

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 4:30-7:00 pm

STRAIGHT FROM THE COLLAR
PADRE STEVE, WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH...
Got burning questions, holy curiosities, or just want to stump 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: Do Sundays count when I give something up for Lent?

Answer:
 Here is the straight answer. Sundays do not count in the forty days of Lent. Every Sunday celebrates the Resurrection, and the Church never presses pause on Easter. The forty days run from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday, but the Sundays are feast days. So if you gave up chocolate, soda, social media, or ice cream, Sunday is not a crime, and no one from the Diocese is hiding in the pantry waiting to confiscate your Snickers! Still, Lent is not a loophole contest. It is training for the heart. If a Sunday treat helps you honor the Lord's Day, receive it with gratitude. If it makes Monday harder, stay steady through the week. The goal is conversion. If your sacrifice makes you patient and prayerful, it is doing its work. If it turns you into a grump with a countdown clock, adjust the plan. And do not treat Sunday like a seven day sugar refund. Even saints show restraint!

Fish Fry —Every Friday during Lent. Carlyle KC Hall 4:30-7:00 pm. Sponsored by Carlyle Knights of Columbus.

Friday Fish Fry 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

The Vocations Office is hosting a retreat day for any high school girl or single young adult woman who is thinking about religious life. It will be with Sr. M. Karolyn Nunes on Saturday, March 14th at St. Nicholas Parish in O'Fallon. If you are interested please call 618-722-5043 for more information.

		<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCARISTIC MINISTER</u>	<u>MASS SERVERS</u>	<u>GIFT BEARERS</u>	
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

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Mar 7	4:30 pm	Jane Beckmann	Tiffany Wesselmann Kerri Peters Jan Kauling	Paula Kampwerth Rosie Nehrt Linda Peppenhorst Elaine Horstmann	Tyler Wesselmann Matthew Peters Courtney Peters	Susie Mitchell Family
Mar 8	10:00 am	Theresa Wuebbles	Bev Schlau Kelly Dempsey Mary Hugo Ron Zurliene	Ethan Wheelan Dave Rodden Mary Hartung	Charlotte Nolte Klohe Diekemper Volunteer	Kelly Dempsey Family

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

Reconciliation Schedule

Mater Dei Catholic HS	Mar 4, 2026	12:30 PM
St. Mary, Carlyle	Mar 4, 2026	6:00 – 7:30 PM
St. Ann, Nashville	Mar 5, 2026	4:00 – 7:00 PM
St. Stephen, Flora	Mar 9, 2026	06:30 PM
St. Rose, St. Rose	Mar 10, 2026	07:00 PM
St. Damian, Damiansville	Mar 15, 2026	01:00 PM
St. Dominic, Breese	Mar 15, 2026	03:00 PM
St. Mary, Mt. Vernon	Mar 16, 2026	06:00 PM
St. Cecelia, Bartelso	Mar 22, 2026	03:00 PM
St. Francis, Aviston	Mar 22, 2026	06:00 PM
OLPH, Posen	Mar 25, 2026	6:00 – 7:00 PM
St. Mary, Trenton	Mar 26, 2026	07:00 PM
St. Michael, Radom	Mar 29, 2026	05:00 PM
St. Barbara, Sheller	Mar 30, 2026	05:00 PM
St. Charles, Dubois	Mar 31, 2026	05:00 PM

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

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 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.

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:
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 Tiffany Wesselmann

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 Office/Parish Center: 618-594-2225
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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

