

# St. Liborius Catholic Parish

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# St. Boniface Catholic Church

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## Pastor

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Mark Otten  
David Prete

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708-754-3460

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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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Sunday .....8:00 AM

### Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday ..... 9:00 AM—10:00 AM



February 22, 2026

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, February 21

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

## Sunday, February 22—First Sunday of Lent

**8:30 AM • St. Boniface**  
Elaine & Pete Malito (D) & the People of the Parish

**10:30 AM • St. Liborius**  
Geraldine Piszczek

**12:30 PM • St. Boniface (Spanish)**  
People of the Parish

**5:00 PM • St. Liborius**  
Vocations to the Priesthood

## Monday, February 23—St. Polycarp

**8:00 AM • St. Liborius**—Henry & Genevieve Bojanwski

**8:30 AM • St. Boniface**—*Communion service*

## Tuesday, February 24

**8:30 AM • St. Boniface**—Gary Schott (D)

**7:00 PM • St. Liborius**—People of the Parish

## Wednesday, February 25

**8:00 AM • St. Liborius**—Souls in Purgatory

## Thursday, February 26

**8:00 AM • St. Liborius**—Dale Baker (D)

**8:30 AM • St. Boniface**—*Communion service*

## Friday, February 27

**8:00 AM • St. Liborius**—Richie Bronkala (D)

**8:30 AM • St. Boniface**—*Communion Service*

## Saturday, February 28

**8:00 AM • St. Liborius**—Deceased members of the Piacenti & Scracchi Families

**4:30 PM • St. Liborius**—Danylle Tottleben (D)

## Sunday, March 1—Second Sunday of Lent

**8:30 AM • St. Boniface**  
Kathleen Kelly (D) & Ron Mitchell (D)  
People of the Parish

**10:30 AM • St. Liborius**  
Frank D. Pisterz (D) & People of the Parish

**12:30 PM • St. Boniface (Spanish)**  
Vocations to the Priesthood

**5:00 PM • St. Liborius**  
Vocations to the Priesthood

## Scripture Readings

### Sunday, February 22—First Sunday of Lent

Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17;  
Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

### Sunday, March 1—Second Sunday of Lent

Gen 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10;  
Mt 17:1-9

## Liturgical Ministers

### St. Boniface • Sunday, March 1

#### Lector

Danita Gerrity

#### Eucharistic Minister

Tracy Sheehan

#### Ministers of the Cup

Deacon Mark Otten, John Porpora, Therese Bogs-Haser

#### Altar Servers

Mike Hudspeth, Sherwin Jaculbe

### St. Liborius • February 28 / March 1

#### Lector

**4:30pm**—Elaine Rach

**10:30am**—Dennis Smith

**5:00pm**—Jeanette Dargert

#### Eucharistic Ministers

**4:30pm**—Dave Rudofski, Maureen Burns,  
Bob Baumgartner, Chuck Gromala

**10:30am**—Bertha Mpesa, Clint Mann, Christian Jimenez,  
Melva Larrieu

**5:00pm**—Jeanette Dargert, Perez Family,  
**2 volunteers needed**

#### Altar Servers

**4:30pm**—*Volunteers needed*

**10:30am**—Kenia Hernandez & Slaney Chavez

**5:00pm**—Danilo Perez & Kenia Hernandez

## Our Stewardship

Thank you for your generosity!

### St. Liborius—Week ending 2/8/26

Offertory.....\$7,747.00  
Children's.....\$1.00

### St. Liborius—Week ending 2/15/26

Offertory.....\$6,643.00

### St. Boniface—Week ending 2/1/26

Offertory.....\$2,030.00  
Spanish Mass.....\$640.63

### St. Boniface—Week ending 2/1/26

Offertory.....\$1,829.55  
Spanish Mass.....\$543.00



## From Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners of Saint Liborius parish and Saint Boniface church,

### Lent

During Lent, we allow ourselves to recognize in full force our human condition. Our perceived invincibility falls into the background while our absolute dependence on our creator stands before us as love personified. Contrary to the perceived strength of the world, He stands as father, shepherd, king and suffering servant defeating the universal enemy, death, that we might have eternal life. We sometimes confuse the struggles of this life as a sign that He has forgotten us or that He does not exist, when, in fact, the Resurrection only comes after His courageous act of love on the cross.

