



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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Fr. Eustace's Column

Theme: *The Gifts of the Holy Spirit Are for You*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today the Church celebrates the great feast of Pentecost — the day the frightened disciples became courageous witnesses through the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is often called the “birthday of the Church,” because it was on this day that the Church received the divine strength to continue the mission of Jesus Christ in the world.



Before Pentecost, the apostles were afraid, confused, and hiding behind locked doors. But when the Holy Spirit descended upon them like a mighty wind and tongues of fire, fear gave way to courage, weakness became strength, and silence turned into bold preaching. The same Peter who once denied Jesus publicly now stood before thousands proclaiming Christ without fear. This is the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles reminds us that people from different nations and languages all heard the apostles speaking in ways they could understand. This was not merely a miracle of speech; it was a sign that God desires to gather all humanity into one family. Pentecost reverses division and confusion. The Holy Spirit unites hearts, heals wounds, and creates communion.

Today we also rejoice with the candidates who were confirmed this weekend by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church. Through Confirmation, they have received the seal and gifts of the Holy Spirit in a special way. But the message of Pentecost is not only for them — it is for all of us. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are for you.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that there are different gifts but the same Spirit. Some are gifted in wisdom, others in compassion, teaching, encouragement, healing, service, or prayer. The Holy Spirit does not come to make us spectators in the Church; He comes to make us participants in God's mission. No one here is spiritually empty. God has placed something beautiful inside every person.

The Gospel tells us that Jesus stood among His disciples and said, “Peace be with you.” Then He breathed on them and gave them the Holy Spirit. This is deeply moving. The first gift of the Holy Spirit is peace — peace in our families, peace in our hearts, peace amid fear and uncertainty. Many people today are emotionally exhausted, spiritually dry, and silently wounded. Pentecost reminds us that God has not abandoned us. The Holy Spirit is the divine companion who strengthens us when life becomes heavy.

Dear friends, the Holy Spirit is not only for extraordinary moments in church. He is needed in everyday life:

- when parents struggle to raise children with faith,
- when young people battle confusion and temptation,

- when marriages face trials,
- when chaplains, caregivers, and healthcare workers comfort the sick and dying
- when society becomes divided by hatred and selfishness.

Without the Holy Spirit, we easily lose hope. But with the Holy Spirit, ordinary people become instruments of grace.

Today, let us open our hearts again to the Spirit of God. Let Him heal what is broken, strengthen what is weak, and ignite what has become cold within us. The Church does not grow by human power alone; she grows by the fire of the Holy Spirit.

May this Pentecost renew our faith, deepen our love, and transform us into joyful missionaries of Christ wherever we go.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Amen.

Fr. Eustace

Congratulations

Congratulations to our newly Confirmed 8th graders! We had 5 students confirmed from our parishes Saturday May 23 at St. Peter and Paul Church in Huntington. They were: Jackson Hesting from St. Catherine and Eleanor Brown, Anastasia Didier, Kyler Holbrook and Connor Didier from St. Joseph.

Thank You

Thank you to all who donated to St. Henry's truck last weekend. Thank you for helping other people.

OCIA Classes

OCIA class begins in the month of August. Kindly enroll through the office and invite others to take this moment and come back to the church. Please call the office 260-672-2838 Monday through Friday from 9am-3pm.

Week of May 17, 2026	St. Catherine	St. Joseph
Weekly Budget Goal:	\$2,222.47	\$5,155.50
Adult Envelopes	\$955.00	\$2,776.00
Online Giving	\$	\$
Offertory Income Loose	\$209.00	\$496.00
Preservation-Building	\$0.00	\$1,710.00
Votives	\$26.00	\$71.00
Cemetery	\$0.00	\$10.00
Catholic Universities	\$0.00	\$50.00
Holy Land	\$0.00	\$200.00

