

St. Liborius Catholic Parish

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St. Boniface Catholic Church

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St. Liborius Catholic Parish

Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday8:30 AM—3:30 PM

Mass Schedule—see page 2

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM
Friday7:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 8:30 AM—9:30 AM

St. Boniface Catholic Church

Office Hours

Tuesday8:30 AM—3:30 PM

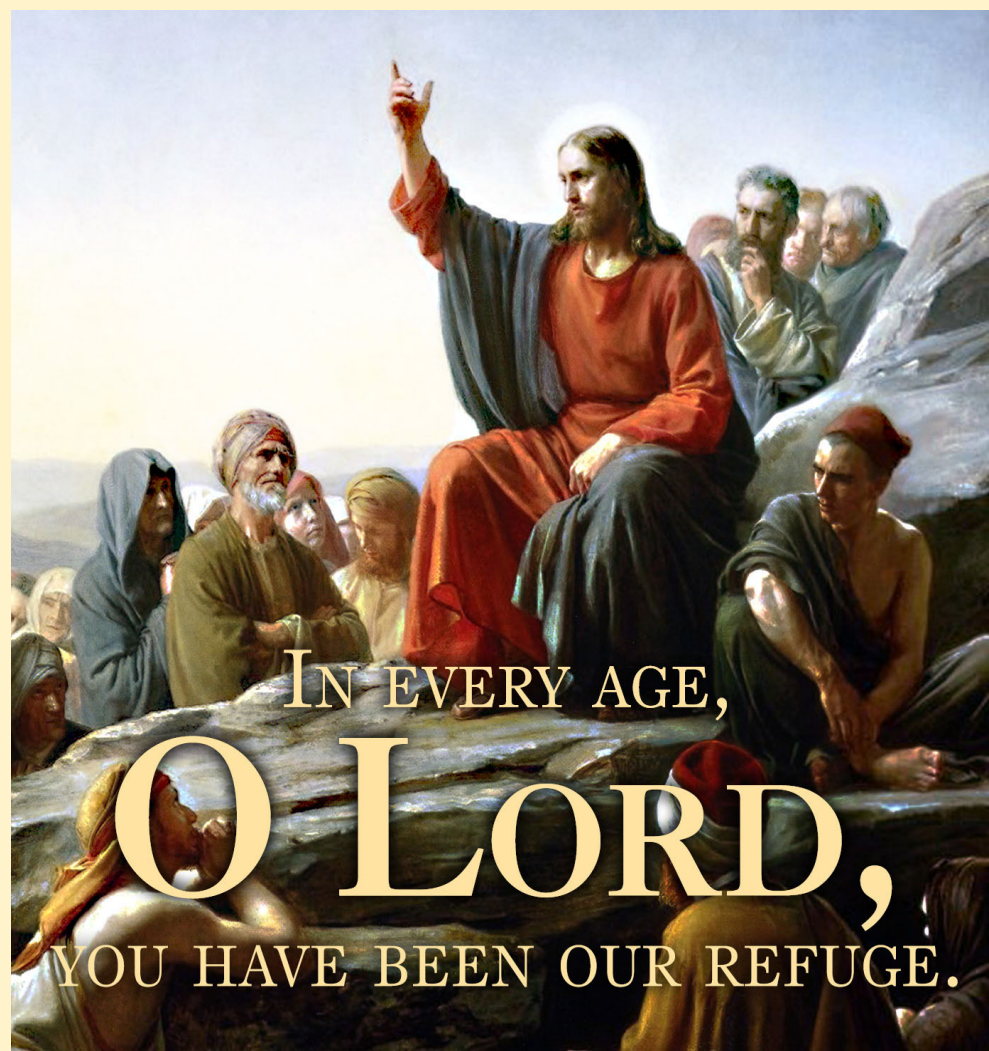
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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday9:00 AM
Sunday8:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 9:00 AM—10:00 AM



Sunday, September 7, 2025
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 6

4:30 PM • St. Liborius

The Bhen Family—Margaret, William, Maggie & Bubs

Sunday, September 7—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM • St. Boniface