On February 21<sup>st</sup>, we celebrate the feast day of a saint few of us know, Saint Peter Damian. This is not the Fr. Damian of Molokai but a saint who lived more than 800 years later. Dante placed him in one of the highest circles of paradise. Although a monk and a hermit, God always chooses the least likely to perform great deeds. Like the 12 fishermen before him, Saint Francis, Saint Dominic and Saint Ignatius after him, Saint Peter Damian would reform the Church, the government and society.

Saint Peter writes to one of his brothers in religious life encouraging him in tough times. I thought many of us might find it helpful and as an inspiration for our Lenten practice:

“You asked me to write you some words of consolation, my brother. Embittered by so many tribulations, you are seeking some comfort for your soul. You asked me to offer you some soothing suggestions. But there is no need for me to write. Consolation is already within your reach...But for God’s chosen ones there is great comfort; the torment lasts but a short time. Then God bends down, cradles the fallen figure, whispers words of consolation. With hope in his heart, man picks himself up and walks again toward the glory of happiness in heaven. Craftsmen exemplify this same practice. By hammering gold, the smith beats out the dross. The sculptor files metal to reveal a shining vein underneath. The potter’s furnace puts vessels to the test. And the fire of suffering tests the mettle of just men. The apostle James echoes this thought: Think it a great joy, dear brothers and sisters, when you stumble onto the many kinds of trials and tribulations... Therefore, my brother, scorned as you are by men, lashed as it were by God, do not despair. Do not be depressed. Do not let your weakness make you impatient, Instead, let the serenity of your spirit shine through your face. Let the joy of your mind burst forth. Let words of thanks break from your lips... The Scriptures reassure us: let your understanding strengthen your patience. In serenity look forward to the joy that follows sadness. Hope leads you to that joy and love enkindles your zeal. The well-prepared mind forgets the suffering inflicted from without and glides eagerly to what it has contemplated within itself.”

### Fridays in Lent

During Lent, we will continue to offer Stations of the Cross in the evening at 6:00 pm followed by soup and bread at 6:30 pm at Saint Liborius. We will also have Stations at Saint Boniface immediately following the communion service at 3:00 pm (There will be no morning communion service at Saint Boniface during Lent). Stations are at Saint Boniface at 7:00 pm in Spanish. You can also pray the Stations individually during the Holy Hour each Friday morning after Mass at Saint Liborius.

May Almighty God bless you and keep you.

Prayers.  
In Christ,  
Fr. 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@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.**

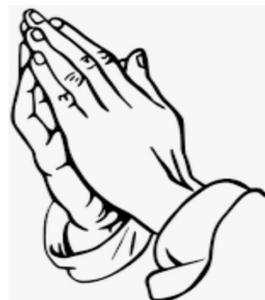
**February School Masses: 25**

# Please Pray For...

Kathy Boswell, Bill Brennan, Tom Burns, Kathy Call, Joan Cleghorn, Marie Compton, Czajka Family, Ris Dancer, Rachel Dombroski, Don & Kathy Dornhecker, Tammy Downen, Julie Einhorn, Ken Grakauskas, Liz Greene, Barbara Gromala, Julie Hoyda, Kate Kendrick, Peter Klakow, Terri Koepke, Nancy Koepke, Patti Koopman, Louise Kopaczewski, Dennis and Brenda Lileikis, Joane Males, 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., Michael Rozwalka, Denise Rozwalka, 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

