

# 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

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**December 14, 2025**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

# Mass Intentions

## **Saturday, December 13**

**4:30 PM • St. Liborius**

Irene Kaim & Family, Bob Ruhnke, Bebe Molina

## **Sunday, December 14—Third Sunday of Advent**

**8:30 AM • St. Boniface**

Eleanor Ebert (D) *Req. by Lenore Bocinsky*, The Village of Monee *Req. by Mayor Bogs*, & the People of the Parish

**10:30 AM • St. Liborius**

Judy McKenna & the People of the Parish

**12:30 PM • St. Boniface (Spanish)**

For world unity

## **Monday, December 15**

**8:00 AM • St. Liborius**—Kevin Metzner

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

## **Tuesday, December 16**

**8:30 AM • St. Boniface**

Mary Eder (D) *Req. by St. Boniface Ladies Club*

**7:00 PM • St. Liborius**

Rob Melbert (D)

## **Wednesday, December 17**

**8:00 AM • St. Liborius**

JoAnn “Chickie” Martin (D)

## **Thursday, December 18**

**8:00 AM • St. Liborius**

Carol Troppina (D)

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

## **Friday, December 19**

**8:00 AM • St. Liborius**

Rev. David Krolczyk (D)

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

## **Saturday, December 20**

**8:00 AM • St. Liborius**

Tim O’Sullivan (D)

**4:30 PM • St. Liborius**

James E. & Marie Leech, Helen & Irving Blum, Carol Ann O’Rourke, & the People of the Parish

## **Sunday, December 21—Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**8:30 AM • St. Boniface**

Richard Nicola (D) *Req. by Mary Ann Nicola*, Leonard & Eleanor Ebert (D) *Req. by the Ebert family*, Barbara Beiner (D) *Req. by Tammy Moroney*, & the People of the Parish

**10:30 AM • St. Liborius**

Leonard & Elsie Keilman, James Keilman, Joseph & Marie Skummer

**12:30 PM • St. Boniface (Spanish)**

In Thanksgiving

## Scripture Readings

### **Sunday, December 14, 2025**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146: 6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

### **Sunday, December 21, 2025**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

## Liturgical Ministers

### **St. Boniface • Sunday, December 21**

**Lector**

Erwin Bogs

**Eucharistic Minister**

Therese Bogs-Haser

**Ministers of the Cup**

Deacon Mark Otten, John Porpora, Kathy Short

**Altar Servers**

Romina Flores, Mike Hudspeth

### **St. Liborius • December 20 & 21**

**Lector**

**4:30pm**—Bob Baumgartner

**10:30am**—Barb Herzic

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**4:30pm**—Jim Betourney, Maureen Burns, Chuck Gromala, Jeanette Dargert

**10:30am**—Sue Metzner, Bertha Mpesa, Jill Raymond, Dennis Smith

**Altar Servers**

**4:30pm**—*Experienced volunteers needed*

**10:30am**—Lia Rivera, Danilo Perez

### **Attention St. Boniface Only NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULE!**

The current Ministry schedule for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers will end December 28, 2025 and we will need any changes to when you serve, vacation dates, etc. for the next schedule which will begin January 1, 2026 and run until April 26, 2026 if you would like to be a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, or Altar Server, send us your name and phone number, and this info can be dropped in the collection basket, or call the office during hours. Training will be provided. Deadline for any changes (new people, delete your service, etc.) must be in the office no later than December 22, 2025.

The special collection this weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. If you would like to participate in this collection, please use the specially designated envelopes and return them in the Sunday Offertory.





## From Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners of Saint Liborius parish and Saint Boniface church,

### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to our little ones who made their first reconciliation last Sunday! Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive their first holy communion this Spring.

### **Giving – Be generous to God's parish**

We often refer to this season of the year as the season of giving. Indeed, the greatest gift we have received is the infant Jesus Himself. The All-Mighty God deigned to become one like us that we might become like Him. Each and every day, we offer the Eucharist (the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ).

As you know, our parishes have gone through a lot this year and your parish is in need. If you have the means and are grateful for what God has giving you, please make a return to Him by giving generously to Saint Liborius/Saint Boniface this Christmas. We can only offer all the services that we do through your financial support.

### **Church Decorating**

We will be gathering at Saint Liborius and at Saint Boniface at 10 am on Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> to decorate our churches for Christmas. Please join us to decorate our churches to celebrate our Savior's birth. All are welcome!

