



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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Pastor: Father Eustace Okorie

Deacon: The Rev. Mr. Daniel Avila

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St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church

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Mass Times

Sunday 9:15 am

Holy Days See Schedule

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 28, 2026

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Jun 29	(SJ)	8:00 AM	No Mass	Fr. Eustace day off
Tuesday	Jun 30	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Jim Reed	Bobbie Wilhemus
Wednesday	Jul 1	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Intentions of Curtis Meade	
Thursday	Jul 2	(SC)	6:00 PM	JoEllen Krasienko	John & Deb Hilligoss
Friday	Jul 3	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Linda Pulver	Dan & Kathleen Wisel
Saturday	Jul 4	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Wally Johnson	Deborah Stoffel
Saturday	Jul 4	(SJ)	4:00 PM	Intentions of Robert Kehmeyer	Kurt Kehmeyer
Sunday	Jul 5	(SJ)	7:30 AM	Ralph Hinen	Kurt Kehmeyer
Sunday	Jul 5	(SC)	9:15 AM	Joan Hinen	Mr. & Mrs. Don Greulich
Sunday	Jul 5	(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>
Jul 4 (SJ) 4:00 PM	J. Root	K. Schneider	T. Donahue/C. & S. Close	B. Harrison/J. Harrison	Volunteers
Jul 5 (SJ) 7:30AM	D. O'Brien	C. Herber	C. & D. Snodgrass/A. Kasper	Ji. Haifley/Ju. Haifley	Sorg Family
Jul 5 (SC) 9:15 AM	J. Kehmeyer	C. Trabert	R. Ness/T. Rivas/K. Trabert	W. Trabert/D. Hinen	W. Scheumann/V. Hesting
Jul 5 (SJ) 11:00AM	K. Kehmeyer	P. Mattes	M. & B. Savieo/M. Zwick	J. Didier/M. Avila	A. & E. Didier

**Jul 5 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 Shirley Smith
Jackson Longenbaugh Carol Ness Beth Lahr

Sharon Hesting

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.

Prayers for St. Joseph's

Bob Kehmeyer Dominic Matthew James Dot Carol

Prayers for the repose of the soul of Tony Mauer (Carol Yaney's father) & for all the family & friends that loved him.

Prayers for all the dying and all the souls to receive God's Mercy. Prayers of Thanksgiving for Adoration on Tuesday and that Adoration to quench the Thirst the Lord has for all souls and also for the Blessed Mother that both will flourish more than ever!

Prayers for devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus to rekindle God's governance in our nation!

Prayers for prompting of the Holy Spirit to guide the political and Spiritual leaders.

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.

Rosary

Rosary will be said before 4pm Mass next Saturday.



Fr. Eustace's Column

Theme: The Blessings of Receiving a Prophet's Reward

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today's readings call us to reflect on a beautiful but often neglected Christian duty: receiving, supporting, encouraging, and caring for the messengers of God.



In the first reading, the woman of Shunem recognized that Elisha was a man of God. She did not merely greet him with words; she made room for him, prepared food for him, and even provided a small room where he could rest. Her kindness opened the door to a miracle. Though she had no child and had almost lost hope, God blessed her with a son through the prayer of the prophet.

Jesus says in the Gospel: *"Whoever receives you receives me... and whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward"* (Matthew 10:40-41).

This is a serious invitation. To welcome the servant of God is to welcome Christ Himself. To support the work of evangelization is to share in its blessings. The reward is not only material; it can be peace in the family, healing of relationships, renewed faith, divine protection, spiritual growth, and even unexpected answers to prayer.

Today, many priests, religious, missionaries, catechists, choir members, parish volunteers, and lay evangelizers serve quietly but face many challenges. Some are criticized unfairly, insulted, misunderstood, neglected, or discouraged. In a world marked by secularism and anti-Christian attitudes, those who preach the Gospel can easily become targets of mockery and hostility.

But brothers and sisters, the Church needs encouragers. The Church needs people like the woman of Shunem—people who see the burden carried by God's servants and ask: "How can I help?"

