



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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The Ascension of the Lord May 17, 2026

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	May 18	(SJ)	8:00 AM	No Mass	Fr. Eustace day off
Tuesday	May 19	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Linda Pulver	George & Anita Roberts
Wednesday	May 20	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Liv. & Dec. of Keith Sanders Family	Mr. & Mrs. Keith Sanders
Thursday	May 21	(SC)	6:00 PM	Steve Josephson	Dean & Sharon Huey
Friday	May 22	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Eschbach	
Saturday	May 23	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Hinen	
Saturday	May 23	(SJ)	4:00 PM	Anthony & Anna Pierre	Marie Ehner
Sunday	May 24	(SJ)	7:30 AM	For the People	
Sunday	May 24	(SC)	9:15 AM	Jim & Carol Young	John & Stacey Young
Sunday	May 24	(SJ)	11:00 AM	Harry George Keller Jr	Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Keller

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

	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Servers</u>
May 23 (SJ) 4:00 PM	J. Root	S. Keller	B. Keller/K. Schneider/T. Donahue	D. Dietsch/J. Osterholt	Volunteers
May 24 (SJ) 7:30AM	B. Deckard	C. Herber	C. & D. Snodgrass/T. Barfell	M. Trevino/D. Walter	Sorg Family
May 24 (SC) 9:15 AM	J. Kehmeyer	J. Hilligoss	P. & K. Trabert	A. Trabert/L. Lickey	R. Trabert/K. Brown
May 24 (SJ) 11:00AM	B. Beam	I. Mattes	M. & B. Savieo/K. Pleus	L. Smart/T. Smart	N. & B. Pleus

May 24 Contribution Counter K. Quickery M. Horn

V. Moring

Prayers for St. Joseph's

Prayers for the Repose of the Soul of Andrew Buzzard and for his family and all those that loved him.

Bob Kehmeyer Terry Feichter Kathy Elaine F.

Barry

Prayers of Thanksgiving for Adoration and devotion to the Blessed Mother and for both to flourish

Prayers for all Mother's living and deceased to receive every Blessing and their heart's desire in God's timing especially of any children away from the faith to joyfully return.

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

Prayers for God's Mercy to be received by all both living and those who have passed and for everyone to give His Mercy at all times in deed, word and prayer.

Prayers in constant Thanksgiving to God and for all his loving creation in all of us.

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

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.



Pentecost Sunday

Please wear RED if possible next Sunday for Pentecost Sunday.



Fr. Eustace's Column

Theme: Through His Ascension, We Have Received Power to Evangelize the Whole World

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today, Holy Mother Church celebrates the glorious Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ into heaven, forty days after His Resurrection. This feast is not a farewell ceremony from Jesus to His disciples; rather, it is the beginning of a new mission for the Church. Christ ascends into heaven, not to abandon us, but to empower us to continue His saving work on earth.



Before ascending, Jesus gave His disciples a final command:

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19).

And in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, He assures them:

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

This is the heart of today's celebration. Through His Ascension, Christ entrusts the mission of evangelization to the Church. The frightened disciples became courageous preachers because they believed that the risen Lord was still with them. Though Christ ascended physically into heaven, His spiritual presence remains alive among us through the Holy Spirit, the Eucharist, the Scriptures, and the Church.

The Ascension also gives us hope. Jesus ascended to prepare a place for us in heaven (John 14:2-3). Our true homeland is not here on earth. We are pilgrims journeying toward eternal glory. That is why St. Paul in the second reading reminds us to remain steadfast in faith and fix our hearts on heavenly realities.

Dear friends, our world today is hungry for hope, love, mercy, and truth. Christ is calling every baptized Christian to become an evangelizer — not only priests and religious, but parents, teachers, health workers, chaplains, young people, and all believers. Evangelization begins with simple acts: showing kindness, forgiving others, praying with families, defending the weak, visiting the sick, and witnessing to Christ by our way of life.

As chaplains and pastoral caregivers especially, the Ascension reminds us that every hospital room, every bedside encounter, every moment of listening and compassion is an opportunity to reveal the presence of the risen Christ to those who are suffering.

