

ADVENT GIVING TREE

As Christmas draws near, we often focus on finding that unique and perfect gift for our family and friends. The magic of this season is universal, but right now, families around the world are facing a Christmas without presents to open or food for the table. Mothers and Fathers want nothing more than to see their children succeed, but finding food for even one small meal a day is a struggle. Gift tags from Catholic Relief Services' Catalog of Hope can make an immediate, lifesaving difference and give hope to families worldwide. For more than 80 years, CRS has been providing expertise and compassion to our brothers and sisters in more than 115 countries. Your donations bring change, now and in the years to come. CRS tags can be returned until the end of the year. Please visit CRS.org website to join their continuing support of families facing disastrous conditions. Give that perfect gift this year...the gift of life! Thank you for your compassion and generosity!

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Way of Lights Run

The Shrine Grounds and Visitors Center
January 1, 2025, 5:00 pm.

What better way to start the year than going through this exciting course while surrounded by a display of over 1.5 million beautiful, colorful and breathtaking Christmas lights!

Join us at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows for our annual 5k Run and

1.5-mile Fun Walk as you welcome in the New Year!!

Cost: Register by December 17 to receive a WOL Run T-shirt and the early you register, the better the price! Pricing now starts at \$35.00 for the Run and \$25.00 for Walk if registered by December 17, 2024. Price increases starting December 18, 2024.

For more information, visit <https://snows.org/wolrun/> or call 618-397-6700.

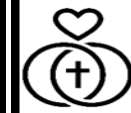
St. Vincent de Paul Needs Coats!

Cold winter weather has definitely arrived and the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council** desperately needs coats to distribute to those in need. **Gently-used or new coats of all types in all sizes for all ages – toddlers, children, teens and adults (men and women) are being requested.** Items can be dropped off at the St. Vincent de Paul office located at 8800 West Main Street, Belleville, across from Blessed Sacrament Church, or call Joe Hubbard or Pat Hogrebe at 618-394-0126 for additional information. Warm your heart by keeping someone warm and donate a coat today!

Thank you very much.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Service Location	Date	Time
St. Charles Borromeo, DuBois	Dec 22, 24	03:00 PM
St. Michael, Radom	Dec 22, 24	06:00 PM



Let Jesus Feed Your Marriage!

Renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The following upcoming weekends are available. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

1/31/2025 - 2/2/2025, St. Peters, MO

4/4/2025 - 4/6/2025, St. Peters, MO

Please pray for all expectant mothers and the child they are carrying or have recently had their babies along with their families:

Amanda, Krista, Alyssa, Jenna, Victoria, Elizabeth, Erica, Janelle, Michaela, Lauren, Jessica, Katie, Erika, Heather & Nicole.

Are you an expectant mother or do you know of someone that we can pray for throughout the pregnancy & post-term? Please contact the office. We will place a wooden rose on the altar by Mary with the parents name and the baby's expectant month of arrival on a card attached to the rose.

Once the baby is born, the family may take the rose to keep.



JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Pope Francis will open the Jubilee Year 2025 by opening the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on Christmas Eve. Join Bishop Michael McGovern in opening the celebration of the Jubilee Year in our diocese at the 10:30am Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter (200 W. Harrison, Belleville) on Sunday December 29. Our theme for the Jubilee Year is Pilgrims of Hope. For more information visit www.diobelle.org.

Vocation Corner: Today's Gospel details the 2nd Joyful Mystery of the Rosary – the Visitation. Mary has accepted HER call to be the Mother of God. And even though pregnant, she travels to visit Elizabeth who is the mother of John the Baptist. Elizabeth tells her "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." Have you asked yourself if you are fulfilling what the Lord has spoken to you? Are you being called to something special? Is that a call to the priesthood or religious life?

