & Indian	\$0.00	\$4.00
Flowers	\$0.00	\$20.00

## 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.

## Senior Dinners

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

## 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.

## The Light is on for You

St. Joseph will be hearing confessions on Tuesday March 10 at St. Joseph from 6-8pm.



## Money Counters Needed

We are in need of money counters after the 11am Mass on Sundays. Please see Fr. Eustace or call the parish office Monday –Friday from 9am –3pm at 260-672-2838. Thank you for your help in this matter.

## 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  
6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders



*Try a meeting this Tuesday!*

*This week's discussion:*

*What happens when you hide your faults?*



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](mailto:Fidelis@seasfw.org) or [Fraternus@seasfw.org](mailto:Fraternus@seasfw.org)



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## March

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

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

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 21, 22 Blest Art will be here

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.



### Catholic Relief Services

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need.

### 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](http://diocesefwsb.org/avas-grace). For more information, contact Lisa Everett at [leverett@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:leverett@diocesefwsb.org).

### 55+ Group

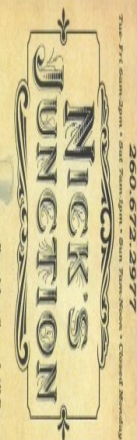
Come join us for 55+ game night. We eat dinner, play games and have great fellowship the 3rd Tuesday of each month. This month is March 17. Bring a casserole, salad or dessert to share and your serving utensils. Doors open at 4:30 and dinner usually at 5:00. If you have questions call Susie Close 214 587 0915.

### Donuts and Coffee

Come join us for coffee and donuts after the 9:15am Mass at St. Catherine's on Sunday March 15th. All are welcome.



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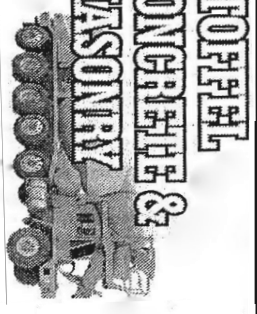
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