

# St. Liborius Catholic Parish

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# St. Boniface Catholic Church

5304 W. Main Street • Monee, IL 60449  
708-534-9682 • [www.stbonifacemonee.org](http://www.stbonifacemonee.org)

## Pastor

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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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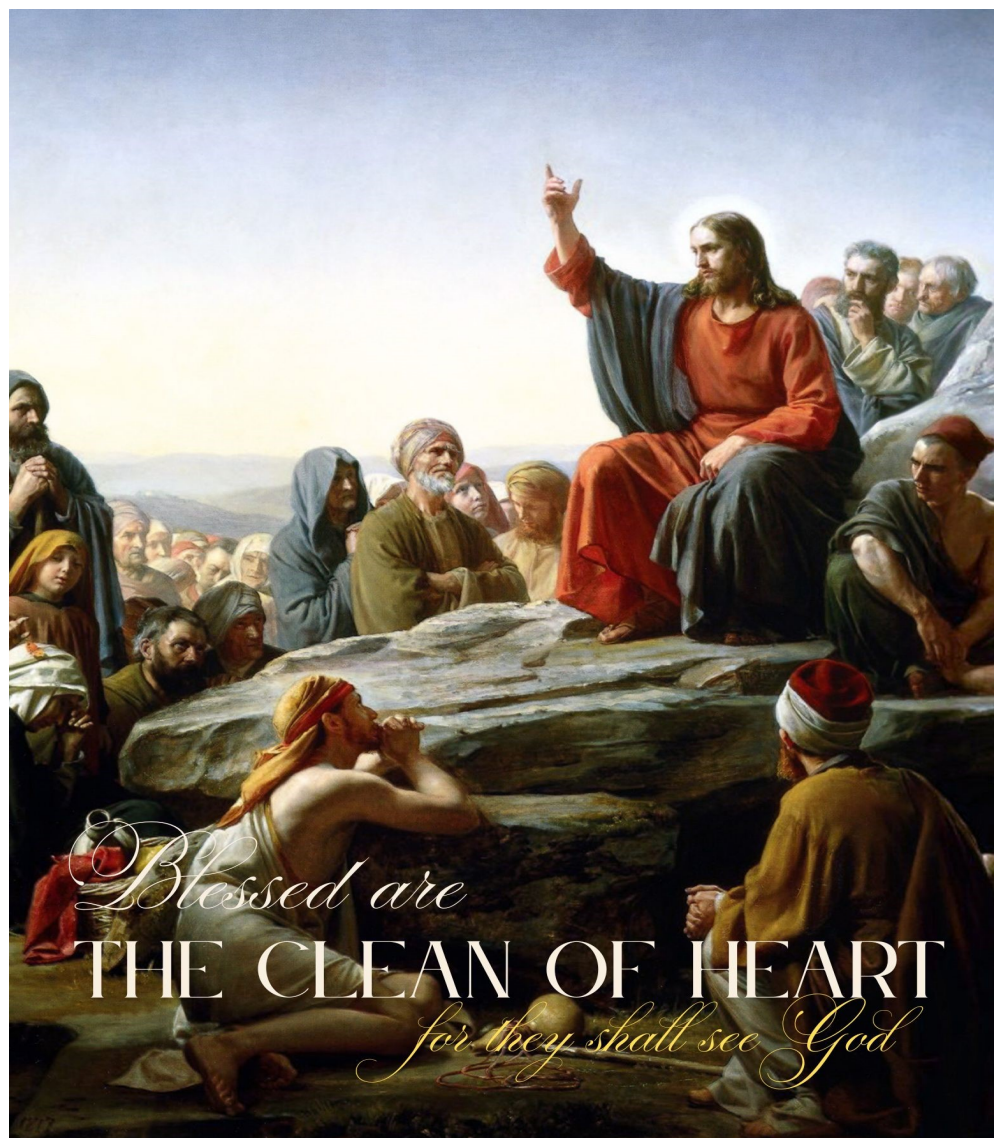
### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday .....9:00 AM  
Sunday .....8:00 AM

### Eucharistic Adoration

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 Blazeovich, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> – Feast of Saint Blaise

February 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saint Liborius at the 7:00 pm Mass on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 22<sup>nd</sup>

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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.mtcacademy.org)

Dr. Kevin Burns, PhD, President

Mrs. Annie Murray, Principal  
[amurray@mtcademy.org](mailto:amurray@mtcademy.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 Lileikis, 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](mailto:fatherfrank@stliborius.org)

Visit [ascensionpress.com/whenyoupray](http://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*

The Daughters  
of St. Liborius offer  
desserts & home baked  
treats at each fish fry  
to fund various  
charitable  
projects.







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](mailto: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**

**St. Boniface**  
**5304 W. Main St.**  
**Monee, IL 60449**





# 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.



## 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](https://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**

**The Realities of Marriage:  
The Good, the Messy, and the Beautiful**  
with Dr. Edward & Beth Sri

**REGISTER NOW TO SECURE YOUR SEATS** → [bit.ly/srisatolm](https://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**

**Scrementi's has a nice atmosphere and Great food**

**Check out their web page [www.scrementis.com](http://www.scrementis.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*

	MAR	
SATURDAY	21	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](mailto: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**

**EIN 27-4065702**