**Chicken Dinner—Drive Thru Only
Carlyle Columbian Club
At the KC Hall 1471 Fairfax St.
Sunday January 12th 2025
11:00a.m.-4:00p.m.**

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH *Est. 1853*

1171 Jefferson St., Carlyle, IL 62231

Fr. Jose Jacob SMM, Pastor

MASS TIMES:

Wednesday—5:30pm
Thursday—7:30am
Thursday—10:00am— Carlyle Health Care Center
Saturday—4:30pm
Sunday—7:30am
Reconciliation—Sat. 3:30—4:15pm

Staff:

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Faith Formation:

Every Wednesday 6:30pm-7:30pm
Call 594-2284 for more information

To join the Choir or become a Cantor:

Contact the office at 594-2225

Church Calendar on Google:

stmarycarlyle@gmail.com

Sacrament of Baptism:

Call Fr. Jose Jacob 594-2225 to register.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Please make an appointment with Fr. Jose at least six months in advance, preferably a year.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA):

Meets Monday evenings from 7pm to 8:30pm (September thru Easter) at the St. Dominic Annex in Breese. Please contact Fr. Jose for any questions.

Questions about Vocations:

Call Fr. Nick Junker 618-722-5035 or email njunker08@hotmail.com

Parish Registration:

We welcome Catholics new to Carlyle and ask that you register with us by filling out the blue form located on the radiators or by stopping at the office in the Parish Center. Parish Registration forms are also online.

Library Hours:

Wed. 6:30-7:30pm

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 Noon

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:

Mater Dei High School 618-526-7216 materdeiknights.org
All Saints Academy 618-526-4323 www.asasaints.com

PARTNERED PARISH

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church
18021 Marydale Rd., Carlyle, IL
618-594-3266 www.stteresamarydale.com
MASS TIMES: Saturday 7:30pm, Sunday 8:00am

DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

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December 22nd, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a (12C)

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39-45

December 24th, 2024

The Nativity of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5(13ABC)

Second Reading: Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17,22-25

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-14

December 25th, 2024

The Nativity of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10 (16ABC)

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-14



Mission statement:

Our mission is to involve ourselves in lay ministries, living and spreading the gospel message of justice and peace.

BELLEVILLE DIOCESE CHILD PROTECTION

www.diobelle.org/faith-formation/child-protection

SEXUAL ABUSE HOTLINE: Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by a priest or other diocesan personnel please call the hotline: **800-640-3044.**

Liturgy for the Week...

Sat	Dec 21	4:30pm	Jack Taylor Joaquina Santiago Ed, Bea & Dan Frank Juan, Afra & Jerome Guiab Bernie, Maurice & Alice Hustedde Arnold Schmeink Cyril & Edna Schwierjohn Bob Buchheit
Sun	Dec 22	7:30am	Victor & Mary Jane Timmermann Natalie Timmermann Dolores Hempen Deceased Members of the Ernest Potthast Family Nancy Huels Gary & Leonard Carrillon Robby Lemanski Kenny Hoffmann
Tue	Dec 24	4:30pm	Our Children
Wed	Dec 25	8:00am 10:00am	Our Parish Family For the Repose of the Souls of all Priests who have served in our Parish Merry Christmas
Thur	Dec 26	7:30am	NO MASS
Fri	Dec 27	7:30am	Communion Service
Sat	Dec 28	4:30pm	George Robben
Sun	Dec 29	7:30am	Rose Mary Kampwerth & Family Fernando & Joaquina Santiago Art & Cornelia Schomaker Mark Schomaker

Schedule of Events...

Tue, Dec 24	Children's Mass at 4:00p.m.	
Wed, Dec 25	8:00a.m. & 10:00a.m. Christmas Masses	
Wed, Dec 24 & 25	Parish Office will be closed	
Carlyle K of C Council 1382 meetings—2nd Tuesday of the month 7:30pm; Bingo: Wed evenings at 7:30pm. Breakfast 3rd Sun of the month 8-11:30am.		
Stewardship...this past weekend's collection		
Envelopes:	\$4653.00	Loose:\$465.00
Online Giving:	\$65.00	Cemetery:\$377.00
Capital Campaign:	\$175.00	OSV Online Giving:\$
CCHD:	\$50.00	Christmas Flower:\$260.00
Christmas Offering:	\$110.00	Hispanic Ministry:\$130.00
Christmas for the Needy:	\$120.00	Religious Retirement:\$103.00
Advent Candle Bearers		
Dec 21/22	4:30pm	Alan & Heather Kleiboeker Family
	7:30am	Volunteer Family Needed
Adult Serving Schedule	December 26th	No Mass
5:30pm & 7:30am	January 1st & 2nd	Kevin Frank

