



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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Sunday 9:15 am

Holy Days See Schedule



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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord March 29, 2026

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Mar 30	(SJ)	8:00 AM	No Mass	Fr. Eustace day off
Tuesday	Mar 31	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Betty Smart	Leroy Smart
Wednesday	Apr 1	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Jack Ocken	Jack Ocken Family
Thursday	Apr 2	(SJ)	9:00 AM	Morning Prayers	
Thursday	Apr 2	(SC)	6:00 PM	JoEllen Krasienko	Don & Carol Greulich
Thursday	Apr 2	(SJ)	600 PM	May Pulver/Mary Jane Didier	Mr. & Mrs. Rex Kaufman
Friday	Apr 3	(SJ)	9:00 AM	Morning Prayers	
Friday	Apr 3	(SJ)	12:30 PM	Stations of the Cross	Good Friday Service 1:30PM
Friday	Apr 3	(SC)	12:30 PM	Stations of the Cross	Good Friday Service 1:30PM
Saturday	Apr 4	(SJ)	9:00 AM	Morning Prayers/Ephetha Service	
Saturday	Apr 4	(SJ)	8:45 PM	Norman Eschbach	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Eschbach
Sunday	Apr 5	(SJ)	7:30 AM	John & Esther Hinen	Kurt Kehmeyer
Sunday	Apr 5	(SC)	9:15 AM	Vincenzo Ceravolo	Mr. & Mrs. Giuseseppe Ceravolo
Sunday	Apr 5	(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>
Apr 2 (SC) 6:00 PM	J. Kehmeyer	K. Scheumann	D. & C. Greulich	D. Hinen/J. Hinen	J. Hesting/V. Hesting
Apr 2 (SJ) 6:00 PM	D. O'Brien/B. Beam	I. Mattes	K. Pleus/P. Mattes/M. Zwick	Volunteers	N. & B. Pleus
Apr 3 (SC) 1:30 PM					R. Trabert
Apr 3 (SJ) 1:30 PM	M. Snyder	Keller/Zwick	P. & G. Brunett/A. Kasper	Volunteers	Sorg Family
Apr 4 (SJ) 8:45 PM	SJ Choir Cantors	P. Mattes	I. Mattes/J. & D. Osterholt	T. Sorg/D. Walter	Sorg Family
Apr 5 (SJ) 7:30AM	B. Deckard	T. Winans	M. Smith/C. & D. Snodgrass	B. King/A. Baker	Sorg Family
Apr 5 (SC) 9:15 AM	J. Kehmeyer	C. Trabert	P. & K. Trabert	W. Trabert/L. Lickey	J. Trabert/W. Scheumann
Apr 5 (SJ) 11:00AM	M. Glenn	K. Pleus	M. & B. Savieo/L. Smart	Al Yaney/An. Yaney	N. & B. Pleus

Apr 5 Contribution Counter B. Keller C. Snodgrass

K. Sanders

Prayers for St. Catherine's

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



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.

Fr. Eustace's Column

Theme: The Joy of Knowing Christ and His Sufferings

Dearest people of God,

Today we begin the most sacred week in the life of the Church. On this day, our Lord Jesus Christ enters Jerusalem in a joyful and triumphant way. The people wave palms, spread their cloaks on the road, and shout with great excitement, "*Hosanna to the Son of David!*" The whole city echoes with praise and celebration.



Yet, dear friends, there is a painful irony in this moment. The same crowd that shouts *Hosanna* today will soon cry out, "*Crucify Him!*" This sudden change reveals something about the weakness and inconsistency of the human heart. We can praise God when things go well, yet abandon Him when sacrifice and suffering appear.

In the first reading from Isaiah, we encounter the **Suffering Servant**, who remains faithful to God even in the face of insults, rejection, and persecution. He says, "*I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.*" This servant foreshadows Christ, who accepts suffering with courage and obedience.

Saint Paul, in his letter to the Philippians, reminds us that Christ humbled Himself. Though He was divine, He emptied Himself and became obedient even to death—death on a cross. Because of this humility and sacrifice, God highly exalted Him.

The Passion narrative in the Gospel shows us the depth of Christ's love. Jesus is betrayed, denied, mocked, and condemned, yet He responds not with hatred but with forgiveness and love. On the cross, He carries not only the wood of suffering but also the burden of our sins.

