



**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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**St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church**  
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**Mass Times**

**Sunday** 9:15 am

**Holy Days** See Schedule

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# Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 12, 2026

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Jul 13	(SJ)	8:00 AM	No Mass	Fr. Eustace day off
Tuesday	Jul 14	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Olga Arceo	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Arceo
Wednesday	Jul 15	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Liv. & Dec. members Keith Sanders Fam-	Mr. & Mrs. Keith Sanders
Thursday	Jul 16	(SC)	6:00 PM	Steve Josephson	Bob & Pat Kehmeyer
Friday	Jul 17	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Ethan Hall	Robert & Kim Eschbach
Saturday	Jul 18	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Linda Pulver	Phil & Nancy Grote
Saturday	Jul 18	(SJ)	4:00 PM	For the People	
Sunday	Jul 19	(SJ)	7:30 AM	Jim Reed	Dan & Kathleen Wisel
Sunday	Jul 19	(SC)	9:15 AM	JoEllen Krasienko	Dan & Teresa Flora
Sunday	Jul 19	(SJ)	11:00 AM	Barbara Joyce Falotico	Melinda Kinder & Barbara Richardson

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

	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Servers</u>
Jul 18 (SJ) 4:00 PM	K. Kehmeyer	S. Keller	J. & D. Osterholt	D. & P. Wright	Volunteers
Jul 19 (SJ) 7:30AM	B. Deckard	L. Zembala	T. Barfell/K. Walter	B. King/D. Walter	Sorg Family
Jul 19 (SC) 9:15 AM	J. Kehmeyer	C. Greulich	D. Greulich/N. Josephson	M. Trabert/Ky Trabert	R. Trabert/J. Jackson
Jul 19 (SJ) 11:00AM	B. Beam	M. Zwick	R. Neher/L. Smart	A. Herber/D. Meitzler	I. & K. Herber

**Jul 19 Contribution Counter B. Keller C. Snodgrass  
K. Sanders**

Prayers for St. Joseph's

Bob Kehmeyer Charles Karen Moran Beyer Deb  
Melanie Carol M. K.

Prayers for us all to ask God to help us be saints to give the gift to God for our nation now dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus! And for many to have their homes consecrated to The Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary for devotion to flourish more than ever.

Prayers for God's Mercy to be received by all especially those who are homeless, dying, in purgatory, struggling with addictions and mental health conditions.

For all of us to be true to God and help those who are led astray by false trends in the culture. For all spiritual leaders to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

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

Prayers for marriages to be Holy and broken relationships to be healed.

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.

## Order of Christian Initiation for Adults



**Consider OCIA, if you are:**

- Unbaptized
- A baptized non-Catholic
- A baptized Catholic who has not been confirmed

"That One, True Church founded by God incarnate was indeed, The Holy Catholic Church"

... Isaac (St. Joseph OCIA 2026)

For more information go to  
[stjosephroanoke.org](http://stjosephroanoke.org)



## Fr. Eustace's Column

### **Theme: *On That Day, Among These Groups, Where Will You Be Found?***

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today's Word of God asks each one of us a question that no one can answer for another: **When I stand before God, among which group will I be found?**



The prophet Isaiah assures us that God's Word never fails. It always accomplishes His purpose. We can ignore it, reject it, or delay responding to it, but one day we shall all give an account of how we received it. St. Paul reminds us that the sufferings of this present life are nothing compared with the glory that awaits those who remain faithful. Every temptation resisted, every sacrifice made, every act of love done for Christ is preparing us for eternal joy.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the Parable of the Sower. The seed is the same, but the hearts are different. Some hearts are hard; God's Word never enters. Some receive it with joy but give up when trials come. Others allow the worries of life, money, pleasure, anger, pride, and worldly distractions to choke God's grace. Only the good soil bears fruit.

A true story is told of a farmer who sowed good seed in his field. Months later, he noticed that one part of the field had produced almost nothing. The seed was not the problem. The rain had fallen everywhere, but that section was overgrown with weeds that had silently choked the crop. Looking at it, he sadly said, **"The harvest did not fail because I lacked seed; it failed because I neglected the field."**

Many Christians are like that field. God has given us His Word, the Eucharist, the Sacraments, and countless opportunities to repent. Yet, without noticing it, resentment, greed, impurity, laziness, gossip, and unforgiveness slowly grow like weeds until they choke our spiritual lives.

