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

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St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church
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Mass Times
Sunday 9:15 am
Holy Days See Schedule

Confessions can be heard by appointment.

Online giving: www.osvhub.com/stcatherineofalexandria/funds

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 30, 2026

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Aug 31	(SJ)	8:00 AM	No Mass	Fr. Eustace day off
Tuesday	Sep 1	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Linda Pulver	Phil & Nancy Grote
Wednesday	Sep 2	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Jim Reed	Anita Brinker & Maryanne
Thursday	Sep 3	(SJ)	6:00 PM	Wally Johnson	Mr. & Mrs. Larry Nix
Friday	Sep 4	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Beulah Eschbach	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Eschbach
Saturday	Sep 5	(SJ)	8:00 AM	Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Rob Neher	
Saturday	Sep 5	(SJ)	4:00 PM	For the People	
Sunday	Sep 6	(SJ)	7:30 AM	Patricia Kehmeyer	Kurt Kehmeyer
Sunday	Sep 6	(SC)	9:15 AM	Steven Josephson	Kirk & Pat Trabert
Sunday	Sep 6	(SJ)	11:00 AM	Swanson & Magner Families	Mr. & Mrs. Erick Magner

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

	Cantor	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Ushers	Servers
Sep 5 (SJ) 4:00 PM	J. Root	K. Quickery	J. & D. Osterholt	B. & J. Harrison	Volunteers
Sep 6 (SJ) 7:30AM	D. O'Brien	T. Winans	T. Barfell/A. Kasper	M. Trevino/A. Baker	Sorg Family
Sep 6 (SC) 9:15 AM	J. Kehmeyer	R. Ness	N. Josephson/J. Hilligoss/T. Rivas	We. Trabert/J. Trabert	W. Scheumann/R. Landrigan
Sep 6 (SJ) 11:00AM	K. Kehmeyer	M. Zwick	L. Smart/P. Mattes	A. Herber/M. Hiorn	I. & K. Herber

Sep 6 Contribution Counter V. Moring T. Winans

Substitute

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

Bob Kehmeyer Anna Gottfried Mike Gase

Sharon Hesting Jane

Prayers in constant Thanksgiving to God and for all in need of healing in God's Merciful Will.

For God's mercy to be received by all who are dying, or away from the Faith. For all struggling with addictions, depression and mental illness to experience Joy and support of those who help them.

For all who the Lord desires to be invited and sign up for OCIA and continued blessing on those who will be called to come forth.

For all missionaries in the world and for all of us to support them physically and spiritually since we are all one family in God and for all parents and those who work with God's precious children to be given patience from the Holy Spirit.

For those who are persecuted and for the conversion of the persecutors.

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.

Fr. Eustace's Column

Are You Ready for the Reward?

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Last Sunday at Caesarea Philippi, Peter boldly professed, **"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."** Jesus praised him and entrusted to him the keys of the Kingdom. But in today's Gospel, the same Peter who confessed Jesus as Lord could not accept the cross. When Jesus revealed that He must suffer and die, Peter rebuked Him: **"God forbid, Lord! This shall never happen to you."**

Peter wanted the **crown without the cross**. But Jesus teaches us that the road to eternal glory passes through sacrifice, obedience, and self-denial: **"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."**

Jeremiah tells us that he allowed himself to be persuaded by God. Even when God's message was difficult and unpopular, he could not remain silent. St. Paul likewise urges us to **offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God**, rather than allowing the world to shape our lives.

This raises an important question for each of us: **What are we living for?**

Sometimes we want God to bless our plans, but we do not want to surrender our plans to God. We want the reward of heaven, but we resist the sacrifices that lead there. We want resurrection without Good Friday, victory without struggle, and the crown without the cross.

But Jesus says: **"Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."**

Every time you forgive when you have the right to be angry, every time you choose honesty when dishonesty would benefit you, every time you remain faithful when temptation invites you away, every time you serve someone who cannot repay you—you are carrying your cross with Christ.

