


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: Why do we have so many celebrations for Saint Patrick's Day. And what is the story with green beer and green eggs?

Answer:
 St. Patrick gave the Church a great missionary saint. The world added a parade. Patrick preached Christ in Ireland and used the shamrock to teach the Trinity. His feast day, March 17, became a joyful day for Irish Catholics. When Irish immigrants came to America, the celebration grew bigger. Green came from Ireland's nickname, the Emerald Isle. As for green beer and green eggs. Blame food coloring and cheerful bartenders. St. Patrick likely preferred holy water. If he walked through one of our parades today, he might smile and ask when Mass begins. Saints enjoy a good celebration, yet the Gospel remains the real reason for the feast. So wear the green, enjoy the corned beef, and remember the man behind the party. A missionary bishop who loved Christ and brought the faith to a whole nation. His real work was not a parade. It was preaching, baptizing, and building the Church. That story deserves a toast of gratitude!

ATTENTION parents sending their children to ASA. Please have Fr. Steve sign your enrollment form before final registration. ASA cannot enroll you without Fr Steve's approval. Please return by April 1st if possible Thank You!

Fish Fry—Every Friday during Lent. Carlyle KC Hall 4:30-7:00 pm. Sponsored by the Carlyle Columbian Club.

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

		<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>		<u>MASS SERVERS</u>	<u>GIFT BEARERS</u>
Mar 14	4:30 pm	Jane Beckmann	Keri Mitchell Nick Christ Michelle Foster Matt Diekemper	Suzanne Christ Richard Christ Jane Beckmann	Beckett Howard Eleanor Marks Henry Diekemper	Scott & Lisa Kauling Family
Mar 15	10:00 am	Elaine Horstmann	Geralyn Hodapp Theresa Wuebbels Kelly Dempsey Linda McNurlen	Ed Kleber Chad Holthaus Stacy Holthaus	Hailey Timmermann Alex Timmermann Charlotte Nolte	Volunteer Family

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Mar 21	4:30 pm	Suzanne Christ	Richard Christ Kerri Peters Matt Diekemper Barb Crouse	Tiffany Wesselmann Keri Mitchell Jane Beckmann	Matthew Peters Courtney Peters Beckett Howard	Bryan & Kerri Peters Family
Mar 22	10:00 am	Brigid Nalewajka	David Caplinger Jim Nalewajka Emily Von Hatten Angie Von Hatten	Ron Zurliene Ethan Wheelan Dave Rodden	July Von Hatten Klohe Diekemper Ava Albers	David & Elyse Caplinger

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

Reconciliation Schedule

St. Damian, Damiansville	Mar 15, 2026	1:00 PM
St. Dominic, Breese	Mar 15, 2026	3:00 PM
St. Mary, Mt. Vernon	Mar 16, 2026	6:00 PM
St. Cecelia, Bartelso	Mar 22, 2026	3:00 PM
St. Francis, Aviston	Mar 22, 2026	6:00 PM
OLPH, Posen	Mar 25, 2026	6:00 – 7:00 PM
St. Mary, Trenton	Mar 26, 2026	7:00 PM
St. Michael, Radom	Mar 29, 2026	5:00 PM
St. Barbara, Sheller	Mar 30, 2026	5:00 PM
St. Charles, Dubois	Mar 31, 2026	5:00 PM

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

SOCIAL OUTREACH MEMBERS will meet Monday, March 16th @ 6:00 pm to prepare clothing for delivery to St. Vincent DePaul Center. Come join us if you wish to participate.

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.

Mater Dei Mothers and Friends Dinner Auction: A Knight at the Derby
 Join us for a night of fun, fellowship, and fundraising at the MD Mothers and Friends Dinner Auction on March 21st, 2026 at Mater Dei High School! Doors open at 5:00 PM. The theme for the evening is A Knight at the Derby, so come dressed for a night of derby fun! Tickets for the dinner auction and raffles can be purchased by scanning the QR code. Raffle forms are also in the back of the church, available to mail in. Don't miss out on this special event and opportunity to support Mater Dei. See you there! Auction Tickets and Raffle Tickets, please visit: MDDERBY.givesmart.com

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. Barbara, Okawville, IL 6:00 pm
 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

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH Est. 1853
 1171 Jefferson St., Carlyle, IL 62231

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 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

