



***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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**Holy Days** See Schedule



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# Fifth Sunday of Easter May 3, 2026

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	May 4	(SJ)	8:00 AM	No Mass	Fr. Eustace day off
Tuesday	May 5	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Mary Pulver/Mary Jane Didier	Mr. & Mrs. Rex Kaufman
Wednesday	May 6	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Gaylord Lake/Ralph Hinen	Mrs. Gay Hinen
Thursday	May 7	(SC)	6:00 PM	Wilma Kumfer	Garland & Sharon Hesting
Friday	May 8	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Tony & Marge Osterholt	Jerry & Deb Osterholt
Saturday	May 9	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Linda Pulver	Phil Cler
Saturday	May 9	(SJ)	4:00 PM	For the People	
Sunday	May 10	(SJ)	7:30 AM	Robert Kehmeyer	Kurt Kehmeyer
Sunday	May 10	(SC)	9:15 AM	JoEllen Krasienko	John & Deb Hilligoss
Sunday	May 10	(SJ)	11:00 AM	Swanson & Magner Families	Mr. & Mrs. Erik Magner

### (SJ) St. Joseph (SC) St. Catherine

	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Servers</u>
May 9 (SJ) 4:00 PM	J. & J. Abbott	C. Close	S. Close/K. Schneider/B. Keller	D. Dietsch/J. Osterholt	Volunteers
May 10 (SJ) 7:30AM	B. Deckard	L. Zembala	A. Kasper/T. Winans/M. Smith	Ji. Haifley/Ju. Haifley	Sorg Family
May 10 (SC) 9:15 AM	J. Kehmeyer	C. Trabert	J. Hilligoss/N. Josephson	W. Trabert/D. Hinen	J. Hesting/J. Trabert
May 10 (SJ) 11:00AM	K. Kehmeyer	M. Zwick	M. & B. Savieo/K. Pleus	A. Herber/M. Avila	I. & K. Herber

**May 10 Contribution Counter B. Keller C. Snodgrass  
K. Sanders**

Prayers for St. Catherine's

Sheryl Winters Ariel Scieska Julie Kelly  
Darwin Zumbrun Debbie York Cayce Cobb  
Sharon Ruhe Sister Maria Alan Bogg  
George & Judy Young

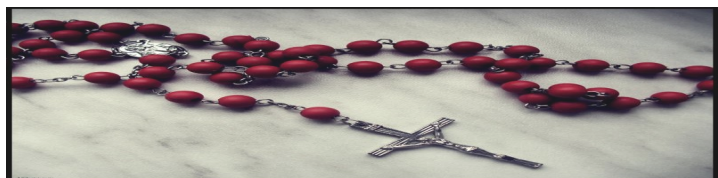
Jackson Longenbaugh Carol Ness Lois Rohrbac

Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Frank Rivas (Tim Rivas's father)

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 260-503-8054.



Prayers for St. Joseph's

Prayers for the Repose of the Soul of Courtney Sanders. Please continue praying for Courtney's husband, children, Keith & Mari Sanders and all who loved her.

Bob Kehmeyer L.T. & all his family Bridget James Madelyn and all her family Mary Hannah Don C. R.

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.

**Thank You**

Thank you to all who came to Adoration last Tuesday.

## Fr. Eustace's Column

### **Theme: You Are a Chosen Race**

Dear brothers and sisters,

The Word of God today reminds us of a powerful truth: *"You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation"* (1 Peter 2:9). This is not just a title—it is a calling. God, in His love, has intentionally chosen every one of us, not because of our merit, but because of His mercy. His plan of salvation is not limited; it is universal. Yet, it becomes effective only when we accept it.



In the Gospel, Jesus declares: *"I am the way, the truth, and the life"* (John 14:6). These are not mere words—they are an invitation. To be part of this "chosen race" means to walk in His way, to live in His truth, and to share in His life. Outside of Him, we wander; in Him, we find purpose and eternal destiny.

The first reading (Acts 6:1–7) shows us how the early Church lived this identity. Faced with tension and division, they did not lose focus. Instead, they organized themselves wisely, giving priority to prayer, the preaching of the Word, and works of charity. They chose unity over division, service over distraction. And because of this, *"the word of God continued to spread, and the number of disciples increased greatly."*

This is our challenge today. If we are truly God's chosen people, our lives must reflect it. We are called to:

- build unity where there is division,
- show love where there is indifference,
- serve others with humility,
- and remain rooted in prayer and God's Word.

Being chosen is not a privilege for pride, but a responsibility for mission.

