

Carlyle K of C Council 1382
Bingo: Wed. at 7:30pm.
Meetings—2nd Tuesday of the month 7:30pm
Breakfast— 3rd Sun of the month 8-noon.

This week's question:
 Our manger scenes show three kings front and center. When I searched the Bible for their big entrance on Christmas night, I came up empty. Where do the Magi appear, and why do they seem to run late?

Answer:
 The Magi appear in Matthew chapter two, not on Christmas night. By the time they arrive, Jesus is living in a house, not resting in the manger, which explains why the wise men stand off to the side in many nativity scenes. Epiphany celebrates seekers who take their time and reminds us life needs quiet moments and joyful ones to stay balanced. It tells us faith grows through showing up and paying attention singing "Alleluia" on repeat with no breaks. God knew we'd need both quiet and celebration to stay balanced. It tells us faith grows through showing up and paying attention.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center
 2-part Scripture Series: *The Gospel of Mary Magdalen and The Gospel of Judas*

Presenter: Mark Etling, PhD
 Saturdays, January 10 and January 17, 2026, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

The Gospel of Mary Magdalen
 Mary Magdalen is surely one of the most misunderstood and maligned characters of the New Testament. She is often considered a "repentant prostitute," when in fact she was an important supporter of Jesus' Reign of God movement. As we will see, the Gospel of Mary Magdalen presents her in a positive light—as one who understood and was able to clearly communicate Jesus' message.

The Gospel of Judas
 As we know, Judas was the apostle who betrayed Jesus and had him arrested. The Gospel of Judas takes the betrayal one step further, by saying that Judas' actions were predestined—he was a demon who could not stop the fate that what was written for him in the stars.

Cost: \$15 per session / \$30.00 for the series
Register online snows.org/gospelseries or call 618-394-6281.

		<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>		<u>MASS SERVERS</u>	<u>GIFT BEARERS</u>
Jan 3	4:30 pm	Barb Crouse	Matt Diekemper Rosie Nehrt Linda Peppenhorst Jane Beckmann	Richard Christ Suzanne Christ Nick Christ	Volunteer Volunteer Caleb Aeschbacher	Volunteer Family
Jan 4	10:00 am	Theresa Wuebbels	Geralyn Hodapp Mary Hugo Theresa Wuebbels Elyse Caplinger	David Caplinger Mary Hartung Beverly Schlau	Ayla Edwards Cohen Edwards Ava Albers	Diane Hodapp Family

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Jan 10	4:30 pm	Kendra Vaughn	Paula Kampwerth Jane Beckmann Kerri Peters Elaine Horstmann	Keri Mitchell Linda Peppenhorst Nick Christ	Matthew Peters Courtney Peters Beckett Howard	Jerome Diekemper Family
Jan 11	10:00 am	Theresa Wuebbels	Geralyn Hodapp Mary Hartung Paulette Evans Linda McNurlen	Emily Von Hatten Angie Vobn Hatten Lisa Eversgerd	Charlotte Nolte Kaylee Kessler Madesyn Kessler	Beverly Schlau Family

Walking in the Parish Center
 M-F only 8am-3pm
 With the exception of holidays

The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
Hope in the Lord
 The true joy of Christmas is in the everlasting love of Christ. May you find His peace, love and joy now and in the coming new year. With deepest gratitude for your prayers and generosity.
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World Marriage Day
On Sunday, February 8, 2026, at Noon (12:00 pm), at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, 4431 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO, Fr. Chris Martin will celebrate Mass for World Marriage Day. A reception, sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, will follow in Boland Hall. All married couples are invited to attend and celebrate the gift of marriage. World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family – the basic unit of society.