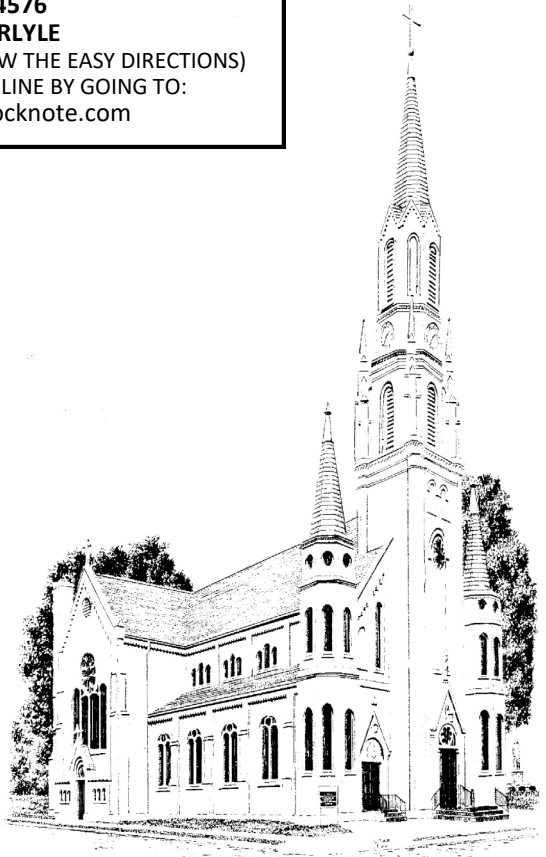
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Fr. Steven Pautler, Pastor
 Fr. Devarajulu Ubbarapu

March 15, 2026
 Fourth Sunday of Lent
 First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
 Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14
 Gospel: John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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, Mar 14	4:30 pm	Joe Brueggemann Nathan Miller Kenny Becker Jr
Sun, Mar 15	10:00 am	Tina Donnewald Arnie & Fern Wobbe Earl & Craig Luebbers
Mon, Mar 16	7:30 am	For the unemployed and those struggling financially.
Tues, Mar 17	7:30 am	Mary Lou Bowman
Wed, Mar 18	7:30 am	For the protection of life from conception to natural death.
	6:45 pm	Stations of the Cross
Thur, Mar 19	7:30 am	Al & Betty Brueggemann
	10:00 am	Word & Eucharist Carlyle Healthcare Center
Fri, Mar 20	7:30 am	For first responders, police, firefighters, and medical workers.
		Stations of the Cross
Sat, Mar 21	4:30 pm	Edmund & Esther Thole Art, Cornelia & Mark Schomaker Simon Kampwerth Sr. Catherine Trickey Raymond & Jeannine Miller Robert Diekemper
Sun, Mar 22	10:00 am	Ben Brueggemann Mark Koehler Barry Dixon

Stewardship... March 8th collections

Envelopes: \$5097	Loose: \$707
Online Giving: \$655	Cemetery: \$120
Catholic School Assessment: \$195	Capital Campaign: \$
Easter Flowers: \$115	Israel \$
Catholic Relief: \$35	Black & Indian Mission \$

FISH FRY: St. George Parish, New Baden, **Friday, March 20, 2026**, 4 pm to 6pm. Drive thru only. \$15 Includes Cod, Fried Potatoes, mac-n-cheese, green beans, stewed tomatoes, coleslaw & cake.

Condolences to the family of Virgil Ripperda (Father of Karen Voss) who passed away Sunday, March 8, 2026. May he rest in God's peace.

Vacation Bible School 2026: Save the dates of June 15th-19th to join us at Changemakers Lab. Kids, ages 3½ yrs. old to students entering 5th grade, will learn that everyone can make a difference in the world. They will see and experience the transforming love of God and will discover and share creative ways to make a difference in the world through words and actions. Grounded in God's love, children will use their unique gifts to make a difference wherever they go! Watch for registration forms throughout the month of April. Volunteers will also be needed to make this week successful and fun for the kids. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Diane Hodapp via e-mail at dmhodapp80@gmail.com or phone at (618) 578-9833 (a text is the best option).

Adult Servers	Mon, Wed, Fri, Mar 16, 18 & 20: Tom Frerker Tue & Thur, March 17 & 19: Ron Zurliene	Mon, Wed, Fri, Mar 23, 25 & 27: Chuck Rolfingsmeier Tue & Thur, March 24 & 26: Kevin Frank
March Ushers	SATURDAY Linda Peppenhorst, Jerome Diekemper, Brad Clark, Kathy Rakers, Dennis Hempten, 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-Sun Mar 11-15: Outreach Ministry Lenten Clothing Drive
Sun. Mar 15: K of C Breakfast to benefit MD-CHS Post Prom
Tues. Apr 21-Confirmation-at St. Cecilia, Bartelso

FOR LENT....FOR LIFE

Feed Dreams in Timor-Leste

This week we meet Adriana, a young teen that faces limited access to nutritious food. Her family's income from coffee harvesting lasts only a few months each year, so balanced meals are rare outside of harvest season. "If it's the coffee harvest season, we have money and can have these types of (nutritious) foods weekly, but if it's not coffee season, then it might be once every two weeks or once a month," says Adriana. By participating in CRS Rice Bowl, we're helping young people find opportunities and support their dreams of becoming leaders in their community. Visit crsricebowl.org to read about Adrianas dream of becoming a doctor.

LENTEN GIVING CROSS

Again this year, additional almsgiving opportunities are available through our Lenten Giving Cross. Please show your support for Matthew 25 and the Joseph Center Veterans' Home by taking a moment to select slips that help support these local organizations.

