

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

Question:
 I am a graduate of SLU, and on Ash Wednesday there was always someone on the street corner or on campus handing out ashes. I loved that public witness and I still wear ashes as an outward sign of faith. Now I am in a parish where ashes are only offered at the evening Mass. Do I really have to wait all day?

Answer:
 You are remembering a good ministry, and it still serves a real purpose. Ashes to Go meets people where they are, in the middle of work and daily life, and fits the spirit of the day. Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation, and there is no rule requiring ashes to be received during Mass. They can be given at prayer services or other approved settings, which is why many places offer them throughout the day. Ashes matter, but the Church cares more about the call behind them. Remember you are dust. Repent and believe in the Gospel. Both speak to the heart, not the forehead. If you can make the evening Mass, go and pray with your parish community. If your schedule truly blocks it, you are not failing Lent on day one. You can still fast, pray, give alms, and begin the season well, even without the smudge.

Confirmation Retreat will be held on Monday, February 16, 2026 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Parish Center for all 8th graders in the parish.

Friday Fish Fry's during Lent Beckemeer Legion 4:30 - 7:00; Cod-Blue Gill, Whole Catfish-Shrimp; Reg. Potato Salad; German Potato Salad, Fries, Mac & Cheese or Slaw; Sponsored by the American Legion Post 1227

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

Anyone willing to volunteer their services to drive Fr. Deva to and from Centralia, please contact the parish office at 618-594-2225. Fr. Deva says Mass in Centralia every other weekend.

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

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>

		<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>		<u>MASS SERVERS</u>	<u>GIFT BEARERS</u>
Feb 14	4:30 pm	Joann Banwarth	Tiffany Wesselmann Rosie Nehrt Paula Kampwerth	Barb Crouse Jane Beckmann Suzanne Christ Nick Christ	Caleb Aeschbacher Tyler Wesselmann Eleanor Marks	David & Brenda Aeschbacher Family
Feb 15	10:00 am	Paulette Evans	Linda McNurlen Mary Hugo Bev Schlau Ed Kleber	Mary Hartung Chad Holthaus Stacy Holthaus	Klohe Diekemper Ava Albers Charlotte Nolte	Joel & Lindsey Tucker Family

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Feb 21	4:30 pm	Kendra Vaughn	Matt Diekemper Rosie Nehrt Michele Foster Barb Crouse	Keri Mitchell Paula Kampwerth Jane Beckmann	Keaston Vaughn Kiera Vaughn Kinsley Vaughn	Michael & Connie Vaughn Family
Feb 22	10:00 am	Brigid Nalewajka	Ron Zurliene Ethan Wheelan Dave Rodden Jim Nalewajka	Ed Kleber Jeannie Kleber Theresa Wuebbels	Ayla Edwards Cohen Edwards Clark Kauling	Chad & Patti Timmermann Family

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

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

St Ann's Altar Sodality, St. Mary would like to extend a big thank you to all who donated goods/money, worked the bingo, attended the event and contributed in any way.

Thanks to the KC Hall and members for donating their time and help to make our fundraiser a success. We had the largest crowd since our inception 18 years ago. That would not be possible without the efforts of all pulling together as a team.

Thank you all!

Winners were;
Quilt -Sharon Hustedde
Large Afghan- Lisa Vonderhaar
Baby Afghan- Norb Thole
Butcher Block Knife Set- Pat Kuhl
Bath and Body Basket - Darlene Rodden
Valentine Attendance Prize - Bonnie Deimeke

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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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

