

# St. Liborius Catholic Parish

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# St. Boniface Catholic Church

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## Pastor

**Fr. Thomas Milota**  
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**Fr. Frank Pusateri**  
[fatherfrank@stliborius.org](mailto:fatherfrank@stliborius.org)

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Frank Ciscato  
Mark Otten  
David Prete

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**Katie Canty**  
[faithformation@stliborius.org](mailto:faithformation@stliborius.org)  
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**Chris Prete**  
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Allen Guziejka

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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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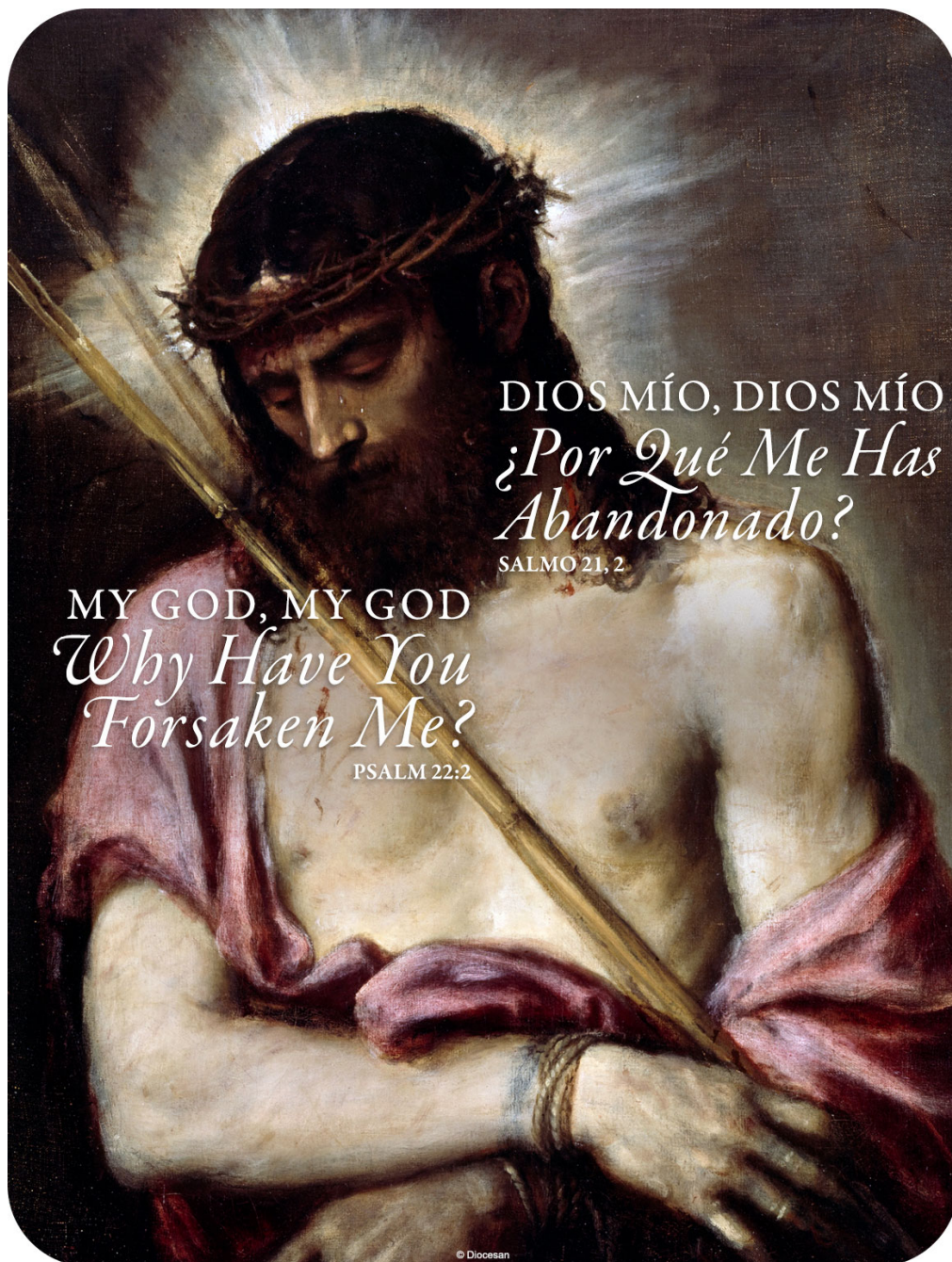
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### Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

### Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday ..... 9:00 AM—10:00 AM



