



***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***

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**Holy Days** See Schedule

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# Fifth Sunday of Lent March 22, 2026

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Mar 23	(SJ)	8:00 AM	No Mass	Fr. Eustace day off
Tuesday	Mar 24	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Linda Pulver	Bob & Missy Eherenman
Wednesday	Mar 25	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Nancy Smart	Leroy Smart
Wednesday	Mar 25	(SC)	6:00 PM	John Bradin	Mr. & Mrs. Giueseppe Ceravolo
Thursday	Mar 26	(SJ)	600 PM	Ruby Sullivan	Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Hinen
Friday	Mar 27	(SJ)	8:00 AM	St. Joseph Rosary Sodality	
Friday	Mar 27	(SC)	6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	Mar 28	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Jim & David Snodgrass	Mr. & Mrs. David Snodgrass
Saturday	Mar 28	(SJ)	4:00 PM	William Pequignot	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Eschbach
Sunday	Mar 29	(SJ)	7:30 AM	Fritz Herber	Mr. & Mrs. Steve Herber
Sunday	Mar 29	(SC)	9:15 AM	Beulah Flora	Mr. Mrs. Dan Flora
Sunday	Mar 29	(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 25 (SC) 6:00 PM	J. Kehmeyer	C. Greulich	J. Hilligoss/N. Josephson	A. Trabert/K. Trabert	J. Hesting/V. Hesting
Mar 28 (SJ) 4:00 PM	SJ Choir Cantors	Eherenman/Schneider	C. & S. Close/J. Girardot	R. Kaufman/J. Osterholt	Volunteers
Mar 29 (SJ) 7:30AM	K. Kehmeyer	S. Herber/Zembala	M. Smith/T. Winans/T. Barfell	T. Sorg/A. Sorg	Sorg Family
Mar 29 (SC) 9:15 AM	J. Kehmeyer	J. Hilligoss/J. Trabert	S. & G. Hesting	Ky Trabert/M. Trabert	M. Hesting/R. Landri-gan
Mar 29 (SJ) 11:00AM	K. Kehmeyer	An/Al Yaney	I. & P. Mattes/L. Smart	D. Meitzler/M. Avila	N. Didier

### Mar 29 Contribution Counter I. Mattes J. Abbott

#### 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.

#### Prayers for St. Joseph's

Bob Kehmeyer Bridget Mary Jenny Trevor Vanessa  
 Rachel Greg K. Pat L. T. Joe Bob

Prayers for those coming into the faith this Easter and for their faith to be embraced by all and for those who are forgotten to seek and accept help.

Prayers for all those that have left the faith that they would joyfully return.

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 of Thanksgiving for all the miracles in our life and for the Lord's continued healing of Deacon Dan and for all the love of God from our parishes that has helped with this miracle.

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: "Untie Him and Let Him Go" – The Rewarding Effect of a Good Lenten Observance**

Dear friends in Christ,

As we approach the end of our Lenten journey, today's readings offer us a powerful message of **hope, liberation, and new life**. Lent is not simply a season of sacrifice; it is a **journey from death to life, from bondage to freedom**.



In the first reading, the prophet Book of Ezekiel proclaims God's promise: *"I will open your graves and have you rise from them."* This is not only about physical death. God speaks to every heart that feels buried under sin, despair, guilt, or suffering. Even when life seems like a closed tomb, God still has the power to restore life.

Paul the Apostle in his letter to the Epistle to the Romans reminds us that those who live according to the Spirit belong to Christ. When we allow the Spirit of God to dwell in us through prayer, repentance, and charity, our lives are gradually transformed.

In the Gospel according to John the Apostle, we encounter the moving story of the raising of Lazarus. Jesus arrives at the tomb of Lazarus of Bethany, the brother of Mary of Bethany and Martha of Bethany. Seeing their grief, the Gospel tells us that **Jesus wept**. This shows the tender and compassionate heart of Christ—He truly shares in our pain.

