

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.

Online Giving: www.osvhub.com/st-joseph-church-roanoke/funds

Pastor: Father Eustace Okorie

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Mass Times

Sunday 9:15 am

Holy Days See Schedule

Confessions can be heard by appointment.

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 25, 2026

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Oct 26	(SJ)	8:00 AM	No Mass	Fr. Eustace day off
Tuesday	Oct 27	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Linda Pulver	Carolyn, Joe, Doug, Melissa, Andy, Ron, Larene
Wednesday	Oct 28	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Franz Family	St. Joseph Rosary Society
Thursday	Oct 29	(SJ)	6:00 PM	Evelyn Kuehner	Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Borsos
Friday	Oct 30	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Intentions of Larry Zembala	
Saturday	Oct 31	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Nadia Toscos	Mrs. Zorana Luellen
Saturday	Oct 31	(SJ)	4:00 PM	For the People	
Sunday	Nov 1	(SJ)	7:30 AM	Michelle Frantz	Jerry & Deb Osterholt
Sunday	Nov 1	(SC)	9:15 AM	Wilma Kumfer	Kirk & Pat Trabert
Sunday	Nov 1	(SJ)	11:00 AM	Deloris Trant & Mamie Scher	Mrs. Joan Scher
(SJ) St. Joseph (SC) St. Catherine					

	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Servers</u>
Oct 31 (SJ) 4:00 PM	J. & J. Abbott	K. Quickery	M. Kemp/K. Schneider	T. & B. Dwyer	Volunteers
Nov 1 (SJ) 7:30AM	K. Kehmeyer	J. Haifley	K. Walter/T. Winans	P. Cler/M. Fedorcak	Sorg Family
Nov 1 (SC) 9:15 AM	J. Kehmeyer	C. Trabert	P. & K. Trabert	W. Trabert/B. Trabert	W. Scheuman/T. Bradley
Nov 1 (SJ) 11:00AM	M. Glenn	P. Mattes	M. & B. Savieo	N. Didier/T. Smart	A. & I Didier

**Nov 1 Contribution Counter B. Keller C. Snodgrass
K. Sanders**

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Consider OCIA, if you are:

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



"I waited far too long to begin this process. For many years I created reasons in my mind for putting it off. I told myself I was too busy, too nervous, or not confident enough in my understanding of the faith. ...Now that I have gone through the experience, I would encourage anyone who is considering this journey to step into it fully. The people who guide you are patient, welcoming, and genuinely committed to meeting you exactly where you are."

—Zach K.(St. Joseph OCIA, 2026)

For more information go to:



stjosephroanoke.org



stcatherineparish.org

Prayers for St. Joseph's

Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Robert Kehmeyer, Barb Cocks, and Tim Leffler and their families.

George G. Martha Marie Betty Tim Joe Murphy

Micki Sharon Toni Don Heit Don Kathy Carol

Doug Pat Jean Jackie Patty Patsy

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 Sue Keller at 260-760-3626.

ST. Joseph Facebook Page

St. Joseph's has a facebook page! Please visit us at **St. Joseph Catholic Church - Roanoke, Indiana** and help us promote our parish!

Flocknotes Sign-up

To sign up for Flocknotes text stacutis to 84576 & follow the directions.

Fr. Eustace's Column

Theme: The Choice of God Is the Greatest Commandment

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,



Every day, God's word comes to us like an armor, protecting and guiding us on the road to eternity. Today's Gospel presents a question that every human heart must answer: What matters most to God?

The Pharisees tried to trap Jesus, but instead He gave the greatest answer ever spoken: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... and you shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37-39)

Notice that Jesus did not separate love of God from love of people. The God we worship on Sunday is the same God who waits for us in the stranger, the widow, the orphan, the lonely neighbor, and the forgotten person.

In the first reading, God speaks with the tenderness of a Father: Do not oppress the stranger. Do not mistreat the widow or the orphan. Why? Because people who are wounded matter deeply to God. Sometimes the greatest act of holiness is not a miracle but a phone call to someone who feels abandoned, a word of forgiveness, a meal shared, or a listening ear.

St. Paul praises the Thessalonians because they did not merely hear the Gospel; they lived it. Their lives became an imitation of Christ. The same question comes to us today: If someone watched the way I treat my family, my coworkers, the poor, and those who disagree with me, would they see Christ?

Take-home lessons:

- Choose God first every day, because every other love finds its meaning in Him.
- Let your love become visible through kindness, forgiveness, and compassion.
- Remember that the person before you may be carrying a cross you cannot see.

My dear friends, at the end of our lives, God will not first ask how many prayers we said, but whether those prayers transformed our hearts into hearts that love.

May we choose God, and by choosing Him, may we learn to love every person He places in our path.

Amen. Fr. Eustace

OCIA Candidates

This weekend we welcome our 3 adult OCIA candidates in the Rite of Welcome as they express their desire to enter into the process of learning about the Catholic faith in preparation for being formally received at Easter Vigil. Please continue to encourage and pray for Chris Gruber and Cassidy Hartman from St Joseph and Justin Scheumann from St. Catherine.

Rosary Meeting

There will be a Rosary meeting at St. Joseph on November 2, at 6pm.

