

St. Liborius Catholic Parish

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St. Boniface Catholic Church

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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

St. Boniface Catholic Church

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



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 12, 2026

2:00–3:00PM
CONFESSIONS

3:00PM – RECITATION
OF THE CHAPLET

ST. LIBORIUS PARISH
71 W. 35TH STREET
STEGER, IL

Jesus, I trust in You!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 11

4:30 PM • St. Liborius
Danylle Totleben (D) *Req by George Totleben*

Sunday, April 12—Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

8:30 AM • St. Boniface
Deceased members of the Fogerty Family *Req by Pat Fogerty*
& the People of the Parish

10:30 AM • St. Liborius
Emmer Tero Reyes & the People of the Parish

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

5:00 PM • St. Liborius
Robert Marinucci (D) *Req by Stacey Marinucci*

Monday, April 13—St. Martin I

8:00 AM • St. Liborius—Sal Gulotta *Req by Maria Gulotta*

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

Tuesday, April 14

8:30 AM • St. Boniface—Kathy Kelly (D) *Req by Barb Mitchell*

7:00 PM • St. Liborius—Jovita Jimenez (D)

Wednesday, April 15

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

Thursday, April 16

8:00 AM • St. Liborius—Dale Johnson (D) *Req by Jean Jaculbe*

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

Friday, April 17

8:00 AM • St. Liborius—James Wojcikiewicz

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

Saturday, April 18

8:00 AM • St. Liborius—Al & Martha Currier (D) *Req by family*

4:30 PM • St. Liborius—Jim & Mickie Bernier *Req by George Totleben*

Sunday, April 19—Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM • St. Boniface
Joseph Przybyla (D) *Req by Karen Przybyla* & the People of the Parish

10:30 AM • St. Liborius
Jim Barkus (D) *Req by Pat Barkus*

12:30 PM • St. Boniface (Spanish)
J. Inez Diaz (D) *Req by Elizabeth Botello*

5:00 PM • St. Liborius
Marta Richards (D) *Req by Kathryn Dirickson*

Scripture Readings

Sunday, April 12—Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
1 Peter 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Sunday, April 19—Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11;
1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Liturgical Ministers

St. Boniface • April 19

Lector

Cindy Clark

Eucharistic Minister

David Schmidt

Ministers of the Cup

Deacon Mark Otten, Jennifer Duncan, John Porpora

Altar Servers

Mike Hudspeth, Tracy Sheehan

St. Liborius • April 18/19

Lector

4:30 PM—Dave Rudofski

10:30 AM—Jen Melbert

5:00 PM—Craig Quick

Eucharistic Ministers

4:30 PM—Dave Rudofski, Chuck Gromala,

Bob Baumgartner, Jeanette Dargert

10:30 AM—Sue Metzner, Patty Heiss, Jamie Jones,

Clint Mann

5:00 PM—Patty Heiss, Craig Quick

Altar Servers

4:30 PM—Experienced volunteers needed

10:30 AM—Josh Boyd, Danilo Perez

5:00 PM—Slaney Chavez

Our Stewardship

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Liborius—weekend of March 29, 2026:

Sunday Offertory.....

Children's envelopes.....

St. Boniface—weekend of March 22, 2026:

Sunday Offertory.....

Spanish Mass.....



From Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners of Saint Liborius parish and Saint Boniface church,

Thank you!

Special thanks to our Hispanic Community at Saint Boniface for their work providing a soup and bread supper on Good Friday after the Veneration of the Cross. We had a great crowd with 40 people attending!

Thank you!

Special thanks to our Knights of Columbus who have been incredibly helpful in transferring the sacred objects from Saint Mary to Saint Liborius, cleaning the church before Holy Week and participating in the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper. We will be restoring many of these items until we can store them in the parish church. We will be moving the large marble statue of the Blessed Mother from the front of Saint Mary's church to have it installed on the front of Saint Liborius parish church in the coming weeks.

Thank you!

To all of our ministers, choir, musicians, cantors, decorators and cleaners who helped to make all of our Triduum and Easter liturgies so beautiful. Thank you to all those who actually stepped up and did something to help.