Then Jesus cries out: **"Lazarus, come out!"** And the dead man comes out, still bound with burial cloths. Jesus commands the people: **"Untie him, and let him go."**

Dear brothers and sisters, many of us are like Lazarus. We may be alive physically, yet **bound by fear, sin, resentment, addiction, or discouragement**. These are the grave clothes that imprison our souls. But the good news of Lent is this: **Jesus calls each of us out of the tomb**.

A sincere Lenten observance—through **prayer, fasting, repentance, forgiveness, and acts of charity**—allows Christ to untie the knots that bind our hearts. When we forgive someone who hurt us, when we return to confession, when we help the suffering, we begin to experience the freedom Jesus promises.

As we prepare for Easter, Christ is standing before the tombs of our lives today. He calls each of us by name: *"Come out!"*

Let us allow Him to remove whatever binds us so that we may walk in the **new life, freedom, and joy** that come from God.

Amen.

**Fr. Eustace**

## 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 March 23rd at St. Catherine's at 6:00pm. Please note the time change.

### Thank You

Many thanks to all from St. Joseph and St. Catherine Parishes for the prayers, greeting cards and kind wishes. I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Bob Kehmeyer

### 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 15, 2026	St. Catherine	St. Joseph
Weekly Budget Goal:	\$2,222.47	\$5,155.50
Adult Envelopes	\$1,162.00	\$1,777.00
Online Giving	\$45.00	\$2,909.00
Offertory Income Loose	\$132.00	\$491.00
Preservation-Building	\$20.00	\$1,220.00
Votives	\$27.25	\$71.00
Catholic Relief	\$70.00	\$190.00
Flowers	\$20.00	\$15.00

## 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.

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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).

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

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

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

March 30 Confessions will be heard from 6-8pm at St. Catherine

March 31 Chrism Mass 7pm Cathedral Fort Wayne

### Thank You

A Mother's Hope is extremely grateful for your very generous and kind donations. They were in great need of many of the donated. They were especially grateful for the cleaning supplies and diapers. They are excited to be expanding to help mothers who have children starting in August.

### 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.



## April

April 1 Confessions will be heard from 6-8pm at St. Joseph

April 2 Morning Prayer 9am-10am at St. Joseph

April 3 Morning Prayer 9am-10am at St. Joseph

April 4 Morning Prayer/Ephetha Service 9am-10am at St. Joseph

April 2 Holy Thursday Mass will be at 6pm at St. Joseph and St. Catherine with Adoration for 1 hour following Mass at each parish

April 2,9,16,23,30 Senior meals at 12pm at St. Joseph RSVP to Gretchen at 260-403-0365

April 3 Good Friday Stations of the Cross will be at both parishes at 2pm. Good Friday service will start at 3pm at both parishes.

April 4 Easter Vigil will be at 9pm at St. Joseph

April 5 Happy Easter!! Sunday Masses at regular scheduled times.

April 6 Rosary meeting at St. Joseph 10am

April 11 1st Reconciliation practice/retreat at St. Joseph 9am –12pm

April 12,19,26 Religious Educations Classes at St. Catherine 7:45am-9am Religious Education Classes at St. Joseph 9:30am-10:45am

April 19 Donuts at St. Catherine after 9:15 Mass

April 21 55+ Doors open at 4:30 eat at 5pm at St. Joseph

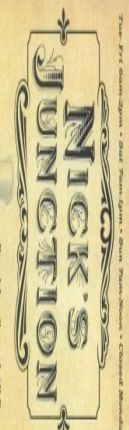
April 28 Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph after 8am Mass until 6pm

### Eucharistic Adoration this Tuesday

Eucharistic Adoration is this Tuesday March 24th from 8L30 am until 6pm at St. Joseph. Please sign up for a time there are sign up sheet in the vestibules.



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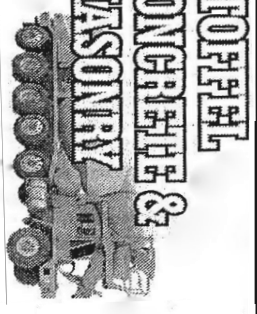
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