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:
I heard an interesting thing the other day. Someone I knew was upset because her daughter and son-in-law never had their newborn baptized. She went ahead and baptized the baby in the kitchen sink! Was this a legitimate baptism?
Answer:
Yes, it could be a valid baptism, but it was not done properly. Baptism is valid when real water is used, the words "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" are spoken, and the person intends to do what the Church does. The location does not matter. What matters is intention and form. A grandparent baptizing without parental consent, outside an emergency, acts against Church order. Valid does not mean appropriate!

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.

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

LADIES, ARE YOU RESOLVING TO GROW IN FAITH IN 2026? Start the new year with an inspiring 60-minute presentation by Sr. M. Karolyn Kunes, FSGM, on Thursday, January 22 at the Bartelso School Cafeteria. The evening starts at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartelso Elementary School, 306 S Washington Street and will include a talk by Sr. M Karolyn on Spiritual Motherhood, guided prayer, and a Q & A session. Sr. M. Karolyn is a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George, based in Alton. This event is sponsored by the St. Cecilia Ladies Sodality, Bartelso IL. Join us and take the next step in your faith journey! Please RSVP to judyglen@outlook.com or text/call 618-920-0239. Reservations are not required but appreciated.

THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Catholic Relief Services would like to thank everyone who helped our global family through prayers and donations to the Advent Giving Tree. Your Gifts of Hope totaling $1422 will transform lives in more thank 110 countries. Your compassion and generosity will help vulnerable people feed their families, grow their income and help build self-sufficiency. Please consider joining CRS Footsteps in Faith to ensure immediate funds are available to provide families with food and shelter in times of emergency. Visit footstepsinfaith.org to learn more about this lifesaving program. Please contact Linda McNurlen at 618-792-0278 if you would like to find out more about the CRS mission of serving those in need worldwide.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts to the Advent Giving Tree. During this Christmas season, your kindness reached the hearts of many individuals through our partnership with Community Link. We extend our sincere gratitude for your continued support.

St. Mary Social Outreach Committee .

		Lector	Eucharistic Minister		Mass Servers	Gift Bearers
Jan 10 / Jan 11	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
	10:00 am	Theresa Wuebbels	Geralyn Hodapp Mary Hartung Paulette Evans Linda McNurlen	Emily Von Hatten Angie Von Hatten Lisa Eversgerd	Charlotte Nolte Kaylee Kessler Madesyn Kessler	Beverly Schlau Family

		Lector	Eucharistic Minister		Mass Servers	Gift Bearers
Jan 17 / Jan 18	4:30 pm	Richard Christ	Suzanne Christ Jane Beckmann Keri Mitchell Nick Christ	Michele Foster B arb Crouse Tiffany Wesselmann	Alex Timmermann Hailey Timmermann Tyler Wesselmann	Volunteer Family
	10:00 am	Brigid Nalewajka	Elyse Caplinger David Caplinger Ed Kleber Jeannie Kleber	Jim Nalewajka Kelly Dempsey Paulette Evans	Charlotte Nolte Clark Kauling Volunteer	Tommy & Lori Hall Family

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH *Est. 1853*

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

January 11, 2026
The Baptism of the Lord
First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Second Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38
Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

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

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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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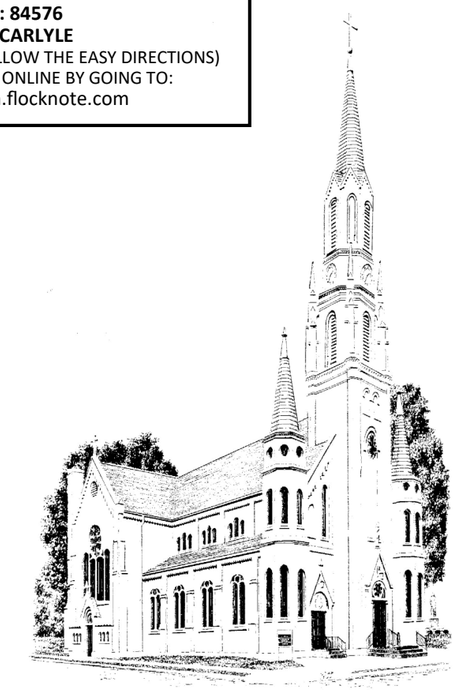

Mission statement:
Our mission is to involve ourselves in lay ministries, living and spreading the gospel message of justice and peace.

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 10	***4:30 pm***	***Bob & Martha Diekemper*** ***Edmund & Esther Thole*** ***Johanna Diekemper*** ***Ed & Marilyn Miller***
Sun, Jan 11	***10:00 am***	***Joe Brueggemann*** ***Roy & Pat Hart***
Mon, Jan 12	***7:30 am***	***For our Holy Father, bishops, priests, and deacons.***
Tues, Jan 13	***7:30 am***	***Mary Rita & Henry Hilmes*** ***L/D members of the Clinton J & Leona Deters Hoffman family***
Wed, Jan 14	***7:30 am***	***For students, teachers, and all who seek wisdom.***
Thurs, Jan 15	***7:30 am*** ***10:00 am***	***Mary Lou Bowman*** ***Word & Eucharist Carlyle Healthcare Center***
Sat, Jan 17	***4:30 pm***	***George &Leona Dierkes Family*** ***Marita Hilmes*** ***Kenny Hoffmann*** ***Leroy Wiegmann*** ***Jerome Guiab***
Sun, Jan 18	***10:00 am***	***Al & Betty Brueggemann*** ***Alfred, Victoria, Mark & Vernon Thole***

