

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

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

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH *Est. 1853*

1171 Jefferson St., Carlyle, IL 62231

Fr. Steven Pautler, Pastor
Fr. Devarajulu Ubbarapu

February 22, 2026
Frist Sunday of Lent
First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19; or 5:12, 17-19
Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

STRAIGHT FROM THE COLLAR
PADRE STEVE, WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH...
Got burning questions, holy curiosities, or just want to stomp your parish priest? Send them to spautler@stmarycentralia.org and I'll give it my best shot—collar, coffee, and a sense of humor included!

Question: Why meat, why Fridays, and why does dessert feel harder than steak?

Answer:
Friday is tied to the Cross, and abstaining from meat became a shared sign of penance. In the United States, we keep that rule on Fridays in Lent, and the rest of the year we are asked to choose some real form of penance on Fridays. Meat is not sinful and fish is not magic. What matters is choosing something that actually stretches the heart, and yes, for many of us, skipping dessert hits closer to home.

Friday Fish Fry's during Lent Beckemeyer 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>

The Diocese of Belleville is seeking a Buildings and Grounds Technician. The person in this position performs routine maintenance and repairs on building systems, manages and repairs equipment, vehicles, and building furnishings such as boilers, furnace filters, and floor drains; works closely with outside contractors and vendors for specialized repairs and projects: responsible for snow/ice removal; and assists with lawn maintenance.

Mater Dei Class of 2030 Registration Continues

Families who were unable to attend "opening day" of registration for Mater Dei's Class of 2030 are invited to contact Mrs. Maria Zurliene to schedule an appointment (mzurliene@materdeiknights.org or 618-526-7216). While there is no deadline for registration, the application for scholarships is due May 1. Applications for memorial grants are accepted on a continual basis.

Mater Dei Jeans Drive Through February 26

Mater Dei's Theology Department is hosting a men's jeans drive for the benefit of St. Vincent de Paul Society - Belleville Council! Deliver your donation of clean, gently-worn men's jeans to the Mater Dei office through Thursday, February 26 (M - F, 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

Mater Dei Baseball Camp: March 1, 12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Mater Dei's Baseball Knights look forward to hosting grade school students (grades 3 – 8) at their baseball camp on Sunday, March 1, from 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m! The cost is \$40 for an individual camper or \$60 for two or more campers from the same family. Detailed information and registration forms (online and printable) are available on Mater Dei's website: www.materdeiknights.org/camp-baseball. (The deadline to guarantee a shirt is February 21.)

Mater Dei Winter Concert: March 1, 6:00 p.m.

Enjoy performances by Mater Dei's concert band, wind and percussion chamber ensembles, and soloists at their Winter Concert on Sunday, March 1, at 6:00 p.m., in the main gym.

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

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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

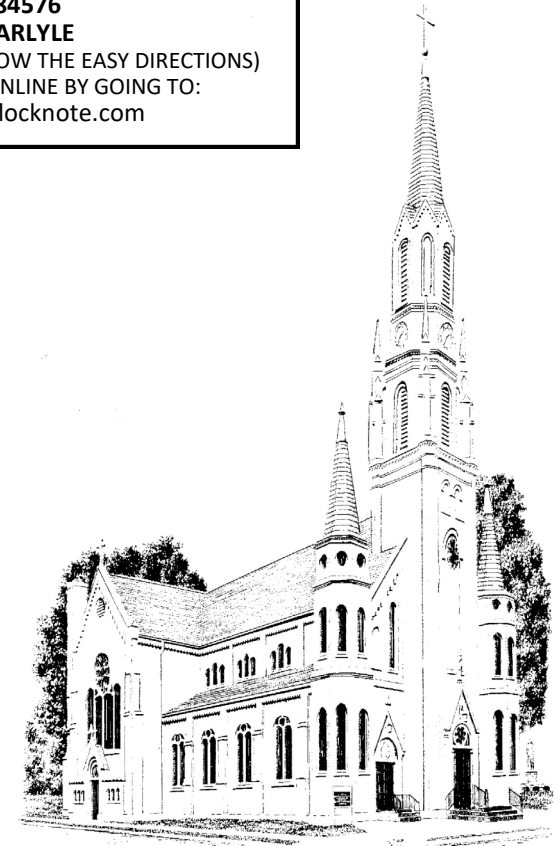
OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:
Mater Dei High School 618-526-7216 materdeiknights.org
All Saints Academy 618-526-4323 www.asasaints.com