And the cross is not the end. **There is a reward.** Jesus promises eternal life to those who faithfully follow Him. As St. Paul reminds us, what we offer to God in this life is never wasted.

Therefore, let us ask ourselves today:
If Christ came for me today, would He find me ready for the reward?

Do not make God an alternative in your life. **Put Him first.** Seek His Kingdom before possessions, popularity, comfort, and worldly success.

The world may reward us with temporary things, but **God's reward is eternal.**
May we have the courage to choose Christ, embrace our crosses, remain faithful in sacrifice, and one day hear those beautiful words: **"Well done, good and faithful servant… come and share your Master's joy."** Amen. **Fr. Eustace**

OCIA Inquiry Sessions Next Two Weekends

After all the Masses the next two weekends in both parishes, members of the OCIA team will be available to take questions about the process for entering or re-entering the Catholic Church that will start in September. These inquiry sessions offer the opportunity to learn more about the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). Is the Holy Spirit prompting you? Come and see what it's all about!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS' SCHEDULE ANNOUNCEMENT

It's that time again when the next Liturgical Ministers' schedule needs to be created. This next schedule will include the months of October through January.

Won't you please consider becoming more involved by volunteering to be a Eucharistic Minister, Usher, Lector, Cantor, or server? It is important, and an honor, to be an active part of the masses here at St. Catherine's.

We are especially in need of Altar Servers … Training will be provided. Please note that ADULTS can be altar servers.

If you are interested in becoming more involved in the masses at St. Catherine's, please contact Carla Trabert, 213-1360, or e-mail at trabwaca6@yahoo.com

Bible Study

Continuing Bible Study on Genesis Chapters 14-34, starts September 3rd and ends December 3rd. We meet every other Thursday. We will meet in the church basement 6:30-8:00 PM. There is no cost. If you have questions please contact Chuck Close (214-287-0914). There are sign up sheets at church entrances.

Week of August 23, 2026	St. Catherine	St. Joseph
Weekly Budget Goal:	$2,335.12	$5,881.65
Adult Envelopes	$1,324.00	$2,102.00
Online Giving	$45.00	$2,150.00
Offertory Income Loose	$77.00	$472.00
Preservation-Building	$0.00	$8,050.00
Votives	$35.00	$68.95
Holy Day	$30.00	$0.00
Missioncare	$749.00	$1,634.06

HOPE IN THE STORM MENTAL HEALTH SPIRITUAL SUPPORT GROUPS

WHEN
September 8, 2026 at 7 PM

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CONTACT
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Drew Stuart at
Or 260-224-0522

Registration for the Fall 2026 term is now open!

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Celebrate Your Wedding Anniversary

Couples celebrating their25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th or 70th wedding anniversary are invited to-join Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades for a special Anniversary Mass this fall. Masses will be celebrated on SUN, Sept.27, 11:30am at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. Anniversary couples will receivea commemorative certificate and two complimentary tickets to reception following Mass. Learn more and register at diocesefwsb.org/anniversary-masses

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

Beth Lahr Jackson Longenbaugh

Carol Ness 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.

Retreat

Retreat on the Franciscan Jubilee Year with Fr. Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap, retreat master. Wednesday, October 21 through Sunday, October 25, St. Felix Catholic Center, Huntington IN Mini-retreat on Blessed Solanus Casey on Saturday, October 24. Details at www.penitents.org/retreats or phone 260-341-7117

Eucharistic Adoration

We are very grateful for everyone who came to adoration last Tuesday. It was a great turn out. Thank you to all that came.

August

August 23, 30 Religious Education Classes at St Catherine 7:45-9am and Religious Education Classes at St. Joseph 9:30-10:45am.

September

September 7 Rosary meeting at St. Joseph 6:30pm

September 8 St. Catherine Pastoral Council meeting at 6pm

September 10 Senior Dinners at 12pm please RSVP to Gretchen at 403-0365.

