

Monday
December 19
Advent Weekday
Jgs 13:2-7,
24-25a
Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday
December 20
Advent Weekday
Is 7:10-14
Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday
December 21
Advent Weekday
Sg 2:8-14
Lk 1:39-45

Thursday
December 22
Advent Weekday
1 Sm 1:24-28
Lk 1:46-56

Friday
December 23
Advent Weekday
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24
Lk 1:57-66

Saturday
December 24
Advent Weekday
2 Sm 7:1-5,
8b-12, 14a, 16
Lk 1:67-79

Sunday
December 25
Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Is 52:7-10
Heb 1:1-6
Jn 1:1-18

Good News!

December 18, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)
Isaiah 7:10-14 / Romans 1:1-7 / Matthew 1:18-24
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Instincts come in various shapes and sizes. They may simply be gut feelings, or dreams that seem to speak more than a nighttime fantasy trip. Sometimes they appear in the form of daydreaming that takes us to another place, or they can be the silent voice of God. Whatever they may be, there are those times when they demand our attention.

In *Saint Joan*, a play by George Bernard Shaw, Joan of Arc has a conversation with Robert about her conviction regarding what God is calling her to do. Joan says to him, "I hear voices. They come from God." Robert disagrees, "They come from your imagination." "Of course," says Joan, "that is how messages of God come to us."

Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary, placed a heavy credence on his dream, believing that the dream to keep pregnant Mary as his wife was the voice of God, and so Joseph does just that. Much later he again listens to a dream and takes his young family to the safety of Egypt and then back home to Nazareth. Those nighttime dreams could have easily become daytime nightmares. Yet for Joseph there was something that kept him from simply dismissing them.

Sometimes our inclinations and inner voices may not seem practical, and yet, even as we find ourselves second-guessing them, we think they need to be listened to. When the inclination is one toward goodness, that may very well be the voice of God. ●

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I have added some "Adopt a Seminarian" tags to our Advent Trees. Please feel free to take one or two and pray for them, send them gas cards or an encouraging letter. There are 6 seminarians in our Diocese currently: Benjamin Baker, Casmir Cozzi, Robert Dodson, James (Luke) Fitzgerald, Levi James & Terry Marmion.

Advent Giving Tree

During Advent, we are encouraged to meditate on the birth of Jesus into poverty and on how this reflects the reality of many families around the world today. At this time of year, many of us are looking over our Christmas list, trying to decide what and how much to buy for our loved ones. Now, consider the millions of families worldwide who set out each morning, searching for their wish list...food and water. At the end of most days, their decision is not how much more to buy to finish their list. Instead, imagine looking into the eyes of your loved ones, trying to decide who must be fed that day to survive until tomorrow. Each tomorrow starts with another search.

Please make the decision to help fulfill their wish list of survival. Your donations to Catholic Relief Services bring change.

The Catholic Relief Services tags can be returned until the end of the year. The struggle for these families does not end December 31st. Please visit the CRS.org website to join their continuing support of families facing disastrous conditions every day.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Carlyle K of C Council 1382 meetings—2nd Tuesday of the month 7:30pm; Bingo: Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm



Some members of the Mater Dei Marching Band will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts after the 8am and 10am Masses this Sunday, December 18th. \$13 a dozen. Proceeds help the Mater Dei Marching Band. Also, feel free to attend the concert that evening at 7pm!

Join us for a regional adult faith formation program! **Faith and Poverty: A Global Response**

Created by Catholic Relief Services and JustFaith Ministries
Alternating Thursdays, 7-9 p.m. January 5 through May 4
Mater Dei High School Library, 900 Mater Dei Dr., Breese
Facilitators: Helen Essenpreis, Fran Etter, and Myrt Rollins

This program includes engagement with Scripture, Catholic social teaching, and sacred dialogue. Participants will gain insights into the complexity of the current situation of global poverty and violence. By encouraging new spiritual practices and informed action, this program aims to cultivate a groundswell of action and advocacy in solidarity with those whose lives are affected by poverty across the globe. Registration cost is on a sliding scale of the participant's choice ranging from \$35-\$75 with scholarships available for those on limited incomes. To register go to justfaith.org/faith-and-poverty-a-global-response-st-louis-winter-2023-small-group-catholic/ or contact one of the facilitators at franetter@gmail.com, myrtrollins@gmail.com or essenpreis@charter.net.

