

St. Liborius Catholic Parish

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708-754-1363 • www.stliborius.org

St. Boniface Catholic Church

5304 W. Main Street • Monee, IL 60449
708-534-9682 • www.stbonifacemonee.org

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fathermilota@outlook.com

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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

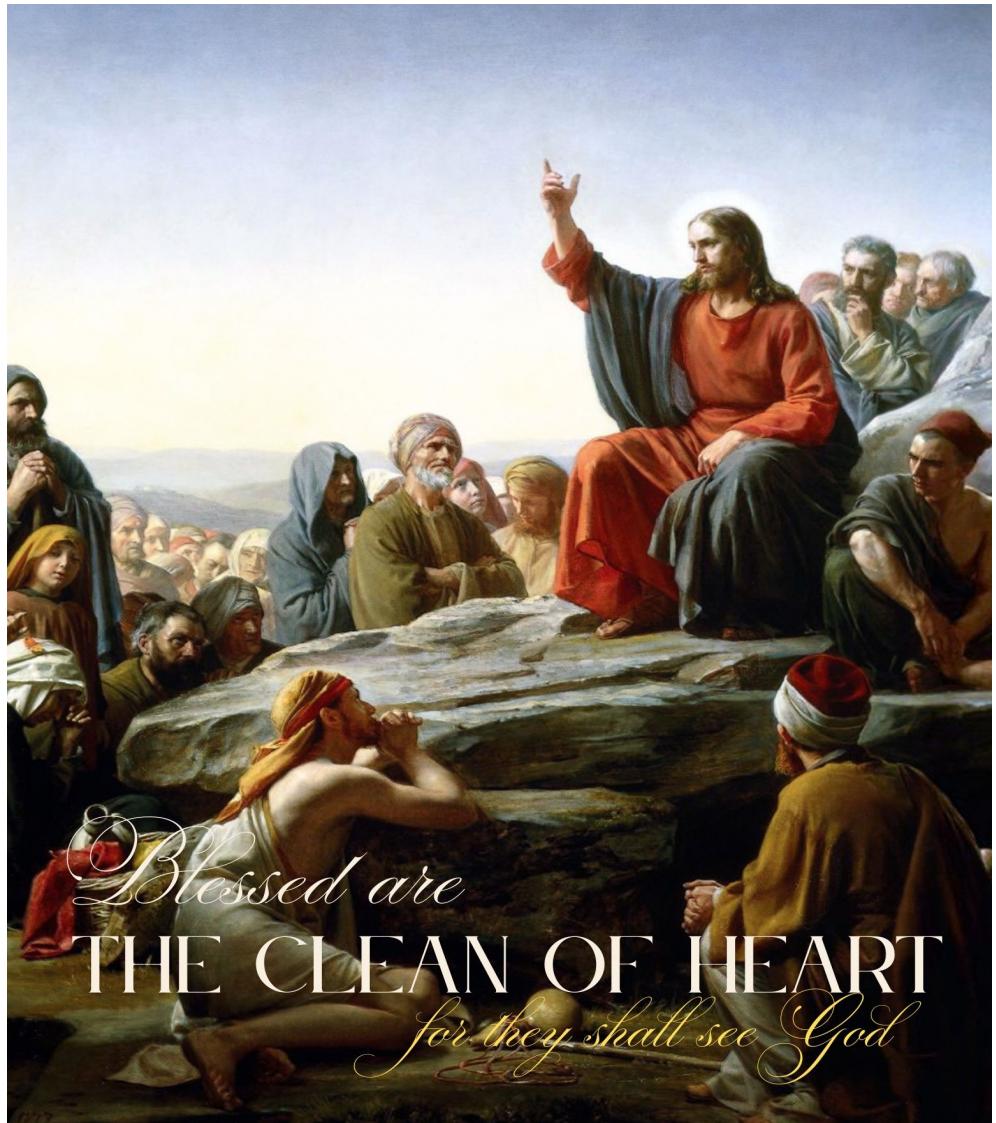
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Tuesday 9:00 AM—10:00 AM

**The Parish offices of St. Liborius & St. Boniface
will both be closed the week of February 2-8.**



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1, 2026

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 31

4:30 PM • St. Liborius—Joseph Jordan

Sunday, February 1—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM • St. Boniface

Tommy Dinkelman (D) & the People of the Parish

10:30 AM • St. Liborius

Mary Wagner (D—birthday) & the People of the Parish

12:30 PM • St. Boniface (Spanish)

Souls in Purgatory

Monday, February 2—Presentation of the Lord

8:00 AM • St. Liborius—For Vocations to the Priesthood

8:30 AM • St. Boniface—Communion service

Tuesday, February 3—St. Blaise

8:30 AM • St. Boniface—Health intentions for Pete Ruksakiati

7:00 PM • St. Liborius—Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, February 4

8:00 AM • St. Liborius—For the People of the Parish

Thursday, February 5—St. Agatha

8:00 AM • St. Liborius—For Vocations to the Priesthood

8:30 AM • St. Boniface—Communion service

Friday, February 6—St. Paul Miki & Co.

