

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 29, 2026  
**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
**First Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-7  
**Second Reading:** Phillipians 2:6-11  
**Gospel:** The Passion of the Lord Matthew 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

**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](mailto:spautler@stmarycentralia.org) and I'll give it my best shot—collar, coffee, and a sense of humor included!

Question: Every year at Holy Week I try to do the math and end up scratching my head. Jesus dies on Good Friday, rises on Sunday, and we call it three days. I count Friday, Saturday, Sunday and it feels like the shortest three day stay in history! Did heaven use a different calendar or am I missing something here?

**Reconciliation Schedule**

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

**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](http://www.RenewRetreats.org), e-mail [renewretreat.stl@gmail.com](mailto:renewretreat.stl@gmail.com), or call (314) 703-1002 for details.

**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  
St. Elizabeth/St. Teresa (Salem) - 9/15/26

**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center**  
Violence Divine: Overcoming the Bible's Betrayal of It's Non-Violent God  
A 4-week spring video study featuring John Dominic Crossan  
Facilitator: Fr. Mark Dean, OMI  
Tuesdays, April 7, 21, 28, May 5, 2026 10 am – 12 Noon  
In this four-part series, one of the world's foremost historical Jesus scholars helps the church rise above the greatest of Christian treasons: that everlasting peace can only be achieved through the onslaught of divine violence.  
Cost: \$20 for series; \$5 per session  
For more information, call 618-397-0584

**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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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://materdeiknights.org)  
All Saints Academy 618-526-4323 [www.asasaints.com](http://www.asasaints.com)

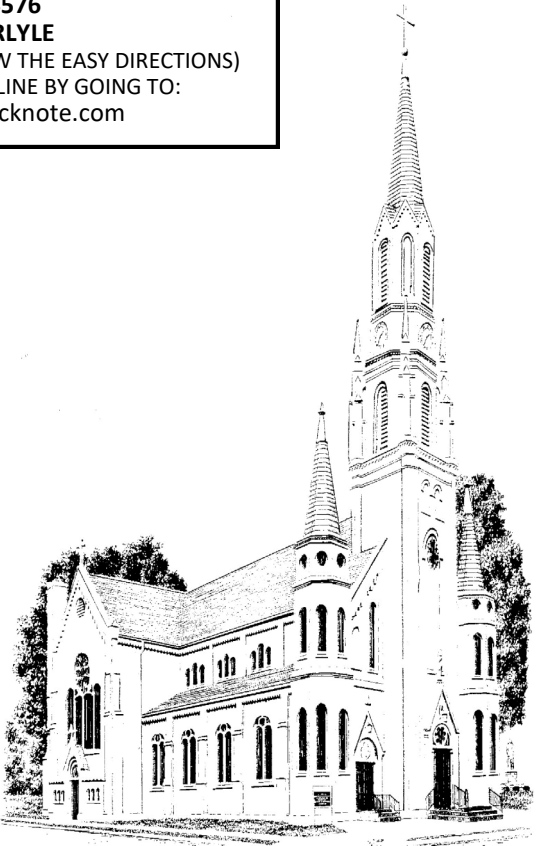
**PARTNERED PARISH**  
**St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church**  
18021 Marydale Rd., Carlyle, IL  
618-594-3266 [www.stteresamarydale.com](http://www.stteresamarydale.com)  
**MASS TIMES:** Saturday 7:30pm, Sunday 8:00am

**DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE**  
222 South Third St., Belleville, IL 62220  
618-277-8181 [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org)  
Subscribe to *The Messenger* at 618-233-8670, or online at [www.bellevillemessenger.org](http://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](http://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
<b>Mar 28</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	Elaine Horstmann	Nick Christ Paula Kampwerth Michele Foster Barb Crouse	Jan Kauling Keri Mitchell Rosie Nehrt	Owen Clark Avery Clark Volunteer	Volunteer Family
<b>Mar 29</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Joan Banwarth	Stacy Holthaus Geraldyn Hodapp Beverly Schlau Mary Hugo	Lisa Eversgerd Kelly Dempsey Linda McNurlen	Tyler Wesselmann Kaylee Kessler Madesyn Kessler	Volunteer Family

		LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER		MASS SERVERS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
<b>Apr 2 Holy Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Joann Banwarth	Chad Holthaus Stacy Holthaus Mary Hartung	Ed Kleber Jean Kleber Susan Winkeler	Tatym Diekemper Madesyn Kessler Hailey Timmermann Tyler Wesselmann	Rhett Hall Gabriel Osborne Maria Reeves Meg Richter	Mary Hartung Linda Peppenhorst Kevin Wesselmann
<b>Apr 3 Good Friday</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	Paulette Deiters	Dave Rodden Jeannie Kleber Keri Mitchell	Chuck Rolfingsmeier Paulette Deiters Kerri Peters	Beckett Howard Courtney Peters Matthew Peters		Rich Diekemper Joe Mioux Ken Foster

		LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		MASS SERVERS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
<b>Apr 4 Holy Saturday</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>	Barb Crouse Jane Beckmann	Ron Zurliene Mary Hugo Linda McNurlen	Beverly Schlau Tiffany Wesselmann	Rhett Hall Madesyn Kessler Gabriel Osborne Hailey Timmermann	Tatym Diekemper Maria Reeves Meg Richter Tyler Wesselmann	Skip Etter Shirley Etter Darlene Diekemper
<b>Apr 5 Easter Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Theresa Wuebbels	Geraldyn Hodapp Emily Von Hatten Angie VonHatten Jean Kleber	Ed Kleber Mary Hartung Ethan Wheelan	Clark Kauling Ayla Edwards Cohen Edwards	Volunteer Family	Karen Miller Gail Von Hatten Chad Holthaus

## Liturgy for the Week...

<b>Sat, Mar 28</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>George &amp; Rosie Becker Ed, Bea &amp; Dan Frank Alice E Hustedde</b>
<b>Sun, Mar 29</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Marie Brueggemann L/D Members of CFL Andy Wesselmann</b>
<b>Mon, Mar 30</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>For Gratitude for God's daily blessings.</b>
<b>Tues, Mar 31</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Alex Morrison</b>
<b>Wed, Apr 1</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>For our Holy Father, bishops, priests, and deacons.</b>
	<b>6:45 pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Thu, Apr 2</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Holy Thursday-No morning Mass</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>
		<b>Jeffory Morrison L/D Members of the Clinton J &amp; Leona (Deters) Hoffman Family</b>
<b>Fri, Apr 3</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Good Friday-No morning Mass</b>
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Good Friday of the Lord's Passion</b>
<b>Sat, Apr 4</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter</b>
		<b>Bob &amp; Marge Christ Clara &amp; Joseph Athmer Juan Guiab Bernie Hustedde</b>
<b>Sun, Apr 5</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Joe Brueggemann Ralph Petermeyer</b>

### Stewardship... March 22nd collections

<b>Envelopes: \$3799</b>	<b>Loose: \$1299</b>
<b>Online Giving: \$215</b>	<b>Cemetery: \$734</b>
<b>Catholic School Assessment: \$</b>	<b>Capital Campaign: \$105</b>
<b>Easter Flowers: \$20</b>	<b>Israel \$400</b>
<b>Catholic Relief: \$40</b>	<b>Guatemala \$</b>

**Veneration** will take place immediately after Holy Thursday Mass until 10:00 pm. This year Veneration will be in the church at the east altar. Please take the time to sign up. The sign up sheet is available in the back of church.

**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).

<b>Adult Servers</b>	Mon, Wed, Fri, Mar 23, 25 & 27: Chuck Rolfingsmeier Tue & Thur, March 24 & 26: Kevin Frank
<b>April Ushers</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b> Shirley Etter, Skip Etter, Darlene Diekemper

## 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 21: Confirmation-at St. Cecilia, Bartelso**

### FOR LENT....FOR LIFE

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, one of the most significant moments of our Church year. During this week, we journey with Christ from his triumphant entry into Jerusalem to his final meal with his closest friends and ultimately to his death on the cross. As we walk with Jesus through Holy Week, we call to mind the countless men, women and children who even today carry heavy crosses: crosses of hunger, of homelessness, of a lack of resources or security. In these brothers and sisters, we encounter Christ, who continues to walk that long road to Calvary.