### **Sacrament of Forgiveness**

Although we don't think of Advent in the same light as Lent, Advent is a penitential season. It recalls the period in salvation history during which the chosen people listened to the words of the prophets and prepared themselves for the coming of the Savior. In this same light, we should be preparing our souls for the celebration of the Incarnation and our Lord's Second Coming.

We have numerous confession times at Saint Liborius/Saint Boniface: At Saint Liborius - Saturdays at 8:30 am and 3:30 pm; Sundays at 10:30 am; Fridays at 7:00 am; and, at Saint Boniface – Tuesdays at 9:00 am; Sundays at 8:00 am; and, Sundays in Spanish at 12:00 pm.

We will also have two special periods of confession at **Saint Liborius on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm and Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm**. We know that many of you like to confess to a stranger so we have scheduled some of the strangest priests we could find!

To prepare for your confession, please review the examination of conscience you can find here:

<https://fathersofmercy.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/2020Examination.pdf>

May Almighty God bless you and keep you.

Prayers.

In Christ,  
Fr. Thomas Milota

### **EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES**

**Due to the Christmas holidays, the following bulletins have early deadlines:**

- Sunday, December 21 bulletin—already transmitted
- Sunday, December 28 bulletin—all items must be submitted by Tuesday, December 16 at 9:00am
- Sunday, January 4 bulletin—all items must be submitted by Thursday, December 18 at 9:00am

**Please send all items to [connections@stliborius.org](mailto:connections@stliborius.org).**

# 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  
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Phone: 708-672-3093  
www.mtcacademy.org

Dr. Kevin Burns, PhD, President

Mrs. Annie Murray, Principal  
[amurray@mtcademy.org](mailto: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.

*December school Masses: December 18*

# Please Pray For...

Roy Blakey, Kathy Boswell, Bill Brennan, Joan Cleghorn, Ris Dancer, Rachel Dombrowski, Don & Kathy Dornhecker, Tammy Downen, Liz Greene, Barbara Gromala, Julie Hoyda, Kate Kendrick, 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, Angela Mills, Barb Mitchell, Elyse M., Carmin M., John Novak, Fred Nunez, Victoria Nunez-Stuckart, Lloyd Pierce, Nancy Pilotto, Chad Pinnegar, Robert Prete, William P., Eligha Sain, Luis Santiago, Ray Smith, Bob Staniec, Arnie Szudarski, Julie Szudarski, Mary Truss, 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**

Jim Barkus, Michael Green, Patrick Kramer,  
Frank, Christine, & Joseph DeLuca

# Our Stewardship

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## **Week ending December 7**

### **St. Liborius**

Sunday Offertory.....\$6,588.00  
Children's.....\$0.00

### **St. Boniface week ending November 30**

Sunday Offertory.....\$2,385.00  
Spanish Mass.....\$542.00

*Sunday offertory for 12/7 for St. Boniface will be posted next week.*



# NEW ENVELOPE COMPANY

*Dear Parishioners,*

*Merry Advent!*

*Thank you for your support of Saint Liborius parish and Saint Boniface church and the continued support of our Saint Mary parishioners.*

*During our first year as a combined parish, we wanted to make certain that everyone received a proper accounting of their giving for their taxes. As a result we made the decision to keep everyone's envelope numbers the same through December 31, 2025. All of our Saint Liborius, Saint Mary and Saint Boniface parishioners will receive your tax letter for your charitable giving by the end of January as usual.*

*Because our parishes are now combined and we will need to make a small change to your offertory envelopes beginning January 1, 2026. You will still receive your 2-month supply of envelopes in the mail as usual, but both church names will now appear on the envelope and you will receive a new envelope number.*

*We know how attached you were to your envelope number so we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but it will allow us to continue to give you an accurate accounting of your giving for your taxes.*

*Thank you for your support and may the Lord bless you and keep you.*

*In Christ,*

*Fr. Milota*

## Misas Especiales

Miércoles, 24 de diciembre de 2025 a las 4:00pm: **La Natividad del Señor**  
(Misa vespertina de la vigilia) o Nochebuena— DÍA DE PRECEPTO

Jueves, 25 de diciembre de 2025 a las 12:30pm: **La Natividad del Señor**  
(Misa del día) o Navidad— DÍA DE PRECEPTO

Jueves, 1 de enero de 2026 a las 12:30pm: **Solemnidad de María Santísima,**  
**Madre de Dios — DÍA DE PRECEPTO**

*NB: Cada Misa estará en San Bonifacio Iglesia Católica.*





PLEASE JOIN  
THE  
ST. LIBORIUS  
CHOIR AT  
10:00PM  
DECEMBER  
24<sup>TH</sup> JUST  
BEFORE THE  
CHRISTMAS  
EVE MASS FOR  
AN OLD-  
FASHIONED  
CHRISTMAS  
SING ALONG.



