

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.

STRAIGHT FROM THE COLLAR
PADRE STEVE, WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH...

Got burning questions, holy curiosities, or just want to stump your parish priest? Send them to spautler@stmarycentralia.org and I'll give it my best shot—collar, coffee, and a sense of humor included!

This Week's Question: Advent's supposed to be a quiet, prayerful time. But between shopping, parties, and parish fundraisers, I feel like I need an Advent for my Advent. Help!

Answer:
 You're not alone. Advent often looks more like a marathon than a retreat. The key isn't escaping the season but finding little pauses within it. Pray while waiting in line. Light your Advent wreath before dinner. Skip one event and use that time to breathe with God. The desert of Advent isn't always sand and silence. It's choosing calm in the chaos. Christ came quietly, and He still prefers to arrive that way.

Do you want to rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married?
 Renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience! The following upcoming weekend experiences 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.

2/6/2026 - 2/8/2026, St. Peters, MO
 4/17/2026 - 4/19/2026, St. Peters, MO
 6/12/2026 - 6/14/2026, St. Peters, MO

Advent Reconciliation Services

December 7, 2025	St. Damian, Damiansville	1:00 PM
December 9, 2025	St. Stephen, Flora	6:30 PM
December 9, 2025	St. Rose, St. Rose	7:00 PM
December 10, 2025	St. Mary, Carlyle	6:30-8:00 PM
December 11, 2025	St. Theresa, Salem	6:30 PM
December 14, 2025	St. Boniface, Germantown	3:00 PM
December 14, 2025	St. Francis, Aviston	6:00 PM
December 15, 2025	St. Mary, Mt. Vernon	6:00 PM
December 16, 2025	St. George, New Baden	7:00 PM
December 17, 2025	St. Ann, Nashville	6:30-7:30 PM

St. Boniface in Germantown and St. Cecilia in Bartelso together have Mass every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm. Confessions are offered from 5:45-6:15pm. The location alternates between the two parishes each week, and is available on the bulletin online. All are welcome!

Schedule of Upcoming 2025-2026 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

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

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.

The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Hope in the Lord

Your contribution to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 9,140 students at 23 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic high schools and in PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven't already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to the 2025 Appeal today...no amount is too large or too small! Thank you.

Guatemala trip: Tentative dates are June 25—July 1, 2026. Requesting 2-3 people. If interested you may call the parish office or you may contact Paulette Evans at (618) 520-9537

Discernment Day of Recollection

All single young men ages 15–35 are invited to a Discernment Day of Recollection on Saturday, December 20, at St. Nicholas Parish in O'Fallon from 9:00 am-2:30 pm. The day will focus on the theme of "Spiritual Sonship and Fatherhood" and includes conferences, Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, time for discussion, and lunch. Please email mskorch@diobelle.org if you have any questions.

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

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

Staff:
 Rev. Steven Pautler, *Pastor*
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Youth Ministry:
 Tiffany Wesselmann

Phones:
 Office/Parish Center: 618-594-2225
 Religious Education: 618-594-2284
 Fax: 618-594-4638

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. 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
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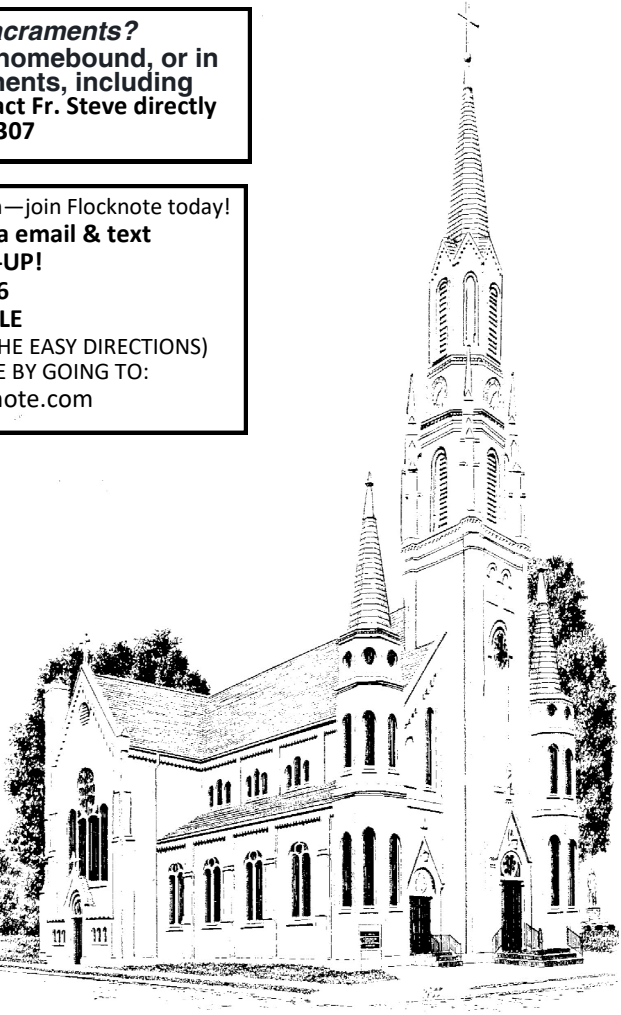