† Mary Ann Mills *Req. by Joe Mills*

† Ron Mitchell *Req. by Barb Mitchell*

The people of St. Liborius & St. Boniface

10:30 AM • St. Liborius

Carl Carlsson, Dean Perozzi Jr., Lorraine Smith, & the People of St. Liborius

Monday, September 8

8:00 AM • St. Liborius—

For Vocations to the Priesthood

8:30 AM • St. Boniface—Communion Service

Tuesday, September 9

8:30 AM • St. Boniface

† Arlene Marston *Req. by the Bogs Family*

7:00 PM • St. Liborius

† JoAnn “Chickie” Martin

Wednesday, September 10

8:00 AM • St. Liborius

Intentions of the Resides

Thursday, September 11

8:00 AM • St. Liborius—

For the Souls in Purgatory

8:30 AM • St. Boniface - Communion Service

Friday, September 12

8:00 AM • St. Liborius

Deceased members of the Chester Wajda Family

8:30 AM • St. Boniface - Communion Service

Saturday, September 13

8:00 AM • St. Liborius

For the unity of the new St. Liborius Parish

4:30 PM • St. Liborius

Irene Kaim & Family, Bob & Theresa Ruhne, Sally Kozlik, & the People of St. Liborius

Sunday, September 14—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM • St. Boniface

† Forrest Mills *Req. by Joe Mills*

† Robert Kurowski *Req. by the Bogs family*

For the People of St. Liborius & St. Boniface

10:30 AM • St. Liborius

Robert Jones, Saul Contreras Jr., Joseph & Marie Skummer, Joe Smith, Tony Brounson Jr.

Scripture Readings

Sunday September 7, 2025

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Sunday September 14, 2025

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Num 21:4b-9; Ps. 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Liturgical Ministers

St. Liborius • September 13 & 14

Lectors

4:30 PM—Chuck Gromala

10:30 AM - Ted Kulma

Eucharistic Ministers

4:30 PM - Dave Rudofski, Jamie Smart, Bob Baumgartner, Jim Betourney

10:30 AM—Bertha Mpesa, Patti Heiss, Barb Herzic, Christian Jimenez

Altar Servers

4:30 PM - Slaney Chavez & Arabella Totos

10:30 AM—Josh Boyd & Danilo Perez

St. Boniface • Sunday, September 14—8:30 AM

Lector

Darlene Clark

Eucharistic Minister

Craig Quick

Ministers of the Cup

Jennifer Duncan, John Porpora, Evelyn Zambrano

Altar Servers

Therese Bogs-Haser, Wayne Haser

Our Stewardship

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Liborius—Sunday, August 24, 2025

Sunday Offertory:.....\$6292.00

Votives\$51.99

Assumption\$257.00

Comfort Fund.....10.00

St. Mary's\$267.00

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the stewardship report for Sunday, August 31 will be reported in next week's bulletin.



From Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners of Saint Liborius parish and Saint Boniface church,

Priest Convocation – September 16-18

Every other year the Bishop of Joliet requires that all the priests in the Diocese gather for a convocation in which various topics of concern to the local church are discussed. This convocation will be held September 16-18 and so we will not have Mass here at Saint Liborius (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday that week) but there will be a communion service offered by our deacons on those days and Mass at Saint Liborius on Monday and Friday. Saint Boniface will have a communion service on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday the week of September 16th and no communion service Wednesday and Friday that week.

Religious Education Classes Begin September 7th

Although Religious Education (PREP) classes begin this weekend, registration for Religious Education classes is still open. Please contact Katie Canty in our religious education office to get more information: faithformation@stliborius.org or 708-754-3460.

Interested in the Catholic faith?

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or if you need to received the Sacrament of Confirmation or the Holy Eucharist as an adult, please contact Fr. Frank Pusateri at the parish office: fatherfrank@stliborius.org or 708-754-1363. We would be glad to welcome you to the Catholic Church and Saint Liborius parish.

