



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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Sixth Sunday of Easter May 10, 2026

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	May 11	(SJ)	8:00 AM	No Mass	Fr. Eustace day off
Tuesday	May 12	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Olga Arceo	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Arceo
Wednesday	May 13	(SJ)	8:00 AM	John Hibbert	Mary Ann Hibbert
Thursday	May 14	(SJ)	6:00 PM	Mary Pulver/Mary Jane Didier	Mr. & Mrs. Rex Kaufman
Friday	May 15	(SJ)	8:00 AM	John Julian Klingenberger	Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Keller
Saturday	May 16	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Jim Reed	Bob & Pat Kehmeyer
Saturday	May 16	(SJ)	4:00 PM	Keith Kryder	Kathy & Darren Walker
Sunday	May 17	(SJ)	7:30 AM	Cassandra Kehmeyer	Kurt Kehmeyer
Sunday	May 17	(SC)	9:15 AM	Don Young/Jake Pfister	Mr. & Mrs. George Young
Sunday	May 17	(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 16 (SJ) 4:00 PM	K. Kehmeyer	B. Eherenman	J. & D. Osterholt/J. Girardot	R. Kaufman/M. Eherenman	Volunteers
May 17 (SJ) 7:30AM	D. O'Brien	J. Haifley	T. Barfell/M. Smith/A. Kasper	T. Winans/Ji. Haifley	Volunteers
May 17 (SC) 9:15 AM	J. Kehmeyer	J. Trabert	D. & C. Greulich	J. Hinen/M. Trabert	M. Hesting/W. Scheumann
May 17 (SJ) 11:00AM	M. Glenn	M. Ely	A. & A. Yaney/L. Smart	J. Didier/M. Horn	A. & E. Didier

**May 17 Contribution Counter D. Didier P. Carteaux
M. Sanders**

Prayers for St. Joseph's

Prayers for the Repose of the Soul of Karen Kohr (Rachael Nelson's Mother John's Mother-in-law)

For James. L.T., Ruth & Bob Stoekley, Courtney, Jordan that have passed and for living consolation for all their loved ones

Bob Kehmeyer Bridget Jeff

Prayers for all who made their First Communion to always grow in their Love of Jesus and for all who have made their First Communion in their lives to be more fervent and those away to return with joy.

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 Sister Maria Alan Bogg

George & Judy Young

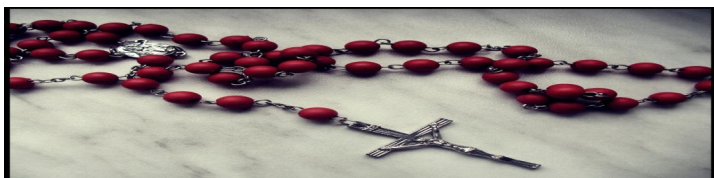
Jackson Longenbaugh Carol Ness Lois Rohrbac

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.



Fr. Eustace's Column

Theme: Are You Preparing? The Ascension Is Near

Dearest brothers and sisters in the Lord,

The Church gently reminds us today that we are standing at the threshold of a great mystery—the Ascension of our Lord is near. The question before us is simple but urgent: *Are we truly preparing?*



In the Gospel (John 14:15–21), Jesus speaks with deep tenderness: *“If you love me, keep my commandments.”* Love, then, is not just words—it is a life of obedience. Christ is not leaving us abandoned; He promises *“another Advocate,”* the Holy Spirit, who will remain with us forever. This means we are never alone. Yet, the Spirit dwells where hearts are open, obedient, and ready.

In the second reading (1 Peter 3:15–18), St. Peter challenges us: *“Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope.”* Notice—*always be ready.* Not tomorrow, not someday—*now.* But he adds something beautiful: do it with *gentleness and reverence.* Our faith is not to be forced, but witnessed through a life that reflects Christ.

Then in the first reading (Acts 8:5–17), we see the early Church in Samaria. Ordinary people, filled with the Spirit, bringing healing, casting out fear, and spreading joy. Scripture says, *“There was great joy in that city.”* That is the mark of a prepared people—joy, courage, and living faith.

So, dear friends, as the Ascension approaches, the Lord is asking us:

- Are we living His commandments?
- Are we open to the Holy Spirit?
- Can our lives explain our faith without many words?

Time is not as long as we think. Christ is calling us higher—toward Him. Let us not be unprepared.

Prepare your heart. Turn away from sin. Rekindle your love for God. Let your life become a testimony.

And when the Lord comes—or calls—may He find us ready, faithful, and full of His Spirit.

Amen.

Fr. Eustace

Bishop Rhoades Announcement

Fr. Eustace has been assigned by Bishop Rhoades to be the pastor of St. Joseph and St. Catherine as of June 16th 2026.

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. De-clutter your life and make a difference in someone else's.



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.

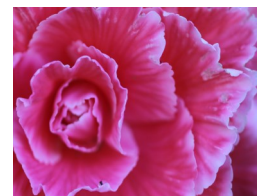
Won't you please consider becoming more involved by volunteering to be a Eucharistic Minister, Usher, Lectur, Cantor, or servers? It is important, and an honor, to be an active part of the masses here at St. Catherine's.

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 by May 15th.

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.



Week of May 3, 2026	St. Catherine	St. Joseph
Weekly Budget Goal:	\$2,222.47	\$5,155.50
Adult Envelopes	\$545.00	\$3,010.00
Online Giving	\$1,045.00	\$2,554.00
Offertory Income Loose	\$204.00	\$497.00
Preservation-Building	\$30.00	\$358.00
Votives	\$19.00	\$64.00
Catholic Charities	\$0.00	\$10.00
Cemetery	\$0.00	\$30.00

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.

St. Joseph First Communion



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.



Senior Dinners

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

May

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 12 Pastoral Council meeting at St. Joseph at 6pm

May 17 Donuts at St. Catherine after 9:15am Mass

May 14,21 Senior meals at 12pm at St. Joseph RSVP to Gretchen at 260-403-0365.

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

St. Catherine's First Communion



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 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.

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.

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.

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