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion  
March 29, 2026



# Mass Intentions

## **Saturday, March 28**

**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 Janecek *Req by family*

**10:30 AM • St. Liborius**

Joe Smith & the People of the Parish

**12:30 PM • St. Boniface (Spanish)**

Adan Carriedo Castro

**5:00 PM • St. Liborius**

The Souls in Purgatory

## **Monday, March 30**

**8:00 AM • St. Liborius**—Donald Clinkert

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

## **Tuesday, March 31**

**8:30 AM • St. Boniface**—Claris Jean Rode (D) *Req by Mayor Bogs & Wayne Haser*

**7:00 PM • St. Liborius**—For Vocations to the Priesthood

## **Wednesday, April 1**

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

## **Thursday, April 2—Holy Thursday**

**7:00 PM • St. Liborius**—Mass of the Lord's Supper  
For all Living & Deceased Priests

## **Friday, April 3—Good Friday**

See page 7 for Good Friday Schedule

## **Saturday, April 4—Holy Saturday**

**7:30 PM** Easter Vigil & Mass (St. Liborius)  
Lance Demase & for those received into the Church

## **Sunday, April 5—Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection**

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

**8:30 AM • St. Boniface**  
For the People of the Parish

**10:30 AM • St. Liborius**  
For those baptized and received into the Church

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

**NO 5:00 PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY**

## Scripture Readings

### **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

### **Thursday, April 2—Holy Thursday**

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18;  
1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

### **Friday, April 3—Good Friday of the Lord's Passion**

Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25;  
Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

### **Saturday, April 4—Holy Saturday**

Gen 1:1—2:2; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35;  
Gen 22:1-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Ex 14:15—15:1;  
Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30: 2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5, 43:3, 4; Rm 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10

### **Sunday, April 5—Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;  
Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

## Liturgical Ministers

### **St. Boniface • Good Friday, April 3**

#### **Lector**

Deacon Mark Otten, Cindy Clark

#### **Eucharistic Minister**

Deacon Mark Otten

#### **Altar Servers**

Romina Flores, Mike Hudspeth

### **St. Boniface • Easter Sunday, April 5**

#### **Lector**

Tracy Sheehan

#### **Eucharistic Minister**

Therese Bogs-Haser

#### **Ministers of the Cup**

Deacon Mark Otten, Colleen Domke, Kathy Short

#### **Altar Servers**

Marco Gattuso, Sherwin Jaculbe

### **St. Liborius • March 29—April 5**

St. Liborius Liturgical Ministry volunteers—  
please refer to your schedules.



## From Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners of Saint Liborius parish and Saint Boniface church,

### God in the Dock

Sunday is Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday and marks the beginning of the most Sacred week of the year. On Palm Sunday, we hear two separate Gospel passages. The first passage is read at the start of Mass prior to the procession and recounts Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem among singing and shouting, "Hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." The second passage is read after the second reading and recounts the Passion of the Lord, the moment when Jesus Christ is defamed, falsely accused, beaten and crucified. The Church, in giving us these two passages within the same liturgy, points us toward contradictory treatment of Jesus. On one hand, He is praised and heralded as "coming from God," and, on the other, defamed and killed. Once more, all this happens within days of one another...in the same city...by many of the same people.

We, in the here and now, are invited to meditate on the sacrifice Christ made for us...in order to meditate on this mystery...we must believe, in fact, that Jesus Christ was real...that He was who we believe him to be and He did, in fact, suffer and die on the cross and rise from the dead three days later. This may seem strange to say for us reading this...after all...we are Christians and Catholics. I am a priest. You are regular Mass goer and one who prays and reads letters from the pastor.

However, it is quite easy to fall into the trap not only of going through the motions...but of allowing all of our other motions to crowd out the reality of that in which we believe. One of the things I did this Lent was re-read some essays composed by C.S. Lewis. You may better know him as the author of the Chronicles of Narnia, e.g., *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*, but he was actually a fine philologist and Christian author and professor.

One essay, in particular, struck me: "God in the Dock." "The Dock," you see was the stand in a court room in which an accused criminal is held and questioned. If God were in the Dock, this would mean that he must prove his innocence...or, in this case, His existence. Whereas for centuries it would appear that God was the Almighty and Omniscient Judge and determined what is right and wrong or, perhaps, who is a sheep or a goat, now, in our modern world, God must defend Himself. God defends Himself not simply against claims that He is not all good but that He does not even exist. Interestingly, C.S. Lewis begins His essay pointing out that his premise comes not from his experience with virulent atheists but his experience with those who are well-educated and who would call themselves "Christians." He notes that, in his time, the word "christian" has, indeed, come to signify not an individual's belief in a personal God whose Son came to earth, suffered and died, and rose from the dead but to signify a person of high moral standard, a person who behaves well, is generally honest and, perhaps, care for the poor and those who are in need.

