



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.

Online Giving: www.osvhub.com/st-joseph-church-roanoke/funds

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Sunday 9:15 am

Holy Days See Schedule



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Fourth Sunday of Easter April 26, 2026

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Apr 27	(SJ)	8:00 AM	No Mass	Fr. Eustace day off
Tuesday	Apr 28	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Floyd Sullivan	Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Hinen
Wednesday	Apr 29	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Tom & Herman Scher/Jerry Trant	Mrs. Joan Scher
Thursday	Apr 30	(SJ)	6:00 PM	Jim Reed	Bette & Pat Mcgee
Friday	May 1	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Liv. & Dec. Members of Frye Family	Becky Howe
Saturday	May 2	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Dorothy Pequignot	Robert & Kim Eschbach
Saturday	May 2	(SJ)	4:00 PM	Lucille Prouty	Mary Ann Hibbert
Sunday	May 3	(SJ)	7:30 AM	David Schnepf	Mr. & Mrs. Steve Herber
Sunday	May 3	(SC)	9:15 AM	Gaylen(Ed) Smith	Shirley Smith
Sunday	May 3	(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>
May 2 (SJ) 4:00 PM	J. Root	K. Schneider	Volunteer/J. Girardot/M. Kemp	B. Harrison/J. Harrison	Volunteers
May 3 (SJ) 7:30AM	K. Kehmeyer	T. Winans	C. & D. Snodgrass/T. Barfell	A. Baker/T. Sorg	Sorg Family
May 3 (SC) 9:15 AM	J. Kehmeyer	K. Scheumann	S. & G. Hesting	L. Lickey/Ky Trabert	R. Trabert/V. Hesting
May 3 (SJ) 11:00AM	B. Beam	K. Pleus	P. & G. Brunett/R. Neher	L. Smart/T. Smart	N. & B. Pleus

May 3 Contribution Counter I. Mattes J. Abbott

C. Close

Prayers for St. Joseph's

Bob Kehmeyer Rachel Webb James Bridget's Family

J. Bob LT. Lois Jean Ken Karen Annie

Barb Rumsey Kim Don

Prayers for Adoration and devotion to the Blessed Mother to flourish and for her intercession that here be a healing from abortion.

Prayers for all who have committed crimes or aggressors in war and for all who have been affected by crime or victims of war.

Prayers for all the ordained and for all to receive and proclaim Gods Mercy more than ever especially for those who doubt or going through very challenging times.

Prayers for all of us to live out the way of the Divine Mercy and for God's Mercy to be received by all especially the dying souls in purgatory and those who at present do not believe in His Mercy or refuse His Mercy or do not feel they deserve His Mercy. For all of us to have the courage to stand by the Lord even when difficult.

Prayers for our political leaders and spiritual leaders to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

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.

Prayers for St. Catherine's

Sheryl Winters Ariel Scieska Julie Kelly

Darwin Zumbrun Debbie York Cayce Cobb

Sharon Ruhe Jo Hinen Alan Bogg

George & Judy Young Tom & Jeanne Rethlake

Jackson Longenbaugh Carol Ness Lois Rohrbach

Prayers for Deacon Dan, Father Eustace and all former priests at St. Catherine's.

Pray for those that have passed before us, the homebound and the ill.

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

St. Catherine Ladies

St. Catherine ladies are invited to a May Brunch, by The Saturn C.W.F. on Saturday, May 2, at 10:00 a.m. at Saturn's Fellowship Hall. Entertainment by The Dotsons following the brunch. If you can attend, please call or text Sharon Hesting 2605038054 before noon on April 27.

Fr. Eustace's Column

Theme: "Listening to the Voice of the Shepherd and Answering His Call"

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

This Fourth Sunday of Easter, often called *Good Shepherd Sunday*, draws our hearts into one of the most tender and powerful images in all of Scripture—Christ as the Shepherd who knows, calls, leads, and lays down His life for His sheep. It is not merely a comforting image; it is a *summons*. A summons to relationship, to trust, and above all, to vocation.



