

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.
Lenten Fish Fry—Fridays of Lent

This week's question:
 Last weekend our parish held a funeral on Sunday. I thought funerals and Sundays did not mix. Is a funeral on Sunday allowed, and if I attend, does it fulfill my Sunday obligation?

Answer:
 Yes, a funeral Mass is allowed on a Sunday in Ordinary Time, just not on Sundays of Advent, Lent, Easter, or on solemnities. On those Ordinary Time Sundays, the Sunday readings stay, the funeral prayers are added, and the Lord's Day still gets top billing. If you attend that funeral Mass, your Sunday obligation is fulfilled. If it is a funeral service without Mass, your prayers and hugs still count, but you still owe Jesus a visit at Mass later.

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>

The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is Feb. 7-8. Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope or by credit card at www.bellevillemessenger.org and click SUBSCRIBE or call 618-722-5045 during business hours for phone payment. The cost for a 1-year subscription is \$40 for printed, home-delivery, \$35 for digital access and \$45 for both. Please make checks payable to The Messenger and make sure to include your email address if digital subscription is selected.

		<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>	<u>MASS SERVERS</u>	<u>GIFT BEARERS</u>	
Jan 31	4:30 pm	Kendra Vaughn	Jane Beckmann Linda Peppenhorst Rosie Nehrt Michele Foster	Chuck Rolfingsmeier Elaine Horstmann Volunteer	Keaston Vaughn Kinsley Vaughn Kiera Vaughn	Susan Howard Family
Feb 1	10:00 am	Catholic Schools Week Mater Dei/ASA Students	Ed Kleber Jeannie Kleber Lisa Eversgerd Ron Zurliene	Ethan Wheelan Theresa Wuebbels Beverly Schlau	Catholic School Week Mater Dei/ASA Students	Catholic Schools Week Mater Dei/ASA Students

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Feb 7	4:30 pm	Barb Crouse	Elaine Horstmann Suzanne Christ Nick Christ Michel Foster	Matt Diekemper Rosie Nehrt Volunteer	Kaylee Kessler Madesyn Kessler Beckett Howard	Keri Mitchell Family
Feb 8	10:00 am	Brigid Nalewajka	Elyse Caplinger David Caplinger Paulette Evans Kelly Dempsey	Emily Von Hatten Angie Von Hatten Jim Nalewajka	Charlotte Nolte Julie Von Hatten Volunteer	Travis Diekemper 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

Due to the inclement weather last weekend, **All Saints Academy** cancelled their open house. It has been rescheduled for **Sunday, February 1st. From 12:00 to 2:00 pm.**

Classes in Parish Center Hospitality Room
 Yoga 8:15 am Chair Yoga 9:15 am
 Fitness 5:30 am and 6:00 pm
 All Classes on Mondays and Thursdays

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH Est. 1853

1171 Jefferson St., Carlyle, IL 62231

Fr. Steven Pautler, Pastor
 Fr. Devarajulu Ubbarapu

MASS TIMES:
 Monday - Friday - 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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 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 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

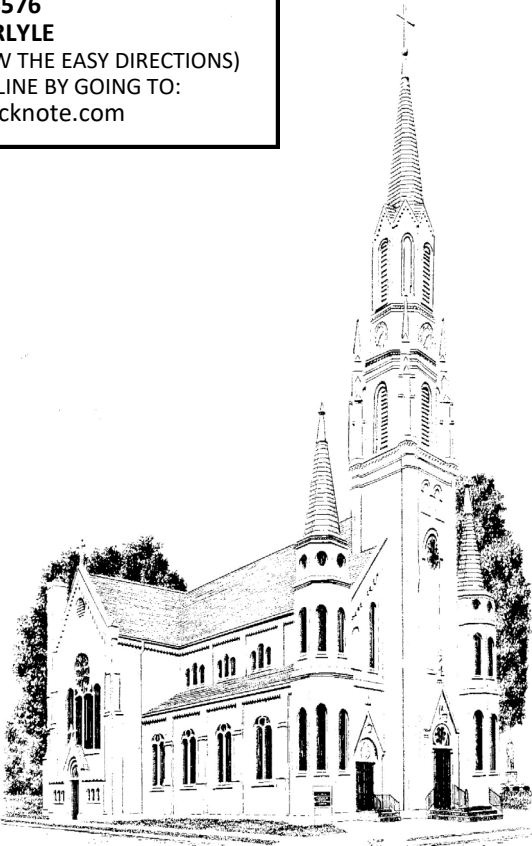
PARTNERED PARISH
 St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church
 18021 Marydale Rd., Carlyle, IL
 618-594-3266 www.stteresamarydale.com
MASS TIMES: Saturday 7:30pm, Sunday 8:00am

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

February 1, 2026
 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
 Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

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 31 4:30 pm	Art, Cornelia & Mark Schomaker Mark Koehler
Sun, Feb 1 10:00 am	Betty Robben Tina Donnewald Jess Francis Woltering
Mon, Feb 2 7:30 am	Marie Brueggemann
Tues, Feb 3 7:30 am	Jeffory Morrison
Wed, Feb 4 7:30 am	Alex Morrison
Thurs, Feb 5 7:30 am	Clara & Joseph Athmer Marvin Wiegman Joline Diekemper
10:00 am	Word & Eucharist Carlyle Healthcare Center
Fri, Feb 6 7:30 am	Victor & Mary Jane Timmermann Natalie Timmermann Alvina Hustedde
Sat, Feb 7 4:30 pm	Ben & Florence Fehlker Juan, Afra & Jerome Guiab Edna & Cyril Schwierjohn Bob Buchheit Charlene Erlinger
Sun, Feb 8 10:00 am	Curly Seiffert Tina Donnewald Janae & Kenny Becker Jr.