VOCATION CORNER
 January 4
 "The priestly vocation is essentially a call to sanctity, in the form that derives from the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Sanctity is intimacy with God; it is the imitation of Christ, poor, chaste, and humble; it is unreserved love for souls and self-giving to their true good; it is love for the Church, which is holy and wants us to be holy, because such is the mission that Christ has entrusted to it. Each one of you must be holy also in order to help your brothers pursue their vocation to sanctity."
 – St. John Paul II, October 9, 1984

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH Est. 1853

1171 Jefferson St., Carlyle, IL 62231
 Fr. Steven Pautler, Pastor

MASS TIMES:
 Tuesday & Thursday—7:30 am
 Thursday— 10:00am— Carlyle Health Care Center
 Friday—7:30 am Word and Eucharist
 Saturday—4:30pm
 Sunday—10:00am
 Reconciliation—Sat. 3:45-4:15pm
 Holy Days—as announced

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Faith Formation:
 Every Wednesday 630pm-730pm
 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. Pautler 594-2225 to register.

Sacrament of Marriage:
 Please make an appointment with Fr. Pautler 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. Pautler 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 during school year

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday, 9:00 am

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

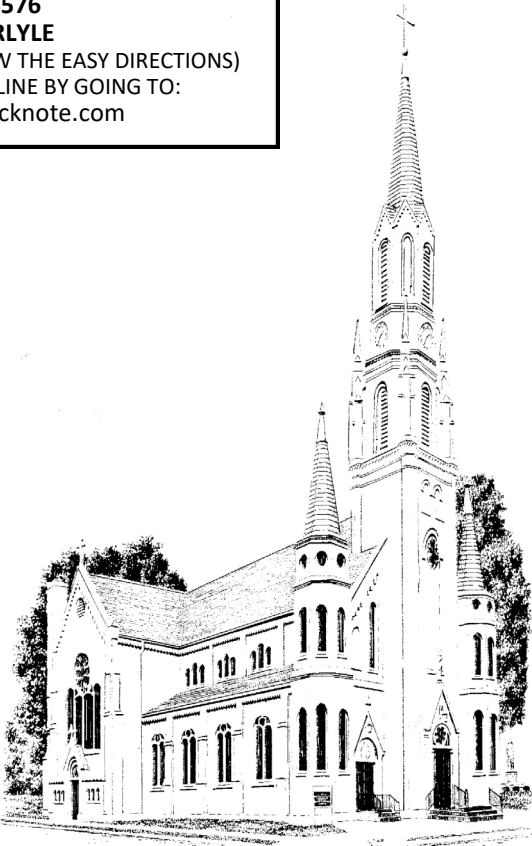
PARTNERED PARISH
St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church
 18021 Marydale Rd., Carlyle, IL
 618-594-3266 www.stteresamarydale.com
MASS TIMES: Saturday 7:30pm, Sunday 8:00am

DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE
 222 South Third St., Belleville, IL 62220
 618-277-8181 www.diobelle.org
 Subscribe to *The Messenger* at 618-233-8670, or online at www.bellevillemessenger.org

January 4, 2026
The Epiphany of The Lord
First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Need a Visit or the Sacraments?
If someone is hospitalized, homebound, or in urgent need of the sacraments, including Anointing of the Sick: Contact Fr. Steve directly 618-532-6291 x307

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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, Jan 3	4:30 pm	Bernie Hustedde Barry Dixon
Sun, Jan 4	10:00 am	Special Intentions for DK & JS
Tues, Jan 6	7:30 am	Jeffory Morrison
Thurs, Jan 8	7:30 am	Clara & Joseph Athmer
	10:00 am	Carlyle Healthcare Center
Fri, Jan 9	7:30 am	Reading of the Word, Communion
Sat, Jan 10	4:30 pm	Bob & Martha Diekemper Edmund & Esther Thole Johanna Diekemper Ed & Marilyn Miller
Sun, Jan 11	10:00am	Joe Brueggemann

Stewardship... December 21st collection

Envelopes: \$4497	Loose: \$1116
Online Giving Gen Fund: \$140	Cemetery: \$287
Christmas Flowers: \$75	Capital Campaign: \$250
Christmas Offering: \$1345	Retired Religious Fund: \$235
Hispanic Ministries: \$20	Christmas Collection for Needy: \$300

