

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

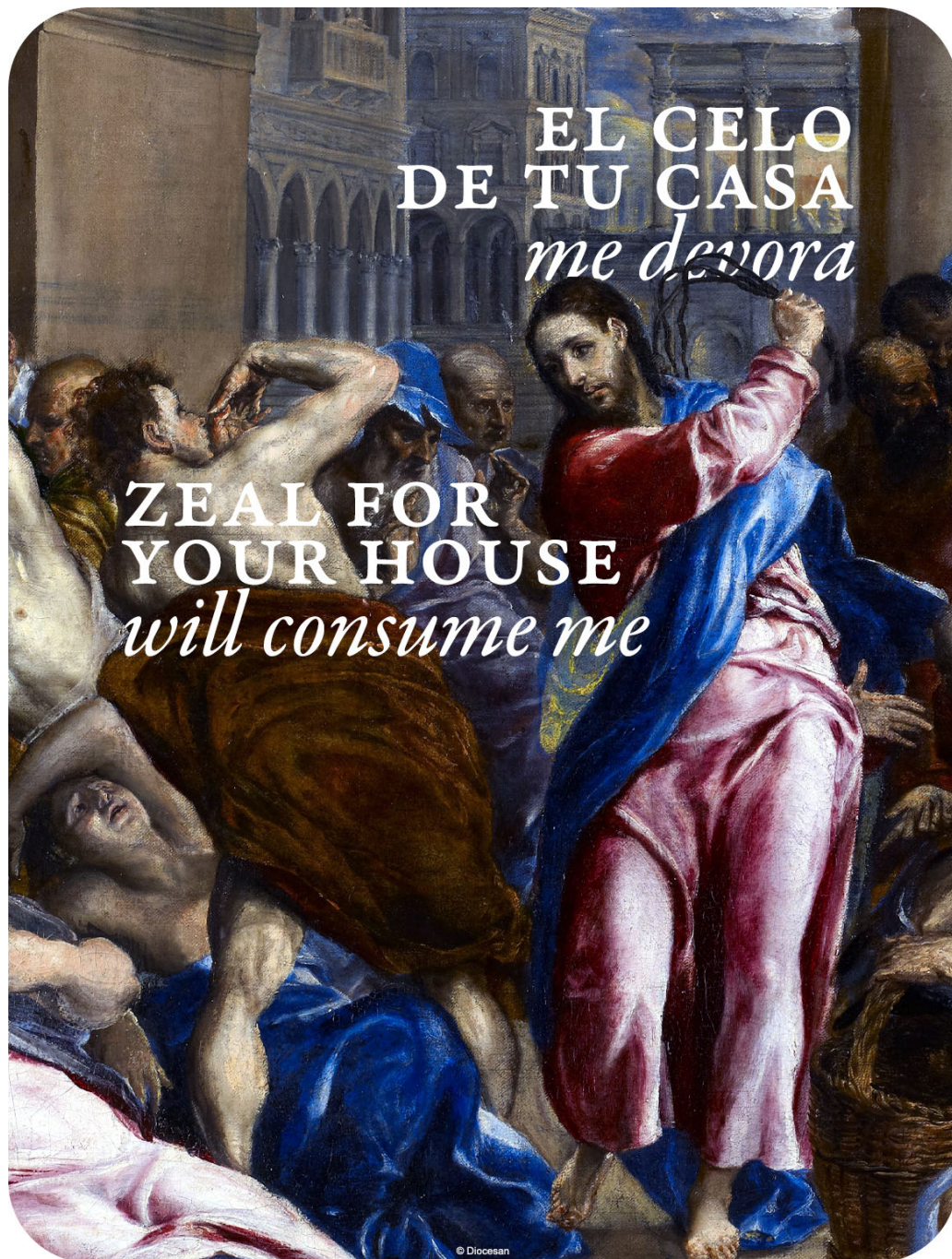
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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday9:00 AM
Sunday8:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 9:00 AM—10:00 AM



