

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

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

March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Lent
First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14
Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11
Gospel: John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7,17, 20-27, 33b-45

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: My mother reminds me often. Make sure the priest gets called when my final hour arrives. The thought troubles me. What if the call reaches Father too late and she misses the Anointing of the Sick and Viaticum? Can a priest still anoint her after death?

Answer:
The Anointing of the Sick belongs to the living. The sacrament gives forgiveness of sins, strength in suffering, and peace as a person approaches the end of life. Viaticum serves as the final Holy Communion. Food for the soul on the last steps of the journey to God. These sacraments require life, so a priest does not anoint a person after death. If a priest arrives after death, he still offers prayers and commends the soul to the mercy of God. For this reason families benefit from calling the priest early when serious illness begins or when health declines. The sacrament strengthens the sick person and brings prayer and peace to the family gathered at the bedside. If someone desired the sacrament and death came before the priest arrived, the Church rests in the mercy of God, trusting the Lord who knows the desire of every heart.

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

Reconciliation Schedule

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

The 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
Those who are kind to the needy honor Him
On behalf of Father Godfrey Mullen, Diocesan Administrator, and diocesan ministries and programs, a most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded with a gift to the 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. If you have not done so as yet, there's still plenty of time. One-time donations or pledges – in any amount – are needed and can be made through your parish or at www.diobelle.org (click on "Giving to the Diocese"). Your generosity supports 17 agencies and programs that daily serve thousands of people. Please consider making your gift today or at any time you are able in the coming months. We also ask for your prayers for the success of this year's appeal and all those we serve. Thank you and may God bless you always.

Singles Late 50s and Above: Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing RENEW weekend retreat at the Pallottine Retreat Center (30 min from downtown St. Louis), on April 10-12, 2026. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Visit www.RenewRetreats.org, e-mail renewretreat.stl@gmail.com, or call (314) 703-1002 for details.

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.

Schedule of Upcoming 2026 Healing Masses
Information will be updated whenever the office is notified.
St. Anthony (Beckemeyer)/St. Dominic/St. Augustine - 5/19/26
St. Cecilia/St. Boniface-7/21/26

		<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>		<u>MASS SERVERS</u>	<u>GIFT BEARERS</u>
Mar 21	4:30 pm	Suzanne Christ	Richard Christ Kerri Peters Matt Diekemper Jane Beckmann	Jan Kauling Barb Crouse Keri Mitchell	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	Julie Von Hatten Klohe Diekemper Ava Albers	David & Elyse Caplinger
		<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>		<u>MASS SERVERS</u>	<u>GIFT BEARERS</u>
Mar 28	4:30 pm	Elaine Horstmann	Nick Christ Paula Kampwerth Michele Foster Barb Crouse	Jan Kauling Keri Mitchell Rosie Nehrt	Owen Clark Avery Clark Volunteer	Rachele Horton Family
Mar 29	10:00 am	Joan Banwarth	Stacy Holthaus Geraldyn Hodapp Beverly Schlau Mary Hugo	Lisa Eversgerd Kelly Dempsey Linda McNurlen	Tyler Wesselmann Kaylee Kessler Madesyn Kessler	Volunteer Family

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

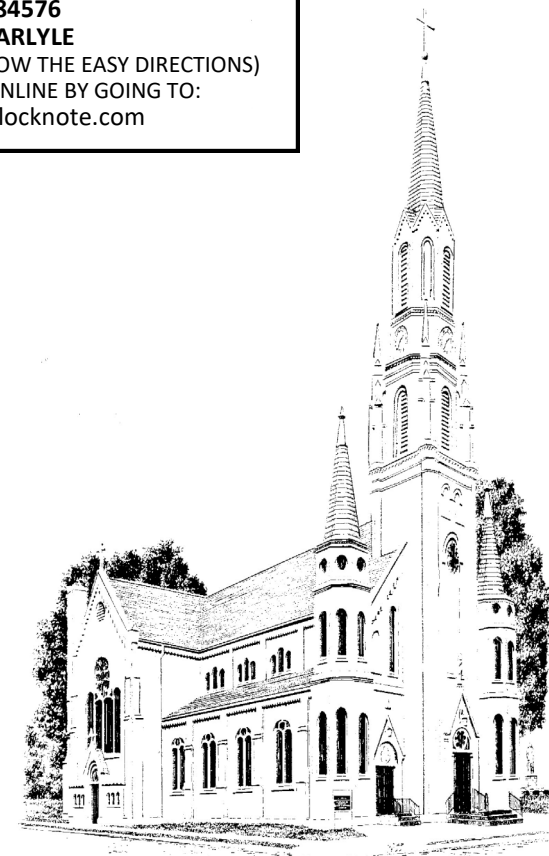
OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:
Mater Dei High School 618-526-7216 materdeiknights.org
All Saints Academy 618-526-4323 www.asasaints.com

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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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 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
Mon, Mar 23	7:30 am	For travelers and those away from home.
Tues, Mar 24	7:30 am	Georgette "Honey" Brueggemann
Wed, Mar 25	7:30 am 6:45 pm	For those battling addictions Stations of the Cross
Thur, Mar 26	7:30 am 10:00 am	Bernard & Louise Brueggemann Word & Eucharist Carlyle Healthcare Center
Fri, Mar 27	7:30 am	For caregivers and those who support the sick Stations of the Cross
Sat, Mar 28	4:30 pm	George & Rosie Becker Ed, Bea & Dan Frank Alice E Hustedde
Sun, Mar 29	10:00 am	Marie Brueggemann L/D Members of CFL Andy Wesselmann

Stewardship... March 15th collections

Envelopes: \$2696	Loose: \$1337
Online Giving: \$140	Cemetery: \$270
Catholic School Assessment: \$20	Capital Campaign: \$100
Easter Flowers: \$60	Israel \$
Catholic Relief: \$245	Guatemala \$20

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Bishop Elect Reverend Godfrey Mullen, OSB, on his appointment as the tenth Bishop of the Diocese of Belleville. May God bless him along this journey and guide him as he leads the Diocese of Belleville.