### LENTEN GIVING CROSS

Donations for our Lenten Giving Cross organizations will continue through Holy Week. Please drop your donations in the container by the cross or place your gift card/check in the marked baskets. All donations for Matthew 25 and The Joseph Center are greatly appreciated.

**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.)

**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

**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!

**MATER DEI FATHERS AND FRIENDS PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST:** Sunday, March 29th at Mater Dei from 8:00 – 12:00. Serving sausage, pancakes, eggs, potatoes, cornbread, biscuits and gravy. Milk, juice and coffee available for dine in.

### ! IT'S GOLDEN EGG TIME AGAIN !

St. Dominic, Breese is having their 27th Annual Golden Egg Raffle, with GRAND PRIZE OF \$20,000!! There are five \$1,000 winners and two \$500 winners. ALL DRAWINGS take place on Easter Sunday, April 5th. Tickets are \$50 and are available at St. Dominic Parish Office.

### BLESSING OF THE BASKETS AND EASTER EGG HUNT!

Anyone wishing to have their Easter baskets blessed should bring them to the 10:00am Mass on Easter Sunday. Father will bless your Easter Baskets at Mass. The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held after Mass on the church grounds!

**Condolences** to the family of Betty Jansen who passed away Tuesday, March 24, 2026. May she rest in God's peace.

Mon, Wed, Fri March 30, April 1 & 3: Paul Kauling Tue & Thur, March 31 & April 2: Glenn Foppe	<b>SUNDAY</b> Karen Miller, Gail Von Hatten, Chad Holthaus
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## Message from our pastor Father Steve

Father Steven Pautler  
Sunday, March 29, 2026 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
Isaiah 50:4-7; Phillipians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54  
Theme: The Day of Palms. The Hour of Sacrifice

There is something sacred about this ground we stand on. Not because of brick or pavement, but because of what lies beneath and who once walked among us. This past Wednesday we remembered March 25, 1947. One hundred eleven men entered the Centralia No. 5 Mine as they had done countless times. Fathers. Sons. Brothers. Some from Centralia, Carlyle, and from Marion and Clinton Counties. Some from the very pews we sit in. They carried their lunches. They said goodbye at the door. They went to work. None of them knew it would be the last time. When the explosion came, the world above kept moving, but our communities did not. Kitchens grew quiet. Front porches filled with waiting. Churches filled with prayer. The grief did not belong to one town. It settled across all of us.

The notes found in their pockets still speak. "Dear wife, I love you." "Goodbye, my wife and baby." "Please forgive me." "Tell the boys I love them." No polish. No performance. Only truth. When time ran out, everything became clear. Love mattered. Family mattered. God mattered. Those words were not distant. They belonged to neighbors. To relatives. To friends whose names were known, whose seats at table were suddenly empty. The sorrow was shared. So was the faith that carried people through.

Palm Sunday places us at another moment where everything becomes clear. Jesus enters Jerusalem. Crowds cheer. Palms wave. Then the path turns toward the cross. Betrayal. Fear. Loss. And still, He walks forward. He does not turn back. He gives Himself. On the cross He speaks. "Father, forgive them." "Into your hands I commend my spirit." Words spoken into the darkness. Love poured out. Life offered.

Those miners did not choose their moment. Christ did. Yet in that final hour, there is a shared truth. They entrusted their loved ones to God. Christ entrusted the whole world to the Father. They spoke love with their last breath. Christ gave love to the very end. In both, we see what matters when everything else falls away.

Their sacrifice did not end that day. After Centralia and later the tragedy at Orient No. 2 near West Frankfort in 1951, laws changed. Safety improved. Lives were spared. Their loss reached beyond their own families and protected others. Christ's sacrifice reaches further still. From one cross came salvation. From one act of surrender came hope that holds firm.

So we stand here today as one people. One story. One faith. And we are asked a quiet question. If this were our last day, what would be left unsaid? Who would we need to forgive. Who would we need to love. What would matter when everything else is stripped away. In the end it comes down to this. Love given. Life offered. Trust placed in God. That is the road Christ walks on Palm Sunday. That is the path those men walked in their final moments. And that is the path set before us now.

**Please remember in our prayers:** Tom & Gwen Baird, 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 April the Sanctuary candle in our parish church burns in loving memory of:*



**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.*