

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 get this question all the time. Father Steve, why did you wait so long to become a priest?

Answer:
 Because God took the long road with me. I lived a full life first. I worked hard. I paid bills. I fixed copy machines. I loved my family. I learned patience the slow way. I learned humility through mistakes. I learned how ordinary people carry faith into long days and tired nights. Priesthood did not arrive late. It arrived on time. God was forming me while I thought I was simply living. When the call came, it came with clarity and peace. I knew who I was. I knew what I was leaving. I knew what I was giving my life to. Waiting was not wasted time. It was preparation. God does not rush souls. And at the right moment, He said, now.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Tues. Feb. 2, 2026
BLESSING OF CANDLES & THROATS
 Saturday, Jan. 31, 2026—4:30 pm (St. Mary)
 Saturday, Jan. 31, 2026—7:30 pm (St. Teresa, Marydale)
 Sunday, Feb. 1, 2026—8:00 am (St. Teresa, Marydale)
 Sunday, Feb. 1, 2026—10:00 am (St. Mary)

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>

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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 & Andrea Arter Family
Jan 25	10:00 am	Catholic Schools Week Mater Dei/ASA Students	Mary Hartung Chad Holthaus Stacy Holthaus Theresa Wuebbels	Jeannie Kleber Mary Hugo Geraldyn Hodapp	Catholic School Week Mater Dei/ASA Students	Catholic Schools Week Mater Dei/ASA Students

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Feb 1	10:00 am	Theresa Wuebbels	Ed Kleber Jeannie Kleber Lisa Eversgerd Ron Zurliene	Ethan Wheelan Dave Rodden Beverly Schlau	Ayla Edwards Cohen Edwards Clark Kauling	Rodger & Rachel Edwards Family

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

Chakota Therapeutic Riding Center will be hosting their annual Trivia Night on Friday, Feb 6, 2026 at the Breese KC Hall. \$100 per team (up to 8 players per team). Call 618-224-4236 ext. 9 or send an email to info@Chakota-trc.org to reserve your table. Doors open at 6 p.m. and Trivia starts at 7. All drinks must be purchased at the bar but you are welcome to bring your own snacks. We welcome businesses to sponsor a round of trivia. For a \$50 donation, your name and/or logo will appear on the answer sheet and on the projector screen for that round, receive a verbal mention, and a shout out on Facebook. Thanks for your support!

NOW HIRING A BUSINESS MANAGER
 St. Mary Parish in Carlyle is seeking a part time Business Manager to oversee parish finances. The ideal candidate works in the parish office three days each week, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Responsibilities include managing parish accounts, writing checks, serving as custodian of investments, preparing financial reports for the Diocese and the Finance Council, and attending Finance Council meetings. Compensation is negotiable and structured as either hourly or salaried, and training is provided. For more information or to apply, please contact Father Steve Pautler at 618 532 6291 ext. 307 or by email at: spautler@stmarycentralia.org

Study is a work of prayer. Visit **Saint Meinrad** for the **Graduate Theology Program Open House**, Feb 14–15. Tour campus, attend class, pray at liturgy, and meet professors and students. Learn more about our flexible and affordable offerings and register at saintmeinrad.edu/openhouse. All are welcome.



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH *Est. 1853*

1171 Jefferson St., Carlyle, IL 62231

Fr. Steven Pautler, Pastor
 Fr. Devarajulu Ubbarapu

January 25, 2026
 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 First Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
 Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

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

Staff:
 Rev. Steven Pautler, *Pastor*
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 Website: stmarycarlyle.org
 Randy Foster, *Grounds & Maintenance*

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

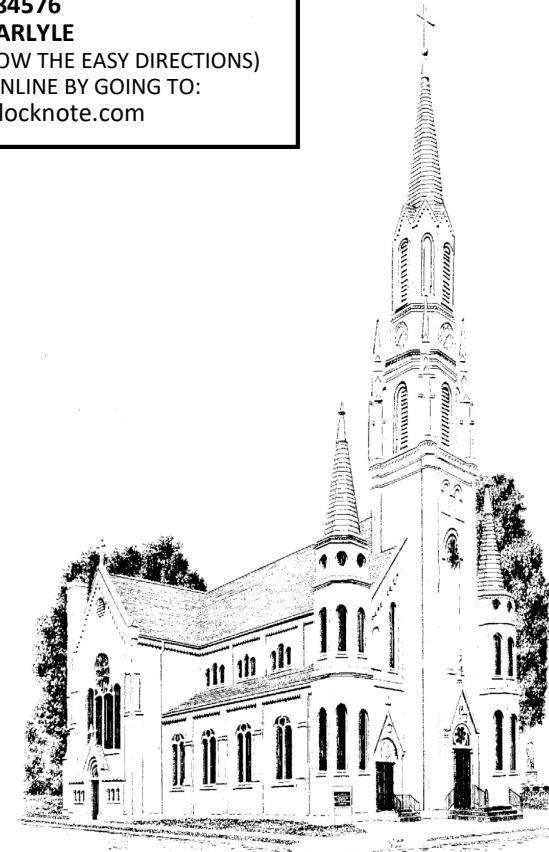
OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:
 Mater Dei High School 618-526-7216 materdeiknights.org
 All Saints Academy 618-526-4323 www.asasaints.com