Dear brothers and sisters, Palm Sunday teaches us a profound lesson: **there is no resurrection without the cross, and there is no glory without sacrifice.** To follow Christ means to remain faithful not only in moments of joy but also in times of suffering.

Many people today run away from sacrifice, forgiveness, humility, and truth. Yet the path to eternal life is the path that Christ walked—the path of love, sacrifice, and obedience to God.

Therefore, let us ask ourselves today:
Are we only Christians when it is convenient?
Or are we ready to follow Christ even when it demands sacrifice?

As we hold our palms today, let them not only be symbols of celebration but also signs of commitment. Let them remind us to reject pride, jealousy, hatred, and un-forgiveness, and instead embrace humility, patience, mercy, and love.

If we walk faithfully with Christ through His suffering, we will also share in the joy of His resurrection.

May this Holy Week deepen our love for Christ and help us discover the true joy of knowing Him—even in His sufferings.

Amen.

Fr. Eustace

Prayers for St. Joseph's

Bob Kehmeyer Bridget D. James L. Jim James
Toni D. L. Sharon David Enus and her infant Sheila
Deacon Dan Bobby H. Ginny H. Ginny Gase Carla
Lynn

Prayers in Thanksgiving for Adoration and devotion to the Blessed Mother and for the gift of St. Joseph bring our patron saint and more devotion to his intercession.

Prayers and support for Nancy Rodgers who has volunteered to help with Adoration coordinating.

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 struggling with addictions and for their loved ones.

Prayers for all those that have left the faith and those who refuse God's love and Mercy 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 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 the dying, to die peacefully in God's arms for those who have passed and for those that love them.

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.

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



Week of March 22, 2026	St. Catherine	St. Joseph
Weekly Budget Goal:	\$2,222.47	\$5,155.50
Adult Envelopes	\$960.00	\$2,635.00
Online Giving	\$195.00	\$1,919.00
Offertory Income Loose	\$129.00	\$489.00
Preservation-Building	\$280.00	\$200.00
Votives	\$29.00	\$79.00
Catholic Relief	\$0.00	\$60.00
Flowers	\$0.00	\$301.00

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.

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.

Roanoke Knit Chicks

The Knit Chicks are meeting on Tuesdays from 1-3:00 p.m. in St. Joseph's basement. They are creating some warm items for local shelters and missions. All are welcome to Join! Call Gretchen for more information 403-0365

Evangelizing with Saint Mary Magdalene
Tuesday, April 7, 2026
6:30pm Rosary, 7pm Conference



St Mary's (Assumption Hall)
903 N. Jefferson Street
Huntington, IN 46750

Jennifer Ristine, Consecrated Woman of Regnum Christi and author of three books on Saint Mary Magdalene, will share her journey of being called by Christ. During her 29 years of consecrated life, she became a special friend of Saint Mary Magdalene as well as lived and worked in her hometown, Ancient Magdala in the Holy Land. Hear her insights on this great historical figure and how she missioned with this saint. Her latest work of historical fiction, *Becoming Magdalene*, will be available.



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Divine Mercy Sunday
PLENARY INDULGENCE

THROUGH PRIVATE REVELATION TO ST. FAUSTINA, JESUS REVEALED:

“I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy (1109). The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (699).”

- Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska -

DIVINE MERCY IS FOR YOU

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated annually on the first Sunday after Easter. A Plenary Indulgence removes all temporal punishment due to forgiven sin ("Temporal punishment" is the "making up" for sin to which we are obliged after we are forgiven). A Plenary Indulgence can be applied to one's self or to anyone who is deceased. A Plenary Indulgence can be gained once per day.

THREE NORMAL CONDITIONS FOR GAINING ANY PLENARY INDULGENCE



Sacramental Confession within 20 days of Divine Mercy Sunday



Eucharistic Communion



Prayers for the Pope's Intentions

ONE SPECIFIC WORK REQUIRED ON DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

In any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy.

OR

In the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. "Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!").



DIOCESE OF FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND

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.



March

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

March 31 Chrism Mass 7pm Cathedral Fort Wayne

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 12:30 Good Friday service will start at 1:30pm at both parishes.

April 4 Easter Vigil will be at 8:45pm 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 13 Knights of Columbus meeting at 6:30pm in St. Joseph basement

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

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