

# St. Liborius Catholic Parish

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# St. Boniface Catholic Church

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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

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*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 Petrungaro (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 of 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 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Our Parish School:**

Mother Teresa Catholic Academy  
24201 S. Kings Rd., Crete.  
Phone: 708-672-3093  
[www.mtcacademy.org](http://www.mtcacademy.org)

Dr. Kevin Burns, PhD, President

Mrs. Annie Murray, Principal  
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**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**

# 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



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

# OPEN HOUSE

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## MOTHER TERESA CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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**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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# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS


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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  
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Reception to Follow



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# 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](mailto:fatherfrank@stliborius.org)

Visit [ascensionpress.com/whenyoupray](http://ascensionpress.com/whenyoupray) for more details.







**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, unforgiven, causes exclusion from Christ's Kingdom and the eternal death of hell, for our freedom has the power to make choices forever, with no turning back' (Catechism, No. 1855).

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

**Step 2:** You have the choice of being the priest (if he offers the option) or speaking through a screen.

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

**Step 3:** There are no special words you need to say. Greet the priest, and tell him how long it has been since your last confession. If it's been a while, he'll help you.

**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 is itself a serious sin to go to Communion if you have serious sin on your soul and have not asked for forgiveness in confessio

**Step 4:** 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.

## How (and Why) to Return to Confession



### Concerns & Answers

Can't I talk to God directly, not a priest, to get forgiveness? Can't just 'look the other way.' But sin is real; it hurts us and makes us distant from him — and unable to enter heaven. We can only be restored if we confess.

Not according to the Bible. Read John 20:23; 2 Corinthians 2:10; and 2 Corinthians 5:18.

If God knows everything we do, then how come we have to go to confession? You may know your younger brother broke your CD player, but wouldn't it be aggravating if he knew you knew, but still didn't say, 'I'm sorry'?

Doesn't God forgive no matter what? If we think of sin as merely breaking rules, it is

Confession stops sin; it doesn't start them.



**Reason 11:** Be strong. Face your sins, deal with them and move on.

**Step 5:** Christ has forgiven, and the angels and saints are having a party to celebrate.



**Reason 12:** Make sure there are no unpleasant surprises at your particular judgment or at the Final Judgment.



**Reason 13:** The priest will listen to your sins and will never tell a soul on pain of losing his soul. Priests even learn to forget what they hear.

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**REGISTER**

www.nrcg.org



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



# 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).



*Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation*

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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:

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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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