KC Info:
BINGO Wednesdays at 7:30pm

Knights of Columbus
Carlyle Council 1382,

kofc1382.org

Walking in the Parish Center

M-F only
8am-3pm with the exception of holidays.

	LECTOR	EUCARISTIC MINISTER	MASS SERVERS	GIFT BEARERS	
Dec 21/22	4:30 pm Barb Crouse	Chuck Rolingsmeier Jan Kauling Bev Schlau	Chad Holthaus Paula Kampwerth Elaine Horstmann Keri Mitchell	Hailey Timmermann Volunteer Needed	Mike & Susan Howard Family
	7:30 am Joann Banwarth	Joan Timmermann Pat Wesselmann Geraldyn Hodapp	Linda Peppenhorst Michele Foster Angie VonHatten Ron Zurliene	Julie VonHatten Volunteer Needed	Brad Clark Family
Dec 24/25	4pm Dick Christ	Theresa Wuebbels Suzanne Christ Kelly Dempsey	Volunteer Needed Jane Beckmann Emily VonHatten Paulette Evans	Kiera Vaughn Keaston Vaughn Kelsie Horton	Travis & Shaina Diekemper Family
	8am Dave Brandmeyer	Bug Kleber Linda Peppenhorst Mary Hugo	David Caplinger Elyse Caplinger Michele Foster Angie VonHatten	Owen Clark Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Family Needed
	10am Arnie Wobbe	Chuck Rolingsmeier Dave Rodden Joan Timmermann	Jan Kauling Bev Schlau Geraldyn Hodapp Ron Zurliene	Eleanor Marks Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Family Needed
Dec 28/29	4:30 pm Marlene Hoffmann	Jan Kauling Suzanne Christ Paula Kampwerth	Volunteer Needed Jane Beckmann Stacy Holthaus Keri Mitchell	Rhett Hall Nate Hall	Joe & Jennifer Wilkerson Family
	7:30 am Dave Brandmeyer	Dave Rodden Theresa Wuebbels Kelly Dempsey	Paulette Evans Mary Hugo Lisa Eversgerd Ron Zurliene	Klohe Diekemper Ava Albers Tyler Wesselmann	Vonhatten Family
Ushers for the month of December	4:30PM David Beckmann Ken Foster	Skip Etter Michael Jansen	Shirley Etter Dennis Hempen	7:30AM Jerome Diekemper Geraldyn Hodapp	Bernard Hodapp Diane Hodapp Joan Wesselmann Kevin Wesselmann

The Fourth Week of Advent & Christmas Week

The **Fourth Sunday of Advent** begins a brief, three-day final week of Advent. The reading from Micah reminds us that from the seemingly unimportant town of Bethlehem, "from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel." Luke's gospel offers again the story of Mary's going to visit her cousin. Elizabeth understands immediately Mary's situation and praises God saying, "How does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy."

On Wednesday, **Christmas Day**, we celebrate the Nativity of the Lord. Whether we celebrate at midnight or early in the morning or later in the morning, we read the stories of the birth of Jesus.

In our important feasts this week, the first on Thursday honors the **Feast of Saint Stephen, the first martyr**. Stephen was the first public witness who gave his life for his faith. The second feast on Friday remembers the disciple Jesus loved, **Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist**. Saturday is the **Feast of the Holy Innocents**, which honors the infant martyrs of Herod's jealous rage. The readings for those feasts renew their stories for us. Saturday is the fourth day in our eight days of celebrating Christmas - first from the First Letter of John's powerful letter about God's love for us and our love for others, and from the beginning of Luke's Gospel with the picture of the scene when Mary and Joseph present Jesus in the temple and encounter Simeon and his prophesies about the child and about Mary.