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 23, 25 & 27: Chuck Rolfingsmeier Tue & Thur, March 24 & 26: Kevin Frank	Mon, Wed, Fri March 30, April 1 & 3: Paul Kauling Tue & Thur, March 31 & April 2: Glenn Foppe
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
Sun. Apr 19: K of C Breakfast to benefit Newman Fund
Tues. Apr 2: Confirmation-at St. Cecilia, Bartelso

FOR LENT....FOR LIFE

In the book of Genesis, we learn that God created man and woman in his image, reminding us that every person is sacred and reflects the God's love. Each of us has a purpose, woven into God's plan. As children of God, all people deserve respect and care—especially those who are most vulnerable. When we reflect on the challenges faced by our sisters and brothers in Ghana, Guatemala and Timor-Leste, we see how their resilience and courage helped them overcome adversity. Their stories remind us to treat every person with dignity and compassion.

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 Wurstmarkt, **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!

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.)

Chakota's 14th Annual "The Mane Event" fundraiser: Join us at the Albers American Legion on Saturday, March 28th, 2026 for a fun night to raise money for your local non profit equine therapy center! Tickets are \$40 per person in advance, or \$45 per person at the door. Includes a happy hour, great dinner, and dessert. Doors open at 4:00 pm, happy hour from 4:30 to 6 and dinner and silent auction are from 5 to 7 pm. That is followed by a live auction and music/dancing. Contact Jan Reinhardt at 618-604-6994 for tickets or to donate an item for the auction.

PORK SAUSAGE BREAKFAST: The Breese Knights of Columbus Council #2869, **Sunday March 22, 2026** from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM. Proceeds from the breakfast will be donated to local Youth Faith Formation programs.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated items or helped in any way to make our clothing drive to benefit St. Vincent DePaul Center a huge success. Thank you to our sister parish, St. Theresa, Marydale for their generous donations as well. This year's donations surpassed any and all expectations. Your generosity greatly helps support those in need.



Message from our pastor Father Steve

Father Steven Pautler
Sunday, March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Scripture: Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Theme: The Tears of Christ and the Promise of Life.

The Gospel places before us a moment of deep sorrow. Lazarus lies in the tomb. Martha and Mary stand in grief. Friends gather around them in tears. Then Scripture records two short words which carry great weight. Jesus wept. Those two words reveal the heart of Christ. The Son of God stands before the tomb of his friend and he cries. Not a speech. Not a sermon. Tears. The Lord who raised the dead first shared the sorrow of those who mourned. He entered their grief before he spoke a single command.

Many people know such moments. Many people in this church know the sound of the late night phone call. The voice on the other end says you better come now. Time runs short. A family gathers around a hospital bed. Machines hum quietly. Hands hold tightly. Words grow few. Or someone sits beside a loved one at home under hospice care. The room grows still. The hours pass slowly. No one leaves the bedside.

As a priest I receive those calls at every hour. The phone rings and the voice says, Father please come. Someone is dying. I gather the oils and hurry out the door. Many times the family waits for the Anointing of the Sick. They wait for Viaticum. They wait for prayer. Sometimes I arrive in time. Sometimes I walk through the door and hear the words no one wants to hear. Father he just passed. Father she just died. In those moments I carry a heavy feeling. If I had moved a little faster. If I had arrived five minutes earlier. I wish I had been there.

Death touches every family. I was not present when my father died. His death came suddenly. When my mother was dying I spent the entire day at her side in a hospital in St. Louis. Late in the day my brother came and took my place so I could return home to Centralia. Not long after I arrived the phone rang with the news that she had passed. Those moments cut deep into the heart. Time passes yet the memory remains strong.

Martha and Mary stood in that same place of sorrow. Their brother Lazarus had died. The house filled with grief. When Martha saw Jesus she spoke words many people have whispered through tears. Lord if you had been here my brother would not have died. Jesus did not scold her. He did not correct her sorrow. He listened. He stood among them. Then the Gospel tells us Jesus was deeply moved and troubled. And Jesus wept.

The tears of Christ tell us something important about God. God does not stand far away from human suffering. God steps into it. The Lord enters the house of mourning. The Lord stands beside the grieving. The Lord knows the pain of loss. Then Jesus walked to the tomb and spoke words which shook the earth. Lazarus come out. And the man who had been dead walked out of the tomb.

That moment points to something greater. Jesus did not only raise Lazarus. Jesus revealed the power of God over death itself. Only a short time later Jesus himself would walk toward his own cross. Because of Christ death does not hold the last page of the story. The tears of today do not cancel the promise of tomorrow. Martha confessed it with courage. I believe you are the Christ the Son of God. Yet Christ stands before every tomb and speaks the same promise. I am the resurrection and the life.

Please remember in our prayers: Darlene Rodden, Candy Blackburn, 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 office 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.