Thank you!

Thank you to our school community at Mother Teresa Catholic Academy for a wonderful School Spring Event a couple weeks ago and an Easter Egg hunt on Palm Sunday at MTCA! Now is the time to you get your child or grandchild enrolled at MTCA! Call the parish school for more information or log onto our school webpage:

<https://mtcacademy.org/>

Divine Mercy

We will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12th, by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 pm. We will hear confessions from 2 pm to 3 pm. Thank you to our Divine Mercy committee and Deacons who will be praying the chaplet.

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@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: 16, 23, 30

Please Pray For...

Jerry Bernar, Jr., Harold Blazeovich, 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, James Jones, 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,

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Small but Mighty Prayer Group

The Prayer Group will meet, as usual, on the 2nd Tuesday of the month ... April 14th at 9:00am in St Liborius Church. All are welcome who look for new ways to refresh their prayer life.

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 for text are MS Word or Publisher. Images or graphics must be in jpg or png files.

Special Collections—March 2026

St. Liborius

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| Building Maintenance Fund..... | \$1,607.43 |
| Scholarship Fund..... | \$975.00 |
| Votives..... | \$200.23 |
| Catholic Relief Services..... | \$1,748.00 |
| Churches in Central Eastern Europe..... | \$75.00 |
| Easter Flowers..... | \$2,012.00 |

St. Boniface

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|-----------------------------------------|------------|
| Building Maintenance Fund..... | \$1,204.50 |
| Scholarship Fund..... | \$840.59 |
| Catholic Relief Services..... | \$965.00 |
| Churches in Central Eastern Europe..... | \$30.00 |
| Easter Flowers..... | \$567.00 |

Thank you for your generosity!

As we prepare to rejoice in the Easter season—the 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost—Bishop Dennis E. Spies invites you and your parish community to join him for a weekly video reflection on the theme of “Christ’s Peace.” Each week’s reflection will be available at www.diojoliet.org/es/eastertide and on all diocesan social media channels. New videos will be posted every Friday, ahead of the weekend vigil Masses.

Christ’s peace is a profound and lasting gift—one that does not depend on our circumstances but flows from God’s abiding presence. It draws us closer to the heart of the Father and strengthens us to be instruments of reconciliation in our families, parishes, and communities. As Jesus teaches in the Beatitudes, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God” (Matthew 5:9).

We hope that these reflections will enrich your celebration of Eastertide and help you encounter Christ’s peace more deeply in your daily life leading up to feast of Pentecost.

Blessings,

Ed Duffy
Chief Communications Officer
Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet

The fourteen promises of our Lord to those who pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet

- 1) "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image (of Divine Mercy) will not perish. I also promise victory over (its) enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory." (Diary of St. Faustina, 48)
- 2) "The two rays denote Blood and Water...These two rays issued from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father...I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy...whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment. Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy." (Diary of St. Faustina, 299-300)
- 3) "I desire that the Feast of Mercy...be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter...The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion (in a state of grace on this day) shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary of St. Faustina, 699)
- 4) "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death." (Diary of St. Faustina, 687)
- 5) "Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy...I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy." (Diary of St. Faustina, 687)
- 6) "The souls that say this chaplet will be embraced by My mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death." (Diary of St. Faustina, 754)
- 7) "Souls who spread the honor of My mercy...at the hour of death I will not be a Judge for them, but the Merciful Savior." (Diary of St. Faustina, 1075)
- 8) "The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion for sinners. Know, my daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered." (Diary of St. Faustina, 1397)
- 9) "My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world." (Diary of St. Faustina, 1485)
- 10) "To priests who proclaim and extol My mercy, I will give wondrous power; I will anoint their words and touch the hearts of those to whom they will speak." (Diary of St. Faustina, 1521)
- 11) "Through this chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will." (Diary of St. Faustina, 1731)
- 12) "When hardened sinners say it, I will fill their souls with peace, and the hour of their death will be a happy one." (Diary of St. Faustina, 1541)
- 13) "When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as a just Judge but as a merciful Savior." (Diary of St. Faustina, 1541)
- 14) "At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony...I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion." (Diary of St. Faustina, 1320)