The Aviston Sons of American Legion 2022 Black Tie and Talent Show will be on **Sat. Jan. 14th 2023 @ 5:00 pm** at the Hidden Lake Winery in Aviston. This formal event is a talent and glamour contest where we give away over \$9000 in scholarships to (8) college bound contestants. We are selling tickets for the event at \$50.00 each. Ticket includes: happy hour, 4-course meal, talent contest and late night entertainment. Interested contestants can tryout at a **down select** competition at Aviston Legion at 6:00 pm on **Friday, Dec 23rd**. A 3 minute speech on a topic of contestants choice and a talent demonstration is required. Any Clinton County residents who will attend college or trade school in 2023 can enter contest. For tickets or entry info text: Jim Kues 618-973-5688 or Craig Timmermann 618-830-7737.

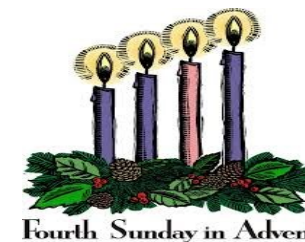
St. Patrick Church, Ruma is hosting a quilt of the month raffle. Tickets are \$20 each. This will enter you in 12 consecutive quilt drawings. Drawings are the 1st Wednesday of every month. I have 5 tickets available in my office or you may call Kathy Schmidt at 618-284-7274 to get a ticket as well. The St. Patrick Quilting Guild thanks you for your support.

Give the Gift that keeps on Giving... The Messenger! To subscribe online for Family or Friends go to: www.bellevillemessenger.org or **Call 618-233-8670.**

Kelsey Tucker hosts a weekly workout/wellness talk program in the St. Mary Parish Center every Tuesday night from 6:30-7:30pm. Please call her at 618-910-7858 for more information.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH *Est. 1853*

1171 Jefferson St., PO Box 179, Carlyle, IL 62231
Fr. George Mauck, Pastor



December 18, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Advent
First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14 (10A)
Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7
Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:18-24

Mass is on local TV, every Sunday at 8:30am on Channel 11

MASS TIMES:
Weekdays (MWF)—7:30am
Saturday—4:00pm
Sunday—8:00 & 10:00am
Holy Days—as announced
Reconciliation—Sat. 3:00—3:45pm

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Wednesday evenings 6-7:45pm
Fridays 7am-1pm
(hours are subject to change at times)

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Rectory: 618-594-2210
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Religious Education: 618-594-2284
Fax: 618-594-4638

Faith Formation:
Every Wednesday 6:30pm-7:30pm
Call Ellen at 594-2284 for more information

To join the Choir or become a Cantor:
Contact Tiffany in the office at 594-2225

Church Calendar on Google:
stmarycarlyle@gmail.com

Sacrament of Baptism:
Baptismal classes are offered the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11am. Call Fr. George Mauck 594-2225 to register.

Sacrament of Marriage:
Please make an appointment with Fr. George 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. George or Ellen for any questions you may have.

Questions about Vocations?
Call Fr. Nick Junker 618-722-5035 or email njunker08@hotmail.com

Parish Registration:
We welcome all new residents 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.