The Sunday that follows Christmas is always the celebration of the **Holy Family**. There are wonderful readings from the Book of Sirach, the First Book of Samuel, and Paul's letter to the Colossians or the First Letter of John. The gospel is the story of the teen aged Jesus teaching in the temple while his parents could not find him. Jesus goes back home with his family. "He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man."

<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Prayer/C1-C-01.html>

*****St. Mary's Church Christmas Schedule*****
*****Tuesday December 24th-4:00p.m.*****
*****Wednesday December 25th-8:00a.m. & 10:00a.m.*****

*****Don't forget to bring your bells to Christmas Mass to ring in the season!*****



Daily Prayer This Week

This may be one of the most difficult weeks to be reflective throughout each day. This weekend may be quite full for many of us. Others of us may be alone, apart from the faith community we will join on Sunday and Tuesday, perhaps daily this week. While some of us have had guests staying with us and a house to clean, others of us will be reviewing memories and struggling, even a little, with being alone.

Whether this week is full or slow, it is a treasure-filled opportunity for reflection. Using the same means we've been using, we can let the richness of this week's readings and feasts fill the background of each day. Even on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day we can wake up, surrendering anxiety by letting the anxiety of these days take us to the scene of our Lord's birth. We can imagine the anxiety that filled the experience of Mary and Joseph. We can keep in our consciousness their trust in God. The Christmas music on the radio or at our church services and liturgies can bring the faith of these hymns and songs into our hearts. And, once it is there, these songs of faith will remain in the background all day long. When we are tempted to worry or complain, to be hurt or angry, to be frustrated or exhausted, the hymns will draw our hearts to rejoicing and gratitude.

Thinking about Stephen the Martyr or John, the apostle of love or the martyrdom of the innocents, with a little desire and focus, can guide our hearts to reflect on the meaning of Christmas - the gift of self-giving love. We can ask ourselves, what generosity can come from the gratitude I have in my heart after celebrating the gift of redemption? Who in my world needs more love? What happens in me when I think about the people in the world who need my support? Who is being martyred today? Who is witnessing our world's rejection?

All of us can imagine Jesus, Mary and Joseph going home. We can imagine their daily life. We can ask for the grace to live in God's presence, just as they must have done, and for the grace to be sensitive to each other and care for each other as they must have. We can ask that we might imitate their busy lives, trusting and dependent on God. Looking on their hidden life together, we can grow in a desire to be more humble, in a peace with greater simplicity, in a courage to let God take care of us. Whether we experience the poverty of that holy stable or the ordinary simplicity of daily routine, we can enjoy this week as a special opportunity to be drawn to a greater closeness with Jesus.

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Please remember in our prayers: Marci Nettles Konecky, Kathleen Pate, Curly Seiffert, Ava Spalding, Jeff Rennegarbe, Bill Weber, Keith Doelling, Carol Menkhaus, Mike Kohlbrecher, Russell Sainz, Janet Compare, Ruth Lange, Kristen Eagleson, Helen Vahlkamp, Joann Gray, Betty, Jim Loepker, Barb Henkle, Mel Thole, Parker Weathersby, Sandy Wehking, Sherry, Jim Etter, Vince Rolves, Pat Lawler, Rayma Harris, Vernon Vahlkamp, Amie Evans, Fr. Ed Schaefer, Jenny Schneider, Ken Graham, Ali Schubel, Edna Erlinger, Soraya Louis, Myles Harris, Diane Duckworth, Evan Kessler, Ron Lager, Debbie Birks, Christie Dust, Lisa Andrews, Jillian Raab, Janet Gammon, Levi Chisholm, Pauline Dierkes, Gloria Wheritt, Joe Bango, Mike Kueper, Diane Fewell, Maddi Reising, Murray Fauke, Jerome Huth, Karen Schulte, RaeAnne Toennies, Barb Hempen, Mark Hillyer & Ray Petermeyer.