

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. Except June & Dec.
Columbian Club Fish Fry's —*First Friday of the month*

Question of the Week

Answered by Father Steve Pautler

Question: Father, this has always puzzled me. If God is all-powerful, why do bad things happen to good people? For example, the recent fire at First Methodist Church. Couldn’t Gad have stopped it? I’m not trying to start a theological debate. I’m just saying?

Answer:

You are asking one of the oldest questions in history. People have been wrestling with it since the beginning of time. The truth is, God did not create a world filled with fires, accidents, illness and suffering. Those realities are part of living in a world that is not yet heaven. God gives us freedom, and nature follows it’s own laws. If God stepped in to prevent every tragedy, every scraped knee, and every burned casserole, life would look very different. Faith teaches us that God does not promise a life free from hardship. He promises His presence in the midst of it. In the aftermath of the fire, people responded with prayers, support and generosity. Sometimes God does not stop the storm. Sometimes He helps people rebuild after it passes. Even Jesus never promised us a life without crosses. He promised He would walk with us as we carry them.

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.

7/31/2026 - 8/2/2026, Cape Girardeau, MO
10/9/2026 - 10/11/2026, Springfield, IL
12/4/2026 - 12/6/2026, St. Peters, MO



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
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

The 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
Those who are kind to the needy honor Him

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truly serves the poorest of the poor through its Hubbard’s Haven Soup Kitchen, SVDP Thrift Store, Help Center and Night Drop-In Center. Men, women and children are provided the basic necessities of life – food, clothing and shelter – and the hope and the tools they need for a better tomorrow.

Vocation Corner - June 28

“Growing up as a Protestant in southern Michigan, I was incredibly blessed to have parents who took seriously their responsibility of raising me with faith. I didn’t think there was anything missing in my life until I met joyful Catholics for the first time when I was a teenager. Through their witness and friendship, I learned more about the faith – and found myself surprised by truth. These friends invited me to attend a Catholic family camp, and it was there I first came to believe in the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, learned to pray the rosary, and felt called to religious life. There was only one problem – I wasn’t even in RCIA yet! I was received into the Church about a year later, and I kept my heart open to the Lord’s call. He led me to the Queenship of Mary Community in Ottawa, Ontario. I made my final vows in 2016.”
Sr. Philomena, Daughter of Mary; Columbia Magazine Dec. 2024

Schedule of Upcoming 2026 Healing Masses

Information will be updated whenever the office is notified.
St. Cecilia/St. Boniface-7/21/26
St. Elizabeth/St. Teresa (Salem) - 9/15/26

		LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER		MASS SERVERS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
June 27	4:30 pm	Richard Christ	Tiffany Wesselmann Matt Diekemper Jan Kauling	Michele Foster Suzanne Christ Paula Kampwerth Nick Christ	Avery Clark Owen Clark Tyler Wesselmann	Brad Clark Family	Joan Wesselmann Dave Beckmann Michael Jansen
June 28	10:00 am	Brigid Nalewajka	Dave Rodden Lisa Eversgerd Geraldyn Hodapp Stacy Holthaus	Jim Nalewajka Ethan Wheelan Ron Zurliene	Eleanor Marks Klohe Diekemper Henry Deikemper	Linda McNurlen Family	Kevin Wesselmann Geraldyn Hodapp Bernard Hodapp
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July 4	4:30 pm	Jane Beckmann	Linda Peppenhorst Kerri Peters Elaine Horstmann Rosie Nehrt	Chuck Rolfingsmeier Keri Mitchell Nick Christ	Clark Kauling Matthew Peters Courtney Peters	Scott & Lisa Kauling Family	Fabio Compare Tom Abernathy Darlene Diekemper
July 5	10:00 am	Barb Crouse	Mary Hartung Paulette Deiters David Caplinger Ed Kleber	Jean Kleber Angie Von Hatten Emily Von Hatten	Gabriel Osborne Volunteer Volunteer	Travis Diekemper Family	Richard Diekemper Karen Miller Gail Von Hatten

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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Youth Ministry:

Tiffany Wesselmann

Phones:

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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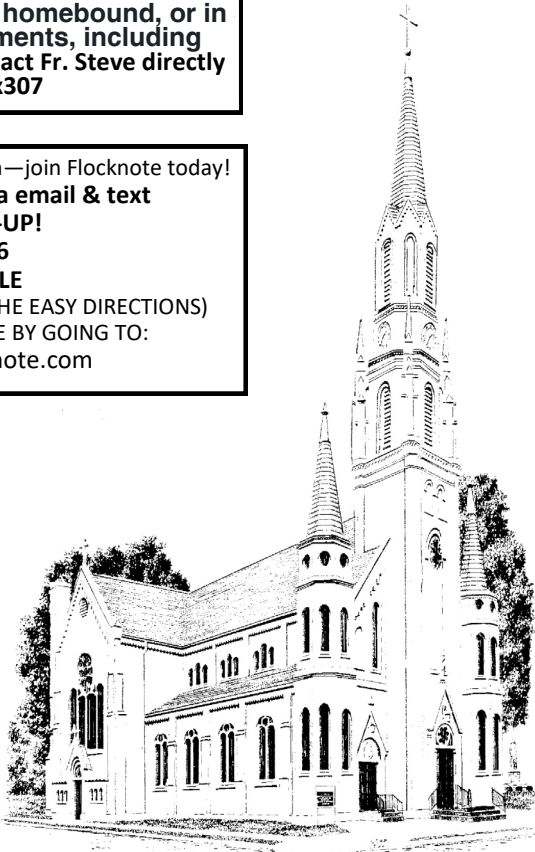
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Need a Visit or the Sacraments?
If someone is hospitalized, homebound, or in
urgent need of the sacraments, including
Anointing of the Sick: Contact Fr. Steve directly
618-532-6291 x307

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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, June 27	4:30 pm	Mary Lou Bowman Robert Diekemper Kenny Becker Jr.
Sun, June 28	10:00 am	Al & Betty Brueggemann Barry Dixon George Bergmann
Mon, June 29	7:30 am	John Peppenhorst
Tues, June 30	7:30 am	Ben Brueggemann
Wed, July 1	7 :30 am	Leland & Margaret Lovell
Thu, July 2	7:30 am	Georgetta Brueggemann
	10:00 am	Word & Eucharist - Carlyle Healthcare Center
Fri, July 3	7:30 am	Joann Gray
Sat, July 4	4:30 pm	Art, Cornelia & Mark Schomaker Valerian Theising Barry Dixon
Sun, July 5	10:00 am	Travis Knolhoff Paul & Dolores Hempen L/D Members of the Rivera Family

 Stewardship... June 21st collections	
Envelopes: \$3624	Loose: \$1508
Online Giving: \$145	Cemetery: \$522
Catholic School Assessment: \$30	Capital Campaign: \$215
St Mary Needy: 380	Communication Campaign: \$30
Israel: \$420	Peters Pence: \$10

St. Mary's is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on
Thursday, July 2 at the Parish Center from
12:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Pre register by either calling 1-800-733-2767 or online at
RedCrossBlood.org.

GIVE LIFE

You can save time and complete the Rapid
Pass online at
RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass
Walk-ins are welcome.

Come join the celebration of our country by
donating blood.

Schedule of Events...

Sun. July 19: KC Breakfast to benefit Cub Scout Pack 281

Reminder — New Bulletin Deadline:

The deadline for submitting items for the bulletin has changed due to an outside company printing our bulletin for us. Deadline will be 9:00 am Thursday the week before the date of the bulletin. (i.e. July 12 bulletin deadline will be July 2 at 9am). Thank you for your cooperation.

CLINTON COUNTY’S FREEDOM 250 CELEBRATION

Come and join us for Clinton County’s Freedom 250 Celebration honoring the Brave Men and Women who served our Nation

Sunday, July 5th at the Aviston Legion

Doors open at 2:00pm

Ceremony honoring our Heroes at 6:00pm

21 Gun Salute and Canon Salute

50/50 Raffle, Band/DJ, Food

Military Items on Display





St. Damian Annual Church Picnic,
Damiansville, IL, Saturday, July 11.

Chicken, homemade noodles & sauerbraten, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, and cake.