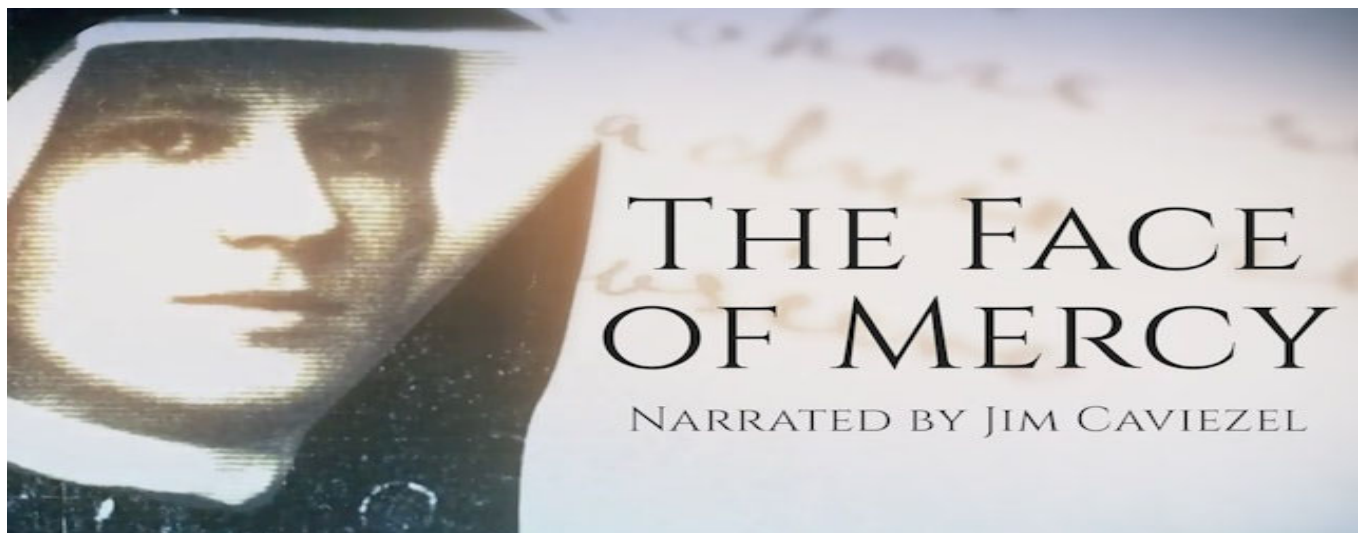
In whatever state a soul may be, it ought to pray. A soul which is pure and beautiful must pray, or else it will lose its beauty; a soul which is striving after this purity must pray, or else it will never attain it; a soul which is newly converted must pray, or else it will fall again; a sinful soul, plunged in sins, must pray so that it might rise again. There is no soul which is not bound to pray, for every single grace comes to the soul through prayer
(Diary of St. Faustina, 146).

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The Way of Darkness (Sin):

The Seven Capital Sins

1. **Pride:** Preoccupation with one's own excellence or misery.
2. **Avarice/Greed:** Disordered desire for possessions; setting our hearts on material things; selfishness.
3. **Lust:** Disordered desire for or inordinate enjoyment of sexual pleasure.
4. **Anger:** Uncontrolled emotion which results in desire for revenge; holding resentment.
5. **Gluttony:** The inordinate use of created goods- especially food and drink- that put the pleasures of the body over the goods of the soul.
6. **Envy:** Sadness at the good of another.
7. **Sloth:** Bodily or Spiritual laziness or neglect.

Sins Against the Theological Virtues

1. Presumption on God's Mercy.
2. Despair of God's Mercy.
3. Resisting and/or Attacking the known truth.
4. Envy at another's spiritual good.
5. Obstinacy in sin.
6. Final impenitence (refusal to repent).

Sins Crying to Heaven

1. Willful murder.
2. Sodomy.
3. Oppression of the poor.
4. Defrauding laborers of their wages.

Being an Accessory to Another's Sin

1. By counsel.
2. By command.
3. By consent.
4. By provocation.
5. By praise or flattery.
6. By concealment.
7. By partaking.
8. By silence.
9. By defense of the sinful action.