December 7, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent
First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10
Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9
Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Office Hours:
 Tuesday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

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, Dec 6	4:30 pm	Fritz, Dolores & Rita Meyer Barry Dixon Paul & Marge Seiffert Menard, Pauline & Kathy Etter Kenny Hoffman
Sun, Dec 7	10:00 am	Paul & Dolores Hempen Wilbert & Dorothy Timmermann Joe & Agnes Kampwerth Ruth Limpers Aloys & Lenora Loepker Family Jess Woltering & Family Michele Holmes & Family
Mon, Dec 8	7:30 am	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Tues, Dec 9	7:30 am	Rosie Becker
Thurs, Dec 11	7:30 am	Marie Brueggemann
	10:00 am	Carlyle Health Care Center
Fri, Dec 12	7:30 am	Reading of the Word, Communion
Sat, Dec 13	4:30 pm	Butch & Leona Meyer John & Rose Martin Alice Goldschmidt Ray & Maggie Bruemmer
Sun, Dec 14	10:00am	Tom Robben Johanna Diekemper Kenny Becker Jr. Delbert Higgins

Stewardship... November 30th collection	
Envelopes: \$2467	Loose: \$955.75
Online Giving: \$140	Cemetery: \$403
Christmas Flowers: \$360	Capital Campaign: \$85
CC Human Development: \$30	Christmas for Needy: \$60
Hispanic Ministries: \$15	Retired Religious Fund: \$15
Christmas Offering: \$40	

		<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>	<u>MASS SERVERS</u>	<u>GIFT BEARERS</u>
Dec 6	4:30 pm	Richard Christ	Suzanne Christ Nick Christ Volunteer Michele Foster	Richard Christ Jane Beckmann Jan Kauling	Kelsie Horton Beckett Howard Owen Clark
Dec 7	10:00 am	Jeannie Kleber	David Caplinger Emily Von Hatten Angie Von Hatten Linda McNurlen	Ed Kleber Jeannie Kleber Theresa Wuebbles	Clark Kauling Julie Von Hatten Klohe Diekemper
Dec 13	4:30 pm	Jane Beckmann	Linda Peppenhorst Jane Beckmann Michele Foster Eathan Wheelan	Keri Mltchell Jan Kauling Kerri Peters	Hailey Timmermann Alex Timmermann Eleanor Marks
Dec 14	10:00 am	Paulette Evans	Chad Holthaus Stacy Holthaus Mary Hartung Geraldyn Hodapp	Kelly Dempsey Mary Hugo Lisa Eversgerd	Ayla Edwards Cohen Edwards Ava Albers
Dec Ushers		SATURDAY Brad Clark, Darlene Diekemper, Ken Foster, Kathy Rakers Joan Wesselmann, Fabio Compare		SUNDAY Mary Hartung, Geraldyn Hodapp, Bernard Hodapp, Diane Hodapp, Ted Rensing, Kevin Wesselmann	

Schedule of Events...

Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation
Mon Dec 8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Wed. Dec. 10: 6:30-8:00 pm Advent Reconciliation St. Mary, Carlyle
Sun. Dec 14: 7:00 pm Christmas Cantata, St. Mary, Carlyle
Sun. Feb 8, 2026: St. Ann Sodality Basket Bingo
Sat.. Feb 21, 2026: St. Mary, Carlyle Reverse Raffle

ST. CECILIA PARISH IS SEEKING A PART TIME MUSIC LEADER AND ORGANIST! St. Cecilia Parish in Bartelso is looking for a joyful musician to play organ or piano and lead music for our 1-2 weekend Masses, which is approximately 4 – 6 hours per week, with additional pay for other events. If you love sharing your musical gifts in worship, please contact Fr. Thomas Luge at frthomaslugge@gmail.com or call him at 618-523-4271.

Parish Directories are available in the back of church after this weekend's masses. They are in alphabetical order, please look for your name.

