

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 8-11:30am.

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

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH *Est. 1853*
1171 Jefferson St., Carlyle, IL 62231



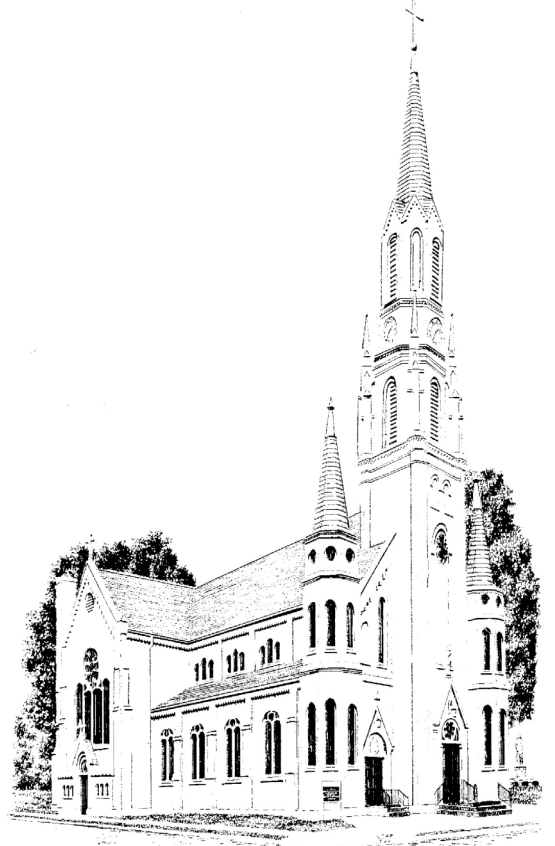
December 21, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Advent
First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14
Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

December 24, 2025
The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Vigil:
First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5
Second Reading: Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17, 22-25
Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

December 25, 2025
The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Midnight:
First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-6
Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14
Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

December 25, 2025
The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10
Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6
Gospel: John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

December 28, 2025
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23



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

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

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.
Ministries and Programs Funded by
The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal



		<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>		<u>MASS SERVERS</u>	<u>GIFT BEARERS</u>
Dec 20	4:30 pm	Joann Banwarth	Barb Crouse Keri Mitchell Nick Christ Michele Foster	Volunteer Jane Beckmann Linda Peppenhorst	Caleb Aeschbacher Beckett Howard Volunteer	Susan Howard Family
Dec 21	10:00 am	Theresa Wuebbels	Beverly Schlauf Elyse Caplinger David Caplinger Dave Rodden	Ethan Wheelan Ron Zurliene Chad Holthaus	Kaylee Kessler Madesyn Kessler Klohe Diekemper	Jodi & Tim Meyer Family
Dec 24	4:00 pm	Barb Crouse	Richard Christ Suzanne Christ Paulette Evans Ron Zurliene	Kelly Dempsey Keri Mitchell Linda McNurlen	Ava Albers Eleanor Marks Clark Kauling	Jeff & Andrea Arter Family
Dec 25	Midnight	Brigid Nalewajka	Theresa Wuebbels Jim Nalewajka Chad Holthaus Emily Von Hatten	Angie Von Hatten Stacy Holthaus Dave Rodden	Julie Von Hatten Volunteer Volunteer	Angie Von Hatten Family
Dec 25	10:00 am	Joann Banwarth	Volunteer Elyse Caplinger David Caplinger Bev Schlauf	Mary Hartung Volunteer Linda Peppenhorst	Ayla Edwards Cohen Edwards Volunteer	Linda McNurlen Family
Dec 27	4:30 pm	Kendra Vaughn	Nick Christ Barb Crouse Michele Foster Keri Mitchell	Jan Kauling Suzanne Christ Elaine Horstmann	Keaston Vaughn Kinsley Vaughn Kiera Vaughn	Michael & Connie Vaughn Family
Dec 28	10:00 am	Brigid Nalewajka	Jim Nalewajka Mary Hugo Stacy Holthaus Dave Rodden	Paulette Evans Ethan Wheelan Ron Zurliene	Gabriel Osborne Charrlotte Osborne Levi Osborne	Kelly Dempsey Family
Dec 31	4:00 pm	Jane Beckmann	Tiffany Wesselmann Volunteer Ed Kleber	Jeannie Kleber Emily Von Hatten Angie Von Hatten Linda McNurlen	Tyler Wesselmann Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Family
Jan 3	4:30 pm	Barb Crouse	Matt Diekemper Rosie Nehrt Linda Peppenhorst Kerri Peters	Richard Christ Suzanne Christ Nick Christ	Owen Clark Avery Clark Caleb Aeschbacher	Brad Clark Family
Jan 4	10:00 am	Theresa Wuebbels	Geralyn Hodapp Theresa Wuebbels Elyse Caplinger David Caplinger	Mary Hartung Chad Holthaus Stacy Holthaus	Ayla Edwards Cohen Edwards Ava Albers	Tommy and Lori Hall Family

Liturgy for the Week...