C.S. Lewis was not the first to make this observation and he was not the last. Although the list of such people who have made this observation is long, it likely suffices to point out that our last three Popes have made such observations in the hope that we avoid the danger of being a Christian without God.

Now, mind you, it is good to behave well, be honest and care for people other than yourself; however, the person of faith is something more than this. A person who believes in a personal God who sent His Son to die on a cross and rise from the dead so that we might have eternal life with Him, knows why she behaves, why

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# 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.

April School Masses: 9, 16, 23, 30

# Please Pray For...

Jerry Bernar, Jr., Kathy Boswell, Bill Brennan, Tom Burns, Kathy Call, Joan Cleghorn, Marie Compton, Czajka Family, Ris Dancer, Don & Kathy Dornhecker, Tammy Downen, Julie Einhorn, Ken Grakauskas, Liz Greene, Barbara Gromala, Hoyda family, Rosie Janota, 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, James Szelinski, Jr., Arnie Szudarski, Julie Szudarski, Mary Truss, Kenyada Wilson, Bill Wogan, RW, 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
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## Our Stewardship

**Thank you for your generosity!**

### **St. Liborius—weekend of March 22:**

Sunday Offering.....\$7,631.00  
Children's envelopes.....0.00

### **St. Boniface—weekend of March 15:**

Sunday Offering.....\$4,171.00  
Spanish Mass.....\$684.00

# From Our Pastor

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she tells the truth and why she helps the poor. This person does it, because Our Lord has made others and him/her in His image and likeness and it is this God who is the source of all that is good. The Christian/Catholic determines his behavior not out of some ungrounded moral principle of which origin he is uncertain, but because he has an intimate relationship with the person of Jesus Christ who truly walked the earth, cured the sick, raised the dead and gave his life.

During Holy Week we are invited to not only to be good people but walk with the Person, who truly walked this earth, who has spoken to us and continues to speak to us, who was scourged and derided and suffered just as we suffer and a friend who did not promise to give His life for us but truly gave His life for us.

This Holy Week we are invited not just to believe but know and love Jesus Christ.

## **Please join us for the most important celebration of the year:**

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord’s Supper – 7 pm – April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Good Friday – Veneration of the Cross – 3 pm – April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil – 7:30 pm – April 4<sup>th</sup>

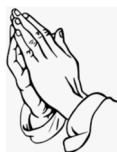
## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Good Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 to 7:00 pm – Saint Liborius

May Almighty God bless you and keep you.

Prayers.

In Christ,  
Fr. Thomas Milota



## **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.

An illustration of a choir of seven people (men and women) standing and singing. Above them are musical notes on a staff. The background is a light, textured yellow.

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).

## Good Friday Soup Supper at St. Boniface

On Good Friday, the church asks us to fast and abstain...simplicity is the key. Abstaining remains that we refrain from eating meat. The minimum requirement of Fasting means the following: 'For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.'

In observance of the norms of the Catholic Church and to provide for those coming to the veneration of the cross at 3:00 pm, we will have a meatless soup and bread dinner beginning at 4:30 pm at Saint Boniface which can count as your one meal that day. Please join us in observing the greatest act of love as a community on Good Friday.

Since we ask only a free will donation for this meal, it would be very helpful if you let us know whether you will be partaking of soup and bread with us by signing up on the sheet at the door or calling the parish office.

Special thanks to all those who have stepped up to provide this meal.

### Parish Bulletin deadlines:

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

[connections@stliborius.org](mailto: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.