Monee Fall Fest

As you know, our parish now extends south to Monee so I would like to thank all those who volunteered to staff our parish booth at the Monee Fall Festival. If you would like to assist, please phone the parish office to let Kathy know when you will be there. We are distributing flyers for our parish as well as our parish school, Mother Teresa Catholic Academy. This is a simple way to invite people back to Mass and greater involvement in our parish.

Mass in Spanish at Saint Boniface

Sunday, September 7th, at 12:30 pm, we will offer our first Sunday Mass in Spanish at **Saint Boniface in Monee**. You may have seen our posters around town and our ad in the Vedette.

The Catholic Church has a long history of assisting immigrants to our country by offering ministry in their native language. In fact, there are a great many people of Italian descent in our area who came to the United States. The beautiful crucifix in our parish church comes from Saint Rocco church and is a reminder of the ministry the Catholic Church offered to those first Italian immigrants to our area and a Church that said, "Benvenuto," as they first arrived here. There were two Italian ladies at Saint Paul in Peotone to whom I would bring communion and who still conversed in Italian with me. In one of my previous assignments the readings at Mass (Mass itself was in Latin in those days), religious education and school classes were offered in German for the first 100 years of that parish's history. My Dad, his mother coming from what is now the Czech Republic, grew up going to Saint Ludmila parish and attending Czech school. My father now lives in an Independent Living facility in Northlake which used to be the US headquarters of the Scalabrini order founded to minister to Italian immigrants outside of Italy.

It is appropriate that Saint Boniface be the location of the Mass for our immigrant friends, most of whom come from Mexico, in that she was founded by and for the first German immigrants to our area. This would mean that Saint Boniface has been ministering to immigrants for more than 150 years.

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.



Small but Mighty Prayer Group will meet, as usual, on the 2nd Tuesday of the month ... September 9th 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 to connections@stliborius.org. **Items must be submitted 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. Acceptable formats are MS Word, Publisher, Excel, PDF or jpg files.

Please Pray For...

Tammy Downen, Peter Klakow, Terri Koepke, Nancy Koepke, Patti Koopman, Louise Kopaczewski, Amber Mangan, Anthony Mangan, Bethany Mangan, Corrie Mangan, Ivy Mangan, Jeremy Mangan, Maykala Mangan, Nasya Mangan, Jimmy Martin, Brenda McCann, John Novak, Fred Nunez, Nancy Pilotto, Chad Pinnegar, Robert Prete, Eligha Sain, Luis Santiago, Arnie Szudarski, Julie Szudarski, 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
- Steger Police, Detectives, Fire and Paramedic Departments

CORRECTION: In last weekend's bulletin, Sheryl Tilton's name was misspelled. We apologize for the error.

2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal Update by Parish

233—St. Liborius, Steger

	2025	2024
Parish Goal	\$34,000	\$33,900
Amount Pledged	\$52,822	\$48,641
Amount Paid	\$52,065	\$47,056
Balance Due	\$758	\$1,585
Donors	88	117
2025 Rebate	\$12,645	

216—St. Boniface Church, Monee

	2025	2024
Parish Goal	\$11,600	\$11,000
Amount Pledged	\$11,386	\$14,794
Amount Paid	\$10,486	\$13,589
Balance Due	\$900	\$1,206
Donors	67	77
2025 Rebate	\$0	

215—St. Mary, Park Forest

	2025	2024
Parish Goal	\$13,800	\$13,500
Amount Pledged	\$2,995	\$10,330
Amount Paid	\$2,890	\$9,840
Balance Due	\$105	\$490
Donors	19	42
2025 Rebate	\$0	

Memorial Service for Aborted Children at St. Mary Cemetery in Evergreen Park on Saturday, September 13th

On Saturday, September 13th, pro-life Americans throughout the country will gather at the gravesites of aborted babies and other memorial sites dedicated in their honor for the 13th annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Solemn vigils will be held at these sites to commemorate the more than 65 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child. The memorial service at St. Mary Cemetery takes place at the gravesite of 500 babies who were discovered and retrieved from the garbage dumpsters of several downtown Chicago abortion facilities in early 1987. It is one of the earliest of the gravesites across the United States. Please join us for the memorial service in our community:

Event: National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

When: Saturday, September 13th, 1:00 p.m.