Stewardship… January 4th collections

Envelopes: $7362	**Loose: $388**
Online Giving Gen Fund: $4333.50	**Cemetery: $1243**
Christmas Offering: $398	**Capital Campaign: $2110**
Catholic School Assessment: $190	**Guatemala: $719**
Christmas Collection for Needy: $110	

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 12 & 13 Kevin Frank, Jan 14 & 15 Paul Kauling
Jan 19 & 20 Glenn Foppe, Jan 21 & 22 Tom Frerker

Schedule of Events...

Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation
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

CHICKEN DINNER: KC Hall/Columbian Club, Carlyle. **February 1, 2026** 11:00 am to 1:30 pm Drive Thru only. $15/meal, $8\ages 5-12, under 4 are free. Includes 4 pieces of chicken, mashed potatoes ad gravy, green beans and apple sauce. **NOTE DATE CHANGE!!**

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

SAVE THE DATE! St. Mary Reverse Raffle is February 21, 2026. Donations of items for the Silent and Live Auctions are needed. Items can be dropped off at the church office Tuesday through Thursday 9am-1pm. Volunteers to work the night of the event are also needed. Please contact Valerie Nolte at 618-830-0586 or valmac99@hotmail.com with any questions or to volunteer.

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

St. Rose Youth League Sausage & Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, January 11, 2026, from 7:30 am to 11:30 am at St. Rose Park in St. Rose, IL. We will be having a drive-thru. Adults $14.00, Children $7.00.

Due to an error by Universal Directory, a family picture was left out of pix book. We will have the picture (a peel and stick), available in envelopes with your name at the back of church for the following two weeks. If you did not pick up your book, it is at the church office where we also will have a few extra books available for $15.

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

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, 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.

Jan Ushers	**SATURDAY**	**SUNDAY**
	Marion Perez, Mark Rainey, Chad Holthaus, Michael Jansen, Charles Rolfingsmeier, Carolyn Crocker	Dennis Hempen, Peggy Hilmes, Ted Rensing, Ed Kleber, Jeannie Kleber, Joe Mioux

Message from our pastor Father Steve

Father Steven Pautler
Sunday, January 11, 2026
Baptism of Our Lord.
Scripture: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17
Theme: "Testing the Water and Claiming the Beloved."

Baptisms sit near the top of my list of favorite moments as a priest. Families arrive gathered together with a mix of joy, nerves, and pride, holding a child who has already changed their lives. A baptism gathers grandparents, parents, godparents, cousins, and friends into one space for one purpose. A new life is being welcomed not only into a family, but into the life of God.

Before the baptism begins, I enjoy inviting one of the younger family members forward to help me. I ask them to check the water and tell me if it feels cold. The answers range from confident yeses to thoughtful shrugs, and sometimes an honest "I don't know." Then I ask if they think the baby will cry. Laughter follows, predictions fly, and suddenly the youngest members of the family are part of the moment in a real way. They are not watching from the pew. They are involved, included, and remembered.

As the baptism approaches, I invite everyone to step closer. I want them to see it happen, to hear the words, and to notice the water. Baptism is deeply personal for the child being baptized, yet it also belongs to everyone present. Each baptism renews something in all of us, whether we realize it or not.

The Gospel today places us at the Jordan River, where Jesus steps forward to be baptized by John. This scene deserves our attention. Jesus does not begin his public ministry with a sermon, a sign, or a display of power. He enters the water with everyone else. He stands among sinners and receives baptism, even when John hesitates and questions the moment. Jesus insists, because this is where his mission begins. Heaven opens, the Spirit descends, and the voice of the Father declares love and approval.

The baptism of the Lord reveals the heart of God. God chooses closeness. God enters ordinary human moments and fills them with grace. The Jordan River becomes holy ground because Jesus steps into it. From that day forward, water tells a new story. Every baptism carries that same story. Water flows, a name is spoken, and God claims a child as beloved. The child may cry or sleep through the moment, yet God's promise does not waver. Parents and godparents make promises they will spend years learning how to live. The Church surrounds them and accepts responsibility for helping this child grow in faith.

When I ask whether the baby will cry, I am not worried about the outcome. Noise, movement, and tears belong to real life, and God works there with ease. Baptism does not require perfection. It requires presence. Each baptism reminds us who we are and who we belong to. We are not gathered as strangers. We stand together as sons and daughters of the same Father. The words spoken over Jesus at the Jordan still echo today. Beloved. Chosen. Claimed. That truth holds steady long after the water dries.

Welcome to Everett James Clark, Parents: Brad and Kayla (Wernsman) Clark as he is baptized this weekend at St. Mary. May he grow in wisdom, age and grace through our example of faith-filled lives!

Congratulations to Parker & MIranda (Mansfield) Lane as they celebrate their wedding this weekend at St. Mary. May they be a powerful sign of God's love with each other and for all of us.

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.