The Works of the Flesh (Gal. 5:19-21)

Immorality, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, rivalry, jealousy, outbursts of fury, acts of selfishness, dissensions, factions, occasions of envy, drinking bouts, orgies,

The Way of Light (Holiness):

The Seven Capital Virtues

1. **Humility:** Acknowledgement of truth about God, oneself and others.
2. **Generosity:** Doing actions for the benefit of others; selflessness.
3. **Chastity:** Proper integration of sexuality within the human person according to the mind of God and one's state in life.
4. **Mekleness:** Gentleness of spirit that gives power of self-possession; governs anger.
5. **Temperance:** Moderation of the desire for pleasure.
6. **Brotherly Love:** Desire for the true good of one's neighbor, which leads one to act rightly toward him.
7. **Diligence:** Consistency in doing what is right.

The Theological Virtues

Faith, Hope and Charity.

The Cardinal Virtues

Prudence, Justice, Temperance and Fortitude.

The Corporal Works of Mercy

To feed the hungry; give drink to the thirsty; clothe the naked; visit the imprisoned; shelter the homeless; visit the sick and bury the dead.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

To admonish the sinner; instruct the ignorant; counsel the doubtful; comfort the sorrowful; bear wrongs patiently; forgive all injuries and pray for the living and the dead.

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord.

The Fruits of the Holy Spirit

(Gal. 5:22-23)

Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Generosity, Gentleness, Faithfulness, Modesty, Self-Control and Chastity.

The Evangelical Counsels

Chastity, Poverty and Obedience.

The Beatitudes

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
2. Blessed are the meek; for they shall possess the land.
3. Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.
4. Blessed are they that hunger and thirst for justice; for they shall be satisfied.
5. Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.
6. Blessed are the pure of heart; for they shall see God.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.
8. Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice's sake; for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
9. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely; on my account. Rejoice and be glad; for your reward will be great in heaven.

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Examination of Conscience for Adults and Teens



The Ten Commandments

- I am the Lord Thy God. Thou shalt not have strange gods before Me.
- Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.
- Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
- Honor thy father and thy mother.
- Thou shalt not kill.
- Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- Thou shalt not steal.
- Thou shalt not bear false witness.
- Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife.
- Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods.

The Two Greatest Commandments

- You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul and with all your mind.
- You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

The Precepts of the Church

1. You shall attend Mass on Sunday's and on Holy Days of Obligation and rest from servile labor.
2. You shall confess your sins at least once a year.
3. You shall receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter Season.
4. You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.
5. You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.

Prayer Before Confession

Come, Holy Spirit, enlighten my mind that I may clearly know my sins. Move my heart that I may be sincerely sorry for them, honestly confess them and firmly resolve to amend my life. Spirit of Wisdom, grant me to see the malice of sin and my ingratitude toward You, the all-loving God, Spirit of Fortitude, help me to make whatever sacrifice is needed to avoid sin in the future. Amen.

Examination of Conscience

- Did I** deny or doubt God's existence?
- Did I** refuse to believe God's revelation?
- Did I** believe in (or use) horoscopes, fortune telling, good luck charms, tarot cards, Ouija boards or reincarnation?
- Did I** deny that I was a Catholic?
- Did I** abandon the Catholic Faith for any period of time?
- Did I** despair of or presume on God's mercy?
- Did I** neglect prayer for a long time?
- Did I** fail to pray daily?
- Did I** blaspheme God or take God's Name in vain, curse or break an oath or vow?
- Did I** miss Mass on a Sunday or on a Holy Day of Obligation through my own fault?
- Am I** always reverent in the presence of the Most Blessed Sacrament?
- Was I** voluntarily inattentive at Mass?
- Did I** arrive at Mass late through my own fault?
- Did I** leave Mass early?
- Did I** do unnecessary servile work on Sunday?
- Did I** disobey or disrespect my parents or legitimate superiors?
- Did I** neglect my duties to my husband, wife, children or parents?
- Did I** fail to actively take an interest in the religious education and formation of my children?
- Have I** failed to educate myself concerning the teachings of the Church?
- Did I** give a full day's work in return for a full day's pay?
- Did I** give a fair wage to my employee(s)?
- Did I** give scandal by what I said or did, especially to the young?