Dear friends, let us not forget: the world will recognize that we are God's people not by what we say, but by how we live. May our lives preach Christ—through compassion, patience, and truth.

May we truly become that chosen race—living stones, built into a spiritual house pleasing to God (1 Peter 2:5).

Amen.

**Fr. Eustace**

## Congratulations

Congratulations to our 2nd graders who are making their first communion this weekend! From St. Catherine Parish: Clint Landrigan and Bradley Taylor and from St. Joseph Parish: Paul Beko, Cecilia Brown, Olivia Dider, Chloe Quickery, Caiden Shramek and Warner Trbert.

### Thank You

Thank you for all that came to the Taco Bar last weekend! It was a huge success. Stay tuned for the next meal after 7:30am Mass in 3 or 4 months.

### Liturgical Ministers' Schedule Announcement

It's that time again when the next Liturgical Ministers' schedule needs to be created. This next schedule will include the months of June through September.

Won't you please consider becoming more involved by volunteering to be a Eucharistic Minister, Usher, Lector, Cantor, or servers? It is important, and an honor, to be an active part of the masses here at St. Catherine's.

**We are especially in need of Altar Servers ... Training will be provided. Please note that ADULTS can be altar servers.**

If you are interested in becoming more involved in the masses at St. Catherine's, please contact Carla Trabert, 260-213-1360, or e-mail at [trabwaca6@yahoo.com](mailto:trabwaca6@yahoo.com) by May 15th.

### 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.

Week of April 26, 2026	St. Catherine	St. Joseph
Weekly Budget Goal:	\$2,222.47	\$5,155.50
Adult Envelopes	\$632.00	\$2,454.00
Online Giving	\$195.00	\$4,074.00
Offertory Income Loose	\$131.00	\$465.00
Preservation-Building	\$10.00	\$475.00
Votives	\$24.00	\$89.00
Rice Bowl	\$0.00	\$29.09
Home Missions	\$30.00	\$110.00

## **Volunteers Needed**

The Open Door began its Catholic Community outreach on January 25, 1998. It has grown from 13 homes to now serving over 400 people. The meals are delivered to the homes late morning on Sunday. October through May the meals consist of a quart of soup, bread, and dessert. June through September it consists of a sandwich, snack, and dessert.

We still have many loyal volunteers from the very beginning, but sadly we are aging and some are unable to continue. If the Open Door does not get an influx of new volunteers, we will be forced to close. We need more volunteers in every area. Those are baking (from a specific recipe), delivery on Sunday morning,, and food serving on Sunday morning. Many of these areas would only take 1-2 hours of your time and be done once a month.

Please consider sharing a few hours of your time in service to those in need. This has been a vital ministry for our community for nearly 30 years and we would really appreciate your help! Please contact stmaryopendoor@gmail.com for more information.

Thank you and God bless you.

## **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  
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## **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

## **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](mailto:Ingridmattesdre@gmail.com) for more information.

## **Roanoke Inter-Church Council**

Our St. Joseph Parish is a member of the Roanoke Inter-Church Council. The council's goal is to promote Christianity, primarily through assistance to the needy in Roanoke. It does this through operation of a food pantry located at Seminary Church. We at St. Joseph support this food pantry through nonperishable food and sundry item donations conducted every other month. There are food pantry posters in the vestibules with contact information and notices of special pantry needs. We encourage you to share this information with anyone in our community in need. The council has also supported special efforts to assist needy children at Roanoke Elementary with "Blessing in a Backpack", and to help adults referred to the council by the county trustee. Look for volunteer opportunities to assist the council in future issues of our bulletin. The council meetings are open to the public at the Roanoke Public Library on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm. We are looking for volunteers to assist in this ministry. If anyone is interested, please call Dennis O'Brien at (734) 306-4054.

## **Coffee and Donuts**

St. Catherine will have coffee and donuts after the 9:15am Mass on May 17th. All are welcome.



## 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 & Satur-  
day 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 17 Donuts at St. Catherine after 9:15am Mass

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

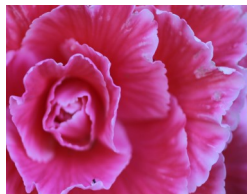
May 26 Adoration at St. Joseph after 8am Mass  
until 6pm

### 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 May 19th. 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.

### 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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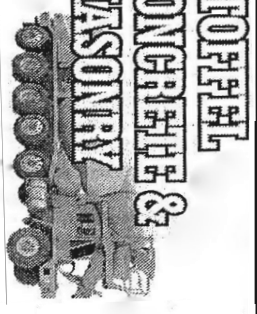
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