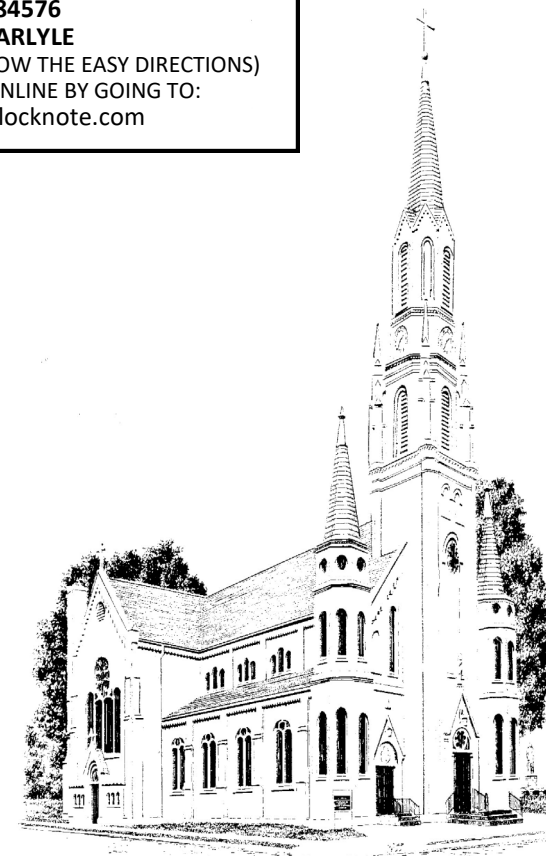
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 618-277-8181 www.diobelle.org
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February 15, 2026
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

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, Feb 14	4:30 pm	Bob & Marge Christ Johanna Diekemper Mary Lou Bowman Ray & Leonilda Diekemper Dale Miller Martha Diekemper Maurice Hustedde
Sun, Feb 15	1 0:00 am	Jim Etter & Family Robby Lemanski
Mon, Feb 16	7 :30 am	For the unemployed and those struggling financially.
Tues, Feb 17	7:30 am	Al & Betty Brueggemann
Wed, Feb 18	7 :30 am	For the protection of life from conception to natural death.
	12:00 pm	For First responders, police, firefighters, and medical workers
	6:45 pm	For Students, teachers, and all who seek wisdom
Thurs, Feb 19	7:30 am	Ben & Georgette Brueggemann
	10:00 am	Word & Eucharist Carlyle Healthcare Center
Fri, Feb 20	7:30 am	For travelers and those away from home.
Sat, Feb 21	4:30 pm	Victor & Mary Jane Timmermann Natalie Timmermann Alvina Hustedde Paul & Dolores Hempen
Sun, Feb 22	10:00 am	Bernard & Louise Brueggemann Arnie & Fern Wobbe Johanna & Orville Rueter and Bernice Kauling-Rueter

Stewardship... February 8th collections	
Envelopes: \$4956	Loose: \$569
Online Giving: \$655	Cemetery: \$280
Catholic School Assessment: \$10	Capital Campaign: \$115
Easter Flowers: \$50	Israel \$
Guatemala: \$10	Black & Indian Mission \$

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

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE
St. Mary Church, Carlyle
 6:30am to 7:15 am Drive Up Ashes in church parking lot
 7:30 am Mass
 12:00 pm Mass
 Reconciliation 1:00 pm-2:30 pm
 6:45 pm Mass-Faith Formation Students
 7:00 pm Mass— **St. Felicitas Parish, Beaver Prairie**

Adult Servers	Mon, Wed, Fri, Feb 16, 18 & 20: Ron Zurliene Tue & Thurs, Feb Feb 17 & 19: Ed Schwierjohn
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 15: KC Breakfast for Ministerial Alliance
Mon. Feb 16: Confirmation Retreat
Sat., Feb 21: St. Mary, Carlyle Reverse Raffle
Wed-Sun Mar 11-15 2026: Outreach Ministry Lenten Clothing Drive

****REVERSE RAFFLE IS FEBRUARY 21, 2026****

Donations for the Silent and Live Auctions are welcome and will be accepted until February 21st. Please contact Valerie Nolte 618-830-0586 to donate, volunteer or with any questions.

Doors open at 5:00 pm

Kids Games from 5:00-8:00 pm

Chicken served from 6:00-7:30 pm

Silent Auction 5:00-7:30 pm

Live Auction begins at 8:00 pm

Winning Raffle Ticket drawn after auction

TICKETS MUST TURNED IN BY 6:30 pm ON FEBRUARY 21ST TO BE ENTERED INTO THE DRAWING

SUGAR RUSH will return to the Reverse Raffle! We need your help to make this happen. **We are asking parishioners to furnish smaller size cakes, cupcakes, cookies or other snacks for this game.** Please drop off at the KC Hall any time after 9a.m. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

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.