Stewardship... Christmas & December 28th collections

Envelopes: \$8511	Loose: \$3858
Online Giving Gen Fund: \$140	Cemetery: \$1268
Christmas Flowers: \$100	Capital Campaign: \$670
Christmas Offering: \$9320	Retired Religious Fund: \$40
Hispanic Ministries: \$20	Christmas Collection for Needy: \$982
Catholic School Assessment: \$20	Guatemala: \$500

Schedule of Upcoming 2026 Healing Masses

Information will be updated whenever the office is notified.
 St. Mary (Mt. Vernon), St. Mary (Centralia), St. Lawrence - 1/20/26
 St. Anthony (Lively Grove)/St. Barbara (Okawville) - 3/17/26
 St. Anthony (Beckemeyer)/St. Dominic/St. Augustine - 5/19/26
 St. Cecilia/St. Boniface-7/21/26
 St. Elizabeth/St. Teresa (Salem) - 9/15/26

Adult Servers:
 Jan 6 & 8 John Rubsam
 Jan 13 & 15 Kevin Frank

Jan Ushers	SATURDAY Marion Perez, Mark Rainey, Chad Holthaus, Michael Jansen, Charles Rolfingsmeier, Carolyn Crocker
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Schedule of Events...

Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation
Wed., Jan 7: 6:30 pm Faith Formation Family Fun Night
Fri., Jan 9: St. Mary, Carlyle Blood Drive
Sun, Jan 18: 8 am-12pm KC Breakfast for K of C Charities
Sun., Feb 8, 2026: St. Ann Sodality Basket Bingo
Sat., Feb 21, 2026: St. Mary, Carlyle Reverse Raffle
Wed-Sun Mar 11-15 2026: Outreach Ministry Lenten Clothing Drive

BLOOD DRIVE - St. Mary Parish Center, Friday, January 9, 2026, 12:00pm to 5:00pm. For apt call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org, Sponsor code Carlyle. Give blood January 1-25 for a chance to win a trip for 2 to Super Bowl LX. rcblood.org/SuperBowl

CHICKEN DINNER: KC Hall/Columbian Club, Carlyle. Jan. 25, 2026 11:00 am to 1:30 pm Drive Thru only. \$15 per meal includes 4 pieces of chicken, mashed potatoes ad gravy, green beans and apple sauce.

REVERSE RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE

Our Reverse Raffle will be held on February 21st, so tickets for this event will be available for pickup at all entrances to the church. All church members are encouraged to pick up their tickets as they enter or leave services. Thank you for supporting this important fundraiser!

OUTREACH MINISTRY ANNUAL LENTEN CLOTHING DRIVE:
 Clothes can be brought March 11-15 to St. Mary Parish Ctr.

18TH ANNUAL ST ANN SODALITY BASKET BINGO AND BAKE SALE: Sunday February 8, 2026. Carlyle Knights of Columbus Hall. Doors open at 11am. Lighting raffle begins at noon. Bingo begins at 1:00 pm

SING-ALONG: Duane is planning to have a season ending Christmas sing-along on Sunday, January 11, 2026 starting around 9:30 am before the 10:00 am mass. Anyone wanting to join in singing with the parish/children's choirs, soloists and instrumentalists - from the balcony - be upstairs by 9:15 am. Otherwise, come early to mass on 1/11/26 and listen to and join in. Bells are optional.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are seeking a bilingual (English/Spanish) volunteer to assist Hispanic students in our Faith Formation program on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30.m. If you are willing to share your time and help support these students, please contact Tracy or the parish office. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated!