November 9, 2025

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 8

4:30 PM • St. Liborius

Irene Kaim & Family, Beth Ann Chavez, Sally Kozlik

Sunday, November 9—Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

8:30 AM • St. Boniface

† Barb Marusin *Req. by Bob Marusin*, † Ron Mitchell *Req. by Barb Mitchell*, For the people of our Parish

10:30 AM • St. Liborius

Frances Cicale, Jose P. Rivera, Joseph & Marie Skummer, & the people of our parish

12:30 PM • St. Boniface (Spanish)

† Adan Carriedo Castro

Monday, November 10—St. Leo the Great

8:00 AM • St. Liborius

Special intentions of Jack & Kathy Short *Req by Lloyd & Mary Pierce*

8:30 AM • St. Boniface—Communion Service

Tuesday, November 11—St. Martin of Tours

8:30 AM • St. Boniface

Birthday intentions of Wayne Haser *Req. by Bogs-Haser family*

7:00 PM • St. Liborius

† Charles J. Panici *Req by Bob Farrell*

Wednesday, November 12—St. Josaphat

8:00 AM • St. Liborius

Birthday intentions of Benjamin Short

Thursday, November 13—St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

8:00 AM • St. Liborius

For Vocations to the Priesthood

8:30 AM • St. Boniface—Communion Service

Friday, November 14

8:00 AM • St. Liborius

For the Souls in Purgatory

8:30 AM • St. Boniface—Communion service

Saturday, November 15

8:00 AM • St. Liborius

The People of St. Liborius & St. Boniface

4:30 PM • St. Liborius

Deacon Frank J. Prist, Bebe Molina, & the People of our Parish

Sunday, November 16

8:30 AM • St. Boniface

† Frank & Jean Kwiatkowski *Req by Paul & Terry Kwiatkowski*, † Erwin Emil Bogs *Req by the Bogs Family*, † Bob Moroney & Barbara Beiner *Req by Tammy Moroney*

10:30 AM • St. Liborius

Ed Pelock & Joe Smith

12:30 PM • St. Boniface (Spanish)

The People of St. Liborius & St. Boniface

Scripture Readings

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Sunday, November 16, 2025

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Malachi 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

Liturgical Ministers

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Lectors

4:30 PM—Kate Cummings

10:30 AM—Ted Kulma

Eucharistic Ministers

4:30 PM - Jamie Smart, Dave Rudofski, Maureen Burns, Bob Baumgartner

10:30 AM—Art LeMere, Clint Mann, Barb Herzic, Patty Heiss,

Altar Servers

4:30 PM— experienced volunteer needed

10:30 AM—Lia Rivera, Isabella Bova

St. Boniface • Sunday, November 16

Lector

Camille Dancer

Eucharistic Minister

John Blazeovich

Ministers of the Cup

Deacon Mark Otten, Phyllis Huske, Tracy Sheehan

Altar Servers

Mike Hudspeth, Sherwin Jaculbe

ATTENTION ST. BONIFACE LECTORS

Lector Workbooks for 2026, Year A, are available in the church office. Pick one up and initial next to your name so we will know that you have gotten yours.

Baptized in Christ

Welcome to the following baptized on November 2:

Ronan Edward Gainer

son of Samuel & Ashley (Rodriguez) Gainer



From Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners of Saint Liborius parish and Saint Boniface church,

Euthanasia in Illinois

The Illinois Senate, at 3 am on Friday morning, the slowest news day of the week, voted to legalize suicide for those society has deemed no longer valuable. The bill will now go to Governor Pritzker for his signature.

Why do you think that your legislature decided to vote at 3 am? Was it in a spirit of openness and transparency? The reason I write this note is because you might have missed it in the midst of so many other news stories.

As this action was taken on the Eve of All Saints and as we pray for all those souls that have died, let us remember that we reverence life not for what lives do for us but who every human being is. We don't love people for their practical value. We choose to love another, because God created them in His image.

