

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.

Fish fry's —*First Friday of the month*

STRAIGHT FROM THE COLLAR
PADRE STEVE, WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH...
Got burning questions, holy curiosities, or just want to stomp 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: Is the Church really growing again.

Answer:

There are real signs of life, and you do not need a microscope to see them. Easter Vigils are fuller, more adults are entering the Church, young families are showing up, and confession lines are getting longer, which surprises everyone. Not every parish is packed, and some are still rebuilding, but the tone has changed. There is movement where there used to be quiet. People are asking questions again, some are coming back, and others are walking in for the first time. It is not a sudden boom, it is more like the Church catching her breath again. And that is a very good sign.

Parents of Fall 2026 Kindergarteners
 Every child turning age 5 on or before **September 1, 2026** should be Pre-Registered to Start Kindergarten in the Fall
 Pre-Register your child now at Carlyle Grade School.
 Stop by and pick up
 Your Pre-Registration Packet in the Grade School Office.
Please bring: Birth Certificate, 2 Proofs of Residency
For more information call 594-3766 between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm

Classes in Parish Center Hospitality Room

Yoga 8:15 am Chair Yoga 9:15 am
 Fitness 5:30 am and 6:00 pm
 All Classes on Mondays and Thursdays
 For more information, contact Michele Kern 618-401-1894

		LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER		MASS SERVERS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
May 2	4:30 pm	Joann Banwarth	Linda Peppenhorst Suzanne Christ Barb Crouse Nick Christ	Rosie Nehrt Keri Mitchell Tiffany Wesselmann	Volunteer Volunteer Beckett Howard	Susan Howard Family	Dave Beckmann Marian Perez Chuck Rolfsmeier
May 3	10:00 am	First Communicants	Emily Von Hatten Angie Von Hatten Mary Hartung Chad Holthaus	Stacy Holthaus Geraldyn Hodapp Theresa Wuebbels	Owen Clark Kelsie Horton Ella Myers	First Communicants	Bernard Hodapp Mark Rainey Ted Rensing
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May 9	4:30 pm	Kendra Vaughn	Richard Christ Suzanne Christ Elaine Horstmann Matt Diekemper	Rosie Nehrt Susan Winkeler Keri Mitchell	Eleanor Marks Matthew Peters Volunteer	Susie Mitchell Family	Dave Beckmann Marian Perez Chuck Rolfsmeier
May 10	10:00 am	Brigid Nalewajka	Beverly Schlau Elyse Caplinger David Caplinger Kelly Dempsey	Dave Rodden Jim Nalewajka Ron Zurliene	Ayla Edwards Cohen Edwards Klohe Diekemper	Rodger & Rachel Edwards	Peggy Hilmes Mark Rainey Volunteer

Walking in the Parish Center

M-F only 8am-3pm

With the exception of holidays

Exciting Summer Program: Totus Tuus

Open to Grades 1-12; Grades 1-6 Daytime Mon-Fri, Grades 7-12 Evenings, Sun-Thurs; 5 locations in the Belleville Diocese

Week 1: 6/7 – 6/12 – St. Mary (Mt Vernon)

Registration: stmarymtvernon.org/tot
 Coordinator: Kendra Clark kendra@stmarymtvernon.org

Week 2: 6/14 – 6/19 – St. Augustine (Belleville)

Registration: forms.gle/HLDKou4uhLjs
 Coordinator: Sr. Tess Markus tmarkus@ssndcp.org

Week 3: 6/21 – 6/26 – St. Clare of Assisi (O'Fallon)

Registration: stclarechurch.org/totu
 Coordinator: Jane Dotson janedotson@stclarechurch.org

June 28 – July 3 – NO TOTUS TUUS

Week 4: 7/5 – 7/10 - Ss. Peter and Paul (Waterloo)

Registration: <https://www.ssppcc.org/totus-tuus.html>
 Coordinator: Catherine Burkart cburkart@ssppcc.org

Week 5: 7/12 – 7/17 – St. Stephen/Holy Rosary (Caseyville)

Registration: coming soon
 Coordinator: Guadalupe Niniz guadalupe7esqui@icloud.com

Vocation Corner

May 3

Today our reading from the Acts of the Apostles declares the institution of the Diaconate ministry. This event calls forth seven men to assist the Apostles in spreading the Kingdom of God. We are blessed in this Diocese to have so many men who have accepted the call to the Diaconate." They are assigned by the bishop to ministries for which the bishop perceives a great need, and for which the deacon may have special gifts or talents. Most often, this will be within a parish setting, just as most priests serve in a parish. Once assigned to the parish, the deacon and any other clergy assigned to the parish minister are under the immediate supervision of the pastor. (USCCB)"

