

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](mailto:spautler@stmarycentralia.org) and I'll give it my best shot—collar, coffee, and a sense of humor included!*  
**Question:** When I was growing up, I always looked forward to the statues being covered with purple during Lent. We don't do this anymore. Why?

**Answer:**  
 First, you have a good memory. Covering statues in purple during the final weeks of Lent is an old and beautiful custom. It usually begins on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, sometimes called Passion Sunday. The Church goes visually quiet. The beauty is hidden so we focus on the suffering of Christ. The practice never disappeared from the Church. It is still permitted and encouraged. Some parishes continue it. Others stepped away from it after the liturgical changes following the Second Vatican Council. In some places it faded out simply because no one ordered new purple cloth or no one wanted to climb the ladder. It is not a doctrine. It is a custom. A good one. And like many good Catholic customs, it can come back. Lent is not meant to be pretty. It is meant to prepare us for Easter. When the statues are unveiled!

**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

**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

		LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER		MASS SERVERS	GIFT BEARERS
<b>Mar 7</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	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
<b>Mar 8</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Theresa Wuebbels	Bev Schlau Kelly Dempsey Mary Hugo Ron Zurliene	Ethan Wheelan Dave Rodden Mary Hartung	Charlotte Nolte Volunteer Volunteer	Kelly Dempsey Family

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<b>Mar 14</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	Jane Beckmann	Keri Mitchell Nick Christ Michele Foster Barb Crouse	Suzanne Christ Richard Christ Jane Beckmann	Clark Kauling Eleanor Marks Henry Diekemper	Scott & Lisa Kauling Family
<b>Mar 15</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Elaine Horstmann	Geralyn Hodapp Theresa Wuebbels Kelly Dempsey Linda McNurlen	Ed Kleber Chad Holthaus Stacy Holthaus	Charrlotte Osborne Gabriel Osborne Levi Osborne	Volunteer Family

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

**Reconciliation Schedule**

St. Stephen, Flora	Mar 9, 2026	6:30 PM
St. Rose, St. Rose	Mar 10, 2026	7:00 PM
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

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

**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](http://crsricebowl.org) for more information.

**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](http://MDDERBY.givesmart.com)

**The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal - Commitment Weekend**  
 This weekend our parish has an opportunity to support the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. Each year, through our prayers and gifts to the Appeal, diocesan ministries continue to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, care for the sick and elderly, educate children, reach out to youth, train lay ministers and catechists and so much more. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail or forgot to bring it, please use one of the envelopes available in your pew or bring your card next week. Your contribution will touch the lives of thousands of people throughout southern Illinois; on behalf of each of them, please accept our heartfelt thanks.

# 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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**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

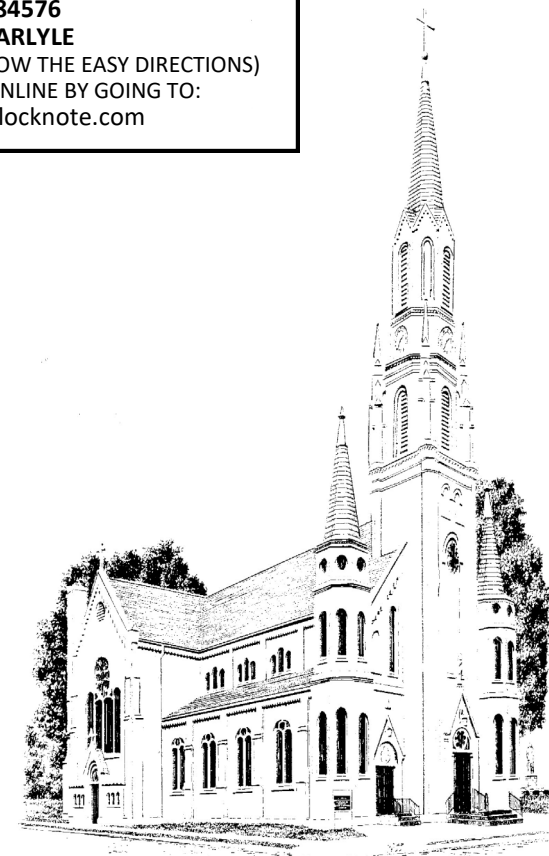
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222 South Third St., Belleville, IL 62220  
 618-277-8181 [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org)  
 Subscribe to *The Messenger* at 618-233-8670, or online at [www.bellevillemessenger.org](http://www.bellevillemessenger.org)

March 8, 2026  
 Third Sunday of Lent  
 First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7  
 Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2,5-8  
 Gospel: John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

**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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 YOU CAN CONNECT ONLINE BY GOING TO:  
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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.