Where: St. Mary Cemetery, 87th Street at Hamlin Avenue in Evergreen Park

More Info: Contact John Ryan at (708) 945-8247 or domer_10305@yahoo.com

Please bring your rosary and your lawn chair!

Together let us remember the victims of abortion and pray for a final end to this injustice in our land during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.



FALL MUM SALE

PREORDERS AVAILABLE
AUGUST 28 - SEPTEMBER 4

\$12
9" Pots

White / Red / Yellow / Orange / Purple

Pickup will take place on
Saturday 9/13 (4pm - 6pm)
Sunday 9/14 (10am - 12pm)

St Liborius Parish Hall
71 W 35th Street
Steger, IL

Payment Options:
Cash
Check
Venmo
Payable to :
StegerTroop100

Questions? Contact
Bridget Beddigs (708) 620-4219 - stegertroop100@gmail.com
All Proceeds will go to Steger Scouts BSA Troop 100



Daughter's of St. Liborius

The Daughters of St. Liborius meet the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm (with a few exceptions, such as that date landing on a Holiday) in the Religious education building room 101.

Women from St. Liborius as well as St. Boniface are welcome to attend. Please join us even if it's just to check us out and you are not sure about joining. We'd be happy to have you as a guest!

The Daughters and the Knights of Columbus thank all those who were able to attend the afternoon of reflection this past August 16th!

The annual Baby Bottle Change for Life campaign will start the weekend of September 20/21st. The Daughters will be handing out bottles for you to take home and collect your loose change (or other forms of monetary donations). The bottles can be returned to the ushers or dropped off in the parish office. Please return the bottles by the end of October 2025. The proceeds will be given to Aide for Women.

The Daughters of St. Liborius started our annual Spiritual Adoption Prayer Campaign. We hope that all parishioners will also offer a prayer for the unborn each day ending on Mother's Day May 10, 2026.

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.

If you have questions regarding joining us please contact
Chris Prete cell 708-420-8369 email mcp.stliborius@gmail.com or Jill Raymond Cell: 708.752.5284- email: jillmraymond@hotmail.com



Classes start September 11th at St. Liborius

<https://bit.ly/stlocia>
Sign up here!

OCIA

BECOMING CATHOLIC

- Classes **every week Thursday at 7pm** led by our priests
- Fellowship gatherings **once a month Sunday morning at 9:15am** followed by 10:30am Mass

For those who are looking to become Catholic or those who are already Catholic and looking to complete their sacraments



Bishop Hicks' Column
September 2025
The Leo Effect: Reflecting After 100 Days



In the world of leadership, there is a common practice: after the first one hundred days in office, we pause to reflect. What direction is this new leader taking us in? What tone has been set? Where might we be headed?

In these early months, we are beginning to see the kind of shepherd God has given us. The “Leo Effect,” as I like to call it, is the fruit of his presence. It is the blessings, the new stirrings, and the hopeful signs already emerging in our Church and in our world.

At a recent Presbyteral Council meeting, one of our Augustinian priests told me that, since Pope Leo is himself an Augustinian, they have noticed a marked increase in young men expressing interest in the priesthood. That is the Leo Effect in action. These are ripples of inspiration that move from Rome all the way to local parishes and communities like ours.

Another question I have been asked many times in recent weeks is this: will Pope Leo XIV choose Chicagoland as the first place he visits? People have wondered if he might return to his roots in the south suburbs, visit his old neighborhood in Dolton, grab a slice of his favorite pizza, or even celebrate Mass at White Sox Park. As wonderful as that would be, and as much as I would personally love to see it, I usually remind people that his first stop is more likely to be a place in urgent need of healing, reconciliation, or peace. Perhaps the Holy Land, perhaps Ukraine, or perhaps another corner of the world that needs his pastoral presence. But who knows? The Holy Spirit guides these journeys, and for now we simply wait in joyful anticipation.

