

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

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday9:00 AM
Sunday8:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 9:00 AM—10:00 AM



Sunday, October 19, 2025
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 18

4:30 PM • St. Liborius

Walter, Genevieve & Joyce Wison, Bebe Molina

Sunday, October 19—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM • St. Boniface

Village of Monee Residents *Req. by Mayor Bogs*, Birthday intentions of Therese Bogs-Haser *Req. by the Bogs family*, & The People of our Parish

10:30 AM • St. Liborius

Teresa Comber, Joe Smith, & the People of our Parish

12:30 PM • St. Boniface (Spanish)

The People of our Parish

Monday, October 20

8:00 AM • St. Liborius

† JoAnn “Chickie” Martin *Req. by M/M Broderick*

8:30 AM • St. Boniface—Communion Service

Tuesday, October 21

8:30 AM • St. Boniface

† Joseph & Julia Przybyla *Req. by Paul & Karen Przybyla*

7:00 PM • St. Liborius

For Vocations to the Priesthood

Wednesday, October 22

8:00 AM • St. Liborius

Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, October 23

8:00 AM • St. Liborius

For St. Liborius and St. Boniface

8:30 AM • St. Boniface—Communion Service

Friday, October 24

8:00 AM • St. Liborius

Herbert, Catherine & deceased members of the Hase family

8:30 AM • St. Boniface—Communion service

Saturday, October 25

8:00 AM • St. Liborius

For Vocations to the Priesthood

4:30 PM • St. Liborius

Doris Wison, Mary & Joe Volpe, & the People of our Parish

Sunday, October 26—30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM • St. Boniface

† Frances Bogs *Req. by the Bogs family*

The People of our Parish

10:30 AM • St. Liborius

Bob Jones & Joseph & Marie Skummer

12:30 PM • St. Boniface (Spanish)

For Vocations to the Priesthood

Scripture Readings

Sunday October 19, 2025

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 17:8-13; Ps 121: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18: 1-8

Sunday October 26, 2025

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23; 2Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

Liturgical Ministers

St. Liborius • October 25 & 26

Lectors

4:30 PM—Jamie Smart

10:30 AM - Barb Herzic

Eucharistic Ministers

4:30 PM - Jim Betourney, Maureen Burns, Chuck Gromala, Dave Rudofski

10:30 AM—Sue Metzner, Kathy Krebs, Art LeMere, Dennis Smith

Altar Servers

4:30 PM— volunteer needed

10:30 AM—Slaney Chavez, Danilo Perez

St. Boniface • Sunday, October 26—8:30am

Lector

Phyllis Huske

Eucharistic Minister

Tracy Sheehan

Ministers of the Cup

Deacon Mark Otten, Jennifer Duncan, David Schmidt

Altar Servers

Romina Flores, Mike Hudspeth

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

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.

October School Masses: October 23, 30



From Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners of Saint Liborius parish and Saint Boniface church,

The dignity of a human life

"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer." Pope Saint John Paul II

Oh for the good ole days when I knew everything...

Although there was never a point in my life in which I did not practice my faith (a practicing Catholic is one who has not yet perfected it), there were certainly a great many teachings of the Catholic Church which I did not understand. Now, as I am old, I think I have a fairly decent grasp of my Catholic faith; however, there are a great many things about life and people which escape me. When I was a newly ordained priest, I knew everything. Now that I am old, I know very little. I am guessing some parents may experience something similar with their own kiddos as they grow up. When we are young, we may think our parents out of touch...then, something happens, we grow up.

There is, however, one truth from which I have never deviated during the course of my life. Oh...I may not have always put this belief into action every moment of my life, but I have always understood it to be the case. It's a simple teaching with which few would argue: "Every human being deserves respect."

Why?

As Catholics and Christians, this truth comes directly from the scripture: "Every human being is created in the image and likeness of God." Simple. Right? We readily concede that my little 2-year-old niece is cute as a button and definitely created in the image of God. Even grandpa who is 93...he's created in the image of God even though he can be ornery when its time for the doctor appointment. We recognize this with one's spouse...one's children...even when they drive the car into a tree.

And, yet, we still have a hard time accepting that an unborn baby has this same dignity and worth...this little baby is also created in the image and likeness of God. Poor babies and rich babies...babies of every color and nationality...all are Godlike.

Even though our physiology text books teach us that human life begins at conception, somehow we convince ourselves that it is ok to take the life of someone we cannot see.

Oh, we have great witnesses to whom we listen in most every other context but whom we ignore in this one case:

For example, on February 3, 1994, at a National Prayer Breakfast, sponsored by the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, in Washington, DC, Mother Teresa challenged the audience on such topics as family life and abortion. She said, "Please don't kill the child. I want the child. Give the child to me."

My friends, we are not helping a young mom in a crisis pregnancy by counseling her to take her child's life. This is a great example of offering a simplistic solution to a complex and difficult problem. What a Christian does when we love someone is take their hand and walk with them so they don't face the struggle alone. No shame. No rebuke. Real...concrete love. The last thing a Christian should do is tie up an even heavier burden for them to carry all the while telling them, everything is ok...this will solve your "problem."

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.

Please Pray For...