Rather than teaching that a person's life is deemed valuable by their temporal worth to society, the Catholic Church beginning with the first book of the Bible, has consistently defended and promoted the teaching that our dignity lay in the fact that every human being is created in the image and likeness of God. Our worth does not come from our ability to hold down a job or go to college or even fix a broken pipe or drive a cool car or own a house or have an important title or even a big bank account. Each person's life is sacred by the mere fact that each of us has a rational immortal soul.

We have been fed the erroneous notion that it is merciful to end a person's life when they are suffering; however, this is not mercy. Mercy does not consist in intentionally ending a person's life when they are carrying a burden. Mercy walks with that person through the fire, assists them in their time of need and loves them, not in spite of the difficulty, but by entering into the struggle with them.

Sometimes those suffering from a terminal illness feel they do not want to be a burden to their family or loved ones; however, if we are a people of faith, hope and love, then we can never call anyone we truly love a burden. With this legislation, we, once again, see our society wanting to choose, what some have deemed, the simple solution, instead of the path of love and true mercy.

The Bishops of the State of Illinois published this response to this horrific news:

"With the passage of legislation to legalize assisted suicide in Illinois, the Illinois General Assembly has put our state on a slippery path that jeopardizes the well-being of the poor and marginalized, especially those in the disability community and have foreseeable tragic consequences. With all the assaults on human dignity and the growing number of vulnerable people we see every day, sadly the leaders and members of the General Assembly who voted for this offer us suicide as its response.

"The bill now goes to the Governor, and we ask him not only to veto this bill in totality, but also to address humanely the reasons why some view assisted suicide as their only option and to heed the impact of similar legislation on other states and nations.

"Many lawmakers chose to ignore the real advances in palliative medical care as an alternative to assisted suicide. Rather than signing this bill, we ask the Governor to expand and improve on palliative care programs that offer expert assessment and management of pain and other symptoms. These programs support caregivers and help ensure patient care is coordinated with other services. And they represent a compassionate and morally acceptable alternative to assisted suicide.

"Today, we face real and immediate threats to human life and dignity, many from the very institutions created to protect them. The government shut down, a growing number of private and government sector layoffs, the terrorizing and deportation of our neighbors, and the loss of food and medical assistance for the poor and vulnerable are immediate problems that need attention, not enacting assisted suicide.

"Let us also consider the impact on impressionable young people of legalizing suicide in any form. According to a 2022 United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study, suicide is the second-leading cause of death for U.S. teens and young adults 10-34. It is the second-leading cause of death for those 10-14. And, according to the National

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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

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.

November School Masses: November 6, 13, 20
No school Mass on November 27

Please Pray For...

Roy Blakey, Bill Brennan, Joan Cleghorn, Don & Kathy Dornhecker, Tammy Downen, Liz Greene, 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, Fr. John McGeean, Barb Mitchell, Elyse M., Carmin M., John Novak, Fred Nunez, Lloyd Pierce, Nancy Pilotto, Chad Pinnegar, Robert Prete, William P., Eligha Sain, Luis Santiago, Ray Smith, Bob Staniec, Arnie Szudarski, Julie Szudarski, 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

Gary Schott

Our Stewardship

Thank you for your generosity!

Week ending November 2, 2025

St. Liborius

Sunday Offering.....\$6,381.00

St. Boniface

Sunday Offering.....\$2,371.25

Spanish Mass.....\$917.00

Special Collections for the month of October as of 10/27

St. Liborius

Building Fund.....\$644.00

Comfort Fund.....\$419.00

Scholarship Fund.....\$569.00

World Mission Sunday.....\$592.00

Holy Day.....\$90.00

Votives.....\$162.57

St. Boniface

Maintenance.....\$1,007.00

World Mission Sunday.....\$522.00

Daughters of St. Liborius

OPERATION *Christmas Cards for Soldiers*



The Daughters of St. Liborius will again be holding a Christmas Card Campaign for the Military. Be sure to place your Christmas Cards for the Military donation in the Box in the Narthex this weekend at both churches St. Liborius and St. Boniface "Please sign the inside of the card and leave the envelope opened and blank". Donations will still be accepted next weekend and of course you are welcome to join us at our Family Gathering after the 10:30 mass at St. Liborius on November 16th in the Hall to create and sign additional cards.