8:00 AM • St. Liborius—James Wojcikiewicz

8:30 AM • St. Boniface—Communion service

Saturday, February 7—Ss. Perpetua & Felicity

8:00 AM • St. Liborius—Robert Pluskota (D)

4:30 PM • St. Liborius—Kevin Jordan & the People of the Parish

Sunday, February 8—5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM • St. Boniface

Paul Przybyla & the People of the Parish

10:30 AM • St. Liborius

In Thanksgiving for Outreach Volunteers & Donors

12:30 PM • St. Boniface (Spanish)

For Vocations to the Priesthood

Scripture Readings

Sunday, February 1—4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10;
1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

Sunday, February 8—5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5;
Mt 5:13-16

Liturgical Ministers

St. Boniface • Sunday, February 8

Lector

Phyllis Huske

Eucharistic Minister

Kathy Short

Ministers of the Cup

Deacon Mark Otten, John Blazevich, Jennifer Duncan

Altar Servers

Therese Bogs-Haser, Wayne Haser

St. Liborius • February 7/8

Lector

4:30pm—Jim Betourney

10:30am—Ted Kulma

Eucharistic Ministers

4:30pm—Bob Baumgartner, Maureen Burns,
Jamie Smart, Dave Rudofski, Jeanette Dargert

10:30am—Bertha Mpesa, Melva Larrieu, Barb Herzic,
Clint Mann

Altar Servers

4:30pm—Volunteers needed

10:30am—Kenia Hernandez & Slaney Chavez





From Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners of Saint Liborius parish and Saint Boniface church,

February 3rd – Feast of Saint Blaise

February 3rd is the Feast of Saint Blaise and it is traditional, in honor of the Saint, that we bless throats. Hence, throats will be blessed at the 8:30 am Mass at Saint Boniface on February 3rd and Saint Liborius at the 7:00 pm Mass on February 3rd. Please note that throats will not be blessed on other days as they are not the Feast of Saint Blaise.

New Sunday Evening Mass – Beginning February 22nd

Saint Liborius will begin offering a Sunday evening Mass at 5:00 pm every Sunday of Lent. If you have friends who might be interested in the evening Mass here, invite them to come. If you don't have any friends, then invite your enemies.

Lent

Lent is a time to prepare our hearts and souls for eternal life and the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Sacrifice. We should choose our Lenten Penitential practices from three categories: Fasting, Penance and Almsgiving. Not only should we avoid meat, but the Church also requires that we go to confession at least once per year and Lent is the perfect time. We have numerous times of confession each week. This is also a time of charitable giving to assist those who have less than we do.

Ash Wednesday is February 18th and is the start of Lent. We have numerous Masses and prayer services that day so if you can't find your way to church, it's not our fault.

6:30 am Saint Liborius
8:00 am Saint Liborius
8:30 am Saint Boniface
Noon Saint Liborius
6:30 pm Saint Boniface (service)
7:00 pm Saint Liborius
7:30 pm Saint Boniface (Spanish)

Fasting and Abstinence

A penitential practice is not only a rule we must follow but an act of love. We give up a great many things for those we love including our time, talent and treasure. How much do you sacrifice for your children? Similarly, we should be making a sacrifice of time, talent and treasure for our Lord and His Church.

Lenten rules require Abstinence from meat (beef, pork, poultry) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent for those 14 and older, and Fasting (one full meal, two small) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for those 18 to 59, with exceptions for health, the frail, pregnant/nursing, and manual laborers. Abstinence doesn't forbid fish, eggs, dairy, or meat juices, while fasting allows liquids and snacks between meals, but not another full meal.

Abstinence (No Meat)

Who: All Catholics aged 14 and older.

When: Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent.

What's Forbidden: Meat (warm-blooded animals like chicken, beef, pork).

