

St. Liborius Catholic Parish

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708-754-1363 • www.stliborius.org

St. Boniface Catholic Church

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708-534-9682 • www.stbonifacemonee.org

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St. Liborius Catholic Parish

Office Hours:
Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday 8:30 AM—3:30 PM

Mass Schedule—see page 2

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM
Friday 7:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration
Friday 8:30 AM—9:30 AM

St. Boniface Catholic Church

Office Hours
Tuesday 8:30 AM—3:30 PM

Mass Schedule—see page 2

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Tuesday 9:00 AM
Sunday 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday 9:00 AM—10:00 AM



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18, 2026

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 17

4:30 PM • St. Liborius

Joseph Borsilli (D)

Sunday, January 18—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM • St. Boniface

Intentions of Christopher & Alice Frakes (25th wedding anniversary) & the People of the Parish

10:30 AM • St. Liborius

Judy McKenna & the People of the Parish

12:30 PM • St. Boniface (Spanish)

The Souls in Purgatory

Monday, January 19

8:00 AM • St. Liborius—Daniel Strick

8:30 AM • St. Boniface—Communion service

Tuesday, January 20—Ss. Fabian & Sebastian

8:30 AM • St. Boniface—Dave Kwasigroch (D)

7:00 PM • St. Liborius—Kim Boylan

Wednesday, January 21—St. Agnes

8:00 AM • St. Liborius—Mike Boylan

Thursday, January 22—Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:00 AM • St. Liborius—For the Sanctity of Human Life

8:30 AM • St. Boniface—Communion service

Friday, January 23

8:00 AM • St. Liborius—Patrick Boylan

8:30 AM • St. Boniface—Communion Service

Saturday, January 24—St. Francis de Sales

8:00 AM • St. Liborius—Deceased members of the Kim Boylan family

4:30 PM • St. Liborius—Frank D. Pisterzi (D) & the People of the Parish

Sunday, January 25—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM • St. Boniface

Deceased members of the Deckelmann family & the People of the Parish

10:30 AM • St. Liborius

James Petrunaro (D)

12:30 PM • St. Boniface (Spanish)

Vocations to the Priesthood

Scripture Readings

Sunday, January 18—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3, Jn 1:29-34

Sunday, January 25—3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23-9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Liturgical Ministers

St. Boniface • Sunday, January 25

Lector

Erwin Bogs

Eucharistic Minister

John Porpora

Ministers of the Cup

Deacon Mark Otten, Therese Bogs-Haser, Tracy Sheehan

Altar Servers

Romina Flores, Marco Gattuso

St. Liborius • January 24 & 25

Lector

4:30pm—Chuck Gromala

10:30am—Ted Kulma

Eucharistic Ministers

4:30pm—Jamie Smart, Jim Betourney, Jeanette Dargert, Bob Baumgartner, Dave Rudofski

10:30am—Barb Herzic, Jamie Jones, Art LeMere, Jill Raymond, Bertha Mpesa

Altar Servers

4:30pm—Volunteers needed

10:30am—Slaney Chavez & Lia Rivera

Our Stewardship

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Liborius—Week ending 1/11/2026

Sunday Offering.....	\$6,413.00
Children's Envelopes.....	\$1.00

St. Boniface—Week ending 1/4/26

Sunday Offering.....	\$1,886.00
Spanish Mass.....	\$564.33



From Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners of Saint Liborius parish and Saint Boniface church,

Saint Liborius parish – Saint Boniface church

We have reached the halfway point of our first year after the restructuring of our parish and I still find many who do not really know what happened. I still hear many Saint Liborius parishioners thinking Saint Boniface has been closed and many of our Saint Boniface friends who think that Saint Boniface is simply sharing a priest with Saint Liborius and many of our Saint Mary parishioners have found a home elsewhere and some our friends at Mother Teresa think it is an independent school.

What are the cold hard facts?

