

# St. Liborius Church

Steger, Illinois

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 21, 2017



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## **SCHOOL**

*Mother Teresa Catholic Academy*

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*Phone: 672-3093*

*Website — [www.mtcacademy.org](http://www.mtcacademy.org)*



## SHOWER YOUR SUPPORT ON OUR YOUTH GROUPS!

### See Page 5 for details!

**HEARING ASSISTANCE SETS AVAILABLE -- CONTACT AN USHER.**

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**  
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I want to thank everyone for their prayers and offers of support since my knee surgery last Friday. In particular, I need to thank again Fr. Dennis for saying all the Masses last weekend at St. Mary and St. Liborius. As you may have heard the surgery went well, but there was more damage to my knee than was anticipated. It did not show up in the pre-surgery MRI, but the ACL in my right knee is torn, and so I will likely need another surgery in the future to correct it. In other words, I should be able to walk and get around with care, but anything strenuous is off-limits until later.

Now on to more cheerful news. This Sunday is Graduation Day for the 8th Graders at Mother Teresa Catholic Academy. Should you meet one of our graduates please congratulate them and wish them well in their future studies. They ought to do well as MTCA does an excellent job of preparing its students to succeed wherever they go for high school. Credit must be given to the teachers, staff, and volunteers at Mother Teresa; as well as the parents of our graduates. Most of all the credit for a fine education must go to the students; for without their willing cooperation in their education all the efforts made on their behalf would be naught.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that we are still celebrating Easter. It is easy to forget in this fast-paced world in which every holiday is at best a three day affair, but our joy as disciples of Jesus Christ in the His resurrection and our salvation continues at a fever pitch. Please do everything you can to remind yourselves of how much we owe our Lord and Savior and to give thanks to Him for everything He has done for you.

~ Fr. Stephen Eickhoff

**Weekly Collections**  
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Last Week's Collection:                   \$8,161.13  
 Children's Envelopes:                   \$16.00

Whatever time we have is a gift from God and we are asked to use it wisely, to serve God and others.

Thank you for your continued monetary support.  
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**PLEASE BE AWARE**

Please be aware that we have had a person on the premises who was "begging" for money. Permission was not granted for this to occur. It is obvious that this person was panhandling as several different stories were given. When we are contacted by persons who are truly in need of help, we put them in contact with the Outreach Program or other resources that are available. At no time would Father give permission for anyone to approach individual parishioners. Please let us know if you are ever approached on Church grounds. Thank you.

Daughters of  
 St. Liborius  
 Cookbook



**DAUGHTERS  
 OF ST. LIBORIUS  
 COOKBOOK SALE**

In case we missed you last weekend, we have about a dozen copies of the "2017 St. Liborius Parish Cook Book presented by the Daughters of St. Liborius" still available for sale for \$5 each.

This cookbook started out as a compilation of the recipes for the delicious meatless soups prepared for the Lenten Soup and Bread gatherings at St. Liborius. It reflects many of those soups, as well as the submissions of more recipes by the fabulous chefs of our parish family.

These remaining books can be purchased on a first come, first served, basis by contacting Sue Murphy at [susanmurphy799@gmail.com](mailto:susanmurphy799@gmail.com) or 708-646-9376 if you are interested. Thanks to everyone for their enthusiastic support of our sale!

**GARDEN/GROUNDS/GROTTO MINISTRY**

*THE KISS OF THE SUN FOR PARDON  
THE SONG OF THE BIRDS FOR MIRTH  
ONE IS NEARER GOD'S HEART IN A GARDEN  
THAN ANYWHERE ELSE ON EARTH*

Garden/Grounds/Grotto Ministry  
is planning a meeting on  
Thursday, May 25, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.  
in the Rectory Conference Room.

Anyone currently serving or interested in serving in this ministry please join us. We are looking for volunteers to putter in the gardens around the Church, Religious Education Building, and DeMuth Center this spring and summer seasons.

Contact Nancy Rita Kaz, 708-672-8282,  
[nancyritakaz@aol.com](mailto:nancyritakaz@aol.com), for more information.



**WE NEED YOUR HELP!  
PICTURES PLEASE!**

The Communications Core Team needs your help! Our goal is to communicate to our parish community all the

events that are happening in the parish through the bulletin, monitor in the narthex and other means of media. We would like to help you advertise upcoming events and celebrate the success of your events. Please email us any photos and information if we can assist with your ministry events to [cct@stliborius.org](mailto:cct@stliborius.org). There is a form on-line on our parish website [www.stliborius.org](http://www.stliborius.org), go to "News and Events" menu then click on "Parish Forms". The **Bulletin/Monitor Form** is to help with the information and guidelines. Our team meets once a month. We can also use more members, photographers, and bulletin and flyer designers. Anyone interested please contact Debbie Braccio at 708-259-2096.