My brothers and sisters, death does not give an appointment before it comes. Every cemetery is filled with people who thought they still had tomorrow. The greatest tragedy is not to die; the greatest tragedy is to die without bearing fruit for Christ.

Today, Jesus is not condemning us. He is inviting us to become good soil. If your heart has become hard, ask Him to soften it. If you have grown cold in your faith, ask Him to renew you. If the thorns of sin have taken over your life, allow Him to uproot them today through sincere repentance and a good confession.

When the final harvest comes, may we not be found among those who merely heard God's Word, but among those who lived it faithfully and bore fruit for eternal life.

May the Lord make our hearts good soil, so that on the last day we shall be gathered into His eternal kingdom.

**Amen. Fr. Eustace**

## Special Collection

This Sunday there will be a second collection for Venezuela for the devastating earthquakes which took place nearly two thousand people dead & several thousand injured or missing.

## 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.



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.

Week of July 5, 2026	St. Catherine	St. Joseph
Weekly Budget Goal:	\$2,335.12	\$5,881.65
Adult Envelopes	\$705.00	\$1,997.00
Online Giving	\$1,045.00	\$2,771.00
Offertory Income Loose	\$102.00	\$495.00
Preservation-Building	\$60.00	\$245.00
Votives	\$29.00	\$39.00

## **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..



The advertisement features the 'formed' logo at the top left, with the tagline 'Forming Catholics for Life'. Below the logo is a blue box containing the text: 'Shouldn't we go DIRECTLY TO GOD with our prayers?' and 'WHAT CATHOLICS believe'. To the right of this text is a photo of Dr. Edward Sri, a man with glasses and a blue blazer, speaking. Below the blue box, the title 'What Catholics Believe About Mary: Immaculate Conception, Virginity' is displayed. Underneath the title is a paragraph: 'Join Dr. Edward Sri as he answers some of the internet's most asked questions about Mary. Who is Mary? Why do Catholics pray to Mary? How could she be a virgin if Jesus had brothers and sisters according to the Bible? Find out answers to these and more questions in this episode of What Catholics Believe.' At the bottom left, there is a QR code and text: 'Our parish has a free Formed subscription for you! Simply scan the QR code or visit: [formed.org/signup](https://signup.formed.org/) to create your account and select our parish to get free access to this content and much more!

## **Knights of Columbus**

Knights of Columbus next meeting is July 15th at 6:30pm in St. Joseph church basement. There will be an Exemplification Ceremony after the 11am Mass at St. Joseph on 7/26/26. Family & parishioners are welcome to attend the ceremony.

## **THEOLOGY ON TAP - FORT WAYNE**

Young adults are invited to the summer Theology on Tap Series titled *Built for Communion: The Catholic Social Life*. The weekly series runs every Tuesday from July 7th - July 28th. Individuals of any faith background are encouraged to attend. The event takes place at Charlie's Place (4201 N Wells St, Fort Wayne, IN 46808). Doors, food, and bar service open at 6:30pm and weekly talk begins at 7:00pm. Come for the food, drinks, and fellowship! Deepen your faith this summer, and invite a friend. We cannot wait to see you there! Learn more about the series at: [diocesefwsb.org/tot-fw](https://diocesefwsb.org/tot-fw). Follow us on Instagram: [theologyontapfw](https://www.instagram.com/theologyontapfw)

## **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

## **Money Counters Needed**

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

## **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](mailto:Ingridmattesdre@gmail.com) or 260-466-3025 to volunteer!

## July

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

### Save the Date for the Picnic

The St. Joseph Parish Picnic will be on Sunday, Sept. 20 from 3:30-6:00 p.m. We will serve grilled hot dogs and hamburgers; please bring a side to share. Sign-ups for attendance and volunteering will be available on Aug. 29. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Rumsey at 260-417-5660.



### 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](mailto: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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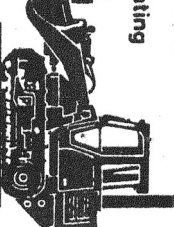
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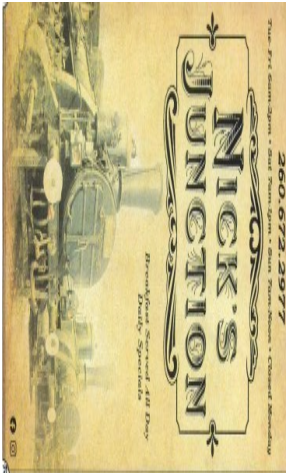
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