Pentecost Sunday May 24, 2026

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	May 25	(SJ)	8:00 AM	No Mass	Fr. Eustace day off
Tuesday	May 26	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Norman Eschbach	Robert & Kim Eschbach
Wednesday	May 27	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Jim Reed	Bobbie Wilhelmus
Thursday	May 28	(SJ)	6:00 PM	Intentions of Zorana Luellen	
Friday	May 29	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Linda Pulver	Phil Cler
Saturday	May 30	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Till	
Saturday	May 30	(SJ)	4:00 PM	Bill Ehner	Marie Ehner
Sunday	May 31	(SJ)	7:30 AM	Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Steve Perolio	
Sunday	May 31	(SC)	9:15 AM	Steve Josephson	Nancy Josephson
Sunday	May 31	(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 30 (SJ) 4:00 PM	J. & J. Abbott	K. Schneider	J. & D. Osterholt/M. Kemp	B. Harrison/J. Harrison	Volunteers
May 31 (SJ) 7:30AM	K. Kehmeyer	S. Herber	T. Winans/M. Smith/A. Kasper	Ji. Haifley/Ju. Haifley	Sorg Family
May 31 (SC) 9:15 AM	J. Kehmeyer	C. Greulich	J. Hilligoss/N. Josephson/ D. Greulich	We Trabert/J. Trabert	J. Hesting/V. Hesting
May 31 (SJ) 11:00AM	K. Kehmeyer	P. Mattes	P. & G. Brunett/R. Neher	D. Meitzler/M. Avila	N. Didier

May 31 Contribution Counter P. Mattes S. Close C. Kloster

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

Our late congratulations, to Clint Landigran and Taylor Bradley on their First Communion. Congratulations to Jackson Hesting for being confirmed this week. Prayers for all of them as they continue their journey.

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.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Holly Trabert St. Catherine parishioner for making her First Communion.

Prayers for St. Joseph's

Bob Kehmeyer Andrea Sheila Pat Meggy
Kren Bob Don Carol Doug Jean LT. Deb
Suzanne Fr. Durkin Annie

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

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

For God's Mercy to be received by all both living and dead and to always give His Mercy in deed, word and prayer.

In Thanksgiving for our Sunday reading and sermons and to live out the message.

In Thanksgiving for the gift of Life and that all life be valued and for those who have been involved in abortion to seek and reactive God's Mercy for healing in their lives.

Prayers for all of us in the world to receive and give God's Mercy at all times and so His Holy Will through the powerful intercession of the Blessed Mother.

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.

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

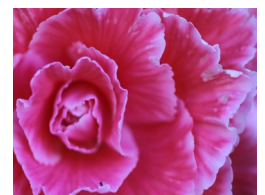
Bishop Luers Girls Basketball Camp – June 1-4 from 12-2pm in the Bishop Luers gym. Open to Grades 5-8 (2026-27 school year). Cost is \$50. Register at athletics.bishopluers.org today! Contact Coach Hathaway with any questions at mhathaway@bishopluers.org.

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!

Thank You

Thank you for supporting the Right to Life Carnation Sales. St. Catherine raised \$235.00 for Right to Life and St. Joseph raised \$613.28 for Right to Life. Thank you for your support.



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.

Eucharistic Adoration

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



May

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

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

SUPPORT THE FORMATION OF OUR FUTURE PRIESTS

You are invited to support the education and formation of our diocesan seminarians through the Pentecost Collection for the Education of Seminarians. Every dollar collected directly supports their academic, spiritual, and pastoral preparation for the priesthood. You can give in response to the letter sent by our diocesan vocation director, during the in-pew collection, or online at diocesefwsb.org/give

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.

Part Time Position

St. Joseph and St. Catherine are looking for a part time person to clean the churches. It would be on Mondays after Sunday service every week. Depending on activities in the church other times as needed. On Thursdays at St. Joseph it will need to be cleaned after senior meals when they are held. Cleaning after funeral dinners. Please call the office at 260-672-2838 if you are interest in the job. Please call Monday—Friday from 9am to 3pm.

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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