

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 made a New Year's resolution to pray more. I set the time aside. The Bible is open. The bookmark is ready. Then my mind starts planning supper, reminding me to call my sister, and replaying yesterday's conversation. How do I stay focused?

Answer:
 First, relax. Distraction is not a sign you are bad at prayer. It is a sign you are human. Prayer time often turns into mental housekeeping. That is normal. Do not wrestle every thought to the ground. Notice it, smile, and gently return to prayer. Start small. Five faithful minutes beats twenty restless ones. If your mind wanders, bring it back again. And again. That return is part of the prayer. Over time, focus grows. God is not timing you. He is glad you showed up.

Kings House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Visitors Center

From the Tower of Babel to Pentecost: Embracing our Differences, Praising in Unity. Presenter: Danielle Harrison, Monday, Feb. 16, 2026 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Shrine Visitors Center. Cost: \$60 (lunch included). For more information, please call 618-397-0584 or go to <https://kh.snows.org/events/harrison.dor-2026>

Lenten Day of Reflection: On the Lenten Journey. Presenter: Virginia Herbers. Thursday March 5, 2026, from 10:00 am-3:00 pm at the Shrine Visitors Center. Cost: \$60.00 (lunch included). For more information, please call 618-397-0584 or go to <https://kh.snows.org>

A Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land

Prayer - Solidarity - Peace, November 30-December 11, 2026
 Pilgrimage Leaders: Fr. Jim Nall, Deacon John Gomez, and Sue Huett Asbeck. Hosted by: Catholic Relief Services in the Diocese of Belleville.

		<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>		<u>MASS SERVERS</u>	<u>GIFT BEARERS</u>
Jan 17	4:30 pm	Richard Christ	Suzanne Christ Jane Beckmann Keri Mitchell Nick Christ	Michele Foster Barb Crouse Tiffany Wesselmann	Alex Timmermann Hailey Timmermann Tyler Wesselmann	Volunteer Family
Jan 18	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

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Jan 24	4:30 pm	Joann Banwarth	Jane Beckmann Rosie Nehrt Paula Kampwerth Linda Peppenhorst	Matt Diekemper Michele Foster Keri Mitchell	Beckett Howard Kelsie Horton Volunteer	Jeff and Andrea Arter Family
Jan 25	10:00 am	Theresa Wuebbels	Mary Hartung Chad Holthaus Stacy Holthaus Theresa Wuebbels	Linda McNurlen Mary Hugo Geraldyn Hodapp	Charlotte Osborne Gabriel Osborne Levi Osborne	Jodi & Tim Meyer Family

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.



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.

Classes in Parish Center Hospitality Room
 Yoga 8:00 am Chair Yoga 9:15 am
 Fitness 5:30 am and 6:00 pm
 All Classes on Mondays and Thursdays
 For more information, contact Michele Kern 618-401-1894

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH Est. 1853

1171 Jefferson St., Carlyle, IL 62231

Fr. Steven Pautler, Pastor
 Fr. Devarajulu Ubbarapu

January 18, 2026
 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 First Reading: Isaiah 49:3,5-6
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
 Gospel: John 1:29-34

MASS TIMES:
 Monday - Thursday—7:30 am
 Thursday— 10:00am— Carlyle Health Care Center
 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

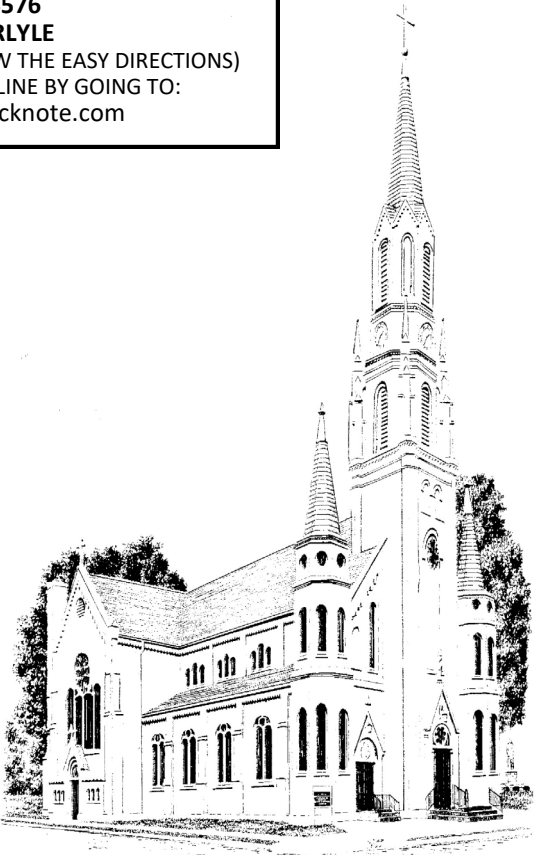
OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:
 Mater Dei High School 618-526-7216 materdeiknights.org
 All Saints Academy 618-526-4323 www.asasaints.com

