



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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Fourth Sunday of Lent March 15, 2026

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Mar 16	(SJ)	8:00 AM	No Mass	Fr. Eustace day off
Tuesday	Mar 17	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kehmeyer	
Wednesday	Mar 18	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Liv. & Dec. Keith Sanders Family	Mr. & Mrs. Keith Sanders
Thursday	Mar 19	(SC)	600 PM	Ed & Jack Smith	Shirley Smith
Friday	Mar 20	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Tracy Speer	Friends & Family Tracy Speer
Friday	Mar 20	(SJ)	6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	Mar 21	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Charlotte Smart	Leroy Smart
Saturday	Mar 21	(SJ)	4:00 PM	Mary Pulver/Mary Jane Didier	Mr. & Mrs. Rex Kaufman
Sunday	Mar 22	(SJ)	7:30 AM	For the People	
Sunday	Mar 22	(SC)	9:15 AM	Alex Trabert	Mr. & Mrs. Wally Trabert
Sunday	Mar 22	(SJ)	11:00 AM	Deacon Dan & Elaine	St. Joseph Rosary Sodality
(SJ) St. Joseph (SC) St. Catherine					

	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Servers</u>
Mar 21 (SJ) 4:00 PM	J. Root	C. Close	S. Close/J. Girardot/J. Donahue	B. Harrison/J. Harrison	Volunteers
Mar 22 (SJ) 7:30AM	K. Kehmeyer	T. Winans	A. Kasper/C. & D. Snodgrass	P. Cler/M. Fedorcak	Sorg Family
Mar 22 (SC) 9:15 AM	J. Kehmeyer	J. Trabert	P. & K. Trabert	We Trabert/J. Trabert	W. Scheumann/J. Trabert
Mar 22 (SJ) 11:00AM	K. Kehmeyer	M. Ely	P. & G. Brunett/M. Zwick	A. Herber/M. Horn	I. & K. Herber

Mar 22 Contribution Counter P. Mattes S. Close

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

Bob Kehmeyer Bridget K. Terry Vanessa Rachael Ceal
 D.L.T. Sheila Mrs. Abbott Doug Joe K. Lexi Pam Greg
 Vicki Bill Jackie Pat Tim Cathy Ken John

Prayers for the soul of Karen Marie and all who have died

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

Prayers of Thanksgiving for all preparing to enter the church and for a joyful embracing, of the faith.

Prayers of Thanksgiving for Adoration and devotion to the Blessed Mother and for us to draw closer to them this Lent!

Prayers for all away from the faith to joyfully return.

Prayers for stores to ban magazines which lead others astray and for us to stand up respectfully to how we cannot support these displays.

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.

Fr. Eustace's Column

Theme: God Anoints Us to Bring the Good News of Healing Through Forgiveness

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today's readings reveal a powerful truth: **God anoints us so that we may become instruments of healing through forgiveness.**



In the first reading, God sends the prophet Samuel to anoint David as king. David was not the strongest nor the most obvious choice among his brothers, yet God chose him because **God looks at the heart.** God's anointing is not about human appearance but about a heart that is open to His grace.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that we are now **children of light.** Once we lived in darkness, but through Christ we are called to live lives of goodness, righteousness, and truth.

Then in the Gospel, Jesus heals the man born blind. This miracle is not only about physical sight; it is about **spiritual sight.** Sin can blind the human heart. It blocks the free flow of God's healing grace. When we cling to sin, pride, or stubbornness, we close ourselves to the light of God.

This is why Lent invites us to ask some honest questions:

- Am I spiritually blind because of sin?*
- Am I stubbornly resisting God's grace?*
- Am I refusing to forgive someone?*

But the good news is this: **Jesus is always ready to heal us.** No matter what has happened in the past, Christ invites us back. True healing begins when we allow God to forgive us and when we also forgive others

Let me suggest three simple and practical steps this week:

- 1. Examine your heart honestly.** Spend a few minutes each day asking God to show you areas where sin may be blinding you.
- 2. Go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.** Confession restores spiritual sight and allows God's healing grace to flow again.
- 3. Forgive someone who has hurt you.** Forgiveness is one of the greatest channels of healing—both for you and for the other person.
- 4.

Dear friends, when Christ forgives us, **He not only heals us—He anoints us.** And those who are healed by Christ are sent to bring healing to others.

May this Lenten season open our eyes, cleanse our hearts, and make us true **bearers of the Good News of forgiveness and healing.**

Amen . **Fr. Eustace**



**Fish Fry
Dine In**



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4:30 – 7:00 PM

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Roanoke inter Church Food Pantry

Roanoke Inter Church Food Pantry... is in need of staples - nonperishables such as spaghetti sauce, cereal, canned meat, paper products, one serving items and household staples. The Pantry is located at the Seminary Methodist Church and is open to all in the area. We will be collecting items this weekend, March 21 and 22. Baskets will be located in each vestibule. You can also drop off your donation at Seminary Church, Monday through Thursday from 9am to 12 noon. Thank you in advance for your support.

Week of March 8, 2026	St. Catherine	St. Joseph
Weekly Budget Goal:	\$2,222.47	\$5,155.50
Adult Envelopes	\$1,330.00	\$2,987.00
Online Giving	\$1,045.00	\$1,919.00
Offertory Income Loose	\$122.00	\$494.00
Preservation-Building	\$235.00	\$35.00
Votives	\$46.00	\$56.00
Black & Indian	\$0.00	\$25.00
Flowers	\$155.00	\$125.00

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.

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.

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.



Blest Art

Blest Art will be visiting St. Joseph & St. Catherine after Mass on March 21st & 22nd. Please visit the display after Mass.

Blest Art will be visiting your parish on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Our mission is to support those families in the Holy Land. When Blest Art visits your parish, we will have hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art.

We gladly accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards.



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



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March

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

March 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.



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.

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.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate on line.

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