Sat, Dec 20	4:30 pm	Cyril & Edna Schwierjohn Bob Buchheit Charlene Erlinger Jack Taylor Juan, Afra & Jerome Guiab Maurice, Alice & Bernie Hustedde Ervin Erlinger Leroy Wiegmann Nancy Huels
Sun, Dec 21	10:00 am	Orville, Johanna Rueter & Bernice Kauling-Rueter Kevin Kampwerth Travis Knolhoff L/D Members of Leo & Marcella Varel Families Arnold Schmeink
Tues, Dec 23	7:30 am	Alex Morrison Gervase Diekemper Curly & Tim Seiffert
Wed, Dec 24	4:00 pm	Christmas Eve For travelers and those away from home
Thurs, Dec 25	12:00am 7:30 am	Midnight Mass Christmas Day John & Jeff Peppenhorst
Fri, Dec 26		Octave of Christmas - No service
Sat, Dec 27	4:30 pm	Robert & Martha Diekemper Ed, Bea and Dan Frank Arnie Wobbe Kathryn Kueper
Sun, Dec 28	10:00am	Ray Petermeyer Robby Lemanski Tina Donnewald Vernon Vahlkamp
Tues, Dec 30		Octave of Christmas -No Service
Wed, Dec 31	4:00 pm	New Year's Eve For the unemployed and those struggling financially
Fri, Jan 2	7:30 am	Octave of Christmas-No Service
Sat, Jan 3	4:30 pm	Bernie Hustedde Barry Dixon
Sun, Jan 4	10:00 am	Special Intentions for DK & JS

Stewardship... December 14th collection	
Envelopes: \$5374	Loose: \$3658
Online Giving Gen Fund: \$140	Cemetery: \$17,553
Christmas Flowers: \$750	Capital Campaign: \$14,619.45
Christmas Offering: \$180	Retired Religious Fund: \$360
Hispanic Ministries: \$104	Christmas Collection for Needy: \$125

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
Dec 19 thru Jan 5: Parish Office Closed
Wed., Dec 24 & 31: No Faith Formation, Christmas Break
Wed., Jan 7, 2026: 6:30 pm Faith Formation Family Fun Night
Fri., Jan 9—St. Mary, Carlyle Blood Drive
Sun., Feb 8, 2026: St. Ann Sodality Basket Bingo
Sat., Feb 21, 2026: St. Mary, Carlyle Reverse Raffle

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.

CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG: 20 minutes before the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm, Midnight Mass, and the Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 am we will have a Christmas sing-along for all of you to join in leading up to the bell ringing "Angels We Have Heard on High". **REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR BELLS!**
 You have probably noticed St. Mary purchased fewer Breaking Bread books this year. If you see one not being used just reach over for it and/or share the copy you have. Please try and return the book to where you got it to try and keep the books we have somewhat evenly distributed.

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. Please enclose your donation in the envelope attached to each tag and return to the donation basket by the end of the year. Visit the CRS.org website to join their continuing support of families facing disastrous conditions.

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 Center.

Adult Servers: Dec 23 Tom Frerker
 Dec 30 Ron Zurliene
 Jan 6 & 8 John Rubsam

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, Jerome Diekemper, Ed Kleber, Jeannie Kleber, Joe Mioux



Message from our pastor Father Steve

Father Steven Pautler
 Sunday, December 21, 2025
 Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Scripture: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-2
 Theme: "Bethlehem, Main Street, and a Pastor Who Needed a Breather."

Fourth Sunday of Advent brings a quiet steadiness. The candles burn low. Hearts lean forward. Schedules spin. I know the drill. Taking a few days away during Advent is not something I usually do. I broke a cardinal rule and tried to finish every Advent task before I slipped out of town last Sunday. It did not work and I am not shocked. Advent never bows to our timetables. Still, I stepped away, returned with some peace in my bones, and feel ready for Christmas.

My days away mixed rest with prayer. They also mixed prayer with four long days at the Magic Kingdom in Orlando. Yes, you read that correctly. The pastor ran off to see a giant mouse. I first visited the place when I was eleven and it had not opened yet. They called it a preview. I called it incredible. Since then, I have been hooked. This visit felt different. The whole park shimmered with Christmas spirit. Bright garlands. Towering trees. Carols drifting from every corner. They even make it snow on Main Street. I know it is soap and water, but at my age if it looks like snow and falls like snow, it is snow.

There was another detail that lingered with me long after the fireworks faded. The sheer number of people from every corner of the globe. I stood in line for a ride and heard five languages in six minutes. I watched families from Europe, South America, Asia, Canada, and every one of our fifty states. They stood with the same wide eyes. They saved their money. They made the trip. They hoped the experience would be worth the effort. These small things echoed in my heart.

The Gospel this Sunday draws us into another journey. Joseph wrestles with fear after learning Mary carries a child not his own. He tries to act with honor. He thinks in silence. Then in the stillness of night, God interrupts him. Joseph is told to take Mary into his home. He is told this child will save the world. He wakes with clarity. He obeys and begins a road that will take them from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

I watched crowds move through a theme park and thought of those ancient travelers. People crossing hills and valleys for a census. People carrying customs, accents, and stories. Joseph and Mary walked among them. Their journey held no fireworks. No artificial snow. Only trust and quiet courage.

As this final week of Advent opens, I hope you find rest. I hope you step back long enough to let the Lord steady your heart. Christmas is near. Let us walk toward Bethlehem together.

Welcome to Sophie & Vera Van Dorn, Parents: Carson and Sydney (Novsek) Van Dorn and Sylvie Grace Diekemper, Parents Phillip and Natalie (Van Dorn) Diekemper as they are baptized December 26th at St. Mary. May they grow in wisdom, age and grace through our example of faith-filled lives!

Condolences to Ron Kordick on the passing of his mother, Berta Kordick of Winterset IA who passed away Dec. 9 . Please keep Ron and his family in your prayers.


Diocesan Christmas Collection December 24-25
 The 48th Annual Diocesan Christmas Collection will be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Parishes and agencies throughout the diocese will request monies from this collection during 2026 to assist those who are in need with food, clothing, shelter, utility payments, healthcare and medications, funeral and burial expenses, transportation and emergency assistance of all types. Please consider giving as you are able; thank you so much!

Please pray for all expectant mothers and the child they are carrying or have recently had their babies along with their families:
Brittany, 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 December the Sanctuary candle in our parish church burns in loving memory of:

Deceased members of Norrenberns and Heimann Families.



January 2026	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.