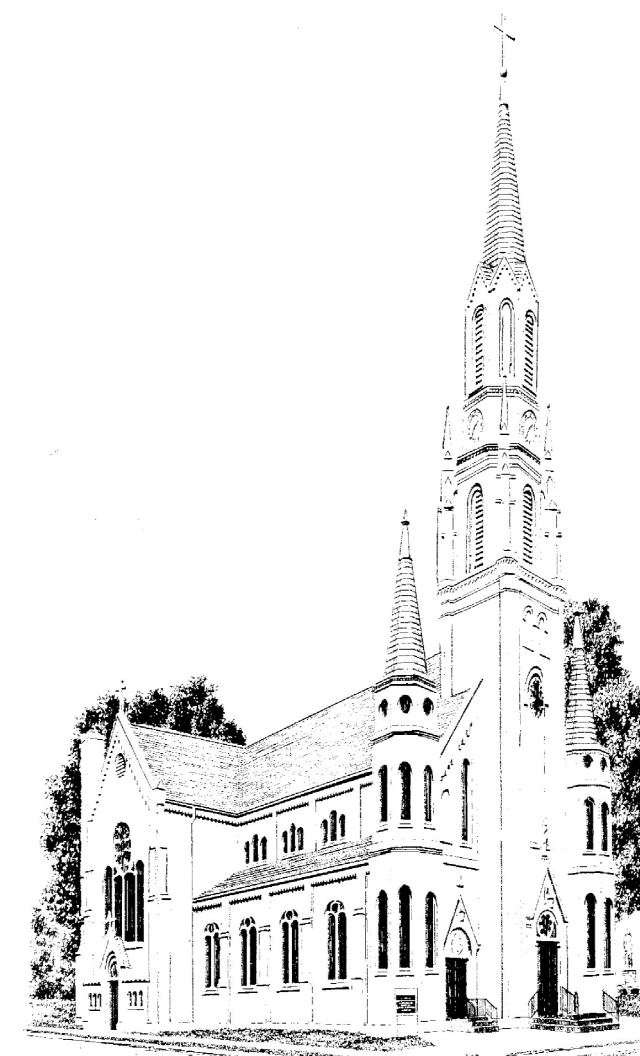
Library Hours: Wed. 6:30-7:30pm

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday, 12 Noon

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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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	Dec 17	4:00pm	Henry Etter Family Art & Cornelia Schomaker & Mark Kenny Becker Jr. Jack Taylor Cyril & Edna Schwierjohn & Bob Buchheit
Sun	Dec 18	8:00am 10:00am	Our Parish Family Fern Wobbe Vic & Mary Jane Timmermann Abernathy & Schroeder Families Robby Lemanski Joaquina Santiago
Mon	Dec 19	7:30am	Gerry Wiegman Sr. Georgine Schleper
Wed	Dec 21	7:30am	L/D family of Joseph F. Diekmeyer
Fri	Dec 23	7:30am	Kenny Hoffmann Nancy Huels
Sat	Dec 24	4:00pm	Our Children
Sun	Dec 25	12:00pm 9:00am	Our Parish Family Fr. Vic Sulkowski Merry Christmas

Stewardship...this weekends collection

Envelopes: \$5868	Loose: \$596
Online Giving: \$145	Cemetery: \$130
Capital Campaign: \$200	Hispanic Ministry: \$106
Religious Retirement: \$684	Christmas for Needy: \$25
Christmas: \$50	Christmas Flowers: \$340

If you are not receiving envelopes, and would like to, or would like to give to Capital Campaign, Guatemala, the Cemetery, or the General Fund through on-line giving, or would like to make a charitable donation from your retirement plan, please contact Tiffany in the office. Our Weekly budgeted expense for the current 2020-2021 fiscal year is \$10,000. Weekly envelope/loose target is \$9,500. Please give as you are able. Thank you for your generosity!

Please remember in our prayers: Parker Weathersby, Alan Kleiboeker, Gary Jansen, Sandy Wehking, Katy Connors, Donna Lacaze, Sarah Schlau, Sherry, Jim Etter, Vince Rolves, Scott Carson, Pat Lawler, Rayma Harris, Alan Fischer, Vernon Vahlkamp, Amie Evans, Fr. Ed Schaefer, Jenny Schneider, Ken Graham, Joann Lehrter, Ali Schubel, Adel List, Edna Erlinger, Carl Mauck, Phil Warnecke, Soraya Louis, Myles Harris, Diane Duckworth, Evan Kessler, Ron Lager, Debbie Birks, Vic Jansen, Christie Dust, Peggy Loomis, Lisa Andrews, Jillian Raab, Janet Gammon, Levi Chisholm, Norman & Pauline Dierkes, Jennifer Lynn (Buehler) Wallace, Gloria Wheritt, Joe Bango, Mike Kueper, Charlene Erlinger, Diane Fewell, Maddi Reising, Murray Fauke, Jerome Huth, Karen Schulte, RaeAnne Toennies, Barb Hempen, Mark Hillyer & Ray Petermeyer.

Vocation Corner— Today we hear of Joseph's call to be the Head of the Holy Family. What a wonderful act of selflessness - turning his whole life over to the will of God, even under some really stressful circumstances. Encourage everyone, including yourself, to follow their unique vocation from God.

Schedule of Events...


Sun, Dec 18	Christmas Choir practice 10:50-11:30am
Wed, Dec 21	Office closed: Secretary out of the office
Dec 23 & 26	Office Closed for Christmas Holiday
Fri, Dec 23	Music, Joy and Peace ~ 6pm-7:30pm St. Mary Church
Sat, Dec 24	4pm Children's Mass
Sun, Dec 25	Midnight Christmas Mass
Sun, Dec 25	9am Christmas Mass
Dec 29, 30 & Jan 2	Office Closed for New Year's Holiday

Advent Reconciliation Services		
St. Michael, Radom	Dec 18	6:00PM
St. Charles Borromeo, Du Bois	Dec 18	3:00PM-3:45PM

Please pray for all expectant mothers and the child they are carrying along with their families:

Nicole, Jaclyn, Abby, Keatyn, Paige, Sydney, Kelly, Jessica, Lisa, Theresa & Julie.

Are you an expectant mother or do you know of someone that we can pray for throughout the pregnancy? Please contact Tiffany in the office. We will place a wooden 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 to keep.



Music, Joy and Peace

Join us at St. Mary Church in Carlyle Friday, December 23rd anytime between 6-7:30pm. The church will be enhanced with a beautiful light display and the air will be filled with pre-recorded, live and sing-along music for all to enjoy! You won't want to miss the "Hallelujah" chorus from Handel's Messiah performed at 7:20pm.