Saint Liborius is one parish which encompasses the territory of the former Saint Liborius parish as well as the territory of Saint Mary, Park Forest, and **Saint Boniface** in Monee. Saint Boniface remains open as a “worship site” which still has Masses, confessions, other prayer services and office hours each week in English and is the center for Hispanic Ministry in our area. Although **Mother Teresa Catholic Academy** was a combined school belonging to Saint Mary and Saint Liborius, it is now the parish school of Saint Liborius. **Saint Mary parish**, Park Forest, is closed and no longer functions as a parish, but it is the property of Saint Liborius parish.

Efforts taken to attempt to integrate our new reality

We have formed a combined finance council and parish pastoral council which includes members of all of the communities including Saint Liborius, Saint Mary, Saint Boniface and Mother Teresa. We have also revised the liturgical schedule to attempt to serve those Catholics in this very large territory. Financially, Saint Liborius' savings account is used exclusively to support the financial needs of Saint Liborius and the Saint Boniface savings account is used to support the financial needs of Saint Boniface. Having said this, Saint Boniface does support shared expenses, e.g., priest salaries, CRE salary, etc. It should be clear that both Saint Liborius and Mother Teresa operate at a deficit even with the significant cuts that have been made to our operating budget. I hope this helps a little with understanding our **one** parish with **four** sites.

Mother Teresa Catholic Academy – Sign and Webpage

Mother Teresa has been making a big push to upgrade our outreach to the community. We have revised our open house format, increased parish involvement, revised our webpage, put a sign on Steger Road and have engaged a multi-faceted marketing campaign including information in local publications, social media and personal communications. Our next open house is Wednesday, January 14th and Tuesday, January 27th from 12:15 pm to 6:00 pm with a Question Answer session with staff and teachers at 5 pm both days. Please come and visit Mother Teresa and send your children or grandchildren to our parish school.

If you would like to see our new webpage, visit us at: <https://www.mtcacademy.org>.

Special thanks to Mayor Joyce, Roy Stone, Joe Zagone and our whole Village of Steger team who put up our Mother Teresa sign on Steger Road.

May Almighty God bless you and keep you.

Prayers.

Fr. Thomas Milota



Sacraments

Sacrament of Baptism

All parents asking for their children to be baptized must attend a Baptismal Prep class. Classes are held on the third Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. @ St. Liborius in the Church, with a reminder notice in the parish bulletin. If a child has already been baptized here no need to attend class again.

Please register for the class by calling the St. Liborius Parish Office at 708-754-1363. Godparents are also encouraged to attend the class. Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays immediately following the 10:30am Mass. Families and attendees of the Baptism are encouraged to attend Mass as the Baptisms will commence immediately after Mass.

Sacrament of Marriage

Marriage preparation must begin a minimum of six months prior to the actual wedding date. Contact the parish office—St. Liborius (708-754-1363) or St. Boniface (708-534-9682) to begin the process.

Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick is the sacrament that is received by those who are ill or suffering. By the sacred anointing and the prayer of the priest, the whole Church commends those who are sick to Christ.

Due to the Privacy Act, hospitals can no longer inform us when a parishioner is admitted to the hospital. A close relative needs to call either Parish Office—St. Liborius (708-754-1363) or St. Boniface (708-534-9682) to request an anointing.

Please Pray For...

Kathy Boswell, Bill Brennan, Kathy Call, Joan Cleghorn, Ris Dancer, Rachel Dombroski, Don & Kathy Dornhecker, Tammy Downen, Ken Grakauskas, Liz Greene, Barbara Gromala, Julie Hoyda, Kate Kendrick, Peter Klakow, Terri Koepke, Nancy Koepke, Patti Koopman, Louise Kopaczewski, Tim Kornacki, Dennis and Brenda Lileikis, Amber Mangan, Anthony Mangan, Bethany Mangan, Corrie Mangan, Ivy Mangan, Jeremy Mangan, Maykala Mangan, Nasya Mangan, Jimmy Martin, Brenda McCann, Fr. John McGeean, Angela Mills, Bill Moran, Elyse M., Carmin M., John Novak, Fred Nunez, Victoria Nunez-Stuckart, Lloyd Pierce, Nancy Pilotto, Chad Pinnegar, Robert Prete, William P., Eligha Sain, Luis Santiago, Ray Smith, Bob Staniec, George Stelma, Arnie Szudarski, Julie Szudarski, Mary Truss, Kenyada Wilson, Bill Wogan, RW, Fred Zagone, SJ, Colleen Zwolinski, Debbie Zwolinski, Raymond A. Zwolinski,