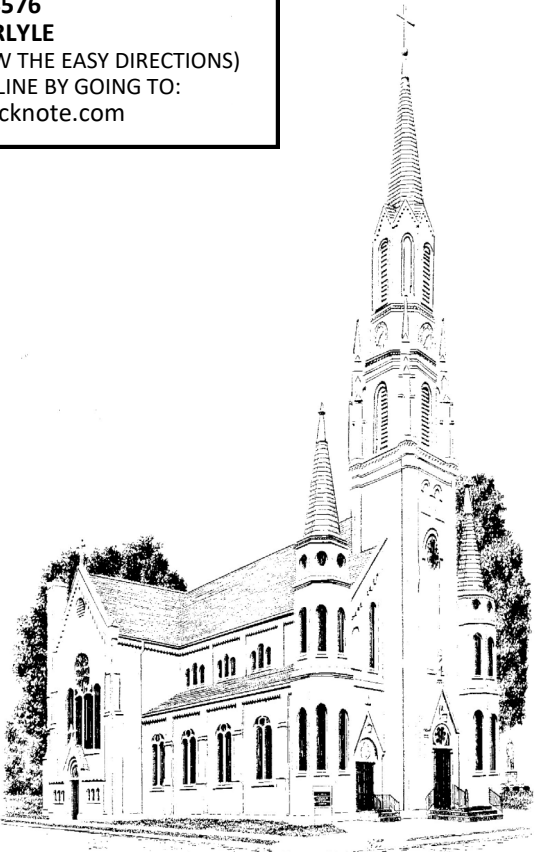
PARTNERED PARISH
 St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church
 18021 Marydale Rd., Carlyle, IL
 618-594-3266 www.stteresamarydale.com
MASS TIMES: Saturday 7:30pm, Sunday 8:00am

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

March 1, 2026
Second Sunday of Lent
First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a
Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

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 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
Mon, Mar 2	7:30 am	Ralph Petermeyer
Tues, Mar 3	7:30 am	Alex Morrison
Wed, Mar 4	7:30 am	For our Holy Father, bishops, priests, and deacons.
	6:45 pm	Stations of the Cross
Thur, Mar 5	7:30 am	Leroy Wiegmann George Litzenburg
	10:00 am	Word & Eucharist Carlyle Healthcare Center
Fri, Mar 6	7:30 am	For gratitude for God's daily blessings. Stations of the Cross
Sat, Mar 7	4:30 pm	Jeffory Morrison Bob Rakers Paul, Johanna & Joe Rakers
Sun, Mar 8	10:00 am	Johanna Diekemper Dec. Members of Joseph H & Augusta Timmermann Family Joe & Agnes Kampwerth Ruth Limpers

Stewardship... February 8th collections

Envelopes: \$3699	Loose: \$9166
Online Giving: \$165	Cemetery: \$572
Catholic School Assessment: \$210	Capital Campaign: \$20
Easter Flowers: \$615	Israel \$400
Needy: \$400	Black & Indian Mission \$142

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

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all who made our Reverse Raffle a success! Whether you purchased tickets, donated raffle items, baked goodies, volunteered, or attended the event, all contributed to a grand slam evening.

Congratulations to the winners: \$2,000 - **Kevin Voss**; \$500 - **Nancy Nave**; \$300 - **Coryn Wheelan**; and \$150 - **Todd Schneider**.

This event would not be possible without your support, and we are truly grateful for all you do to strengthen our parish.

If you have any suggestions to improve our 2027 Reverse Raffle please contact Valerie Nolte 618-830-0586.

THANK YOU TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU!

Adult Servers	Mon, Wed, Fri, Mar 2, 4 & 6: John Rubsam Tue & Thur, Mar. 3 & 5: Kevin Frank	Mon, Wed, Fri, Mar 9, 11 & 13: Paul Kauling Tue & Thur, Mar 10 & 12: Glenn Foppe
March Ushers	SATURDAY Linda Peppenhorst, Jerome Diekemper, Brad Clark, Kathy Rakers, Dennis Hemen, Joe Mioux	SUNDAY Diane Hodapp, Mary Hartung, Chad Holthaus, Ed Kleber, Jeannie Kleber, Theresa Wuebbels

Schedule of Events...

Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation
Fridays during Lent: Stations of the Cross after 7:30 am Mass
Wed. Mar 4: Reconciliation 6:00-8:00 pm
Sun. Mar 8: Girl Scout Sunday
Wed-Sun Mar 11-15: Outreach Ministry Lenten Clothing Drive
Tues. Apr 21-Confirmation-at St. Cecilia, Bartelso

FOR LENT....FOR LIFE

At this very moment, millions of our brothers and sisters are experiencing life-threatening levels of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition. While there is no one solution to breaking the cycle of hunger, we can make a difference by answering Jesus' call to us to share with our global family, so all may live with dignity. This week we focus on Ghana, where your donation can help parents and caregivers receive training in health, nutrition and early childhood development. Visit crsricebowl.org to read this week's story of Hope.

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 will be 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!

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 schultefor@prodigy.net for tickets.

PARISH COUNCIL VOTING-Don't forget to turn in your ballots by March 3. Ballots are available in the pews or in the back of church. They may be returned via the collection basket or to the parish office.

Thank You!

From my heart, thank you. Seeing record crowds at Bingo and every table filled at the Reverse Raffle reminded me how much you love St. Mary. Your generosity and faithful support make all the difference. I am grateful to serve a parish that shows up, pitches in, and believes in our mission. God bless you all. -Father Steve

Attention Ushers: Due to a shortage of ushers, beginning in April we will try going down to three ushers per weekend Mass.



Message from our pastor Father Steve

Father Steven Pautler
 Sunday, March 1, 2026
 Second Sunday of Lent
 Scripture: Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9 Theme:
 "The Doctor Is In: Five Cents Won't Cover This Visit!"

When people change, we notice. A Hollywood celebrity disappears for three months and comes back looking twenty years younger. First thought. Plastic surgery! A friend drops thirty pounds and walks into church. We squint and say, Did you lose weight? If someone gains a few, we play it safe. You look good! We are experts at spotting surface change.

The Transfiguration is different. This is no diet plan and no cosmetic tune up. This is glory breaking through skin. Peter, James, and John climb the mountain with Jesus. They have seen Him preach. They have watched Him heal. They have heard Him speak with authority. Still, nothing prepares them for this. His face shines like the sun. His clothes turn bright as light. The carpenter from Nazareth suddenly looks like heaven with sandals.

You know they froze. Awe. Fear. Trying to process what their eyes were seeing. Then, as if this was not enough, Moses and Elijah show up. Not in a dream. Not in a story. Standing there. Talking with Jesus. Moses represents the Law. Elijah represents the Prophets. Everything Israel waited for is standing on that mountain. And Peter, bless him, does what Peter does. He talks. Lord, it is good that we are here. Let us build three booths! Translation. Let us manage this moment. Let us organize the glory. We can sell tickets. We can set up appointments. Ask Moses about the commandments. Ask Elijah about fire from heaven. Ask Jesus about everything else. It feels like Lucy's psychiatry booth from Peanuts. Five cents! The doctor is in.

Peter wants to freeze the moment. Build a shrine. Stay on the mountain. No more confusion. No more talk about suffering and crosses. Just bright light and famous prophets. Then God speaks. A cloud overshadows them. A voice booms. This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him. No booths. No management plan. No souvenirs. Just listen. That voice changes everything. The disciples fall flat on their faces. Suddenly the bright light is not entertainment. It is revelation. They are standing before God made flesh.

And still, even with shining light and a booming voice, they will struggle. They will argue about greatness. They will run when soldiers come. They will need more than one mountaintop moment. It takes time for glory to sink in.

Here is the quiet truth for us. Transformation is not about looking different. It is about becoming faithful. Lent is not spiritual plastic surgery. It is not a religious glow up. It is listening. Listening when Jesus speaks about forgiveness. Listening when He speaks about sacrifice. Listening when He tells us to take up a cross. We love the mountain. We love the bright moments. A packed church. A powerful hymn. A retreat that stirs the heart. But faith is lived in the valley. The mountain shows us who Jesus is. The valley shows us whether we listened. God has already spoken. This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him. That is Lent in one sentence. Stop talking. Stop building booths. Start listening!

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:



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
July, 2027	Bradley Edmund

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.