### **The Other Stations of the Cross**

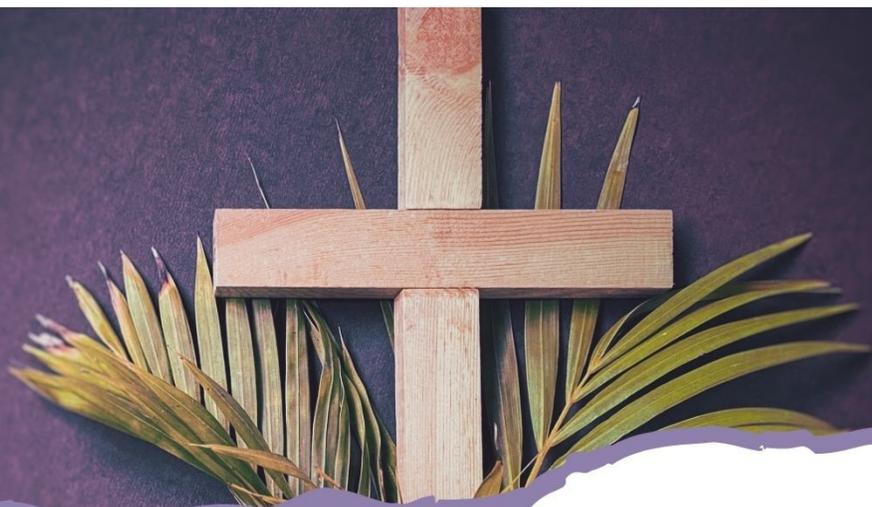


“A dying man asked a dying man for eternal life; a man without possessions asked a poor man for a kingdom; a thief at the door of death asked to die like a thief and steal Paradise. ... In the Divine plan it was a thief who was the escort of the King of kings into Paradise.”

The thief “knocked once, sought once, asked once, dared everything, and found everything.” (Bishop Fulton J Sheen)

During Lent, the Small But Mighty Prayer Group adds another available time to knock, ask, and seek Jesus through His passion and crucifixion. We will WALK the Stations of the Cross on every Lenten Tuesday morning at 9:00am at St Liborius Church. Any and all are welcome.

# LENT 2026



Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday

Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.



On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

## Stations of the Cross

Every Friday in Lent:

3:00pm - St. Boniface (following Communion service)

6:00pm - St. Liborius

7:00pm - St. Boniface (Spanish)

## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES:

*(Blessed ashes will be distributed within all Masses)*

6:30am - St. Liborius

8:00am - St. Liborius

8:30am - St. Boniface

12:00 noon - St. Liborius

6:30pm - St. Boniface (service)

7:00pm St. Liborius

7:30pm - St. Boniface (Spanish)

## Confessions

Tuesday - 9am (St. Boniface)

Friday - 7am (St. Liborius)

Saturday - 8:30am & 3:30pm (St. Liborius)

Sunday - 8am (St. Boniface)

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## Daughters of St. Liborius Spiritual Adoption Prayer Campaign

The Daughters of St. Liborius started our annual Spiritual Adoption Prayer Campaign last weekend. We hope that all parishioners will also offer a prayer for the unborn each day ending on Mother's Day May 11, 2025.

Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen encouraged people to spiritually adopt an unborn child, and thereby combat the abortion mentality and general anti-life sentiment in our world today. It is said that although the identity of the child you pray for will be unknown to you during your earthly life, there is every hope that you will be united with that child forever in Heaven. Archbishop Fulton Sheen wrote the following daily prayer to spiritually adopt an unborn child, and we ask that you, too, will offer this prayer:

**Jesus, Mary, Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion. Amen.**

### What's the timeline for fetal development?

#### Month 7 (weeks 25 through 28)

The fetus continues to mature and develop reserves of body fat. At this point, hearing is fully developed. The fetus changes position frequently and responds to stimuli, including sound, pain and light. The amniotic fluid begins to diminish.

If born prematurely, your baby would be likely to survive after the seventh month.

At the end of the seventh month, the fetus is about 14 inches long and weighs from 2 to 4 pounds.

#### Third trimester

This is the final part of your pregnancy. You may be tempted to start the countdown till your due date and hope that it would come early, but each week of this final stage of development helps the fetus prepare for birth. Throughout the third trimester, the fetus gains weight quickly, adding body fat that will help after birth.

Remember, even though popular culture only mentions nine months of pregnancy, you may actually be pregnant for 10 months. The typical, full-term pregnancy is 40 weeks, which can take you into a tenth month. It's also possible that you can go past your due date by a week or two (41 or 42 weeks). Your healthcare provider will monitor you closely as you approach your due date. If you pass your due date, and don't go into spontaneous labor, your provider may induce you. This means that medications will be used to make you go into labor and have the baby. Make sure to talk to your healthcare provider during this trimester about your birth plan.