- Crete Police, Detectives, Fire and Paramedic Departments
- Monee Police, Detectives, Fire and Paramedics, and Emergency Management Agency
- Steger Estates Fire and Paramedic Departments
- Steger Police, Detectives, Fire and Paramedic Departments

Rest in Peace

Juan Lopez
Paula Rozofsky

Our Parish School:

Mother Teresa Catholic Academy
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Phone: 708-672-3093
www.mtcacademy.org

Dr. Kevin Burns, PhD, President
Mrs. Annie Murray, Principal
amurray@mtcacademy.org

All parishioners of St. Liborius / St. Boniface are invited to attend the weekly school Masses at Mother Teresa Catholic Academy on Thursdays at 9:45am when school is in session.

January School Masses: January 22, 29



St. Agnes—feastday: January 21
Patroness of young girls

OPEN HOUSE



A place to learn, grow, and be inspired!

MOTHER TERESA CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Building a Community of Saints and Scholars

**January, 14th
January, 27th**

12:15pm-6:15pm

24201 S King Road Crete IL.



- ✓ Tour the school
- ✓ Meet teachers
- ✓ Review curriculum
- ✓ Ask questions



For more info:

708-672-3093



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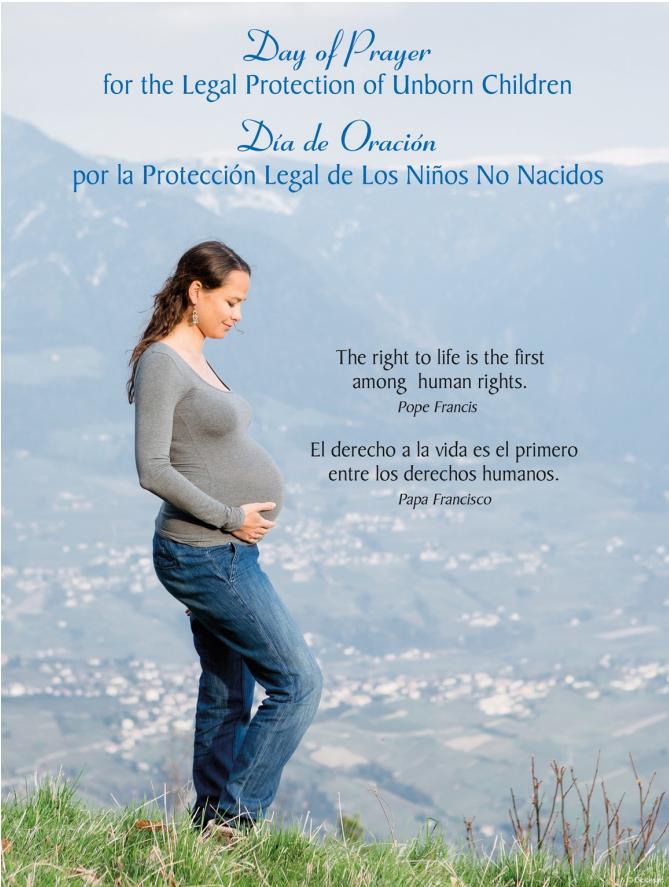
Council 11232 Pasta Dinner @ Saint Boniface

Friday, February 13, 2026 4:30 - 7:00pm

Donation: \$12 per person

Proceeds benefit Knights supported charities.

