

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*

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

May 31, 2026
The Most Holy Trinity
First Reading: Exodus 34: 4b-6, 8-9
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Gospel: John 3:16-18

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: One of my favorite questions for getting young minds thinking is this: "If a mouse broke into the tabernacle and dined on a consecrated Host, did the mouse receive First Communion?"

Answer:
No. The mouse did not receive First Communion. He simply became the most talked about mouse in Catholic theology. Holy Communion requires faith, understanding, and the intention to receive Christ. A mouse is skilled at finding crumbs in parish halls after dinners, but not at understanding sacraments. The Eucharist remains the Real Presence of Christ as long as the appearance of bread remains. Somewhere in every religion class is one student grinning while asking this question, usually right before bringing up Adam and Eve's belly buttons.

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.sspccc.org/totus-tuus.html>
Coordinator: Catherine Burkart cburkart@sspccc.org
Week 5: 7/12 – 7/17 – St. Stephen/Holy Rosary (Caseyville)
Registration: coming soon
Coordinator: Guadalupe Niniz guadalupe7esqui@icloud.com

Vocation Corner
May 31
At many sporting events, you often witness signs promoting today's Gospel reading – John 3:16. Yes, God so loved us that He sent His Son for us to have eternal life. "Whoever believes in him will not be condemned." We, Christians, are charged with sharing this belief with the rest of the world. We do this by our example of receiving the Sacraments. Our greatest witness is our frequent reception of the Holy Eucharist. This is emphasized in the Holy Mass for which we need priests to say. Encourage young men to explore the vocation of Priesthood which is vital to the life of the Church.

Schedule of Upcoming 2026 Healing Masses
Information will be updated whenever the office is notified.
St. Dominic - 6/6/2026—9 am
St. Cecilia/St. Boniface-7/21/26
St. Elizabeth/St. Teresa (Salem) - 9/15/26

The gift that keeps giving – for the rest of your life!
Renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience!** Perhaps consider a weekend away as a present for your spouse. For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call **Terry and Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317**. The following upcoming weekend experiences are available.

6/12/2026 - 6/14/2026, St. Peters, MO
7/31/2026 - 8/2/2026, Cape Girardeau, MO
10/9/2026 - 10/11/2026, Springfield, IL

		LECTOR	EUCARISTIC MINISTER	MASS SERVERS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
May 30	4:30 pm	Joann Banwarth	Rosie Nehrt Elaine Horstmann Linda Peppenhorst Matt Diekemper	Suzanne Christ Richard Christ Chuck Rolfingsmeier	Beckett Howard Kelsie Horton Volunteer	Susan Howard Family Chuck Rolfingsmeier
May 31	10:00 am	Paulette Deiters	Beverly Schlau Kelly Dempsey Elyse Caplinger David Caplinger	Dave Rodden Ron Zurliene Mary Hugo	Charlotte Nolte Volunteer Volunteer	Valerie Nolte Family Peggy Hilmes Mark Rainey Ted Rensing
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June 6	4:30 pm	Kendra Vaughn	Jan Kauling Michele Foster Linda Peppenhorst Nick Christ	Keri Mitchell Chuck Rolfingsmeier Kerri Peters	Keaston Vaughn Kiera Vaughn Kinsley Vaughn	Michael & Connie Vaughn Family Joan Wesselmann Susan Winkeler Michael Jansen
June 7	10:00 am	Brigid Nalewajka	Mary Hugo Linda McNurlen Chad Holthaus Stacy Holthaus	Lisa Eversgerd Jim Nalewajka Ethan Wheelan	Julie Von Hatten Ava Albers Henry Diekemper	Angie Von Hatten Family Kevin Wesselmann Geraldyn Hodapp Bernard Hodapp

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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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