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## GIVING TREE 2025



All the remaining tags for gifts going to Beecher Manor and Misericordia are on the Giving Tree already. The time between Thanksgiving and the Christmas Party at Beecher Manor determines the length of time we have to get the gifts, so continue to shop and have **ALL** the gifts returned by next weekend, December 20-21 ... including those for Misericordia ...

- unwrapped in or next to the drum for Misericordia or
- wrapped with the tag securely attached, under the tree for Beecher Manor

Please continue to help us bring a smile to each and every one on our Christmas list by taking **ALL** the tags and getting the gifts back on time. For those who could not shop, there are **Cash Donation** envelopes on the window sill behind the Giving Tree. Place your contribution in the envelope (no amount is too small), seal it and place it in the collection basket. There are elves who will do the shopping for you.

### Scott's-U-Save's Christmas Contest to profit Community Outreach at no cost except for your time ...

The contest runs from November 24 – December 31, 2025, and there's \$6,000 in donations up for grabs. Each charity will earn a portion of the total based entirely on the number of votes they receive. VOTING IS OPEN ONCE PER DAY PER PERSON PER EMAIL ADDRESS !!!

Online, go to:

[scottsusave.com](http://scottsusave.com)

Click at the top on "Holiday Charity Contest 2025"

Click on "Vote now" to go to regional charities

Click on "Vote now" At bottom of "Steger Participants"

Fill in the required information, and be sure COMMUNITY OUTREACH is chosen under "Select a Charity" ... then click on "Cast Vote"

TOMORROW, repeat from the beginning





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- ✓ Ask questions

For more info:  
**708-672-3093**

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### MTCA Athletics Update:

MTCA Basketball Season is about to get started for the 2025-2026 season!

Our school is fielding both Boys and Girls Basketball teams that will compete at the 8th grade level in the Tri-County Catholic Conference starting on December 3, 2025. Come out and support and cheer on our teams during our HOME games at Mother Teresa Catholic Academy on December 8th, 11th, 15th, January 12th and 21st and February 13th. The Girls games start at 6:00pm followed by the Boys games at 7:00pm. Hope to see you there. Go MTCA Saints!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



On November 21st some of our Mother Teresa Catholic Academy students sang in the South Chicago Heights Tree Lighting Ceremony! We were very grateful to Mayor Matthews and all at Village of South Chicago Heights for inviting us. The children sang beautifully. They were very excited to meet Santa, while enjoying delicious cookies and cocoa! It was such a fun evening for our students and the audience.





## Peter Ebere Cardinal Okpaleke

Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Ekwulobia

November 25, 2025

Rev. Fr. Thomas Milota

St. Boniface

5304 W Main St. Monee, IL

Dear Rev. Fr. Tom Milota,

### UPDATE ON THE COMMUNITY CHILDREN/WELFARE HOME PROJECT

I once more write on behalf of myself, the Clergy, Religious and Lay faithful of the Catholic Diocese of Ekwulobia, Nigeria to thank you and your parishioners, friends and well-wishers for your generous support to our diocesan apostolate especially through your support to our Community Children (Orphanage)/Welfare Home Project. We remain very grateful to you for your donation. Your donation and those of some other people have been pooled together for the project as promised.

Recall that the establishment of the Home is to ensure the pastoral care of the elderly and vulnerable children which constitutes a major aspect of our apostolate in the diocese.

In line with our diocesan policy of transparency and accountability, I hereby forward to you an update pictures of one of the three buildings needed for the Home. The building under construction is the section for the elderly/vulnerable with sixty rooms. It is now ready for roofing as at today November 25, 2025. Feel free to share the pictures with your parishioners, friends and well-wishers who have donated towards the project. We hope to progress as we get more support.

Please convey my prayerful good wishes to them. Thank you again and may God bless you abundantly. Be assured of our prayers and Masses for you and our supporters.

In union of prayers

✠ *Peter Ebere Cardinal Okpaleke*

Bishop of Ekwulobia



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