St. Catherine's Harvest Breakfast

St. Catherine's Harvest Breakfast will be November 8, 2026 after the 9:15 AM Mass. Please use the sign-up sheet in the back of church to indicate how many will attend and type of food you plan to provide. As always, this breakfast is a great opportunity to socialize with fellow parishioners and enjoy great food. Questions, call Teresa Flora, 260-224-3161.

Prayers for St. Catherine's

Sheryl Winters Julie Kelly Cayce Cobb Carol Ness

Alan Bogg George & Judy Young Deedee Felger

Shirley Smith Jackson Longenbaugh Debbie York

Beau Craft Alberta Nix Mike Woenker

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 Carol Greulich 260-609-5269

Right to Life Baby Shower

St. Catherine's Parish is having a Right to Life baby shower during the month of October. Donations can be dropped off in the back of church.

Week of October 18, 2026	St. Catherine	St. Joseph
Weekly Budget Goal:	\$2,335.12	\$5,881.65
Adult Envelopes	\$640.00	\$2,355.00
Online Giving	\$245.00	\$2,207.00
Offertory Income Loose	\$142.00	\$490.00
Preservation-Building	\$0.00	\$1,230.00
Votives	\$28.00	\$60.00
World Mission	\$432.00	\$1,297.00

Right to Life Baby Shower

St. Joseph's will be having a Right to Life Baby shower in the month of October. Board books for toddlers and anything baby is needed. Baskets will be put out October 3rd in vestibules for donations. Donations to be made to Women's Care Center.

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.

Parade of Saints

Children of all ages are invited to dress up as a saint and participate in a procession before Mass on November 1, 2026. Children will meet in the church hall at 8:30am. We will have saint costumes available to wear or the child can bring their own saint costume. The saint program will start around 8:45 in church before Mass. Everyone is invited to come early to Mass to see the "Parade of Saints." Any question call Jane Trabert 609-8360



Trunk or Treat

Get those creative juices flowing! \$25 gift cards will be awarded to the adult with the best costume and the best decorated car. Trunk-or-Treat will be on October 25th following the 9:15 Mass at St. Catherine Hand out candy and have a good time!

St. Aloysius Craft Show

Get a head start on your holiday shopping at our upcoming craft show on Saturday, November 7th from 9am-3pm. Browse a wonderful variety of handmade items, unique gifts, delicious food, baked goods and more! Bring your family and friends and join us for a fun day of shopping and great finds!

The Holy Family Parish Statue Visitation

The statue of the Holy Family will be passing through families of both parishes, beginning on the 27th of this month, until the Feast of the Holy Family. After Christmas families are encouraged to sign up and indicate interest, as it is expected to stay only for one week in each family. We intend to be dedicated our homes with the love, virtues, and protection of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Eucharistic Adoration

Saint Catherine and Saint Joseph form one faith community, and we would love to see *St. Catherine parishioners join in the many blessings offered in Adoration.* Please call Nancy Rodgers at 260-432-8223 (landline) or 260-271-3414 to sign up for any time slot between 8:30 a.m. And 5:30 p.m. Children are welcome, for Jesus Himself said, "Let the little children come unto me" (Matthew 19:14).



Adoration is Tuesday October 27th, after the 8am Mass until 6pm.



Fidelis & Fraternus
Tuesdays from 6:30 – 8:30
6th – 12th graders



**Please pray for the Fidelis ladies
who are on retreat this weekend**



**"Morning Fishing Expedition"
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Grow friendships at weekly meetings & retreats.
More info at: fidelis@seasfv.org or fraternus@seasfv.org

October

October 29 Senior Dinners at 12pm please RSVP to Gretchen at 403-0365.

October 25 Religious Education Classes at St Catherine 7:45-9am

October 25 Religious Education Classes at St. Joseph 9:30-10:45am

October 27 Knit Chicks 1-3pm at St. Joseph

October 27 Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph after 8am Mass until 6pm

November

November 1,8,15,22 Religious Education Classes at St Catherine 7:45-9am Religious Education Classes at St. Joseph 9:30-10:45am

November 2 Rosary meeting at St. Joseph at 6pm

November 3,10,17,24 Knit Chicks 1-3pm at St. Joseph

November 5,12,19 Senior Dinners at 12pm please RSVP to Gretchen at 403-0365.

November 7 Rosary recitation before 4pm Mass at St. Joseph

November 18 Knights of Columbus meeting at 6:30pm at St. Joseph

November 22 Collection for Human Development

November 23 Rosary meeting at St. Catherine 6pm

November 24 Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph after 8am Mass until 6pm

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.

St. Joseph All Saints Day Procession

All Students are invited to dress up as their favorite Saint and process in with Father Eustace at the beginning of the 11 am mass on November 1. Costumes do not have to be elaborate and may include an object/symbol for their saint. Mark your calendars now and join us on this special occasion! Please contact Ingrid Mattes with any questions.

Thanksgiving Food Drive – Knights of Columbus

From **October 24 through November 22**, our Knights of Columbus council will be collecting canned and boxed food items to help those in need in our community. Donation baskets will be available in both church vestibules. Please consider donating nonperishable food items to help make Thanksgiving a little brighter for our neighbors in need.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

40 Days for Life

The fall campaign to pray against abortion, 40 Days for Life, is coming up. The prayer campaign lasts from Sept. 23 to Nov. 1.



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