## Liturgy for the Week...

<b>Sat, Mar 7</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Jeffory Morrison Bob Rakers Paul, Johanna &amp; Joe Rakers</b>
<b>Sun, Mar 8</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Johanna Diekemper Dec. Members of Joseph H &amp; Augusta Timmermann Family Joe &amp; Agnes Kampwerth Ruth Limpers</b>
<b>Mon, Mar 9</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>For students, teachers, and all who seek wisdom.</b>
<b>Tues, Mar 10</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Clara &amp; Joseph Athmer</b>
<b>Wed, Mar 11</b>	<b>7:30 am 6:45 pm</b>	<b>Paul &amp; Grace Peppenhorst Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Thur, Mar 12</b>	<b>7:30 am 10:00 am</b>	<b>Mary Rita &amp; Henry Hilmes Word &amp; Eucharist Carlyle Healthcare Center</b>
<b>Fri, Mar 13</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>For farmers and all who work to provide food. Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Sat, Mar 14</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Joe Brueggemann Nathan Miller Kenny Becker Jr</b>
<b>Sun, Mar 15</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Tina Donnewald Arnie &amp; Fern Wobbe</b>

### Stewardship... March 1st collections

Envelopes: \$3933	Loose: \$1489
Online Giving: \$3968.50	Cemetery: \$203
Catholic School Assessment: \$347	Capital Campaign: \$25
Easter Flowers: \$300	Israel \$
Guatemala: \$568	Black & Indian Mission \$2

### Congratulations New Members of the Parish Council

Skip Etter, Peggy Hilmes and Jane Zurliene have been elected to serve on St. Mary Parish Council. They will begin their tenure at the March 10th meeting. Thank you to Barb Cardwell, Kevin Frank and Jane Beckmann for their service on the council. Thank you also to all candidates were willing to volunteer their time and run for this office.

**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 9, 11 & 13: Paul Kauling Tue & Thur, Mar 10 & 12: Glenn Foppe
<b>March Ushers</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b> Linda Peppenhorst, Jerome Diekemper, Brad Clark, Kathy Rakers, Dennis Hempten, Joe Mioux

## Schedule of Events...

**Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation**  
**Fridays during Lent: Stations of the Cross after 7:30 am Mass**  
**Sun. Mar 8: Girl Scout Sunday**  
**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

NOURISHING FUTURES IN GUATEMALA  
This past year has been full of hardship for thousands of families worldwide. Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl is a way for us to hear God's call to help those overseas and in our home community at the same time. This week, we see and hear how families in Guatemala are given better opportunities to improve their health, nutrition and financial well being through CRS nutrition and savings programs. Donations from CRS Rice Bowl help change lives globally and in our own community: 75% of funds support CRS' work worldwide, and 25% stay in our community to promote local hunger relief efforts. Please visit crsricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.

### 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.

**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.

**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 . Thursday, 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 & Roast Beef Dinner:** Aviston American Legion. Sunday, Mar 15th, serving from 10:30 AM to 6:00 PM. It will be carryout dinners made to order with sit-down dining space 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.

**Welcome to Sophia Lynn Beckemeyer,** Parents: Brent and Jessica (Peters) Beckemeyer as she is baptized this weekend at St. Mary. May she grow in wisdom, age and grace through our example of faith-filled lives!

Mon, Wed, Fri, Mar 16, 18 & 20: Tom Frerker Tue & Thur, March 17 & 19: Ron Zurliene	<b>SUNDAY</b> Diane Hodapp, Mary Hartung, Chad Holthaus, Ed Kleber, Jeannie Kleber, Theresa Wuebbels
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## Message from our pastor Father Steve

Father Steven Pautler

Sunday, March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

Scripture: Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Theme: Floodlite" in a Can and Grace from a Rock!

In the summer of 1993, the river decided to take over. The late spring thaw started it. Then the rains settled in and refused to leave. I grew up on the Kaskaskia River near where it meets the Mississippi. When the Mississippi rises, the backwater pushes upstream and reminds small towns who is really in charge. That year, it felt like we were living in the middle of a lake.

At the time, I was serving as an elected official, so I was not watching this from a lawn chair with a glass of iced tea. Every day we waited for updates from the Conservation Office about how much water was being released from Carlyle Lake. That meant we were getting it from both directions. The Mississippi was pushing back from one side, and Carlyle Lake was sending it down from the other. More water coming. More water rising. It felt like we were in the middle of a slow moving squeeze-play. We worked hard to protect our water treatment plant. We purified the water. It tested clean. It looked clean. It was clean. The health department still said no. Not for drinking.

So there we were. Surrounded by water and thirsty. You learn something in moments like that. Not all water gives life. Some water surrounds you and still leaves you empty.

It did not take long for people outside the flood zone to show up. Pickup trucks and vans rolled in with cases of canned water. Then Anheuser Busch sent a tractor trailer of canned water. We nicknamed it "Floodlite." If you cannot laugh in a flood, you are in real trouble. That generosity made a hard season bearable. We were reminded that even when the river rises, so does kindness.

On the Third Sunday of Lent, we hear about thirst. The Israelites grumble in the desert. They are tired and afraid. Angry at Moses. God tells Moses to strike the rock and water flows. At another well, in Samaria, Jesus meets a woman at noon. He asks for a drink, then offers something greater. Living water. A spring welling up to eternal life.

In 1993, we learned the difference between water you see and water you trust. In the desert, Israel learned it too. At Jacob's well, the Samaritan woman discovered it for herself. You can draw from the same well every day and still be thirsty in your soul.

We live in a culture flooded with activity, noise, and information. We are busy and connected and still thirsty. We try to drink from work, success, entertainment, even good things. By morning, the thirst returns. Jesus speaks plainly. Whoever drinks the water I give will never thirst.

Lent asks a direct question. What well are you drawing from. I will never forget standing in a town surrounded by water yet unable to drink. It is a clear picture of the spiritual life. We can be surrounded by blessings and still need the one thing that truly satisfies. This Lent, let us stop at the well. Let us admit.

**Condolences** to the family of George Bergmann who passed away Saturday, February 28, 2026. May he rest in God's peace.

**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, Michaela, Emily, 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.*