On Sale After All Masses



Day of Prayer
for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Día de Oración
por la Protección Legal de Los Niños No Nacidos

The right to life is the first among human rights.
Pope Francis

El derecho a la vida es el primero entre los derechos humanos.
Papa Francisco

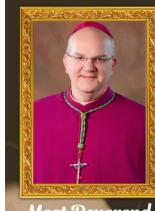
A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.

— Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, no. 100



SUNDAY
MARCH 1, 2026

DISABILITIES Mass



Most Reverend
Dennis E. Spies



OUR LADY OF
MERCY CHURCH
701 S. EOLA RD.
AURORA, IL

Reception to Follow



Scan to
Register!

WHEN YOU PRAY

A CLEAR PATH TO A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

You know prayer is important but still find it challenging. Perhaps it's hard to find time, or you're unsure what to do when you pray. Or maybe you feel discouraged by your weaknesses and your inability to overcome them.

If you have any of these feelings, you are not alone. Many of the saints struggled in prayer. They were like us. But each time they fell, they got up again and learned to rely more on God's grace.

What God did in the lives of countless saints, he wants to do in the lives of ordinary people like us. And that's what this study is about: the journey of prayer God wants to take us on.



DATE TIMES LOCATION

This 7-Week Book Study
Meets Every Monday at 7pm
Beginning February 23rd in
St. Liborius Parish Hall

SIGN UP AND QUESTIONS

Call the Parish Office at
708-754-1363 or email
fatherfrank@stliborius.org

Visit ascensionpress.com/whenyoupray for more details.

How (and Why) to Return to Confession



Reason 1. The presence of sin can easily lead to depression and anxiety.



Reason 2. You shower to show respect for those around you. Cleansing your soul makes you better to be around, too!



Step 1. Examine your conscience ... using the Ten Commandments or an available guide.



Reason 3. Mortal sin, unconfessed, 'ouses exusion from Christ's Kingdom and the eternal death of hell. For our freedom has the power to make choices 'vever, with no turning back' (Catechism, No. 1862).



Step 2. Be concise, clear, complete and contrite. You have to confess mortal sins and give a sense of how often. Don't be embarrassed. You're not going to tell the priest anything he hasn't already heard.

Confession Definition
"For a sin to be mortal, three conditions must together be met: Mortal sin is sin whose object is grave matter and which is also committed with full knowledge and deliberate consent" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 1857).

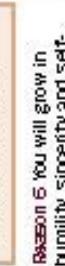
Reason 4. As they leave the confessional, people smile a smile of freedom.



Step 3. Because love means having to say you are sorry to the one you love.



Reason 5. Because love means having to say you are sorry to the one you love.



Reason 6. You will grow in humility, sincerity and self-knowledge.



Reason 7. Blessed Mother Teresa went frequently.



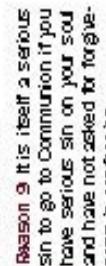
Reason 8. Hoping to convert on your deathbed? That's not very likely. Most likely, you will die as you lived.



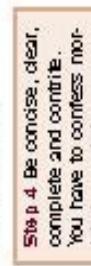
Reason 9. It's itself a serious sin to go to Communion if you have serious sin on your soul and have not asked for forgiveness in confession.



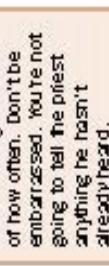
Step 12. Confession stops sins; it doesn't start them.



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Step 11. Be strong. Face your sins, deal with them and move on.



Step 8. Christ has forgiven and forgotten your sins, and the angels and saints are having a party to celebrate.



Step 10. Don't be scared to be scared of confession. Be scared of death without confession.



Reason 9. Matter (What constitutes "grave matter"? Some common sins: Missing Sunday Mass, any sex outside marriage (including pornography and masturbation), serious theft, abortion and contraception, defamation of character, purposefully getting drunk.

Step 15. Then you'll make an act of contrition. Look in a proper book for a longer one, or simply say: "Jesus, I am truly sorry for my sins and, with your grace, I will try to sin no more."