**Liturgia de**  
**Viernes Santo**

**Servicio Bilingue**  
**3:00 pm**

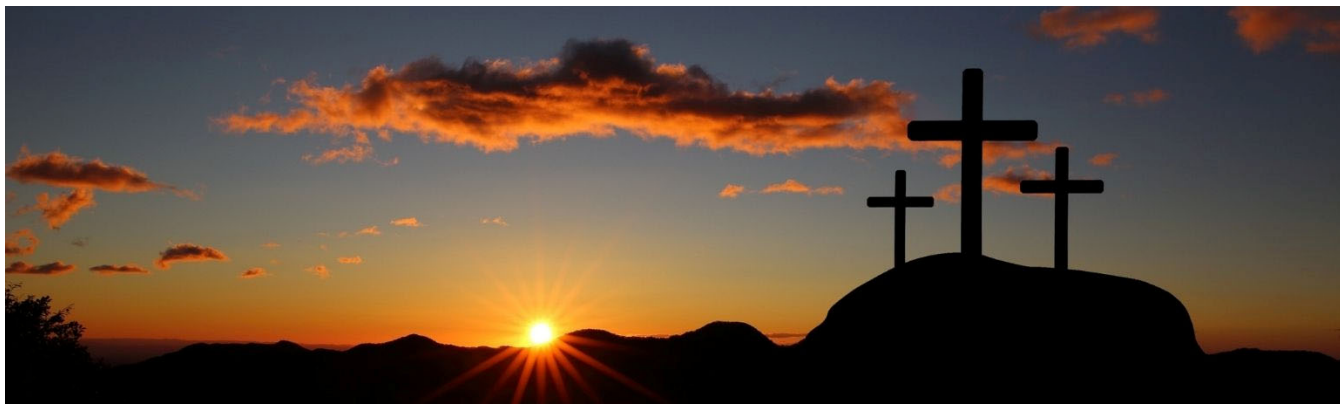
**Cena de Sopa**  
**4:30 pm**

**Via Crucis**  
**6:00 pm**

Hay un cambio de horario para el Viacrucis en español el Viernes Santo.

Originalmente programado para las 7:00pm, ahora ha sido movido a las 6:00pm.

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## 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*

#### St. Liborius Parish

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#### St. Boniface Church

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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)  
6:00 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*

YOU'RE INVITED TO



MOTHER TERESA  
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

# EASTER EGG HUNT

MARCH

29

AT 2:00 PM

24201 KINGS RD,  
CRETE, IL 60417



Due to Good Friday, the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry in April will be on the second Friday, April 9



# Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Dinner

St. Liborius Catholic Church  
Steger, IL

Friday, April 9, 2026 5-7 PM

All you can eat dinner includes:

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

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026 5-7pm

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.



**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**

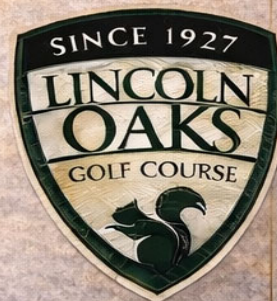
### Contact

**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**





# MIRIAM DINNER

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026

@ 6:00PM

THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET VOCATIONS OFFICE IS INVITING YOUNG WOMEN AGES 14 + AND THEIR MOTHERS TO JOIN US FOR DINNER AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SISTERHOOD WITH SR. CHARBEL JOSEPH OF THE DOMINICAN SISTERS IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PROVINCE! THERE WILL BE A QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION AND YOU WILL GET TO MEET OTHER YOUNG WOMEN WHO ARE EXPLORING THEIR OWN VOCATIONS!

MIRIAM DINNER IS A FREE EVENT



SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER

ST. RAPHAEL'S PARISH, 1215 MODAFF RD, NAPERVILLE, IL 60540



DIOCESE OF JOLIET  
DEPARTMENT OF  
VOCATIONS

# Jeremiah Day

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026  
Open to grades 7-10

The Diocese of Joliet Department of Vocations is thrilled to invite young men (grades 7-10) for our annual Jeremiah Day. Join us for a day of exploring, prayer, and games with our Joliet Seminarians currently studying at Mundelein Seminary. Learn more about what being in Seminary is like at Jeremiah Day!

Cost to attend

**\$10**

Includes lunch

Scan here to register



<https://tinyurl.com/sacbye7j>

Location: University of St. Mary of the Lake  
1000 E Maple Ave, Mundelein, IL 60060

Please email [vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org) or call (815) 221-6171 for questions



# FEAST OF ST. RITA MASS & FAITH FORMATION

FRIDAY MAY 22, 2026  
10 AM - NOON

BLANCHETTE CATHOLIC CENTER  
16555 WEBER ROAD  
CREST HILL, IL 60403



SCAN TO REGISTER



# OPERATION ANDREW DINNER

Young men and their fathers are invited to join Bishop Dennis Spies and several area priests for dinner, conversation, and testimonials about their own vocation stories.

There will be opportunity for a question-and-answer session and meeting other young men open to the priesthood.

St. Raphael Parish  
1215 Modaff Rd  
Naperville, IL 60540

MAY 27TH | 6PM

Open to high school and young adult age men and their fathers

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