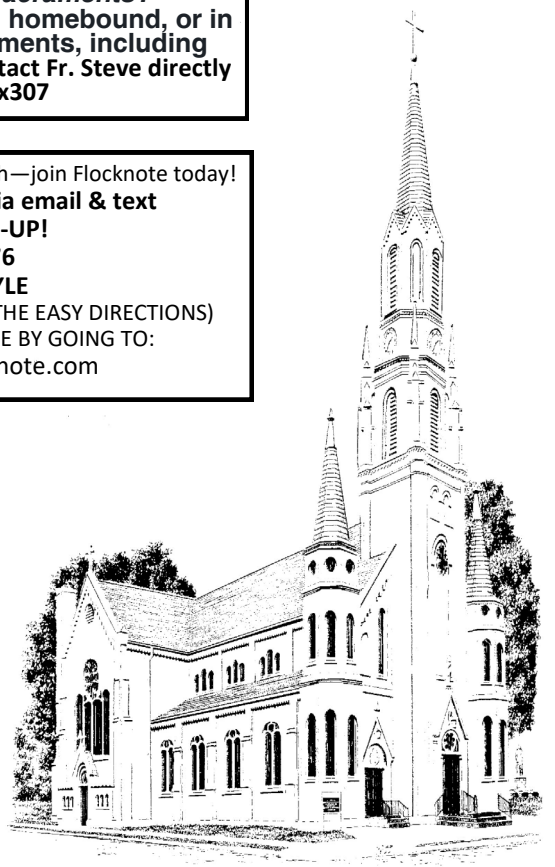
PARTNERED PARISH
St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church
18021 Marydale Rd., Carlyle, IL
618-594-3266 www.stteresamarydale.com
MASS TIMES: Saturday 7:30pm, Sunday 8:00am

DIocese OF BELLEVILLE
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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, May 30	4:30 pm	Al & Betty Brueggemann Ed, Bea & Dan Frank Martha & Robert Diekemper
Sun, May 31	10:00 am	Ben Brueggemann Mary Kluemke
Mon, June 1	7:30 am	For the unemployed and those struggling financially.
Tues, June 2	7:30 am	Georgette Brueggemann
Wed, June 3	7:30 am	Leland & Margaret Lovell
Thu, June 4	7:30 am	Bernard & Louise Brueggemann
Fri, June 5	7:30 am	L/D Members of the Rivera Family
Sat, June 6	4:30 pm	Johanna Diekemper Juan & Afra Guiab Paul & Dolores Hempen
Sun, June 7	10:00 am	George & Rosie Becker Rich Isaak Rita & Dolores Schemel

Stewardship... May 24th collections

Envelopes: \$3602	Loose: \$1338
Online Giving: \$145	Cemetery: \$524
Catholic School Assessment: \$	Capital Campaign: \$285
Seminarian Education: \$20	St. Mary Needy: \$300
Israel: \$400	Black & Indian Mission: \$

Discernment Float Trip

Step away from the noise of daily life and into something deeper. Single young adult men ages 18 and older are invited to join Fr. Thomas Lugge, Fr. Levi James, & Fr. Steven Beatty for a summer retreat **June 8th-10th** to encounter Christ and His call in the beauty of the outdoors. Spend a few days on the Current River in Missouri while building brotherhood with other men seeking purpose and direction. **Deadline to register is Monday, June 1st. Please email vocations@diobelle.org for more information and register at <https://form.jotform.com/261246551160046>**

2026 Vacation Bible School Information

-June 15-19, Mon.-Fri., 9:00-11:30 a.m.-"Changemakers Lab" Each day the program will end at 11:30 a.m. All students will begin and be dismissed from the gym.
-Volunteers should come to the cafeteria at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, June 15th for final preparation for the week.
-All kids attending NEED a **white** t-shirt for Tuesday's craft project.
-We will be taking up a collection daily for Sleep in Heavenly Peace-Salem, IL Chapter. The daily collection will help this organization accomplish their mission of: No kid sleeps on the floor in our town. As they build and deliver beds to children ages 3-17 who don't have one, throughout Marion, Clinton, and Jefferson counties.
-Friday, June 19-Closing program for "Changemakers Lab" in the gym at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited.

Adult Servers	Mon., Wed., Fri. June 1, 3, 5 Ron Zurliene Tues. & Thurs., June 2, 4 Chuck Rolfingsmeyer	Mon., Wed., Fri. June 8, 10, 12 John Rubsam Tues. & Thurs., June 9, 11 Kevin Frank
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Schedule of Events...

M-F June 15-19: St. Mary, Carlyle, 2026 Vacation Bible School
Sun. July 19: KC Breakfast to benefit Cub Scout Pack 281

Pork Sausage Breakfast: The Breese Knights of Columbus are having a 5th Sunday Pork Sausage Breakfast To Benefit Youth Faith Formation Programs. **Serving 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM - Sunday, May 31** \$13.00/Person, \$8.00 for Youth Ages 5 to 12, 4 And Under No Charge

Pork Steak Dinner: The St. Lawrence Knights will be having a Pork Steak Dinner on **Saturday, June 13th from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. at St. Lawrence Hall in Sandoval.** Dine in or carry out Free will offering. Invite all your family and friends.