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

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 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
Mon, Jan 19 7:30 am	For the unemployed and those struggling financially
Tues, Jan 20 7:30 am	Ben Brueggemann Georgette "Honey" Brueggemann Arnie & Fern Wobbe
Wed, Jan 21 7:30 am	For the protection of life from conception to natural death.
Thurs, Jan 22 7:30 am	Bernard & Louise Brueggemann
10:00 am	Word & Eucharist Carlyle Healthcare Center
Sat, Jan 24 4:30 pm	George & Rose Becker Ed, Bea & Dan Frank
Sun, Jan 25 10:00 am	Mark Koehler Deceased Members of Ernest Potthast Family

Stewardship... January 11th collections	
Envelopes: \$4160	Loose: \$777
Online Giving Gen Fund: \$615	Cemetery: \$580
Catholic School Assessment: \$125	Capital Campaign: \$1305
Christmas Collection for Needy: \$2	Christmas Offering: \$10

Schedule of Upcoming 2026 Healing Masses
 Information will be updated whenever the office is notified.
 St. Mary (Mt. Vernon), St. Mary (Centralia), and St. Lawrence - at Mt. Vernon 1/20/26 , 5:30 pm
 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

All Saints Academy will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, January 25th from 12:00-1:00. Stop by to learn more about ASA!

Adult Servers:
 Jan 19 & 20 Glenn Foppe, Jan 21 & 22 Tom Frerker
 Jan 26 & 27 Ed Schwierjohn
 Jan 28 & 29 Chuck Rolfingsmeier

Jan Ushers	SATURDAY Marion Perez, Dave Beckmann, Chad Holthaus, Michael Jansen, Charles Rolfingsmeier, Carolyn Crocker
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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 1: 11:00 am-1:30 pm KC Chicken Dinner
Sun., Feb 8: St. Ann Sodality Basket Bingo
Sat., Feb 21: St. Mary, Carlyle Reverse Raffle
Wed-Sun Mar 11-15: 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, 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. Lightning raffle begins at noon. Bingo begins at 1:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE! St. Mary Reverse Raffle is February 21, 2026. Donations for the Silent and Live Auctions are needed. Items can be dropped off at the church office Tuesday - 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, to volunteer, or to set up a donation pick up time.

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

Mater Dei Mothers and Friends Dinner Auction: A Knight at the Derby

Join us for a night of fun, fellowship, and fundraising at the Mater Dei Mothers and Friends Dinner Auction on March 21st, 2026 at Mater Dei High School! Doors open at 5:00 PM. The theme for the evening is A Knight at the Derby, so come dressed for a night of derby fun!



Tickets for the dinner auction and raffles can be purchased by scanning the QR code. Raffle forms are also in the back of the church, available to mail in. Don't miss out on this special event and opportunity to support Mater Dei. See you there!
 For Auction Tickets and Raffle Tickets, please visit: MDDERBY.givesmart.com

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, 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 18, 2026
 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Scripture: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
 Theme: John the Baptist; the first cheerleader of the Gospel.

John the Baptist really started something. He formed the first cheering section in the Gospel of John. No pom poms. No marching band. No smoke machines. Still, the effect stayed powerful. John stands by the river, sees Jesus walking toward him, and blurts out the line which changes everything. Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. He does not whisper it. He does not ease into it. He points, he announces, and he steps aside.

Every big moment brings a hype crew. Stadiums hire people whose only job involves getting fans on their feet. Concerts warm the crowd before the main act. DJs shout into microphones and demand noise. Energy matters. Anticipation matters. John understood this long before microphones existed. He looked strange. He dressed strange. People noticed. Some showed up out of curiosity. Others came for repentance. All ended up hearing an announcement they never expected.

John knew his role. He never tried to steal the spotlight. He never acted as the star of the show. He stood there to direct attention elsewhere. When Jesus arrived, John pointed and stepped back. No jealousy. No hesitation. No need for applause. A true cheerleader wants the crowd focused on the one who matters. John lived this with clarity and joy.

The words he speaks carry weight. Lamb of God sounds gentle, yet serious. This lamb deals with sin, not small mistakes or bad habits, but the deep mess people carry around. John does not offer self improvement tips. He announces a person. He tells the crowd salvation stands right in front of them, breathing the same air, walking the same ground.


Then John adds something personal. He admits recognition came through the Spirit. He watched the Spirit descend and remain. Remain matters. The Spirit does not visit and leave. The Spirit stays. John bears witness so others trust the truth. His voice gives way so another voice rises.

This Gospel invites a question. Who receives our pointing finger. Many voices shout for attention. Screens glow. Opinions fly. Everyone promotes something. John shows another way. He points toward Jesus and resists the urge to point toward himself. He cheers without demanding credit.

Faith still needs cheerleaders. Families need them. Parishes need them. Kids need them. People grow tired. Joy fades. Doubt creeps in. Someone who points and says look there helps more than endless advice. A life which quietly directs attention toward Christ speaks volumes. John fades from center stage, and he smiles doing so. He understood success. The mission involved preparing hearts, then stepping aside. The joy came from watching others meet Jesus. So take the role with confidence. Point toward Christ with your words and actions. Cheer loudly with your life. Then step aside and let the Lamb of God do the work.

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 & Erica
 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.