From Our Pastor

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Institutes of Health, suicide contagion is a real risk to these young people after exposure to suicide. Add to that the ready availability of firearms in the U.S. and this is a tragedy we do not need to compound.

"It defies common sense for our state to enact a 9-8-8 suicide hotline, increase funding for suicide prevention programs and then pass a law that, based on the experience of other jurisdictions, results in more suicide.

"Join us as we continue to pray for all those who are sick and at the end of life, their caregivers and for all who feel life is no long worth living and need our support."

Prayer

Let us pray for all those in our parish, our state and our world who suffer from any form of violence or illness that they will have someone in their lives who will seek to walk with them in their time of greatest need.

Thank you!

I would like to thank Nancy Rita Kaz for her kind donation to pay for the increased number of pages in our bulletin. We will soon make the transition to add 4 pages regularly to our bulletin and so we will be able to permit a person to post the same ad 3 times instead of 2 times.

May Almighty God bless you and keep you.

Prayers.

In Christ,
Fr. Thomas Milota

YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS GIVING

All Young Adults Are Invited
For Food, Games, and Fun!

Sunday, November 16

St. Boniface Parish Hall
5305 West Main St., Monee, IL
Starts at 3:00pm

**SIGN UP TO BRING A DISH
(MAIN, SIDE, OR DESSERT)
TO SHARE**



<https://bit.ly/pogpotluck>



Veterans Day
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



A Grateful Nation Remembers.

Bishop Hicks November Column

"I Have Loved You" — A Gift from the Holy Father

The wait is over! After just five months of being elected, [Pope Leo XIV](#) has speedily penned and shared with us his first [Apostolic Exhortation, *Dilexi Te* \("I Have Loved You"\)](#). It radiates the heart of Jesus and reminds us that love for Christ and love for the poor are inseparable. The Holy Father teaches that when we draw close to those who are weak, forgotten, or struggling, we meet Christ himself. It is not only an invitation to charity; it is a call to conversion.

In last month's column, I invited everyone to read my pastoral letter [MAKE!](#) which lays out our diocesan vision for evangelization. If you have not yet done so, I encourage you to take some quiet time to read and pray with it, and now to also read *Dilexi Te*. These two letters, the Holy Father's and ours, speak to one another with one voice: a call to be a Church that listens, serves, and brings the love of Christ into action.

Some may think this theme of love for the poor is simply a continuation of Pope Francis and something that only Francis and Leo share in common. However, Pope Leo shows in a scholarly and deeply pastoral way that love for the poor has always been at the very heart of the Church. Throughout *Dilexi Te* he grounds this teaching in Scripture from the Old and New Testaments and draws upon the wisdom of [the Early Church Fathers](#), the lives of the saints, and the witness of countless religious orders and popular movements. He even highlights how [Saint John Paul II](#) and [Pope Benedict XVI](#) carried forward this same conviction in their own teaching. Far from being a new idea, Pope Leo reminds us that this is part of the Church's unbroken tradition, one that the world urgently needs to hear again today.

Reading *Dilexi Te* moved me deeply. It reminded me that when we share life with the poor, they evangelize us. During my years serving in El Salvador at a [home for orphaned and abandoned children](#), I remember when a donation allowed us to buy doughnuts for all 525 children. We ran out before the adult staff could have any, including me. Then a little boy approached and offered me two thirds of his doughnut. I said, "That's generous, but give me one third and keep two thirds." He replied, "No, Padre, you're bigger and probably hungrier, you get more." That small act of love preached the Gospel better than any homily.

I was struck by Pope Leo's reminder that poverty is not only material. There is also a spiritual poverty, an emptiness and isolation that affects many, especially in our own country. He warns that this kind of poverty can be even more dangerous because it hides behind comfort or distraction. This insight challenges us to see the poor not only as those who lack food or shelter but also as those who hunger for meaning, mercy, and belonging. Our call is to reach both kinds of poverty with the same love of Christ.