What's Allowed: Fish, shellfish, eggs, milk products, grains, fruits, and vegetables.

Fasting (One Full Meal)

Who: Catholics aged 18 to 59.

When: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

What's Required: One full meal; two smaller meals (not equal to the full meal); no eating between meals.

What's Allowed: Liquids (water, juice, broth) are permitted.

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

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.

February School Masses: 5, 12, 18 (Ash Weds), 25

Please Pray For...

Kathy Boswell, Bill Brennan, Kathy Call, Joan Cleghorn, Marie Compton, 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, Dennis and Brenda Lilekis, Amber Mangan, Anthony Mangan, Bethany Mangan, Corrie Mangan, Ivy Mangan, Jeremy Mangan, Maykala Mangan, Nasya Mangan, Gavin Mann, 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

Tim Kornacki

The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun! The Diocese of Joliet invites all parishioners to support the 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Together, we can make a profound difference. This year's theme is *Beyond all Expectations: Faith that Elevates!*

Our Stewardship **Thank you for your generosity!**

St. Liborius—Week ending 1/25/26

Sunday Offering.....	\$5,514.00
Children's Envelopes.....	\$1.00

St. Boniface—Week ending 1/18/26

Sunday Offering.....	\$1,962.00
Spanish Mass.....	\$826.00

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.



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Dinner

St. Liborius Catholic Church
Steger, IL

— FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2026 5-7pm —

All you can eat dinner includes:

- Fried fish
- coleslaw
- mac & cheese
- french fries
- green beans
- bread & butter
- and coffee

3440
Halsted St.
Steger, IL

cash only please

Fish dinner (all you can eat).....\$12

Fish dinner to go.....\$11

Extra fish to go.....\$3

Kid's fish dinner.....\$5
(Ages 10 and under)

Mac & Cheese.....\$1

French Fries\$1

Hot Dog\$1

Pop/Water.....\$1

cash only please





Make a joyful noise unto the LORD,
all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come
into his presence with singing!

Psalm 100

The St. Liborius choir sings at Sunday Masses and rehearsals take place every Thursday unless otherwise notified. All voice types are needed as well as cantors! Please come and sing with us! If you are interested or would like to find out more, please contact the Coordinator of Music, Chris Prete, at 708-420-8369 or mcp.stliborius@gmail.com.

EL VIA CRUCIS

Estaciones en español todos los viernes de cuaresma

Comienza Viernes 2-20-26

7:00pm Español - El Via Crucis

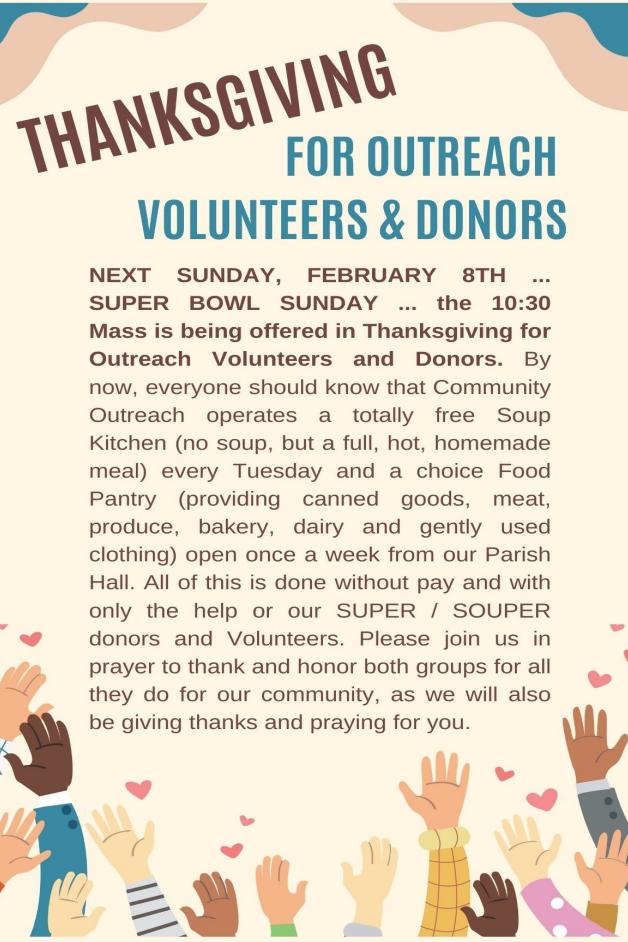
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THANKSGIVING FOR OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS & DONORS

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH ...
SUPER BOWL SUNDAY ... the 10:30 Mass is being offered in Thanksgiving for Outreach Volunteers and Donors. By now, everyone should know that Community Outreach operates a totally free Soup Kitchen (no soup, but a full, hot, homemade meal) every Tuesday and a choice Food Pantry (providing canned goods, meat, produce, bakery, dairy and gently used clothing) open once a week from our Parish Hall. All of this is done without pay and with only the help of our SUPER / SOUPER donors and Volunteers. Please join us in prayer to thank and honor both groups for all they do for our community, as we will also be giving thanks and praying for you.