Serving in the gym or for carryouts from 3:30-7:00 pm. Mass at 4:00.

Quilt bingo begins at 6:30.

Sandwiches, beer, soda, margaritas, homemade ice cream, mexican street corn and plenty of bounce houses and children’s games along with adult picnic poker, plinko & human slots.

POSITION AVAILABLE

Position: Administrative Assistant for The Messenger

Job Type: Part-Time

Benefits: Diocese of Belleville - Benefits

Salary Range: \$16.24-\$19.56 per hour (Final salary will be determined by relevant skills, education, and experience.)

The Diocese of Belleville is seeking an Administrative Assistant who will support the bi-monthly newspaper, The Messenger.

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: July 15, 2026.

Bishop's Blessing

Bishop Godfrey Mullin will bless the new building at the Carlyle Fairgrounds on Sunday, July 12 at 2:00 pm. All are invited to attend.



Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT week-end retreat at the Pallottine Renewal Center, Florissant, MO (30 min from downtown St. Louis), on July 17-19, 2026. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$290 including meals. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or call (630) 222-8303 for details.

Adult Servers	Mon., Wed., Fri. June 29, July 1, 3 Chuck Rolfsmeier Tues. & Thurs., June 30 & July 2 John Rubsam	Mon., Wed., Fri. July 6, 8 & 10 Kevin Frank Tues. & Thurs., July 7 & 9 Paul Kauling
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Message from our pastor Father Steve

Sunday, June 28, 2026
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Scripture: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42

We are faced with one of those Gospel passages this week that makes us stop and ask, “What did Jesus just say?” Jesus tells us, “Whoever loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me.” At first glance, those words sound harsh. After all, Jesus taught us to honor our father and mother. He is not telling us to love our families less. He is telling us to love God first. When Christ is at the center of our lives, every other relationship finds its proper place. Sometimes I wonder if Jesus says things like this simply to make sure we are paying attention. It certainly gets our attention.

Jesus then follows with another difficult statement: “Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.” Today we see crosses everywhere. They hang in our churches, around our necks, and on the walls of our homes. In Jesus’ day, the cross meant something entirely different. Nobody wore one around their neck. The cross was a terrifying instrument of execution. It was rough wood. If you touched it, you got splinters. Along Roman roads stood crosses carrying condemned men. They served as a warning from the Empire: “Obey Caesar, or this could be you.”

When Jesus told His followers to take up their cross, they did not picture jewelry. They pictured suffering, sacrifice, rejection, and even death. Yet Jesus transformed the meaning of the cross forever. What once represented fear now represents hope. What once symbolized defeat now proclaims victory. Most of us will never carry a literal cross. Instead, we carry the crosses of everyday life. A difficult diagnosis. A strained relationship. A disappointment we never expected. Sometimes our cross is simply dealing with people who think a two-minute meeting requires forty-five minutes of discussion.

The Lord does not ask us to go looking for suffering. He asks us to carry faithfully whatever comes our way and to walk beside Him. The good news is that we never carry the cross alone. Christ walks with us because He carried His cross first. He knows the weight. He knows the struggle. He knows the road. And because He carried His cross all the way to Easter morning, we know something the Romans never knew. The cross is not the end of the story. Resurrection always has the final word.

Condolences to the families of John Robke who passed away June 17, 2026 and Sandy Wehking who passed away who passed on June 24, 2026. May they rest in God’s peace.

Please remember in our prayers:

Deb Kroeschen Ashton Mouser, Kennah Heistand, Tom & Gwen Baird, Candy Blackburn, Geri Wellinghoff, Diane Langenhorst, Baillie Johnson, Sharon Aach, Dasalm Family, Scott Carson, 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, Abbey, Amanda & Lori

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

During the month of June the Sanctuary candle in our parish church burns in loving memory of:

 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
March 2027	Dan Feldmann
April 2027	Leroy Wiegmann
May 2027	Joyce Deiters
July 2027	Bradley Edmund
August 2027	Alphonse, Rowena & Rich Isaak
September 2027	John & Jeff Peppenhorst
October 2027	Danielle Foppe
December 2027	Deceased Members of Diekemper & Wiegman Families

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.