Step 7. Do your penance right away, before leaving the church if possible.

ANSWERS

Concerns &

Can't I talk to God directly, not a priest, to get forgiveness? Not according to the Bible. Read John 20:24-23; 2 Corinthians 2:10; and 2 Corinthians 5:18.

Confession just gives people the idea that it's all right to sin as long as you're sorry later. If a man is confessing drunkenness while he has sinned with his buddies to go barhopping, and get drunk again the coming weekend, he won't be forgiven. He has to have decided to stop.

Step 5. If God forgives no matter what? If we think of sin as merely breaking rules, it is

Step 12. Confession stops sins; it doesn't start them.

REGISTER

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A Brief Examination of Conscience

Based on the Ten Commandments

I am the LORD your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me.

Have I treated people, events, or things as more important than God?

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

Have my words, actively or passively, put down God, the Church, or people?

Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

Do I go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and on Holy Days of Obligation (Jan. 1; the Ascension; Aug. 15; Nov. 1; Dec. 8; Dec. 25)? Do I avoid, when possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord's Day, and proper relaxation of mind and body? Do I look for ways to spend time with family or in service on Sunday?

Honor your father and your mother.

Do I show my parents due respect? Do I seek to maintain good communication with my parents where possible? Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have?

You shall not kill.

Have I harmed another through physical, verbal, or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind?

You shall not commit adultery.

Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself?

You shall not steal.

Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another?

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another?

You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse.

Have I honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love?

You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?

Christ's Two Commandments

How well do we love God and others? Do we love as Christ calls us to? In the Gospel of Matthew, Christ gives us Two Commandments: "He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments'" (Mt 22:37-40).

Not sure what love is? St. Paul describes it for us in his Letter to the Corinthians. Is this how you love God and others? "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails" (1 Cor 13:4-8).

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An Evening for Married Couples with Dr. Edward & Beth Sri

Nationally Renowned Catholic Speakers
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Save the Date **WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2026 @7:00PM**



Whether you've been married one year or forty, don't miss this powerful and inspiring evening! With humor, honesty, and deep faith, the Sris will share real-life insights into Catholic marriage—the joys and the struggles—and how God uses it all to draw spouses closer to Him and to each other. *Come be renewed in your vocation, and invite another couple to join you!*

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at the Lincoln Statue in front of the
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401 S 2nd St,
Springfield, IL 62701

10AM - 12PM - Meet Illinois' pro-life legislators! An early lunch will be served, hosted by Illinois Right to Life Action and pro-life House Republicans, at:

Stratton Cafeteria
Illinois State Capitol
Springfield, IL 62756

10AM - Mass for Life, hosted by the Diocese of Springfield. Registration details will be shared when they become available

1 PM Rally
2 PM The March
3PM Lobby Legislators

For more information:
<https://www.illinoisprolifemarch.com/the-details>



The Dignity of the Human Person

Human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Direct attacks on innocent persons are never morally acceptable, at any stage or in any condition. In our society, human life is especially under direct attack from abortion, which some political actors mischaracterize as an issue of "women's health." Other direct threats to the sanctity of human life include euthanasia and assisted suicide (sometimes falsely labelled as "death with dignity"), human cloning, in vitro fertilization, and the destruction of human embryos for research.

La dignidad de la persona humana

La vida humana es sagrada. La dignidad de la persona humana es la base de una visión moral para la sociedad. Los ataques a las personas inocentes no son nunca moralmente aceptables, en ninguna etapa de la vida ni bajo ninguna condición. En nuestra sociedad, la vida humana está especialmente bajo ataque directo del aborto provocado, que algunos actores políticos caracterizan equivocadamente como una cuestión de "salud de la mujer". Otras amenazas directas a la santidad de la vida humana incluyen la eutanasia y el suicidio asistido (a veces falsamente etiquetados como "muerte con dignidad"), la clonación humana, la fecundación in vitro y la destrucción de embriones humanos para la investigación científica.

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