

St. Liborius Catholic Parish

71 W. 35th Street • Steger, IL 60475
708-754-1363 • www.stliborius.org

St. Boniface Catholic Church

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

Pastor

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fathermilota@outlook.com

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fatherfrank@stliborius.org

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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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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



HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2026

CONFESSION & LITURGY SCHEDULE

Confessions:

Sunday, March 22 - 2 PM - St. Liborius
Thursday, March 26 - 7 PM - St. Boniface

Tuesday, March 24 - 9 AM - St. Boniface
Friday, March 27 - 7 AM - St. Liborius
Saturday, March 28 - 8:30 AM - St. Liborius
Saturday, March 28 - 3:30 PM - St. Liborius
Sunday, March 29 - 8 AM - St. Boniface
Sunday March 29 - 10 AM - St. Liborius
Tuesday, March 31 - 9 AM - St. Boniface
Good Friday, April 3rd - 5 PM - St. Liborius

*No Confessions on Holy Saturday
or Easter Sunday*

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Palm Sunday (March 29):

8:30 AM St. Boniface • 10:30 AM St. Liborius
12:30 PM (Spanish - St. Boniface) • 5 PM St. Liborius
(Blessed Palms distributed at all Masses)

Holy Thursday (April 2):

8:30 AM morning prayer (St. Boniface)
9:30 AM morning prayer (St. Liborius)
7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (St. Liborius)
11:30 PM Tenebrae (St. Liborius)

Good Friday (April 3):

9:30 AM Morning Prayer (St. Liborius)
12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross (St. Boniface)
3:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy (St. Liborius)
3:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy (Bi-lingual - St. Boniface)
6:00 PM Stations of the Cross (St. Liborius)
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Spanish - St. Boniface)

Holy Saturday (April 4):

8:30 AM Morning Prayer (St. Boniface)
9:30 AM Morning Prayer (St. Liborius)
10:00 AM Blessing of Baskets (St. Liborius)
7:30 PM Easter Vigil & Mass (St. Liborius)

Easter Sunday (April 5):

8:00 AM (St. Liborius) • 8:30 AM (St. Boniface)
10:30 AM (St. Liborius)
12:30 PM (Spanish - St. Boniface)

No 5:00 PM Mass on Easter Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2026

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 21

4:30 PM • **St. Liborius**—Tom Gromala & People of the Parish

Sunday, March 22—Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM • **St. Boniface**
The Village of Monee Residents *Req by Mayor Bogs*

10:30 AM • **St. Liborius**
Matthew Cline (D) *Req by Laura Cline*

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

5:00 PM • **St. Liborius**
Jim Barkus (D) *Req by George & Gwen Polletta*

Monday, March 23

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

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

Tuesday, March 24

8:30 AM • **St. Boniface**—Barb Marusin *Req by Bob Marusin*

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

Wednesday, March 25—Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 AM • **St. Liborius**—Margaret Olson (D) *Req by Char Reimer*

Thursday, March 26

8:00 AM • **St. Liborius**—Darlene Murphy (D) *Req by Therese Short*

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

Friday, March 27

8:00 AM • **St. Liborius**—James Wojcikiewicz

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

Saturday, March 21

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

4:30 PM • **St. Liborius**—Patricia Jordan

Sunday, March 29—Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

8:30 AM • **St. Boniface**
Anniversary of Bob & Sue Jancek *Req by Family*

10:30 AM • **St. Liborius**
Joe Smith *Req by Family & People of the Parish*

12:30 PM • **St. Boniface (Spanish)**
Souls in Purgatory

5:00 PM • **St. Liborius**
Souls in Purgatory

Scripture Readings

Sunday, March 22—Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rm 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Sunday, March 29—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