### EMBRYONIC DEVELOPMENT

#### 3rd Trimester



7 MONTH

8 MONTH

9 MONTH

# 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**



### St Paul (Peotone) Knights of Columbus Raffle Winners for February

- \$150—#49 Ron LeClaire
- \$100—#145 Joe Celebucki
- \$50—# 57 Larry Pilotto
- \$50—#453 Council 745
- \$25—# 679 Jacob Press and Sons
- \$25—# 138 Joe Celebucki

Thank You for your support good luck next month.



### How Do We MAKE Disciples for Jesus?

**What:** Join us for a conversation with Auxiliary Bishop Dennis Spies on how to make disciples for Jesus in the Diocese of Joliet. Continuing the legacy of Archbishop Ron Hicks of New York, the event will focus on common questions about putting our faith into action and making disciples in our parish communities.

**Where:** St. Mary Immaculate Parish, 15629 Illinois Route 59, Plainfield, IL

**When:** Thurs., March 5, 6:30-8 pm



Scan the QR Code to RSVP



MAKE is a call to action—rooted in Catechesis, Evangelization, and Faith into Action—to follow Jesus' Great Commission to go and make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20).

[make.diojoliet.org](http://make.diojoliet.org)



# Butter Braids are back!

The sale starts on *Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>* and  
ends *Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>*.

You can shop online by following the link below.

<https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/SelectProducts/4ef830ae-5cc0-4c8e-b336-01a0122720f2/4628360>

You can also contact our office to place an order! 708-672-3093

### *Items Available:*

Pastries & Pastry Rolls: Apple, Bavarian Crème, Blueberry & Cream Cheese, Cherry, Cinnamon, Four Cheese & Herb, Strawberry & Cream Cheese, Cinnamon Pastry Rolls

Croissant Crowns: Breakfast Crowns, Herb & Cheese Crowns

Cake Rolls: Carrot Cake, Chocolate Crème, Lemon Crème, Pumpkin, Red Velvet, Strawberry Cheesecake

Pretzels: Soft Pretzels, Pretzel Bites, Soft Pretzel Baking Kit

All orders & payments (check payable to MTCA)

are due no later than *Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>*.

Pick up for Butter Braids is scheduled for

*Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>!*

*(Please remember we do not have freezer space, so all Butter Braids must be picked up on this day.)*

***Please note: Butter Braids & Cake Rolls are \$18***

***Soft Pretzels & Croissant Crowns are \$20.***

Any questions please contact Stephanie Oviyach in the MTCA office

[soviyach@mtcacademy.org](mailto:soviyach@mtcacademy.org) 708-672-3093

***Thank you for your support!!!***

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Presenta

EL GLAMOUR DE HOLLYWOOD

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708-672-3093

*Estás invitado a acompañarnos en nuestro  
Evento Anual de Primavera*

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SÁBADO | 21 | A LAS 6 PM

*Cena con servicio de catering\* Subastas\* Juegos  
Rifas\* Barra de bebidas\* DJ en vivo\* Cabina de fotos  
Vístete para impresionar\* Evento +21*

\$50 POR PERSONA \$90 POR PAREJA \$350 MESA DE 8  
\$40 EXALUMNOS JÓVENES  
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*You are invited to join us for our  
Annual Spring Event*

SATURDAY | MAR 21 | AT 6PM

*Catered Dinner\* Auctions\* Games\* Raffles  
Cash Bar\* Live DJ\* Photo Booth  
Dress to Impress\* 21 and over*

\$50 PER PERSON \$90 PER COUPLE \$350 TABLE OF 8  
\$40 YOUNG ALUMNI  
(FORMER STUDENTS AGES 21 - 30)



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# ILLINOIS PRO-LIFE MARCH



Thursday, March 19, 2026

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

10AM - Mass for Life, hosted by the Diocese of  
Springfield at:

Nelson Center Ice Rink  
1601 N 5th Street  
Springfield, IL 62702

**Registration for Mass IS required. Please visit:  
<https://dio.org/prolife/mass/> to register & for  
more information. (Copy and paste link into  
search bar)**