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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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.**

		LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER		MASS SERVERS	GIFT BEARERS
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

		LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		MASS SERVERS	GIFT BEARERS
Feb 28	4:30 pm	Suzanne Christ	Keri Mitchell Barb Crouse Elaine Horstmann Nick Christ	Michele Foster Matt Diekemper Richard Christ	Alex Timmermann Hailey Timmermann Kelsie Horton	Volunteer Family
Mar 1	10:00 am	Paulette Evans	Paulette Evans Kelly Dempsey Emily Von Hatten Angie Von Hatten	Lisa Eversgerd Elyse Caplinger David Caplinger	Charlotte Nolte Julie Von Hatten Henry Diekemper	Valorie Nolte Family

Liturgy for the Week...

Sat, Feb 21	4:30 pm	Victor & Mary Jane Timmermann Natalie Timmermann Alvina Hustedde Paul & Dolores Hempen
Sun, Feb 22	1 0:00 am	Bernard & Louise Brueggemann Arnie & Fern Wobbe Johanna & Orville Rueter and Bernice Kauling-Rueter
Mon, Feb 23	7 :30 am	For travelers and those away from home.
Tues, Feb 24	7:30 am	George & Rosie Becker
Wed, Feb 25	7:30 am	For those battling addictions.
Thurs, Feb 26	7:30 am	Elmer & Lucille Krebs Marie Brueggemann
	10:00 am	Word & Eucharist Carlyle Healthcare Center
Fri, Feb 27	7:30 am	For caregivers and those who support the sick.
Sat, Feb 28	4:30 pm	Johanna Diekemper Art, Cornelia, & Mark Schomaker Fritz, Dolores & Rita Meyer Ed, Bea & Dan Frank
Sun, Mar 1	10:00 am	Jim Etter & Family-Ann. of Judy Dan Feldmann

Stewardship... February 8th collections

Envelopes: \$3274	Loose: \$1087
Online Giving: \$140	Cemetery: \$210
Catholic School Assessment: \$5	Capital Campaign: \$400
Easter Flowers: \$70	Israel \$
Guatemala: \$	Black & Indian Mission \$40

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

CRAM THE CARS

For the Matthew 25 Ecumenical Food Pantry

HSHS Home Care is inviting HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Breese colleagues and the community to collect **non-perishable** food items* for the Matthew 25 Ecumenical Food Pantry.

Tuesday, February 24, 10 am to 1 pm

*Donations can be dropped off at the HSHS Home Care car parked near the Healing Garden gazebo in the specialty clinic lot. For more information contact: Valerie Engelbart at 217-685-0702

Adult Servers	Mon, Wed, Fri, Feb 23, 25, & 27: Chuck Rolingsmeier Tue & Thurs, Feb 24 & 26: Ed Schwierjohn	Mon, Wed, Fri, Mar 2, 4 & 6: John Rubsam Tue & Thurs, Mar. 3 & 5: Kevin Frank
Feb Ushers	SATURDAY Brad Clark, Marian Perez, Jerome Diekemper, Joan Wesselmann, Dave Beckmann, Linda Peppenhorst	SUNDAY Bernard Hodapp, GERALYN Hodapp, Peggy Hilmes, Bob Langenhorst, Richard Diekemper, Kevin Wesselmann

Schedule of Events...

Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation
Sat., Feb 21: St. Mary, Carlyle Reverse Raffle
Wed. Mar 4: Reconciliation 6:00-8:00 pm
Wed-Sun Mar 11-15 2026: Outreach Ministry Lenten Clothing Drive
Tues. Apr 21-Confirmation-at St. Cecilia, Bartelso

FOR LENT...FOR LIFE

This Lent, our parish community will again participate in Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl-connecting our prayers, fasting and almsgiving to encounter God through our global family. Over the next 40 days of Lent, we will encounter Christ through people in Ghana, Guatemala and Timor-Leste who are finding ways to break the cycle of hunger and malnutrition and build better livelihoods for their families. The prayers, recipes and stories from CRS Rice Bowl will help us recognize the face of Jesus in all people around the world. Please visit crsricebowl.org for more suggestions to include in your family Lenten plan.

St. Ann's Altar Sodality's March meeting has been moved from March 3 to March 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Please join us. We will be discussing the proceeds of the Basket Bingo.

Faith Formation News:

Our Faith Formation students are participating in the CRS Rice Bowl Project to raise funds for those in need around the world. The class that collects the most donations per student will win a pizza party! Donations are being collected at Faith Formation until March 25.

Visit crsricebowl.org for more information and activities to help your family engage with this meaningful project. Let's come together to make a difference!

Condolences to the family of Lucille Trame (Mother-in-law of Dan Deiters) who passed away Feb. 16, 2026. May she rest in God's peace.

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 schultefer@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.



Message from our pastor Father Steve

Father Steven Pautler

Sunday, February 22, 2026

First Sunday of Lent

Scripture: Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Theme: "The Quiet Work of Lent."

The First Sunday of Lent brings us into the desert with Jesus. The Gospel from Matthew places him alone, hungry, and worn down after forty days of fasting. This scene feels distant until it does not. Temptation rarely announces itself with drama. It shows up quietly, persistently, and at moments when strength runs low.

Yes, resisting temptation feels hard. Anyone who has spoken with a person in recovery knows this truth. Anyone walking that road knows it even better. Temptation presses from every side. Habits promise relief. Shortcuts promise comfort. Distractions promise escape. None of this fades with time. The world keeps offering more noise, more access, more excuses. Lent does not pretend otherwise. Lent tells the truth.

In the desert, Jesus faces three temptations. Each one aims at control, relief, and recognition. Eat and feel better. Prove yourself and gain attention. Take power and avoid suffering. These offers sound familiar. They echo in daily life. When pain runs deep or loneliness settles in, people reach for something to dull the ache. Families later say the same painful words. I never saw it coming. He seemed fine. She never said a word. Hurt often hides behind smiles and routines.

Temptation grows stronger when suffering stays unspoken. Silence feeds it. Shame protects it. The devil works best in isolation. The desert tests Jesus, yet it also reveals his trust. He answers each temptation with Scripture. He does not argue. He does not bargain. He stays grounded in who he is and who his Father is. Strength flows from relationship, not willpower.

I saw this truth clearly while speaking with a group of third graders. I tried to explain how Jesus fasted for forty days. Their eyes grew wide. Almost together they said, I would starve to death. Their honesty made me laugh. It also made me pause. Most adults think the same thing but hide it better. Jesus endured what most people never would. He did not fast to impress. He fasted to listen, to pray, to prepare his heart.

Lent invites a similar honesty. It does not ask for heroic feats. It asks for awareness. There are things in life beyond control. There are also choices within reach. Wisdom lies in knowing the difference. This season gives space to name struggles aloud, to seek help, and to stop pretending strength never falters.

The desert does not last forever. Angels come. Strength returns. Jesus leaves the wilderness ready to preach hope. Lent leads there too. Through prayer, fasting, and honest reflection, hearts grow steadier. Temptation loses some of its grip. Trust deepens. God meets people in the quiet and walks with them toward healing and new life.

Please remember in our prayers: Travis Van Dorn, 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 & Courtney

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.