Bingo & Dessert Party: Thursday, June 4, 2026, 1:00 pm at Carlyle Healthcare Center. Sponsored by Social Outreach Center. Anyone wishing to help or bring a dessert would be appreciated.



Parish Council Notes

- Anyone interested in becoming an Assistant Youth Minister please contact the office.
- The Parish Council is looking to revise the Liturgical Committee. This committee would assist in the preparation of the liturgy through such efforts as may be an aid to the pastor, including, but not limited to, the coordination of Eucharistic ministers, lectors, ushers, choir, and special decorations or activities which are appropriate to holiday seasons.
- Starting in July we will discontinue the second collection in Church on the first Sunday of the month. Instead, preprinted envelopes will be placed in pews or at church entrances in which parishioners can earmark their donation for any cause. Guatemala donations made via ach collections will remain unchanged, if you would like to setup an automatic ach donation to Guatemala please contact the office.

Position Available

The Diocese of Belleville is seeking an Administrative Assistant who is mission-driven. The person in this position is responsible for providing administrative support to ensure efficient operation within the office of their current assignment. This role involves handling a wide range of administrative tasks, from managing schedules to handling communications, and organizing events. The initial assignment for this position will support the Office of Education. Essential qualifications include a minimum of a high school diploma, associate degree preferred, or equivalent experience; at least 3 years' experience in a related role, plus knowledge in Microsoft Office and other computer programs/applications. A practicing Catholic preferred with thorough knowledge and understanding of Catholic teachings, practices, and organizational structure. To apply: Send cover letter and résumé to Catholic Diocese of Belleville at humanresources@diobelle.org or by mail at 222 South Third Street, Belleville, Illinois 62220. Application deadline: June 15, 2026.



Message from our pastor Father Steve

Sunday, May 31, 2026

The Most Holy Trinity

Scripture: Exodus 34:4b-6 ,8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3: 16-18

The Holy Trinity. Three Persons in one God. Clear as mud and twice as slippery! Now for you Creole and Cajun cooks out there, I am not talking about the "holy trinity" of onion, bell pepper, and celery. Though honestly, some church potlucks treat gumbo with more reverence than theology class.

For centuries the Church has tried to help people understand the Trinity. We have used clover leaves, triangle symbols, stained glass windows, candles, and enough diagrams to frighten a geometry teacher. Yet here we are, still scratching our heads. Even St. Augustine struggled with it. There is the old story of Augustine walking along the beach trying to understand the Trinity. He saw a child scooping seawater into a little hole in the sand. Augustine said, "You will never fit the ocean into that hole." The child replied, "Neither will you fit the mystery of God into your mind." Augustine probably stood there thinking, "Well... there goes my afternoon!"

Then there are the seasoned Catholics raised on the old Baltimore Catechism. You memorized it for life: "God consists of three distinct Divine Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." You could recite it perfectly before First Communion. Explaining it was another matter entirely. Some theologians simply throw up their hands and say, "The Trinity cannot be explained." That feels a little like a mechanic opening your car hood and saying, "Well, that's complicated," before heading to lunch.

My final year in seminary, right before Christmas break, my Eschatology professor dropped this question on us: "Did God die on the Cross?" Nothing says "Merry Christmas" quite like sending seminarians home with a theological hand grenade! I remember the classroom getting very quiet. Seminarians suddenly stared at the ceiling tiles like the answer might be hidden up there next to the fluorescent lights. One brave soul tried answering the question and only succeeded in creating three more questions. Welcome to theology! The deeper you go, the deeper it gets.

The truth is this. The Trinity is not a math problem to solve. It is the mystery of a God so deep, so eternal, so full of love, that human language keeps running out of gas trying to describe Him. And maybe that is part of the beauty of it. If we fully understood God, He would be far too small!



Please remember in our prayers: Ashton Mouser, Kennah Heistand, Sandy Wehking, Tom & Gwen Baird, Candy Blackburn, Geri Wellinghoff, Diane Langenhorst, Baillie Johnson, Sharon Aach, Dasalm Family, Scott Carson, JoAnn Gray, Mel Thole, Jillian Musgrove, Jennifer Riesmeyer, Vince Rolves, Sr. Carole Langhauser PHJC, Janet Compare

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:

Courtney, Kylie & Laura

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
February 2027	Deceased Members of Schnieder, Poehler and Voss Families
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.