People close to Pope Leo have said, “He listens more than he talks.” That in itself is part of the Leo Effect. In an age of noise and constant headlines, the witness of a leader who listens deeply is striking. His way of leadership is not rooted in quick soundbites but in steady gestures of closeness and compassion. Early in his pontificate, he celebrated Mass with the homeless and then shared a meal with them. He has spoken often of the “fire of love” that must burn within us, not a fire that remains hidden, but one that spreads outward in compassion, justice, and peace.

Another sign of the Leo Effect is his bridge-building across cultures. Born in the United States, formed as a missionary in Peru, and shaped by the Augustinian spirit of community and humility, Pope Leo embodies the universality of the Church. His very life story unites North and South America, English and Spanish, tradition, and modernity.

Pope Leo has also expressed concern about pressing global issues. He has spoken about the moral questions surrounding artificial intelligence, reminding us not to allow technology, money, or power to displace God. He has called for peace in conflict zones, urging the world to pursue reconciliation. He has also reminded us that the greatness of the Church is not measured in status or wealth, but in holiness and service. Recently, he approved a new Mass for the Care of Creation, highlighting his commitment to safeguarding our common home and encouraging all believers to pray and act for the protection of God’s earth.

At the same time, he has shown deep respect for tradition. When he walked out onto the balcony of St. Peter’s, he reclaimed the use of the mozzetta, a traditional papal vestment symbolizing continuity with history. He also revived the ancient practice of personally bestowing the pallium on new archbishops. These gestures remind us that while Pope Leo leads the Church into new challenges, he remains anchored in her history and symbols. His leadership balances continuity with creativity.

Many have also noted his warmth and relatability. He is approachable, enjoys simple pastimes like baseball, tennis, and word games, and speaks plainly from the heart. These touches of humanity remind us that the pope is not a distant figure but a pastor walking with his flock.

The Leo Effect is nothing less than the Holy Spirit reminding us that God is alive and active in His Church. And just as the world pauses after one hundred days to reflect on a leader, let us pause to recognize the Spirit’s work through Pope Leo XIV. As we pray for our new Holy Father, let us also commit ourselves to being open to the impact the Leo Effect can have on our own lives, to become people of unity, compassion, and love that set the world aflame.

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Dr. Kevin Burns, PhD, President

Mrs. Annie Murray, Principal
amurray@mtcademy.org



Saints for Our Times

Blessed Carlo Acutis
(May 3, 1991—
October 12, 2006.

Canonized
September 7, 2025
by Pope Leo XIV



MOTHER TERESA
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Dear Business owner,

Mother Teresa Catholic Academy's 15th Annual Walk-a-thon

On Friday, September 26th 2025, the students of MTCA will participate in their 15th Annual Walk-a-thon. This fundraiser not only raises money for our school, but also promotes health and wellness among our students and staff. Students are asked to reach out to family and friends for monetary sponsorships for the activities they complete on that day. The proceeds from the walk-a-thon help to support our Pre-K through 8th grade school.

Once again, this year we are turning to local businesses to help offset the cost of putting on this event so that more of the proceeds can remain at the school. We would be so grateful for your support. With your tax-deductible contribution of \$75.00 you can help us balance the cost of our specially designed walk-a-thon t-shirts, provide funds for our free student/volunteer luncheon, and cover some of the cost of our prizes and award medals given out to our top participants. All local businesses who generously sponsor this event will have their business name printed on the back of our newly designed walk-a-thon t-shirts. The number of shirts printed varies from year to year; however, last year roughly 100 t-shirts were printed and worn by students, faculty, staff, and parents of MTCA!!

Just think – 100+ local billboards for your business!
Won't you consider being one of our sponsors?

Sponsorships can be mailed directly to the school address below or can be picked up by one of our volunteers. Please contact: Stephanie Oviyach, soviyach@mtcademy.org to arrange pick-up. Be sure to fill out the information sheet below. Credit Card payments can be made by contacting the office. (708) 672-3093. We ask that contributions be received no later than **September 5, 2025**.

Mother Teresa Catholic Academy
24201 S. Kings Rd. Crete, IL 60417

We thank you in advance for considering our request; we look forward to continued success with your help! Our tax ID number is provided below for your records, donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact us via our contact information above.

God's Blessings to You and Yours,

The Walkathon Committee

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