- Did I** contribute to anyone's abandoning of the Catholic Faith?
- Was I** impatient, angry, envious, unkind, proud, jealous, revengeful, hateful toward others or lazy?
- Did I** give bad example, abuse drugs, drink alcohol to excess, fight or quarrel?
- Did I** physically injure or kill anyone?
- Have I** had an abortion, or advised or supported an abortion?
- Did I** participate in or approve of the grave evil known as "mercy killing," euthanasia or doctor assisted suicide?
- Did I** attempt suicide or physically harm myself?
- Did I** willfully entertain impure thoughts and desires?
- Did I** dress immodestly or provocatively?
- Did I** use impure or suggestive words?
- Did I** tell impure stories or listen to them?
- Did I** deliberately look at impure television, internet, plays, pictures or movies?
- Did I** deliberately read or send impure material?
- Did I** perform impure acts by myself (masturbation) or with another (adultery, fornication or sodomy)?
- Did I** marry or advise another to marry outside of the Church?
- Did I** abuse my marriage rights?
- Was I** unfaithful to my marriage vows?
- Have I** kept company with someone else's spouse?
- Did I** practice artificial birth control or was I or my spouse permanently sterilized (tubal ligation or vasectomy)?
- Did I** steal, cheat, help or encourage others to steal, cheat, or keep stolen goods?

- Have I** made restitution for stolen goods?
- Did I** deliberately fail to fulfill my contracts or to pay my bills? Did I give or accept bribes?
- Did I** rashly gamble or speculate or deprive my family of the necessities of life?
- Did I** tell lies? Deliberately in order to deceive or injure others? (slander or calumny)
- Did I** commit perjury?
- Did I** vote in accordance with a properly informed conscience, in a way consistent with the teachings of the Church, in regard to the sanctity of marriage and of human life issues?
- Was I** uncharitable in thought, word or deed?
- Did I** gossip or reveal the faults or sins of others? (detraction)
- Did I** fail to keep secrets that I should have kept?
- Did I** eat meat knowingly on the Fridays during Lent or on Ash Wednesday? (Ages 14+)
- Did I** fast as required on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday? (Ages 18-59)
- Did I** fail to receive Holy Communion during the Easter Season?
- Did I** fail to confess my sins at least once a year?
- Did I** receive Holy Communion in the state of mortal sin?
- Did I** receive Holy Communion without fasting for one hour or more from food and drink? (water and medicine are permitted)
- Did I** make a bad Confession by deliberately not telling all the mortal sins I had committed?
- Did I** fail to contribute to the support of the Church?
- Have I** forgiven those who have hurt or harmed me or my loved ones?

How to go to Confession

- The priest will greet you.
- The penitent says: "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned." You then say how long it has been since your last Confession.
- The penitent tells the priest his sins simply and forthrightly (if mortal sin, give kind and approximate number).
- The priest will give you some advice and will assign you a penance.
- The penitent will next pray the Act of Contrition (see prayer below).
- The priest then gives the penitent absolution.
- The priest will then say: "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good."
- The penitent responds: "His mercy endures forever." The priest will then dismiss you.
- The penitent carries out the assigned penance.

Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee and I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of Heaven and the pains of hell. But most of all, because they offend Thee, my God, Who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life. Amen.

Prayer After Confession

Almighty and Merciful God, Whose mercy is boundless and everlasting and of Whose goodness the riches are infinite, I thank You because You have so graciously pardoned all my sins and restored Your Heavenly favor. I am awed by Your divine compassion and the incomprehensible love of Your Son, which has led Him to institute so gentle and powerful a remedy for sins. In union with all the gratitude that has ever ascended to You from truly penitent hearts, I proclaim Your merciful praises on behalf of all in Heaven, on earth and in purgatory, for ever and ever. Amen.



**DIocese of JOLIET
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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.

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