BREAKFAST WITH KNIGHTS-March 1, 2026 8:00-11:00 St. Lawrence Parish Hall, Sandoval. Free Will Offering, All profits will assist with Knights of Columbus Charities.. Sausage, Eggs, Biscuits, Gravy, Pancakes, Fruit Cocktail, Coffee, Milk and Juice.

REVERSE DRAWING-St Augustine Church, Breese – **Saturday, March 7th**, at Breese KC Hall. Your \$50 ticket includes fried chicken & drinks for two and a chance at the \$4,000 top prize, plus \$500 prizes for 2nd–4th place and \$50 for every 20th ticket drawn. You do not need be to present to win. Contact Dorise Schulte at 618-304-4174 or schulte@prodigy.net for tickets.

PARISH COUNCIL VOTING-Six candidates have generously volunteered to run for Parish Council. See the bulletin insert for their biographies. Ballots will be available in church 2/21/2026 thru 3/1/2026. Deadline for casting ballots is 3/3/2026. Ballots may be returned via the collection basket or to the parish office.

Mon, Wed, Fri, Feb 23, 25, & 27: Chuck Rolfingsmeier Tue & Thurs, Feb 24 & 26: Ed Schwierjohn
SUNDAY Bernard Hodapp, GERALYN Hodapp, Peggy Hilmes, Bob Langenhorst, Richard Diekemper, Kevin Wesselmann



Message from our pastor Father Steve

Father Steven Pautler
 Sunday, February 15, 2026
 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Scripture: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
 Theme: "Ashes on My Forehead and Answers on My Tongue".

Ash Wednesday arrives without fireworks. No choir of angels. No spotlight. The Gospel from Matthew speaks plainly. Pray without a show. Give without applause. Fast without a sad face. God sees in secret. God rewards in secret.

Every age produces loud versions of faith. Our age excels at it. Join us and grab a coffee and a donut on the way in. Step forward and receive instant healing. Start over again and again with a fresh baptism. These offers appeal to the senses. They promise comfort. They promise certainty. They promise control. Distractions thrive close to home. None of this began yesterday.

Ash Wednesday interrupts the noise. The Church offers ashes. Not a perk. Not a prize. A sign of repentance rooted in Scripture. Israel wore sackcloth. They sat in ashes. They turned their hearts back to God. The Church carries forward the same language. No glamour. No shine. Only truth.

Still, the Gospel presses a question. Are we slipping into the very righteousness Jesus warns against. We rise early. We stand in line. We wear ashes on our foreheads. A quiet voice inside whispers. Look at me. I showed up. Jesus cuts through the whisper. When you pray, go to your room. When you fast, wash your face. When you give, do not announce it. Faith performs best away from an audience. Ashes rest on our foreheads for a reason. They sit where pride likes to live. They mark mortality. They speak repentance. They announce nothing about spiritual rank. They say something about the soul. I need mercy. I need grace. I need God. Then comes the moment every Ash Wednesday delivers. Someone notices. Excuse me. You have dirt on your forehead.

Responses matter. When someone notices the ashes, a short and honest reply keeps the moment humble and points the heart back to God. It is Ash Wednesday! A day of repentance! It is a reminder I need God more than I admit! It is a sign from my church! Lent started strong today!

None of these seek applause. None preach a sermon. None point to the self. They point inward. They point upward. Ash Wednesday carries weight because it refuses flash. It does not offer a glamorous Jesus. It offers an honest one. A Lord who asks for the heart. A Savior who sees in secret. A God who values repentance more than performance.

Lent begins here. With ashes. With truth. With a call to return. The journey ahead will include prayer, fasting, and generosity. The goal remains clear. Not display. Not noise. Not praise. A renewed soul. God sees. God knows. God waits.

Please remember in our prayers: Jay Schulte, Alana Kampwerth White, Ryan Wittenauer, Duane Kampwerth, Geri Wellinghoff, Diane Langenhorst, 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, Janet Compare and Ethel Petermeyer

If you wish your loved ones to be added to prayer list, please contact the parish office. Thank you.


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

Lauren, Jessica, 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.