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

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH Est. 1853

1171 Jefferson St., Carlyle, IL 62231

Fr. Steven Pautler, Pastor

Fr. Devarajulu Ubbaraju

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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Youth Ministry:

Tiffany Wesselmann

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Office/Parish Center: 618-594-2225
 Religious Education: 618-594-2284
 Fax: 618-594-4638

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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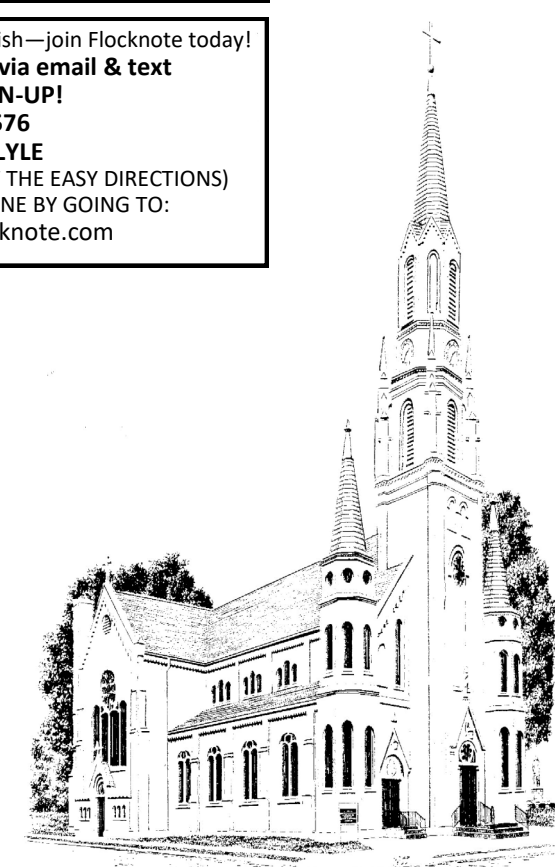
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May 3, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter
 First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7
 Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9
 Gospel: John 14:1-12

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. May 2	4:30 pm	Mary Lou Bowman Ed, Bea & Dan Frank Paul, Johanna & Joe Rakers
Sun, May 3	10:00 am	First Holy Communion Johanna Diekemper Leland & Margaret Lovell Henry Schmeink
Mon, May 4	7:30 am	For farmers and all who work to provide food.
Tues, May 5	7:30 am	Al & Betty Brueggemann L/D Members of St. Ann Sodality
Wed, May 6	7:30 am	George Bergmann
Thu, May 7	7:30 am	Ben Brueggemann Georgette Brueggemann
Fri, May 8	7:30 am	Ralph Petermeyer
Sat, May 9	4:30 pm	Bernard & Louise Brueggemann Martha Diekemper Alice E Hustedde
Sun, May 10	10:00 am	George & Rosie Becker Wilbert & Dorothy Timmermann Joyce Deiters

Stewardship... April 26th collections

Envelopes: \$4493	Loose: \$4989
Online Giving: \$205	Cemetery: \$422
Catholic School Assessment: \$5	Capital Campaign: \$360
Catholic Home Mission: \$120	Guatemala: \$
Israel: \$	

King's House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Visitors Center Summer Directed Retreats

Directed One Retreat: **Starting Monday, May 11, 2026 through May 18, 2026.**

Directed Two Retreat: **Starting Monday, June 15, 2026, through Monday, June 22, 2026.**

Joins us for a directed retreat that offers a sacred, quiet space to pause from daily life and deepen our relationship with God. Through daily, personalized meetings with a director, personal scripture study, and optional prayer, this experience helps you recognize God's presence. Minimum Donation: \$682.00 with lodging, or \$495.00 for commuters. **For information, please call 618-397-0584 or go to <https://kh.snows.org/>**

If anyone has a usable washing machine they would like to donate, **Fr. Deva is in need of a different washer.** Please **contact the parish office at 618-594-2225.** Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

Graduate Theology Open House announcement:

Seek God through study, prayer, and a tradition of hospitality. Laity are invited to join the online Open House for Saint Meinrad's Graduate Theology Program on Wed, May 13 at 6:30 PM CT. Discover how theology deepens faith and understanding. Learn more at saintmeinrad.edu/openhouse. All are welcome.

Adult Servers	Mon., Wed., Fri. May 4, 6, & 8: Tom Frerker Tues. & Thurs., May 5 & 7: Ron Zurliene
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Schedule of Events...

Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation

Sun. May 3: First Communion Mass, St. Mary, Carlyle

Wed. May 6: Last PSR Class

Sun. May 17: KC Breakfast to benefit Chakota

M-F June 15-19: St. Mary, Carlyle, 2026 Vacation Bible School

St Ann's Sodality is having a Mass for all living and deceased members of St. Ann's Altar Sodality on **Tuesday, May 5th at 7:30 am.** All members of the parish are invited to join us in worship.