1PM - The Rally  
2PM - The March  
3PM - Lobbying

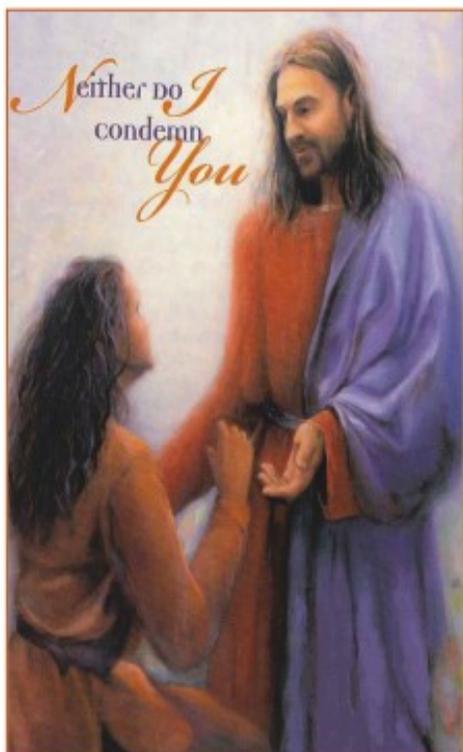
*\*Please note that due to limitations placed  
upon us by Springfield Public Works, we have  
deviated from the usual rally and march  
schedule. This year, the rally and march will  
take place at a later time to accommodate  
local traffic patterns.*

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

## Employment Opportunity

**Bilingual Program  
Coordinator –  
Diocese of Joliet,  
Crest Hill, IL**

This position will assist/support functional departments and ministries with the daily administrative, project, and transactional tasks. Normal work schedule Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Friday. Additional time, as necessary. Requirements include high school diploma or equivalent required, associate degree in office administration or related field preferred. Minimum of five (5) or more years of administrative assistant experience preferred. Proven track record of success supporting computer systems, LAN and WAN environments and network security principles and best practices. Experience working in a team oriented and collaborative environment. Proficient computer knowledge with emphasis on Microsoft Office Suite and data input into a variety of databases. Knowledge of basic administrative and clerical systems and procedures. Minimum of five (5) years solid experience working in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, Outlook). Notary public registration a plus. Bilingual in English and Spanish required. To view a full job description, visit: [The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois](#). If interested in this amazing opportunity, please send a cover letter and resume to the Human Resources Department at [humanresources@dioceseofjolielt.org](mailto:humanresources@dioceseofjolielt.org). When sending your cover letter and resume, please reference Program Coordinator, Catechesis and Evangelization in the subject line of your email.



## MERCY, COMPASSION, FORGIVENESS...

If you are suffering from grief after having had an abortion, remember that God always offers forgiveness. Nothing is unforgivable and the Church is the hospital of healing. Just as the father ran to the prodigal son when he came home, so too is God waiting with open arms to receive you back home!

### 2026 Retreat Dates

May 1 - 3

Oct. 2 - 4

Our Lady of the Angels Retreat Center  
at Sisters of Mt. Assisi - Lemont, IL

## Rachel's Vineyard Retreats for Healing After Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats offer a beautiful opportunity for healing to any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion.

The retreat is a chance to get away from the daily pressure of work and family, to focus on a painful time in life, and to begin healing through a supportive and non-judgmental process.

Many preconceived fears of condemnation are transformed into blessings; memories of abandonment, pain, and confusion are replaced by reconciliation, grace and peace.

Spiritual exercises focusing on God's forgiveness, compassion, and mercy are shared through psychological exercises that help participants work through repressed grief and anger that may exist.

The retreat concludes with a Memorial Service. The weekend will help your soul find a voice and transform the pain of the past into love and hope.

### **Information, prayer, registration contact:**

815-370-8118 or 815-634-3796

[www.diojoliet.org](http://www.diojoliet.org) or

[www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

*Do not continue to live in the shame, fear or numbness – call the Rachel's Vineyard toll-free national hotline at*

**877 HOPE 4 ME (877-467-3463)**