Practical lessons from today's feast:

- Do not be afraid to speak about your faith.
- Allow the Holy Spirit to guide your daily life.
- Become a witness of hope wherever you are.

- Fix your heart on heaven while serving faithfully on earth.
- Evangelize more through love and example than mere words.

As Jesus ascended into heaven, the disciples did not remain looking up at the sky; they returned to Jerusalem filled with joy and mission. May this feast also renew the Church and relaunch us into deeper evangelization, courage, and holiness.

May the Ascended Lord strengthen us to proclaim His Gospel to the whole world. Amen.

Fr. Eustace

Thank You

The Rosary Ladies had another successful USED BOOK SALE again this year. We raised a little over \$1,000.00.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way.

From those who donated books, sorted and set up, worked the sale, packed up unsold books and loaded the truck for them to be taken into St. Henry's Thrift Store.



Thank you

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.



Week of May 10, 2026	St. Catherine	St. Joseph
Weekly Budget Goal:	\$2,222.47	\$5,155.50
Adult Envelopes	\$1,445.00	\$2,903.00
Online Giving	\$45.00	\$2,531.00
Offertory Income Loose	\$245.00	\$495.00
Preservation-Building	\$220.00	\$17,331.75
Votives	\$29.00	\$88.00
Catholic Charities	\$225.00	\$255.00
Catholic Universities	\$20.00	\$0.00

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.

Bishop Luers Announcements

Bishop Luers Show Choir Exhibition - Join us as we celebrate 52 years of show choir tradition on May 17, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the gymnasium. The event will feature the BLHS show choir, alumni performances, and soloists. Free admission! Come support our students and enjoy a night of music!

Bishop Luers Girls Basketball Camp – June 1-4 from 12-2pm in the Bishop Luers gym. Open to Grades 5-8 (2026-27 school year). Cost is \$50. Register at athletics.bishopluers.org today! Contact Coach Hathaway with any questions at mhathaway@bishopluers.org.

Bishop Luers Boys Basketball Camp – June 22-25 from 10am-12pm in the Bishop Luers Gym. Open to grades 5-8 (2026-27 school year). Cost is \$50 per camper. Register at athletics.bishopluers.org today!

Bishop Luers NEW Freshman Registration – NOW OPEN! Applications can be submitted online at www.bishopluers.org. Questions – contact Jenny Andorfer at 260-456-1261 ext. 3051. Experience Luers Spirit!

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.



Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will be May 26 from after the 8am Mass until 6pm. Any question please call Nancy Rodgers at 260-271-3414. Nancy has volunteered to coordinate monthly Adorations.



May

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

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

May 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 19 Pastoral Council meeting at St. Catherine at 6pm

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

May 23 Confirmations at SS Peter & Paul at 10am

May 26 Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph after

June

June 1 Rosary meeting at St. Joseph 6:30pm

June 7 Donuts and coffee at St. Catherine 's after 9:15am Mass

June 9 Finance meeting at St. Joseph at 6pm

June 16 Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph after 8am Mass until 6pm

June 22-26 Fr. Eustace gone on retreat

Job Opportunity

Part time Position open for **MAINTENANCE AND GROUNDS** at St. Mary Mother of God Catholic Church located in downtown Fort Wayne. Position is 20-25 hours per week, a Valid driver's license is required; oversee the maintenance of church complex and grounds; set up church social hall and provide a security presence for scheduled events and Sunday Mass; be on-call for building emergencies; and perform janitorial duties as assigned. If interested, apply online at <https://diocesefwsb.org/hr/#careers>.

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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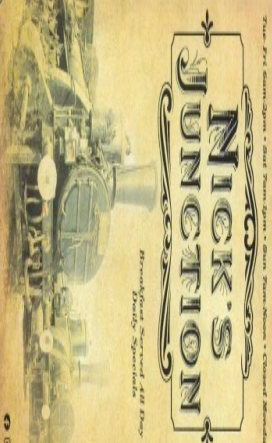
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