Liturgical Ministers

St. Boniface • Sunday, March 29

Lector

Deacon Mark Otten, Darlene Clark

Eucharistic Minister

Tracy Sheehan

Ministers of the Cup

Deacon Mark Otten, Colleen Domke, Donald Domke

Altar Servers

Romina Flores, Anita Otten

St. Liborius • March 28/29

Lector

4:30pm—Jim Betourney

10:30am—Dennis Smith

5:00pm—Jacquie Smith

Eucharistic Ministers

4:30pm—Jamie Smart, Chuck Gromala, Maureen Burns, Dave Rudofski

10:30am—Christian Jimenez, Jamie Jones, Dennis Smith, Clint Mann,

5:00pm—Jeanette Dargert, Patty Heiss, Craig Quick

Altar Servers

4:30pm—*Volunteers needed*

10:30am—Lia Rivera & Josh Boyd

5:00pm—Craig Quick





From Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners of Saint Liborius parish and Saint Boniface church,

Why the Lord's Day, Sunday?

When I say Sunday, we want to remember that Sunday begins in the early evening of Saturday and runs throughout the day on Sunday, i.e., Saturday evening Mass is Sunday Mass. This little provision actually reminds us of the reason why Sunday is called the Lord's Day and carries an importance beyond any other day of the week.

Remember that Shabat, the Sabbath Day, begins for people of the Jewish faith the evening prior. Since Jewish people celebrate the Sabbath on Saturday, the Sabbath begins on Friday evening...hence the reason why Jesus was not left on the cross on Friday evening. When Moses received the covenant from the Lord, the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai, the third of these commandments was "Keep Holy the Sabbath Day." In fact, when the Jewish people were released from Egypt to go free, the specific purpose, as recorded in the Book of Exodus, was to be free to go out into the desert to worship the Lord. Hence, this obligation to celebrate the Sabbath Day is not a human law but a Divine Law.

When Jesus Christ laid down His life in the New Covenant with God's people, He died on Friday and rose from the dead on Sunday. From this point forward, the Christian people began to celebrate Sunday, the first day of the week as the new Sabbath. Hence, to keep Holy the Sabbath means worship...giving thanks to God and coming to adore Him in a special way.

You might think about the Sunday obligation as a date. You have your date morning, evening, with the Lord, the most important person in your life, each and every Sunday. How would your relationship with your spouse go if you missed your date night most weeks?

Lenten Confessions

We have many times for you to receive the beautiful Sacrament of Forgiveness:

Saint Liborius

Saturdays at 830 am and 330 pm; Sundays at 10 am; Fridays at 7 am.

Saint Boniface

Sundays at 8:00 am; Tuesdays at 9:00 am; Sundays at 12 pm (Spanish)

Special Confession dates and times:

Sunday, March 22 at 2:00 pm at Saint Liborius
Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 pm at Saint Boniface
Good Friday, April 3 at 5:00 pm at Saint Liborius

Decorating for Holy Week

Please help us decorate for the Most Holy Week of the year. We will be decorating Saint Liborius on Holy Thursday morning at 10 am and Saint Liborius for Easter on Good Friday after the Stations of the Cross, approximately 6:30 pm. All are welcome! Please stay tuned for the date to decorate Saint Boniface for Easter.

May Almighty God bless you and keep you.

Prayers.

In Christ,
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@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.

March School Masses: March 19, 26

Please Pray For...

Jerry Bernar, Jr., 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, Hoyda family, 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

Rest in Peace

Fr. Fred Zagone, S.J.
Donald Clinkert

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 • Welcome to our 7th and 8th
 • grade students preparing
 • for the reception of the
 • Sacrament of Confirmation
 • and their families who are
 • attending the 10:30am Mass
 • this Sunday.
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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.