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

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 222 South Third St., Belleville, IL 62220
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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 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
Mon, Jan 26 7:30 am	For first responders, police, firefighters and medical workers.
Tues, Jan 27 7:30 am	Marie Brueggemann
Wed, Jan 28 7:30 am	For travelers and those away from home.
Thurs, Jan 29 7:30 am	Alex Morrison Joline Diekemper
10:00 am	Word & Eucharist Carlyle Healthcare Center
Sat, Jan 31 4:30 pm	Art, Cornelia & Mark Schomaker
Sun, Feb 1 10:00 am	Betty Robben Tina Donnewald

Stewardship... January 18th collections	
Envelopes: \$3222	Loose: \$802
Online Giving Gen Fund: \$340	Cemetery: \$190
Catholic School Assessment: \$407	Capital Campaign: \$185
Needy: \$200	Israel \$200
Guatemala: 20	

Schedule of Upcoming 2026 Healing Masses
 Information will be updated whenever the office is notified.
 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

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

ST. MARY CHURCH - 7:30 am, **MONDAY - *FRIDAY**
 *Friday 7:30 am Mass **Begins February 6, 2026**

SATURDAY (VIGIL)

4:30 pm - ST. MARY, CARLYLE
 (Reconciliation 3:45 pm - 4:15 pm)
 7:30 pm - ST. TERESA, MARYDALE

SUNDAY

8:00 am - ST. TERESA, MARYDALE
 10:00 am - ST. MARY, CARLYLE

Adult Servers	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

Schedule of Events...

Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation
Sun, Feb 1: 11:00 am-1:30 pm KC Chicken Dinner
Sun., Feb 8: St. Ann Sodality Basket Bingo
Sun., Feb 15: KC Breakfast for Ministerial Alliance
Sat., Feb 21: 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, 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. The event includes a bake sale. **We are asking parishioners to donate baked goods. They can be dropped off at the KC Hall on that Sunday morning, anytime after 8am. Thank you!**

Beckemeyer Sons of the Legion Euchre Tournament: February 7, 2026 @ 7:00 pm - Sign in begins @ 6:00, \$20.00 per person. Beckemeyer American Legion

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!

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.

RUMMAGE SALE hosted by the Aviston Legion Auxiliary will be held at the Aviston American Legion on: Thursday, February 19 - 9:00 am till 7:00 pm and Bake Sale; Friday, February 20 - 9:00 am till 7:00 pm - everything is ½ price and Bake Sale; Saturday, February 21 - 9:00 am till Noon (\$4.00 brown bag sale) This rummage sale you don't want to miss! There's something for everyone.

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

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.

Mon, Wed, Fri, Feb 2, 4 & 6: Kevin Frank Tue & Thurs, Feb 3 & 5: Tom Frerker	SUNDAY Dennis Hempen, Peggy Hilmes, Ted Rensing, Ed Kleber, Jeannie Kleber, Joe Mioux
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Message from our pastor Father Steve

Father Steven Pautler

Sunday, January 25, 2026

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1,4,13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13,17/Mat 4:12-23,4:12-17

Theme: The Question Everyone Asks and Jesus Answers.

Every family gathering has a moment. Dessert plates sit half full. Then, someone finally leans back in their chair, clears their throat like it is a formal interview, and asks the senior in high school the question. It lands somewhere between a pop quiz and a background check, and everyone suddenly stops chewing. Where are you going to college next year? The answers roll in fast. KC. SIU. SEMO. Harvard if Uncle Bob is listening! Others answer with honesty. I do not know yet. Still deciding. A few brave souls say it out loud. I am not going to college. The room nods. Conversation moves on. The pressure lingers.

Planning a future shows up early in life. People talk careers before graduation. Dreams form. Expectations stack up. Some adults smile and feel content with where life landed. Others replay choices during quiet moments. A few avoid the whole topic and keep moving. Life keeps asking the question anyway. What are you going to do with your life?

The Gospel of Matthew tells a simpler story. Jesus walks along the Sea of Galilee. No career fair. No five year plan. He sees Simon and Andrew working. Nets in hand. Boats ready. James and John sit nearby with their father. This family business paid the bills. Fishing brought food to the table. Their future looked predictable. Then Jesus speaks. Follow me. I will make you fishers of people.

No resume review happened. No interview followed. No guarantee came with benefits listed. They dropped the nets. They left the boat. James and John even left their father behind. It sounds bold. It sounds risky. It also sounds honest. Jesus did not promise comfort. He offered purpose.

Vocation does not always arrive with fireworks. Many follow family trades. Some work jobs chosen out of necessity. Others stumble into roles they never imagined. God works through all of it. The call shows up in ordinary places. A classroom. A kitchen. A job site. A hospital room. A parish hall. The question shifts. Who am I following.

Jesus still walks past busy lives. He still sees people working hard. He still calls without shouting. The invitation remains simple. Follow me. Some answer quickly. Others need time. A few feel unsure for years. God stays patient.

High school seniors feel the pressure first. Adults feel it too. The Gospel reminds us vocation involves listening more than planning. It grows through faithfulness in daily work. James and John did not stop being fishermen. Their nets changed shape. Their purpose deepened. The real question at Christmas tables deserves an update. Who are you following next year. The answer shapes every path worth taking.

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, & 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.