Roy Blakey, Joan Cleghorn, Gert Dileo, Don & Kathy Dornhecker, Tammy Downen, Barbara Gromala, Julie Hoyda, Peter Klakow, Terri Koepke, Nancy Koepke, Patti Koopman, Louise Kopaczewski, Tim Kornacki, Dennis and Brenda Lileikis, Amber Mangan, Anthony Mangan, Bethany Mangan, Corrie Mangan, Ivy Mangan, Jeremy Mangan, Maykala Mangan, Nasya Mangan, Jimmy Martin, Brenda McCann, Elyse M., Carmin M., John Novak, Fred Nunez, Nancy Pilotto, Chad Pinnegar, Robert Prete, William P., Eligha Sain, Luis Santiago, Gary Schott, Ray Smith, Bob Staniec, Arnie Szudarski, Julie Szudarski, Bill Wogan, RW, Colleen Zwolinski, Debbie Zwolinski, Raymond A. Zwolinski,

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- Monee Police, Detectives, Fire and Paramedics, and Emergency Management Agency
- Steger Estates Fire and Paramedic Departments
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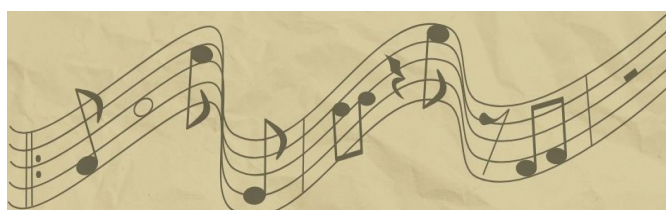


Pray the Rosary
for peace

Attention all Lectors!

Thanks to the quick work of Father Tom, our Lector Workbooks for the new year, 2026 are in the Altar Server's Sacristy. They are in alphabetical order. You may pick them up after the weekend Masses.

- Jeanette Dargert



Make a joyful noise unto the LORD,
all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness! Come
into his presence with singing!
Psalm 100

Just a reminder that the Choir has begun to practice and sing at Sunday Masses. Rehearsals are scheduled for every Thursday unless otherwise notified. Please come and sing with us! All voice types are needed! Thank you!

Our Stewardship

Thank you for your generosity!

Week ending October 12, 2025

St. Liborius

Sunday Offering.....\$6,461.00

Children's.....\$2.18

St. Boniface

Sunday Offering.....\$1,467.00

Spanish Mass.....\$518.00

PARABLES OF GRACE

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

AGES 18-39

THE GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY
BEGINS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025

Sundays | 3PM | St. Boniface Parish Hall
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PANCAKE BREAKFAST

presented by Knights of Columbus St. Liborius Council #14562

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH
9AM-1PM



Pancakes, Sausage, and a choice of
Coffee, Milk, or Juice

Adults \$8 Seniors \$7
Kids (under 12) \$5

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

During the month of November, there will be a “Book of Remembrance” in the main vestibule of each parish for anyone who would like to write the names of their loved ones who have died. Those who are included in these books will be included in a general petition read at the Masses during the month of November.

Día de los Muertos

All are welcome to take part in our celebration of Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) on November 2nd! We will have hospitality after the 12:30pm Spanish Mass at St. Boniface Church. We will also prepare the Altar of the Dead in the St. Boniface Parish Hall with photos of our deceased loved ones to remind us to pray for them. If you would like to place a photo of one of your deceased loved ones on the altar, please bring the photo with your name clearly labeled on the back to the Parish Office. After the celebration is over, we will use the names on the back to return your photos to you. If you have any questions or would like to help decorate the altar, please email Betty Botello at elizabeth.botello01@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 708-754-1363.

Día de los Muertos

Todos están bienvenidos a participar en nuestra celebración del Día de los Muertos el 2 de noviembre. Tendremos la hospitalidad después de la misa de 12:30 en español en la Iglesia de San Bonifacio. También tendremos un Altar de Muertos en el Salón Parroquial de San Bonifacio con fotos de nuestros seres queridos fallecidos para recordarnos a rezar por ellos. Si le gustaría poner una foto de su ser querido fallecido en el altar, favor de llevar la foto con su nombre claramente escrito en el reverso a la Oficina Parroquial. Después de la celebración, usaremos los nombres para devolverle sus fotos. Si hay preguntas o le gustaría ayudar con la decoración del altar, puede contactar a Betty Botello a elizabeth.botello01@gmail.com o llamar a la Oficina Parroquial al 708-754-1363.

Catholic Cemeteries Diocese of Joliet

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It's difficult to think about, but pre-planning your Catholic cemetery arrangements today protects your family from the heartbreak and financial worry of having to make these decisions tomorrow. Look for special savings in your mailbox soon and visit diojoliet.org/cemeteries for more details. We're here to help!



Daughters of St. Liborius Spiritual Adoption Prayer Campaign

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.

What's the timeline for fetal development?

The fetus will change a lot throughout a typical pregnancy. This time is divided into three stages, called trimesters. Each trimester is a set of about three months.

A full-term pregnancy is 40 weeks, or 280 days. Depending on what months you are pregnant during (some are shorter and some longer) and what week you deliver, you could be pregnant for either nine months or 10 months. This is completely normal and healthy. Now, that we've completed the first trimester we are going into the second trimester.

Second trimester

This middle section of pregnancy is often thought of as the best part of the experience. By this time, any morning sickness is probably gone and the discomfort of early pregnancy has faded. The fetus will start to develop facial features during this month. You may also start to feel movement as the fetus flips and turns in the uterus. During this trimester, many people find out whether their baby will be designated male or female at birth. This is typically done during an anatomy scan (an ultrasound that checks physical development) around 20 weeks.

"And I feel one thing I want to share with you all, the greatest destroyer of peace today is the cry of the innocent unborn child. For if a mother can murder her own child in her own womb, what is left for you and for me to kill each other? Even in the scripture it is written: Even if mother could forget her child – I will not forget you – I have carved you in the palm of my hand. Even if mother could forget, but today millions of unborn children are being killed. And we say nothing. "

- Mother Teresa

December 10, 1979 Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech

ST. LIBORIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH
10TH ANNUAL

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OCTOBER 25, 2025**

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7 - 7:30 am Packet Pick up and Walk-in Registrations
8:00am Race Start
9:30 am Awards

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL 815-478-3951

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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.