Fr. Deva-In addition to inviting him for dinner at our homes. Any one who is interested in bringing a snack and meeting Fr. Deva at the rectory after 4:30 mass on December 13th, call Jane Beckmann for more details. 618-791-7607.

ADVENT GIVING TREE
 During this Advent season, we ask your help in sponsoring our Advent Giving Tree to help our adult brothers and sisters served by Community Link. After shopping for your gift tag recipient, please wrap the gift and attach the gift tag on the outside. Please return all Community Link presents no later than December 14th. Contact Paulette Evans at 618-520-9537 if you have any questions or concerns.

CLOTHING DONATIONS being accepted to benefit St. Vincent DePaul Center in East St. Louis. Contact "Skeets" Dumstorff at 618-444-3379. He will pick up clothing at your home.

Adult Servers:
Dec. 9 & 11 Paul Kauling
Dec. 16 & 18—Glenn Foppe



Message from our pastor Father Steve

Father Steven Pautler
 Sunday, December 7, 2025
 Secound Sunday of Advent
 Scripture: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
 Theme: ""Straight Talk, Camel Hair, and Uncle Joe's Advent Wake-Up Call ."

Every family has at least one person who speaks with the subtlety of a freight train rolling through a quiet town. You know the type. They sit at the Thanksgiving table with a plate of turkey in one hand and a full opinion in the other. Some of you sat across from that person a few days ago. Uncle Joe never hesitates to tell you what he thinks about the country, the city council, how chewy the turkey is, or the color of the new stoplight. You learn to keep your mouth shut unless you want to set off a fire alarm that rings through Advent and into Lent.

John the Baptist carried that same brand of honesty. He stepped out of the wilderness with camel hair on his back, locust crumbs on his breath, and thunder in his voice. He did not bother with small talk. He did not worry about charm. He looked a crowd straight in the eye and dropped the line no one at Thanksgiving wants to hear. You brood of vipers. That will silence a room.

John was bold because he knew the moment was serious. Something sacred approached. He felt the weight of it and refused to let anyone drift through life half-awake. Prepare the way of the Lord. Clear out the junk. Straighten the path. Advent has no patience for sleepy hearts.

John was not trying to embarrass anyone. His bluntness was an act of charity. When truth is spoken without spin, without varnish, it shakes you awake in a way soft words cannot. He wanted people ready for the One who stood among them. He wanted them alert. He wanted them hungry for the Messiah who carried fire that would not burn them, but refine them.

Advent asks for the same from us. A little straight talk. A little honesty. A little courage to admit where the road has gotten crooked. It is easy to glide through December on cinnamon rolls and Christmas movies. Advent calls for more. It calls for a heart that knows why we wait.

Maybe you hear John's voice echoing somewhere in your life. Maybe he sounds like that friend who pulls you aside and tells you the truth. Maybe he sounds like that relative who says what everyone else is afraid to say. Maybe he sounds like your own conscience nudging you to quit stalling and take a step toward grace.

John points to Christ and steps out of the way. His voice wakes us, but it is the Lord who heals us. He comes with mercy stronger than our excuses, with hope steady enough to guide us through the darkest stretch of winter. So let Uncle Joe talk. Let John shout. Let the truth jolt us awake. Advent has arrived. Straighten the path. The Lord draws near.

Monday, December 8, 2025:
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Masses:
 7:30 am—St. Mary, Carlyle
 8:30 am—St. Mary, Centralia
 12:00 pm -St. Mary Hospital, Centralia
 6:30 pm -St. Lawrence, Sandoval
 6:30 pm—St. Teresa, Marydale

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- We are getting ready to prepare St. Mary's for the Christmas season and we need your help! No special skills required - just willing hands and a bit of time during the week of December 14th. If you are interested, please leave your number with the parish office and we will give you a call with details.
- **We need three volunteers to bring up the Advent candles on December 14 at the 10:00 Mass and four volunteers on December 20 at the 4:30 Mass. If interested contact Tracy Becker.**

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

Brittany, Natalie, 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.

CARLYLE CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Carlyle Christmas Cantata is coming soon on December 14th. Each year, performers from our community present us with an evening of music and inspiration. As in the past, St. Mary Parish will be hosting a reception in the parish center following the performance. We are asking our parishioners to help us by donating a dozen cookies for this reception. The cookies can be dropped off in the cafeteria on that day. Thank you and we hope to see you there!

Please remember in our prayers: Alana Kampwerth White, Ryan Wittenauer, Duane Kampwerth, Chuck Limpers, 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.