MEN OF CHRIST
LIVE YOUR FAITH BOLDLY
JOLIET

BUILDING MEN OF VIRTUE

SATURDAY 14 MARCH 2026
A POWERFUL CONFERENCE FOR ALL MEN
Ages 14 & Over

A DAY ROOTED IN CHRIST
Begin the day with friendship. End with spiritual renewal.

FATHERS & SONS
Come together. Share a powerful Father/Son blessing.

COURAGEOUS PRIESTS
Our spiritual leaders will hear many confessions and heal countless souls.



JUSTIN FATICA
Speaker, author, and producer; founder of You're Amazing, dedicated to encouraging youth.
JOHNNY VRBA
On a mission to spark a Catholic renaissance through storytelling and impactful multimedia art.
BISHOP SPIES
Appointed auxiliary bishop of Joliet in 2024, focused on catechesis, evangelization, and living the faith.
JIM WAHLBERG
Filmmaker, author, and speaker inspiring faith through stories of redemption and service to youth and recovery communities.
ST. MARY IMMACULATE PARISH
15629 Illinois Rte 59
Plainfield, Illinois
Young men ages 14-17 are welcome to attend when accompanied by a father or adult guardian.

REGISTER @
menofchrist.net/joliet

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

Nationally Renowned Catholic Speakers • Authors of *The Good, the Messy, and the Beautiful*

Hosted by  Save the Date **WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2026 @7:00PM**

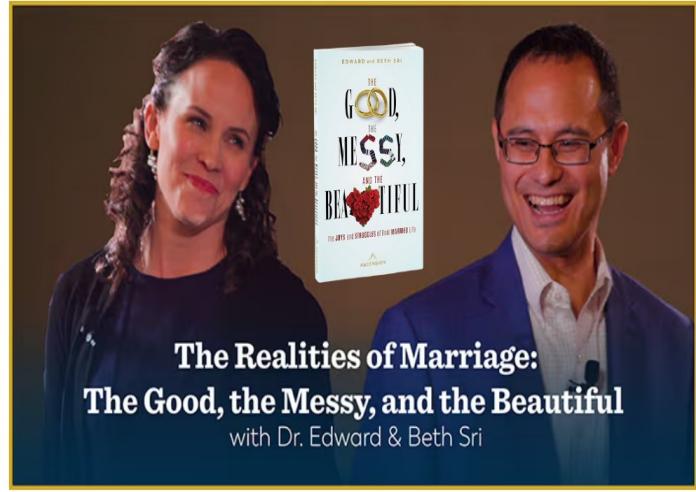
OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH, 701 S. EOLA ROAD, AURORA, IL 60504

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!

**\$50 PER COUPLE (MARRIED, ENGAGED, OR DATING)
CHILDCARE AVAILABLE**

REGISTER NOW TO SECURE YOUR SEATS ➤ ➤ ➤ bit.ly/srisatolm 



Dine Out Week

February 2nd – February 6th

Lunch * Dinner



***You must bring receipt in to school or church
in order for our school to receive credit***
"Must have itemized receipt not credit card slip"