In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we witness the boldness of Peter—once fearful, now transformed by the Resurrection. He proclaims Christ crucified and risen with such conviction that the hearts of his listeners are pierced. Three thousand souls respond in repentance and conversion. This moment is not just about numbers; it is about *the power of a lived vocation*. Peter has embraced his call—to shepherd, to preach, to gather—and through that fidelity, many are drawn into the fold.

This reminds us of a profound truth: **every authentic vocation bears fruit**. When a priest, a religious, a parent, a teacher, or a caregiver lives their calling with sincerity and sacrifice, lives are changed. Souls are touched. The Church grows—not only in number but in depth.

In the second reading, we are invited into the mystery of suffering. St. Peter urges us to endure suffering with patience, following the example of Christ who "committed no sin, yet bore our sins." Here lies a difficult but essential dimension of every vocation: **the cross**. There is no true calling without sacrifice. The priest who serves tirelessly, the religious who renounces worldly comforts, the parent who labors day and night for their children, the caregiver who walks with the sick and dying—all participate in the redemptive suffering of Christ.

And in the Gospel, Jesus reveals Himself not only as the Good Shepherd but also as the Gate. Through Him, we find nourishment, rest, protection, and peace. But notice something deeply personal—He says, "*My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.*" This is the foundation of vocation: **to hear, to be known, and to follow**.

Vocation, dear friends, is not first about what we do—it is about *who we listen to*. In a noisy world filled with competing voices—ambition, fear, comfort, self-interest—the voice of the Shepherd is often gentle, persistent, and easily ignored. Yet it is the only voice that leads to fullness of life.

Today, the Church calls us in a special way to pray for vocations, especially to the priesthood and religious life. And this is not without urgency. In many parts of the world, the number of priests and religious is declining, while the spiritual hunger of God's people continues to grow. The harvest is indeed plentiful, but the laborers are few.

But prayer alone is not enough—we must also *foster* vocations. In our families, do we create an atmosphere where a child can hear God's call? Do we present priesthood and religious life not as burdens, but as joyful, meaningful, and life-giving paths? Do we encourage young people when we see signs of generosity, compassion, and spiritual depth?

A vocation is like a seed. It requires good soil, patient nurturing, and courageous response. Too often, fear suffocates the call—fear of sacrifice, fear of inadequacy, fear of the unknown. Yet the Shepherd never calls without also providing the grace needed to respond.

To our young people: if you feel even the slightest stirring in your heart toward priesthood or religious life, do not ignore it. Do not silence it. Bring it to prayer. Speak to a trusted spiritual guide. The Church needs you—not tomorrow, but today.

And to all of us: let us remember that vocation is universal. Whether married, single, ordained, or consecrated, each of us is called to serve, to love, and to witness. The world is in desperate need of authentic lives—lives that reflect the voice of the Shepherd in a fractured and restless age.

May we, like Peter, find the courage to proclaim.
May we, like Christ, embrace sacrifice with love.
May we, like faithful sheep, learn to recognize and follow His voice.

And may the Good Shepherd continue to raise up holy and generous men and women who will serve His Church with joy, humility, and unwavering faith.

Amen. **Fr. Eustace**

Taco Bar

The Rosary Sodality ladies are hosting a Taco Bar Dinner with deserts Saturday night April 25th after the 4:00 Mass.

We'd like to also extend a special invitation to the new members of our parish, including those who just completed OCIA. Please join us in the basement for dinner and great fellowship!



Used Book Sale

We will begin collecting your books, puzzles, cd's (no magazines) starting this weekend. You may bring them to lower level, and place in middle classroom before or after weekend masses. You may also call Deb Osterholt 260-615-7603 to schedule a time during the week for drop off.

The book sale is Friday, May 8, 9-4 and Saturday, May 9, 9-3. Fill a bag (provided to you) for \$5, hardcover books \$1.

Set up for the sale is Wednesday and Thursday, 9- 1:00
Sign up sheets to help with set up and/or sale days will be in vestibules beginning the weekend of April 18,19.