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord, I think of the words St. John wrote in one of his epistles: "we have come to know and believe in the love God has for us." My sincere prayer for the people of our diocese is that as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus, each of us comes to know and believe more deeply in the love God has for us. May this Christmas be filled with a spirit of kindness and compassion and may you, your families and loved ones be filled with the peace of Christ in the New Year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Bishop Michael McGovern

Dec 17/18	4pm	Craig & Beth Monken Family	Advent Candle Bearers
	8am	Chad & Jenny Zurliene Family	
	10am	Brad & Erika Knolhoff Family	
	Dec 24	4pm	Tim & Tiffany Wesselmann Family

KC Info: BINGO Wednesdays at 7:30pm

Knights of Columbus Carlyle Council 1382 kofc1382.org

Walking in the Parish Center

M-F only

8am-3pm with the exception of holidays.

Hello,

Christmas is coming. Thanks for all who are preparing for the Christmas Liturgies: Christmas Eve, 4pm and Christmas at Midnight and 9am. Be there and **don't forget to bring your bells to ring in the season.**

If you're staying home, you can find an 8:30 am Sunday Mass on Channel 11 or St. Cecilia/St. Boniface Parishes Face book on live stream.

Third Sunday of Advent, Cycle A

"But Ahaz answered, 'I will not ask.'" Isaiah: 7:10-

"Today's conversation between God and Ahaz made me laugh – in the best way - when I read it early one morning after sitting in prayer and telling God how fearful I was of too many things to list. And as always I prayed for a sign, any sign, that might lead me on the right paths and give me a clue as to how to be whom I'm called to be.

"But we, like Ahaz, often back away from that offer, maybe out of humility, probably out of fear for what the sign we get might ask of us. And God, having had it up to here with Ahaz, like a frustrated father who says to his relentless children, "Don't make me come down there", does just that. God decides to come down here. God becomes the sign, by way of Mary, in the person of Jesus. It was a sign so outrageous that it rocked the world, changed history, and continues to ripple outward in an endless pool of mercy and salvation and hope. But have we let it change us?" - Mary DeTurrus Poust in Daily Reflections for Advent & Christmas 2022-2023

What do we need to change to reflect the Christ?

P.S. Bring and ring those bells !

Peace & good, Fr. George

Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Spirit, You are the origin of all gifts. Make us grateful stewards of your many blessings. Father, Creator of Abundance, grant us generosity in sharing our gifts and resources with our brothers and sisters around the world. Jesus, Prince of Peace, make us advocates of the peace that strengthens justice and the justice that sustains peace. Father, through your Son and by the power of the Holy Spirit, help us recognize your face in all those affected by global poverty and fill us with the love and fortitude we need to confront its causes. Father, we ask this of you through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN ~CRS 2022

		LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER		MASS SERVERS	GIFT BEARERS	
Dec 17/18	4pm	Elaine Horstmann	John Horstmann Skip Etter	Keri Mitchell	Kendra & Kiera Vaughn Hailey Timmermann	Mike & Susan Howard Family	
	8am	Brigid Nalewajka	Dave & Darlene Rodden	Jim Nalewajka	Ella Jordan Kinsley & Adilyn Diekemper	Jason & Ashley Voss Family	
	10am	Alayna Brandmeyer	Janice & Troy Hempen	Mary Hugo	Julie VonHatten Ellisen & Ethan Wheelan	Joel & Lindsey Tucker Family	
Dec 24/25	4pm	Gabe Osborne	Richard Christ Suzanne Christ	Tiffany Wesselmann	Tyler Wesselmann Luke Beckmann Khloe Hilmes	Children of the parish	
	12am	Dave Brandmeyer	Pat Wesselmann Stacy Holthaus	Linda McNurlen	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	Elyse & David Caplinger	
	9am	Arnie Wobbe	Susan Winkeler Missy Koopmann	Geralyn Hodapp	Clare, Elena & Lauren Winter	Joan Wesselmann & Kevin	
Ushers for the month of December	4PM	Paul Kauling Michael Jansen Joe Mioux	Skip Etter Shirley Etter Ken Foster	8AM Jerome Diekemper Tom Frerker Bob Langenhorst	Kim Holtgrave Gail VonHatten Karen Miller	10AM Kevin Wesselmann Bonnie Huels Gene Huels	Theresa Wuebbels Joan Wesselmann Geralyn Hodapp
Ushers for the month of January	4PM	Kathy Rakers Shirley Etter Marian Perez	Rick Krebs David Beckmann Barb Cardwell	8AM Mary Hartung Ted Rensing Linda Peppenhorst	Marvin Wiegman Richard Diekemper Dave Brandmeyer	10AM Diane Hodapp Chad Holthaus Dennis Hempen	Susan Winkeler Peggy Hilmes Mark Rainey