Stewardship... January 25th collections

Envelopes: \$1738	Loose: \$940
Online Giving Gen Fund: \$165	Cemetery: \$20
Catholic School Assessment: \$	Capital Campaign: \$85
Needy: \$400	Israel \$400
Guatemala: \$	

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	Mon, Wed, Fri, Feb 2, 4 & 6: Ed Schwierjohn Tue & Thurs, Feb 3 & 5: Chuck Rolfingsmeier
Feb Ushers	SATURDAY Brad Clark, Marian Perez, Jerome Diekemper, Joan Wesselmann, Dave Beckmann, Linda Peppenhorst

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

REVERSE RAFFLE is right around the corner, **February 21, 2026.** There is still plenty of time to volunteer and donate items for the silent and live auctions. Every donation builds the night and boosts the fun! If you need tickets or have questions, contact Valerie Nolte, 618-830-0586 or valmac99@hotmail.com. Check Facebook for more details. **PLEASE TURN IN YOUR TICKETS ASAP.**

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.

Condolences to the families of Ralph Petermeyer who passed away January 8th and Cliff Wheelan (father of Clay Wheelan) who passed away January 19. May they rest in God's peace.

Nominations for Parish Council members will continue this week at both masses. Nominations may be returned via collection basket or to the Parish office.

Please remember in our prayers: Jay Schulte, Alana Kampwerth White, Ryan Wittenauer, Duane Kampwerth, Geri Wellinghoff, Diane Langenhorst, Jessica Hudspeth, Baillie Johnson, Sharon Aach, Dasalm Family, Scott Carson, 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 9, 11 & 13: Kevin Frank Tue & Thurs, Feb 10 & 12: Tom Frerker
SUNDAY Bernard Hodapp, GERALYN Hodapp, Peggy Hilmes, Bob Langenhorst, Richard Diekemper, Kevin Wesselmann



Message from our pastor Father Steve

Father Steven Pautler
 Sunday, February 1, 2026
 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Scripture: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a
 Theme: Simple Steps, Blessed Lives.

Matthew 5:1 to 12a never stays on the page. It walks into hospital rooms, sits at kitchen tables, shows up on ball fields, and yes, more often than I wish, stands beside caskets. When I sit down to prepare a funeral homily, I reach for the Beatitudes. I look at a life and I see pieces of them already written in real days and real choices. Kindness offered when nobody kept score. Patience held onto when it ran thin. Mercy given when pride wanted the last word. These words from Jesus fit real people with real stories.

Still, the Beatitudes speak far beyond funerals. They teach us how to live on an ordinary Tuesday. They guide how we treat the clerk at the store when the line moves slow. They shape how we answer the phone when the name on the screen brings mixed feelings. They help decide what to say, and when to stay quiet. The Beatitudes shape habits, not headlines. They work best in the small moments that never make the news but shape the heart.

I like to picture them as the voice of a GPS for the soul. "Siri, guide me to heaven. Now loading the Beatitudes." And off we go. Make a left turn toward mercy. Slow down near the school zone of patience. U turn ahead when pride grabs the wheel. Railroad tracks coming up when life jolts without warning. Speed camera detected when temper starts to rise. All very familiar. All very human. If we laugh at this, it is because we recognize ourselves in it.

Life does not move in straight lines. It loops. It stalls. It asks for reroutes. Some days feel smooth and others feel like every light stays red. The Beatitudes keep speaking through every bend and every delay. Blessed are the poor in spirit. Blessed are the meek. Blessed are the peacemakers. These words sound gentle, yet they ask for strength. It takes strength to forgive. It takes strength to stay calm when voices rise. It takes strength to keep loving when gratitude stays quiet. These are not lofty slogans. They are simple directions, steady and firm, spoken by One who knows the road and walks it with us.

Here is the part I love the most. When we miss a turn, God does not shut off the guidance. He does not leave us stuck on the shoulder. Grace keeps speaking. The invitation keeps coming. We learn, we grow, and we try again. The Beatitudes never shame us for falling short. They keep calling us forward, step by step, heart by heart. And after many miles, after long seasons and short ones, after laughter and tears, after prayers whispered and prayers shouted, there comes a line every heart waits to hear. "You have arrived at your destination." No traffic. No delays. No more rerouting. Only welcome. Only home. Only the joy promised by Jesus when he first spoke these words to the crowd on the hillside.

So today, hear the Beatitudes as more than beautiful lines from a familiar Gospel. Hear them as daily guidance. Small steps count. Quiet choices matter. Faithfulness in hidden places shapes the whole trip more than any single moment ever will. Walk with mercy. Choose peace. Stay gentle. Trust God with the rest. And keep listening for the voice that never gives up on giving directions.

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 February the Sanctuary candle in our parish church burns in loving memory of:



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.