Our Stewardship

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Liborius—weekend of March 15:

Sunday Offering.....\$6,331.00
Children’s envelopes.....0.00

St. Boniface—weekend of March 1:

Sunday Offering.....\$2,481.30
Spanish Mass.....\$878.72

St. Boniface—weekend of March 8:

Sunday Offering.....\$1,367.67
Spanish Mass.....\$688.00

Weekly Offering



Saint Liborius
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Lent

Friday Evenings: February 20 • February 27 • March 13 • March 20 • March 27
(Knights of Columbus Fish Fry – March 6, 5–7pm)

Stations of the Cross
6:00 PM
Including Exposition & Benediction

Soup & Bread Dinner
Following immediately afterwards
in the parish hall

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus council #14562

Just Getting Started
Thursdays
4/16 - 5/21
5:30 - 7 pm
18+ Single Play

This session is for players who want to find out more about the game of pickleball. Sign up individually and learn about the rules of the game and get paired up with other players each night as you learn how to play. Come out and meet other players that are also interested in learning more about the sport.

\$30

Recreational Scramble

Join this recreational session of pickleball as an individual and get paired up with other players to play 2 to 3 matches each night. This session is ideal for beginner players interested in meeting other players and playing games each week.

Crete Park District

f cretepark | cretepark.com | 708.672.6969 | 737 W Exchange Street Crete, IL

St. Paul the Apostle Knights of Columbus Raffle Winners for the month of March

- \$150 #12 Paula Prium
- \$100 #726 Patrick Polcyn
- \$50 #682 Don Mueller
- \$50 #780 Tony Formato
- \$25 #279 Beth Yaeger
- \$25 #255 Colette Barajas

Thank you for the support. This concludes last year's raffle. New raffle tickets are now available. Ticket We award \$400 in prizes every month, you can win multiple times! Call me, John Porpora, at 1-708-975-1108. Thanks and good luck.

Parish Bulletin deadlines:

Please send items for publication in the parish bulletin or weekly Flocknote to:

connections@stliborius.org

Items must be submitted to the bulletin editor by no later than Thursday (**ten days prior to the publication date**). We reserve the right to edit or re-format content as space allows.

Early deadlines will be communicated when we are informed by the printer.

Acceptable formats are MS Word, Publisher, Excel, PDF or jpg files.

Early bulletin deadlines for Easter

Due to printing deadlines, all items for the Easter Sunday bulletin must be submitted by no later than Wednesday, March 25th, at 9:00am.

YOU'RE INVITED TO



MOTHER TERESA
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

EASTER EGG HUNT

MARCH

29

AT 2:00 PM

24201 KINGS RD,
CRETE, IL 60417



Please note:

This league is open to all parishioners of St. Liborius Parish and St. Boniface Church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS *Tuesday Evening Golf League*

Start Date **April 7, 2026**

• Open to all St. Liborius parishioners •
at *Lincoln Oaks Golf Course in Crete, IL*

 **4:30 PM**
START

\$25/person



Contact

Collin 773-330-5456
or **Clint 219-746-9025**

with your email address
and contact information
if you are interested in playing



**ST. LIBORIUS
COUNCIL
14562**





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. John Paul II Catholic Church, 907 S. 9th St., Kankakee

When: Mon., March 23, 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

Catholic Charities Angel Fund

You can help bring hope to neighbors in need by supporting the Catholic Charities Angel Fund. Your gift helps provide food, shelter, counseling, and other essential services to families, seniors, and individuals across the Diocese of Joliet.

Thanks to a generous angel donor, all donations will be matched (up to \$50,000), doubling the impact of your gift.

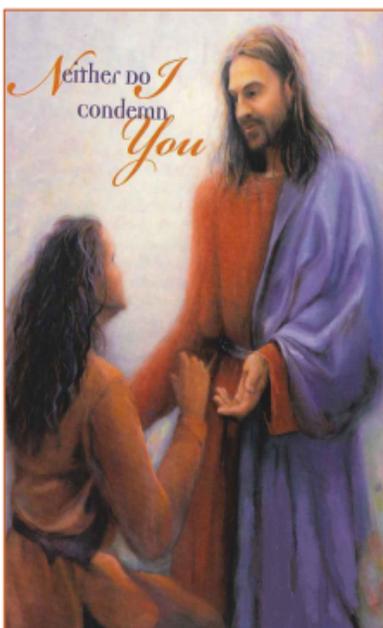
Please consider donating by May 3.

Visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org, call 815-724-1140, or mail a gift to:

Catholic Charities Angel Fund
16555 Weber Rd., Crest Hill, IL 60403

On behalf of those served by Catholic Charities, thank you!

Be an angel
to someone in need.



**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 or
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)

Jeremiah Day

Calling all young men grades 7-10. Come spend a day with the Diocese of Joliet Seminarians for a day of prayer, fun, and talks. Learn about what it's like to be at Mundelein seminary, its history, and the life of the seminarians currently attending. Lunch will be provided! The event costs \$10. Cash or check is accepted and must be brought to the door!

To register, please visit:

[Jeremiah Day - Vocations - Diocese of Joliet](#)

Or contact:

Fr. Steven Borello
Phone: (815) 221-6171
vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org

Reverend Andrew Buchanan
abuchanan@rcdoj.org

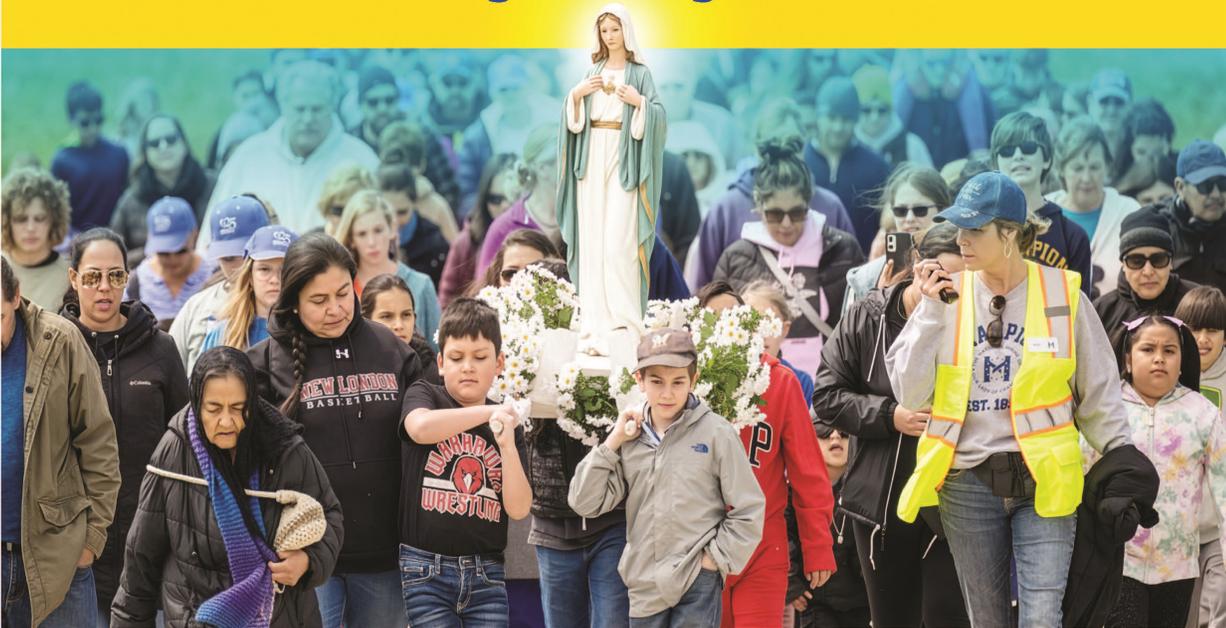


WALK TO MARY

United in Step from Shrine to Shrine

A 22-mile walking pilgrimage (shorter routes available) starting from the National Shrine of St. Joseph at Old St. Joseph Church on the St. Norbert College campus in De Pere, WI to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion.

Saturday, May 2, 2026



Shorten the route by joining in at:

Saint Peter and Paul Parish
14 miles

Holy Cross Parish at Bay Settlement
7 miles

Walk with the Children
National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion
1.7 miles

Get more information and sign up to walk by scanning the QR code or visiting www.WalkToMary.com