WURSTMARKT: St. Damian Holy Name Annual Wurstmart, **Sunday, March 22**, from 10:30-5:30 pm at St. Damian Gym at 101 West Main Street, Damiansville. Dine in or carry out available. Pork Sausage, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes & gravy, Green Beans, Corn & Dessert. Come on out and enjoy a wonderful meal!

PORK CHOP DINNER: Trinity Lutheran Church, Hoffman Women's Fellowship, **Sunday, March 15, 2026** from 10:30 am -1:00 pm. Drive thru only. Cost \$14.

SPRING QUILT BINGO: St. Cecilia Parish Center, South Washington St. Bartelso. **Thurs., March 19, 2026** @ 7:00 pm, doors open at 6:00 (half hour earlier than the past).BL-50014. Cake, pie, soda and water available. Raffle tickets include a \$2,000 1st place cash prize. They will sell for \$10 or 3/\$20. Please text Mary Mueller, 618-971-5088 for more information or for tickets.

QUILT & CASH BINGO: St. Michael's Church, Radom. **Sun. March 15, 2026** @ 1:00pm. Doors open at 11:00. Food available. Raffle tickets available. St. Michael's Altar and Rosary Sodality.

SPRING PORK SAUSAGE AND ROAST BEEF DINNER: Aviston American Legion. **Sun. March 15th 2026**, serving from 10:30 AM to 6:00 PM. Carryouts with sit-down dining available. Cost is \$15.00.

CHICKEN DINNER: St. Teresa Church, Marydale. Drive Thru only. **Sun. March 22**, 11:00am to 4:00pm. Cost: \$15. Includes 1/2 Fried Chicken, Dressing, Potatoes, Green beans, slaw. Handmade Quilt Raffle.

CHICKEN DINNER: St. Felicitas Church, Beaver Prairie, **Sun. March 29**. Serving 11am—5pm. Drive-thru only. \$15. Dinner includes 1/2 fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, slaw, gravy and dressing. (Look for signs on New Rt. 50 west of Carlyle and on Rt. 127 six miles north of Carlyle.)



Message from our pastor Father Steve

Father Steven Pautler
Sunday, March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Scripture: Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/ 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Theme: Seeing What Stands Right in Front of Us!

The Gospel this Sunday tells the story of the man born blind. Jesus spits on the ground, makes mud, places it on the man's eyes, and sends him to wash in the pool of Siloam. The man returns able to see. A miracle takes place.

Yet the strange part of the story begins after the miracle. The man sees. The neighbors argue. The Pharisees debate. The experts question. The only person who seems clear about the situation is the fellow who had been blind. He says something simple and honest. I was blind. Now I see. I have always liked that line. It is short and direct and it tells the truth about many of us.

A few years ago, long before a collar replaced my Xerox badge, I had an encounter that gave me a small taste of this Gospel. Every morning I drove through Carbondale on my way to work. Almost every day I noticed the same man walking along the sidewalks with a white cane. Crosswalks. Street corners. Busy roads. I would see him and think to myself that must be difficult. Then I would keep driving and go about my day. For weeks, maybe months, I watched him from a distance. Then one morning I pulled into the parking lot at my office and just as I reached for the door handle someone knocked on my window. It startled me. I looked up and there he was. The very man I had been seeing for all those weeks.

I rolled down the window and he said, excuse me young man. Anyone who calls me young man becomes my favorite person. He asked if I knew where the Department of Human Services was located. It happened to be inside the same building where I worked. So I stepped out of the car and pointed toward the building like a professional traffic director and said there it is. He paused and said something I will never forget. Son you are going to have to do better than that. That sentence landed like a brick. So I grabbed his sleeve and started to guide him toward the door. He laughed and said no need for that. Just talk and I will follow.

So we walked across the parking lot together and in that short five minute walk I learned more about him than I had in months of silently observing from my car window. He graduated from SIU. He stayed in Carbondale his whole life. He gradually lost his sight from a disease. When we reached the office he thanked me and went inside. I walked back to my car embarrassed and humbled. From that day on we became friends. I would stop and talk whenever I saw him. I introduced myself. I listened. I learned.

And I realized something. The man with the white cane was not the only one with vision problems. I was the one who had been blind. In today's Gospel the blind man receives sight while the crowd argues about theology and the religious leaders debate rules. Meanwhile the man who had been blind ends up seeing more clearly than anyone else because he recognizes Jesus. Sometimes blindness has little to do with eyes. We fail to see the person standing right in front of us. We pass people every day at work, at church, in parking lots, in grocery stores. We assume we know their story and we move along with our schedule. Then the Lord interrupts us with a knock on the window. Lent is a season for that kind of healing. Christ wipes the dust from our eyes and helps us notice people we overlooked. He reminds us every person carries a story worth hearing.

The man in the Gospel said it best. I was blind. Now I see. Some days I still struggle with the first part of that sentence. Thanks be to God he keeps working on the second.

Please remember in our prayers: Diane Edmund, 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, Erica & 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.

Please contact the parish once the baby is born so we can take mom's name off the list.

During the month of March 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
April 2027	Leroy Wiegmann
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.