Mother Teresa Catholic Academy

Will get

\$5.00 back for every two Lunches

\$10.00 back for every two Dinners

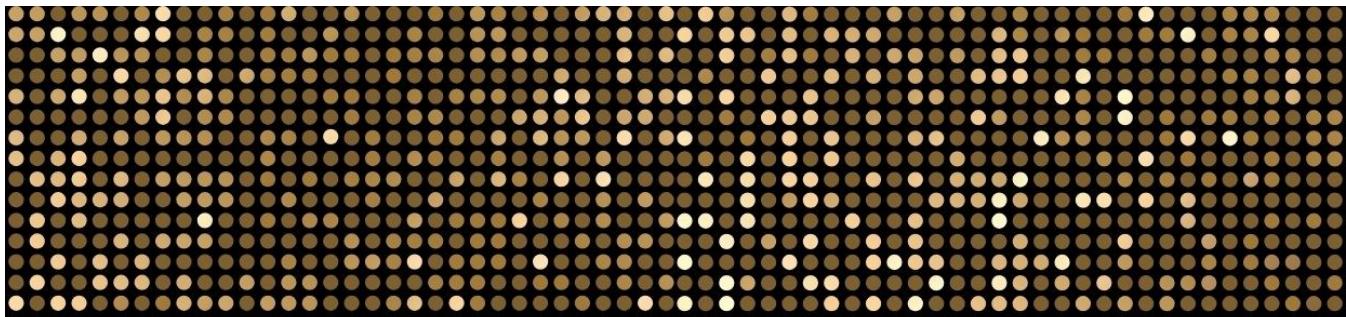
(small plates not included)

* Dine in or Carry Out * Multiple Visits Allowed *

Tell your friends and family
Srementi's has a nice atmosphere and Great food
Check out their web page www.srementis.com

*No Coupons, No Senior discount, No scrip certificates
Not Valid with any other offer*

****Don't forget to turn your receipt in to school or church****
if you use any discount or other offer we will not get anything
"Must have itemized bill not credit card slip"



SAVE THE DATE

Mother Teresa Catholic Academy Presents

HOLLYWOOD GLAMOUR

*You are invited to join us for our
Annual Spring Event*

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SATURDAY

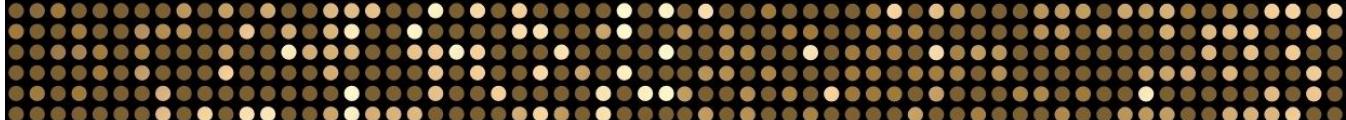
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AT 6PM

2026

*21 & Over Event
Dinner* Dancing* Games*
Auctions* Raffles* Fun**

Questions? Call 708-672-3093





MOTHER TERESA
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Dear Supporters & Business Owners,

Mother Teresa Catholic Academy is hosting our annual Spring Event fund-raiser on **Saturday March 21st, 2026**, at our Crete, IL campus. This event is one of our largest fundraisers of the year; all profits are returned to the school for educational programming and continued school improvement. To help with the success of this event, we are asking you to join our efforts and donate to help keep our costs low and reach our goal of \$20,000!

Mother Teresa Catholic Academy is a PreK-8 school whose population is comprised of students from the far south suburbs of Chicago. MTCA is committed to teaching as Jesus did; providing excellence in education and dedicated to creating an environment where students grow spiritually, academically, and physically within the framework of gospel values and church traditions. Our administration, faculty, and staff welcome families of all faiths and are committed to the continued success of Mother Teresa Catholic Academy.

This year's event will include dinner, dancing, silent auctions, games & the MTCA Annual Raffle Drawing. We are looking to offer **Auction items** to our 100+ guests and volunteers. These items would include but are not limited to gift certificates (dining, movies & events), sporting equipment or memorabilia, wines, spirits, hotel getaways, electronics and more.

We are also offering a monetary **Sponsorship opportunity**. If you choose to be one of our sponsors your contribution will be used toward purchasing the items needed to make this evening a success. Program advertising is a business card size ad for company or personal advertising. The cost is \$75 per ad. **Please attach a business card size ad for each advertisement you would like included.** Ads will be printed in color in the programs given to each attendee.

Ad Sponsor Name _____ **total \$** _____

*Donations & Sponsorships may be mailed directly to the school address below or can be picked up by one of our volunteers. We kindly request that all donations & sponsorships be received by March 2, 2026. Please contact Stephanie to arrange pickup. 708-672-3093
soviyach@mtcacademy.org or mail to*

Mother Teresa Catholic Academy
ATTN: Spring Event
24201 S. Kings Road
Crete, IL 60417

Thank you in advance for considering our request; we look forward to continued success with your help! Our tax ID is provided below for your records; donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. If you have any questions, need further information, or would like to join us for the event please reach out to us. We will continue to pray for our benefactors and their families at our weekly mass!

God's blessings to you and yours,
The MTCA Fundraising Committee

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