Roses will be sold before and after masses on the weekend of **May 9th and 10th. Cost is \$2.50 per rose.** The sales benefit the local pro life organization. Remember your mom, grandma and any special person on Mother's Day.

ST. BONIFACE CHURCH 6TH ANNUAL QUILT RAFFLE

We will be giving away 20 beautiful hand quilted, queen-sized quilts! Tickets are \$25 each, with only 500 tickets sold. If your name gets drawn as a winner, your name goes back in for the remaining draws. To purchase a ticket, you can either place your check/cash in an envelope and put it in the collection basket at St. Boniface or St. Cecilia Church, you can place it in the drop box at either parish office, or mail it to: St. Boniface Church, PO Box 280, Germantown, IL 62245.

Please include your name and a valid phone number with your ticket purchase. Also, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope so we can mail you your ticket stub. You can also purchase a ticket at Germantown Trust and Savings Bank, either Germantown, Bartelso, or Breese location. The tickets cannot leave the bank since we have a limited number to be sold, so they will need to be purchased and filled out at the bank. The 20 winners will be drawn on Sunday, June 14!

First Holy Communion 2026



Barrett Brown
Bennett Brown
Henry Christeson
Avery Clark
Hayven Diekemper
Henry John Diekemper

Kevin Guardian
Charli Mae Hughes
Erick Eugene Horton
Evan Knolhoff
Isaak Paul Loepker
Rowen Myers
Arely Salinas
Maria Salinas
Emma Schomaker
Hendrix Smith
Allie Voss
Cash Wildhaber

Congratulations to our First Communicants!

Mon., Wed., Fri. May 11, 13 & 15: Chuck Rolfingsmeier Tues. & Thurs., May 12 & 14: John Rubsam



Message from our pastor Father Steve

Sunday, May 3, 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

There are days in the life of the Church that feel larger than the calendar. The ordination and installation of our 10th bishop stands among them. So first things first. Congratulations to Most Reverend Godfrey Mullen. Southern Illinois has been given a good shepherd, and there is a quiet joy in knowing he is one of our own.

History has a way of showing up at moments like this. Bishop Mullen now joins the small company of native sons who have been called to lead this diocese. Names like Henry John Althoff of Aviston and Albert Rudolph Zuroweste of East St. Louis remind us that God has long been at work in our soil. Now Salem joins that list, and I suspect a few folks there are walking a little taller this week.

What I enjoy most is how the Lord writes His story. It never follows the straight line we would draw. Years ago, when I was preparing for the diaconate, my spiritual director was Father Tom Stout. A steady priest. No nonsense. The kind of man who saw things clearly and said them plainly. He once served as vocation director when a young seminarian named Thomas Mullen was studying at St. Meinrad.

And like many before him, Thomas went to "the hill" and something happened. He did not simply study there. He fell in love with it. The rhythm of prayer. The silence. The life of the monks. One decision led to another, and Thomas became Godfrey, a monk of St. Meinrad.

Now here is where the story gets good!

In 2005, I told Father Stout I was heading down to "the hill." Without missing a beat, he said, "Tell the one who got away hello." So I did. I found Father Godfrey and delivered the message. He smiled and fired back, "Tell him hello from the one he couldn't keep." That line has aged well.

The day of his appointment, I reminded our new bishop of that moment. We both laughed. And I could not help but think of Father Tom, who went home to the Lord in 2009. I am convinced he was smiling then, and I am even more convinced he is smiling now.

Because in the end, no one "gets away" from God. The Lord simply leads us where we are meant to serve. Sometimes that road passes through a monastery. Sometimes it leads right back home, wearing a bishop's ring. Welcome home, Bishop Mullen. The flock is ready. And somewhere, Father Tom is still shaking his head with a grin!

Condolences to the families of James "Jim" Nehrt (Husband of Rosie Nehrt), who passed away Wednesday, April 22, 2026, and Thomas "Tom" Rakers who passed away Monday, April 20, 2026 in Chester, IL. May they rest in God's peace.

Please remember in our prayers: Sharon Stewart, Sandy Wehking, Tom & Gwen Baird, Candy Blackburn, Ryan Wittenauer, Geri Wellinghoff, Diane Langenhorst, Baillie Johnson, Sharon Aach, Dasalm Family, Scott Carson, JoAnn Gray, Mel Thole, Zoe Puetz, Jillian Musgrove, 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, Courtney & Kylie

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 May the Sanctuary candle in our parish church burns in loving memory of:



**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
January 2027	Ray & Maggie Bruemmer
April 2027	Leroy Wiegmann
July 2027	Bradley Edmund
August 2027	Alphonse, Rowena & Rich Isaak
September 2027	John & Jeff Peppenhorst

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.