Week of April 19, 2026	St. Catherine	St. Joseph
Weekly Budget Goal:	\$2,222.47	\$5,155.50
Adult Envelopes	\$2,254.00	\$2,157.00
Online Giving	\$45.00	\$2,092.00
Offertory Income Loose	\$146.00	\$458.10
Preservation-Building	\$300.00	\$1,050.00
Votives	\$25.00	\$74.00
Holy Land	\$0.00	\$20.00
Cemetery	\$200.00	\$0.00
Home Missions	\$0.00	\$20.00



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April 10, 2026

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In his first apostolic exhortation, *Dilexi Te*, Pope Leo addressed all Christians on love for the poor. Here is a beautiful excerpt from that document:

Jesus' teaching on the primacy of love for God is clearly complemented by his insistence that one cannot love God without extending one's love to the poor. Love for our neighbor is tangible proof of the authenticity of our love for God, as the Apostle John attests: "No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us... God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them" (1 Jn 4:12,16). The two loves are distinct yet inseparable. Even in cases where there is no explicit reference to God, the Lord himself teaches that every act of love for one's neighbor is in some way a reflection of divine charity: "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40).

As you know, we have a wonderful tradition in our diocese of taking up every year on Mother's Day weekend a collection for Catholic Charities, which is the principal agency of the Church serving the poor in our communities. The money received in this collection will be used to help those who are most in need right here in our own diocese. Through our food pantries, assistance with rent, utilities, and mortgage payments, job training and housing assistance for refugees, mentoring programs for at-risk teens, mental health counseling, and support for those experiencing an unexpected pregnancy, Catholic Charities strives to share the love of Jesus and the hope of a better future with our brothers and sisters who are most in need.

I ask you to be generous with this collection, which will be taken up at all parishes in the diocese of the weekend of May 9 and 10. May Our Blessed Mother, whose Son was sent to bring glad tidings to the poor, intercede for you and for all whom we serve through Catholic Charities.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades
Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend

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



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St. Catherine Catechists Needed!

We are in need of 2 teachers for next year's religious education program at St. Catherine(K/1 and 7/8) as well as substitutes.. This is a wonderful way to be involved in the Parish and to share your talents. You do not need to be an expert! Just willing to learn :-) Please contact Ingrid Mattes at 260-466-3025 or Ingridmattesdre@gmail.com for more information.

A Mother's Hope

A Mother's Hope - Holy Smokes Men's Bourbon and Cigar Benefit Thursday, May 21, 2026 The Allen County War Memorial Coliseum <https://holy-smokes26.givesmart.com>

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April

April 30 Senior meals at 12pm at St. Joseph RSVP to Gretchen at 260-403-03650

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

April 25 Taco Bar after 4pm Mass at St. Joseph

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

May

May 3 First Communion at St. Catherine at 9:15 Mass & St. Joseph at 11am Mass

May 4 Rosary meeting at St. Joseph at 6:30pm

May 8,9 Used book sales Friday 9am-4pm & Saturday 9am-3pm

May 9,10 Right to Life Carnation Sales after all Masses cash only

May 10, 17 Religious Educations Classes at St. Catherine 7:45am-9am

May 14,21 Senior meals at 12pm at St. Joseph RSVP to Gretchen at 260-403-03650

May 19 55+ Doors open at 4:30 eat at 5pm at St. Joseph

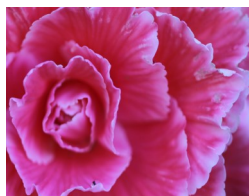
May 20 Knights of Columbus meeting 6:30pm at St. Joseph

May 23 Confirmations at SS Peter & Paul at 10am

May 26 Adoration at St. Joseph after 8am Mass until 6pm

Mothers Day Carnation Sale

Right to Life of Northeast Indiana will have a carnation sale after all Masses on Mother's Day. The carnations are \$2.00 each & we can only accept cash. Thank you for your support.



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.

St. Henry's Truck

St. Henry's truck will be here May 16th at noon & will be picked up at noon on May 17th. Please fill the truck up. Let us fill up the truck with used clothing, house-hold items and furniture. Please no broken electronics. Declutter your life and make a difference in someone else's.



Knights of Columbus

Next meeting for the Knights of Columbus will be Wednesday May 20th at 6:30 in St. Joseph Church basement. All men 18 & over are welcome. Any Questions please call Bob Hartman at 260-460-7124.

Senior Dinners

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

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