September 13, 20 27 Religious Education Classes at St Catherine 7:45-9am and Religious Education Classes at St. Joseph 9:30-10:45am.

September 13 St. Catherine's Picnic at 3pm

September 16 Knights of Columbus meeting 6:30pm at St. Joseph church basement

September 20 St. Joseph 's Picnic at 3:30pm

September 20 Donuts & coffee after 9:15am Mass at St. Catherine

September 21 Rosary meeting at St. Catherine at 6pm

September 22 Eucharistic Adoration at St. Jo-

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

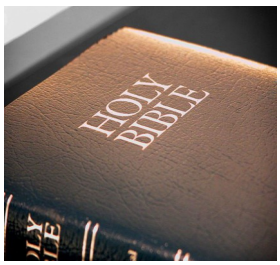
PRAYER FOR SYNOD 2026

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.

High School Bible Study

We are excited to offer a free High School Bible Study this fall at St. Joseph. We will be starting with an overview of the Bible using the Venture Bible Timeline Program and will meet during Religious Education Classes select Sundays from 9:30-10:45 am. Please text or email Ingrid Mattes (260-466-3025) ingridmattes-dre@gmail.com for Questions or register.



Central Catholic High School Alumni Luncheon

Wednesday, September 16, 2026
Classic Catering Center, 2832 Hillegas Road

Doors open 11:00 a.m. Luncheon served at 12:00 pm
Reservations please by August 30 Contact: Debby Andrews 260-466-5280 Luncheon - $20.00 per person. Choices: Swiss Steak with potatoes and gravy, green beans OR Strawberry Chicken Salad. Both served with pie, coffee, lemonade or iced tea.

Join us for the St. Joseph Roanoke Parish Picnic, Sun., Sept. 20…Food, Family, Games for kids, Entertainment and Raffle!

Hope you can join the fun of the St. Joseph Parish Picnic! It's a time to gather, meet your fellow parishioners, share time with family and friends, and enjoy food, games, entertainment and more.

Picnic Details

Who: All St. Joseph parishioners and their families are invited.

When: Sunday, Sept. 20 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Dinner will be served at 4:00 p.m.)

Where: St. Joseph Parish Hall basement.

What: Parish Picnic for all to enjoy! Check-in and receive your family's raffle ticket, then enjoy a hamburger or hotdog, along with a variety of sides and desserts, in the cool comfort of the parish hall or under tents. Listen to musicians play your old favorites while the kids join the children's activities, which include face painting, games and crafts.

RSVP: <u>Please use the sign up sheets in the vestibules at church to sign up to attend</u> by writing your family name, number attending and what food dish you will bring. Last name begins with A-J brings: salad or vegetable; K-S: side dish; T-Z: dessert.

Volunteers: <u>Please consider spending 30 minutes during the event to volunteer</u> to run games for the kids, attend to the food, set up, clean up, among other activities. Volunteer sign up sheets can be found in

the vestibules in the back of the church. You may also contact Barb Rumsey at 260-417-5660 to sign up.

The day of the event be sure to check-in at the welcome tent on 6th St. to pick up your name tag. In addition, <u>each family will receive 1 raffle ticket</u>.

Thank you! See you at our St. Joseph Parish Picnic.

<u>Volunteer descriptions. Most shifts are 30 minutes.</u>

Children's Activities: Activities such as a coloring table, Hay Hide, Bubble Table, Pumpkin Painting, Corn Hole and sidewalk chalk drawings are some of the fun things planned for the kids.

Food: We will need help to ensure the potluck food stays tidy. Flat ware, plates, condiments and beverages will need to be replenished also.

Set up Committee: Set up will be done the day of the event by arranging tables and chairs in the Parish Hall, and setting up the small tents, tables and chairs for the check-in and music areas.

Clean up Committee: We will need help with the clean up of the event area, and the kitchen when the picnic ends.

If you have any questions, please contact Barb Rumsey at 260-417-5660.

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