Not long ago, I visited a parish food pantry where volunteers gathered to pray before they served. It was not simply about groceries; it was catechesis, evangelization, and faith in action all at once. One volunteer said, "Bishop, we try to do more than give out donations. We are trying to share God's love and see the face of Christ in everyone we serve." That is *Dilexi Te* come to life. When love meets action, we encounter Christ, and transformation happens.

May *Dilexi Te* be a roadmap for a Church that truly believes what it proclaims: that Christ's love is most visible when we serve, listen, and walk with the poor. In every act of mercy and every parish outreach, may we turn faith into action and reveal the love that Pope Leo describes so powerfully. And may we, as disciples here in the Diocese of Joliet, make that love visible in our words, our witness, and our works every single day.



Small but Mighty Prayer Group will meet, as usual, on the 2nd Tuesday of the month ... November 11th 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).** Acceptable formats are MS Word, Publisher, Excel, PDF or jpg files.



Mother Teresa Catholic Academy has opened up the opportunity for students in the Religious Ed program to join our boys/girls basketball teams.



MOTHER TERESA CATHOLIC ACADEMY

BASKETBALL

SIGN-UPS

Basketball Season is here! The season's about to tip off, and we want your child to be part of the action. Whether they're new to the game or a seasoned player, there's a spot for them on our team! Registration for Boys and Girls Basketball 5th-8th grade.

FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT COACH JEMAL

 708-408-8550

VOCATIONS OFFICE

DIOCESE OF JOLIET

The Configuration and Vocational Synthesis

How to Support Your Priests

Parishioners can encourage the priesthood by praying daily for vocations and for priests, by encouraging men they know to consider the priesthood, and by actively supporting the church's vocation ministry. Encouraging a priestly vocation includes recognizing spiritual commitment, such as regular participation in prayer and spiritual events, and speaking to potential candidates to offer support and invite them to explore the possibility of a vocation. A supportive community that fosters openness to God's call is crucial for men and women to discern and respond to a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

BY FR. STEVEN BORELLO
DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONS
DIOCESE OF JOLIET

The final 4 years of seminary bring a shift in focus. More confident in his identity as a disciple of Jesus, the man enters the Configuration Stage and begins the formal study of theology. Here, his humanity is more intentionally shaped so as to mirror Christ the Shepherd. He studies Scripture, doctrine, moral theology, liturgy, and pastoral theology with an eye toward preaching, celebrating the sacraments, and shepherding souls. The man regularly spends his weekends assisting at liturgy, engaged in parish ministries, and functions in a ministerial capacity.

In the fall of his final year of seminary, the man is ordained as a transitional deacon and enters the Vocational Synthesis Stage. At this point, he has completed his academic training and will now live and serve full-time in a parish. This year is truly a "synthesis" because everything converges here: prayer, study, service, community life, and ministry, demonstrating that the seminarian has become a man of integration, freedom, and priestly witness who is ready to step forward into priesthood. These final stages are not just about learning what a priest does, but about becoming who a priest is. Through study, service, and the grace of the sacraments, the man is configured more fully to Christ the High Priest, ready to lay down his life for God's people.

This is Part 3 in a 3-part series of columns on the importance of your help in the formation of new priests

ABOUT FATHER BORELLO
Fr. Steven Borello is a priest of the Diocese of Joliet currently serving as the Director of Vocations. Fr. Steven grew up in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, and is the oldest of 4 children. He attended the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana where he studied chemistry and chemical engineering. While there, he received a call to the seminary to discern the priesthood. He received his Bachelors in Theology and Masters of Divinity from Mundelein Seminary and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Joliet in 2011. He first served as an associate pastor at Notre Dame Parish in Clarendon Hills and was then transferred to Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Naperville in June of 2014. In August of 2015, he began serving at St. John Vianney College Seminary as a spiritual director, director of human formation, and instructor to over 120 men discerning a priestly vocation. He returned to the Diocese of Joliet in August 2018 to begin as the Director of Vocations.

Diocese of Joliet

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