Please remember in our prayers: Jay Schulte, Alana Kampwerth White, Ryan Wittenauer, Duane Kampwerth, Eric Seiffert, Geri Wellinghoff, Diane Langenhorst, Jessica Hudspeth, Baillie Johnson, Sharon Aach, Dasalm Family, Scott Carson, Special Intention, JoAnn Gray, Edna Woltering, Mel Thole, Zoe Puetz, Jillian Musgrove, Ron Lager, Jennifer Riesmeyer, Vince Rolves, Sr. Carole Langhauser PHJC, Bill Clark, Jean Abernathy, and Janet Compare

If you wish your loved ones to be added to prayer list, please contact the church office. Thank you.

SUNDAY Dennis Hempen, Peggy Hilmes, Ted Rensing, Ed Kleber, Jeannie Kleber, Joe Mioux



Message from our pastor Father Steve

Father Steven Pautler
 Sunday, January 4, 2026
 Epiphany of our Lord
 Scripture: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
 Theme: "Epiphany. When the Music Stops, and God Keeps Talking."

Epiphany has arrived, which means Christmas ends in the most official unofficial way possible. The Kings show up, gifts in hand, and many of us think, well, that's it. Lights come down. Trees get hauled out. Somewhere in the house a box of Valentine hearts waits quietly, wherever we hid it last year.

I hope your Christmas brought rest, laughter, and time with people who matter. I enjoyed a first this year. Christmas dinner outside, gathered around a picnic table, with a s'mores fire working hard. It was seventy degrees. December felt confused. Nobody complained.

Our family adds another celebration to Christmas. My nephew Travis was born on Christmas Eve, so Jesus and Travis share the spotlight every year. Travis handles it well, which makes him easy to tease. His uncle Steve takes that responsibility seriously. Each year I look for something new. This year delivered.

I found a birthday card with a special feature. Once opened, it sings Happy Birthday. Loudly. Repeatedly. It does not pause. It does not rest. It does not forgive. The only solution involved the s'mores fire. Even then, it took time. Family laughter followed. Travis survived. Christmas memories secured.

Epiphany reminds us God often speaks after the noise settles. No crowds. No announcements. The Magi notice. They kneel. They offer what they brought. Then they leave changed, thinking differently and choosing a new direction. Epiphany invites us to do the same as the year begins. Pay attention. Give what you have. Move forward with clearer purpose.

Epiphany also marks the moment when the nonstop Christmas soundtrack finally ends. Parties wrap up. Shopping bags disappear. Next week we remember the Baptism of the Lord, and Ordinary Time begins. Life returns to its steady rhythm, faithful and familiar.

Our journey does not stop with Christmas decorations packed away. God keeps working. Grace keeps nudging. Faith keeps growing. Much like that birthday card, the message does not shut off easily. It keeps going, sometimes louder than expected, often longer than planned. The difference is this message brings life. Welcome to the new year. Keep your eyes open. God is still revealing himself. And if someone hands you a singing birthday card, head for the fire without delay.

MEN/WOMEN ADULT SERVERS are needed for Tuesday and Thursday morning masses and funeral masses. If interested, please contact Kevin Frank at (314)799-6843

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

Lauren, Jessica, Erika, Michaela, Claire & Emily

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 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.

During the month of January the Sanctuary candle in our parish church burns in loving memory of:



Joyce Deiters

February 2026	Menard, Pauline & Kathy Etter
March 2026	Dan Feldmann
April 2026	Leroy Wiegmann
May 2026	Barry Dixon
June 2026	Jerry & Abby Beer
July 2026	Mike Stanfa & Jackie Turner
August 2026	Nancy Zieren
September 2026	Arnie & Fern Wobbe
October 2026	Jeff & John Peppenhorst
November 2026	Darrell Evans, Joe & Agnes Kampwerth, Ruth Limpers
December 2026	Deceased Members of Diekemper & Wiegman Families

To help cover the expenses of the candle, we offer the opportunity each month for individuals to dedicate an intention. A \$60.00 donation is requested. Please reach out to the Parish Office to make your intention.