You may not be able to preach like a priest or travel like a missionary, but you can receive a prophet's reward by:

- 1. Praying for priests, religious, missionaries, and Church leaders.**
- 2. Speaking respectfully about those who serve the Church.**
- 3. Supporting parish work with your time, gifts, and resources.**
- 4. Encouraging those who are tired or discouraged in ministry.**
- 5. Welcoming the Word of God when it challenges you.**

Sometimes we want the blessing of God, but we reject the messenger God sends to correct, guide, or challenge us. We want a comfortable Gospel, but not a Gospel that calls us away from sin. Yet St. Paul reminds us today: *"We must consider ourselves dead to sin and alive for God in Christ Jesus"* (Romans 6:11).

The greatest prophet we must receive is Jesus Himself. When we receive His Word, His Church, His Sacraments, and His call to conversion, we receive eternal life.

May the Lord give us the generous heart of the woman of Shunem: a heart that recognizes God's servants, supports the mission of the Church, and welcomes Christ in those He sends to us.

And may we receive the prophet's reward: not only blessings in this life, but the joy of eternal life in heaven. Amen. **Fr. Eustace**

School Supplies

St. Joseph will be collecting school supplies and donate them to Huntington County Schools and Catholic Charities. The drive is for children in grades kindergarten through 12 grade. All school supplies are accepted. Please make sure they are NEW. If you need a sheet with suggestions of items there is a sheet in the back of church with suggestions of items. We will be collecting the school supplies through July 19th. For questions please feel free to call or text Shirley Sorg at 260-615-2302.



Canned Food Drive

St. Catherine Parish will collection canned food/paper products now through the month of July. Donations will b given to the food pantry at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Columbia City.



OCIA Classes

OCIA class begins in the month of September. Kindly enroll and invite others to take this moment and come back to the church. Please contact Fr. Eustace or Deacon Dan to enroll. You may also call the office 260-672-2838 Monday through Friday from 9am-3pm.

Week of June 21, 2026	St. Catherine	St. Joseph
Weekly Budget Goal:	\$2,222.47	\$5,155.50
Adult Envelopes	\$909.00	\$2,462.00
Online Giving	\$45.00	\$2,224.00
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Votives	\$21.00	\$81.00
Peter's Pence	\$50.00	\$0.00

Stream Catholic Content!

Our Parish has recently acquired a subscription to FORMED, a Catholic streaming service with many inspirational and informative content for all ages! This is free to all Parishioners from both Parishes, their families and friends. To Join go to: 1) <https://signup.formed.org/>, 2) Enter your parish zip (46783/St. Joseph), 3) Enter your name and email..



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Money Counters Needed

We are in need of money counters after the 11am Mass on Sundays. Please see Fr. Eustace or call the parish office Monday –Friday from 9am –3pm at 260-672-2838. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Save the Date

Please save the date for Saint Catherine's Church Picnic on Sunday, September 13 at 3PM. Meat, drinks, and tableware will be provided. Please bring a covered dish. There will be games and prizes. A sign up will be in the back of church in August. Please plan on coming and join the fun and fellowship! For questions, please call Carol Greulich (260) 609-5269



St. Joseph Mass Ministers

The summer Mass Ministry schedule has been emailed to you by Kay or Kurt. If you have not received it, please let one of us know. Kay - kayschneider2@outlook.com or see Kurt at Mass.

Help Wanted

Join our Religious Education Team at St. Joseph! We are looking for a catechist to teach at St. Joseph. Classes run late August through the end of April from 9:30-10:45 am Sunday mornings. Please contact Ingrid Mattes at Ingridmattesdre@gmail.com or 260-466-3025 to volunteer!

July

July 4 Rosary before 4pm Mass

July 6 Rosary meeting at St. Joseph 6:30 pm

July 15 Knights of Columbus meeting at 6:30pm
in St. Joseph basement

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

Peter's Pence Collection

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo XIV to be a sign of hope to our suffering brothers, and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information,, visit www.obolodiasanpietro.va/en.html.

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. This doesn't have to be for both churches please let us know if you interested in doing either church. 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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TUESDAY JULY 14, 2026



7:00PM

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Our Hope in the Storm Spiritual Support Group provides a safe, welcoming space for individuals navigating mental health challenges, supporting loved ones, or those simply seeking hope & connection. Through faith-filled conversation, prayer, encouragement, and mutual support, participants are accompanied in a spirit of compassion & hope. These groups are not therapy, but an opportunity to encounter Jesus' healing presence within a caring, supportive community.
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