**NEW MEMBERS  
OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

We welcome into our Catholic Community those recently baptized:

*Arianna Jade Bonelli*, child of Joseph and Tara,  
Godchild of Eric Bonelli and Ashley Damm

*Mia Dianna Dissinger*, child of Steven and Cloee,  
Godchild of Michael Eby and Sara Nielsen



**THIS WEEK AT ST. LIBORIUS**

**Saturday, May 20**

*Knights of Columbus Membership Drive  
TYG Fundraiser*

- 8:00 a.m. Rosary for Peace (Church)
- 9:00 a.m. Outreach Food Distribution (Parish Hall)
- 3:30 p.m. Reconciliation
- 4:30 p.m. Eucharist Minister Commissioning during Mass (Church)

**Sunday, May 21**

*Knights of Columbus Membership Drive  
TYG Fundraiser*

- 11:30 a.m. Donut Sunday (Parish Hall)
- 12:00 p.m. 8th Grade Graduation (St. Mary)

**Monday, May 22**

- 6:00 p.m. Guardians (St. Mary)
- 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus (DeMuth Center)

**Tuesday, May 23**

- 8:30 a.m. Quilters (Parish Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Outreach Food Distribution (Parish Hall)

**Wednesday, May 24**

- 6:00 p.m. Reconciliation (Church)
- 7:30 p.m. TYG (Religious Ed Center)

**Thursday, May 25**

- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (Church)
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troup 100 (Religious Ed Center)
- 7:00 p.m. Gardens, Grounds & Grotto Meeting (Rectory)

**Friday, May 26**

**Saturday, May 27**

*TYG Fundraiser*  
8:00 a.m. Rosary for Peace (Church)

**Sunday, May 28**

*TYG Fundraiser*  
9:00 a.m. Secular Franciscan Meeting (Rectory)

**EXTREMES**

If you wish to go to extremes, let it be in sweetness, patience, humility, and charity.

~ St. Philip Neri



**MOTHER TERESA CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

24201 S. Kings Rd., Crete  
Phone: 708-672-3093  
www.mtcacademy.org

**GRADUATION 2017**

Congratulations to Mother Teresa Catholic Academy's 8th grade students who will be graduating today at 12:00 p.m. at St. Mary.

May God bless each of you  
with His special grace.

- Sarah Arias
- Sincere Bailey
- Alexander Beers
- Zachary Echterling
- Michael Falcioni
- Caleb Feilen
- Aidan Fitzgerald

- Imani Gillespie
- Jake Hart
- Journey Harvey
- Kaitlyn Hunt
- Joshua Hybert
- Brian LeCocq
- Nathan Kalvig

- Paige Manning
- Katherine Melbert
- Christian Meyer
- Isleen Moore
- Lacey Oviyach
- Janmay Pandya
- Charles Perino

- Sloane Perry
- Lyzette Rebutan
- Noah Siegert
- Patrick Streeter
- Madeline Supler
- Aidan VanDerWall
- Arran Yartz



**JOIN US IN THE CRETE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**



Everyone is invited to participate in the Crete Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29, at noon. Float decorating begins at 10:00 a.m. in the church parking lot, line up at Crete Park at 11:00 a.m. and parade kickoff at noon. Please join us decorating and/or walking or riding along the float representing St. Liborius. Please contact Christine Lustyk at 708-639-1416 if you have any questions.

**VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR**

Remember these men and women in your daily prayers – Priests, Deacons, Seminarians and Women & Men Religious in the Diocese of Joliet

May

- 22 Srs. Rosa Pan, Rosemary Rafter, Sharon Richards, Rosemary Ward, Dorothy Wolsiffer SP – Mary Elizabeth Clements, Loretta Finn, Inga Frank SSCM
- 23 **Mario Delgado** (Deacon Candidate)
- 24 Dcns. Christopher McCaffrey, Joseph McDonnell, Sean McGreal, Michael McGuire, John Mele, Genaro Mempin
- 25 Frs. Douglas Martis & Ronald McBride
- 26 Srs. Elsie Gamez, Martha Harrington, Anne Jaeger, Jerome Marie Menard, Lois Nixon SSCM
- 27 Frs. Mark Bernard & John Honiotes (Ordination Day)
- 28 Srs. Francis Marie Schaffer, Mary Stella Schellenberger SSCM – Claudia Janiak SSJ-TOSF

**Prayer for Vocations**

by Pope Francis

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.

We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

**NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION**

*Margie Wegrzyn, Director of Faith Formation  
faithformation@stliborius.org  
708-754-3460*



**TOTUS TUUS SUMMER PROGRAM**  
**JUNE 10-16, 2017**

Totus Tuus is a fun and energetic Catholic youth program taught by seminarians and college students throughout the Diocese of Joliet. From catechetical

sessions, Sacraments, and Mass to songs, games and skits - your child is sure to have fun while learning more about their faith!

Entering Grades 1-6  
Monday – Friday  
9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$15  
Family Rate: \$40 for 3 or more children grades 1-6

Entering Grades 7-12  
Sunday - Thursday  
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$10

**What to Bring:**

Grades 1-6 - bagged lunch, snack & water bottle daily  
Grades 7-12 – snack and water bottle daily

**Registration forms are available  
in Church or click  
on Religious Education at  
[www.stliborius.org](http://www.stliborius.org).**

**Do not neglect hospitality,  
for through it,  
some have unknowingly  
entertained angels.**  
*Hebrews 13:2*

We are in need of volunteers to host a dinner for the four member Totus Tuus team one day during the week of the program. This provides an excellent opportunity for the team to interact with families of the Parish. We also need lunch food donations for the team and volunteers during the week. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Margie Wegrzyn, Director of Faith Formation.



**SHOWER YOUR SUPPORT ON OUR YOUTH GROUPS!**

After Mass on May 20th/21st and May 27th/28th

TYG members will be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win an umbrella loaded with gift cards.

Proceeds will support the youth groups' annual trip to the Youth Leadership Conference in June.

\$5 for a Ticket  
\$10 for 3 Tickets  
Winner will be pulled on May 31st.

**YOUTH MINISTRY NEEDS BAKERS!**



Please help the Teen Youth Group, Crusaders and Guardians celebrate Pentecost after all masses on June 3rd/4th. Members of our youth groups will be handing out "red" cupcakes and cookies...but we need bakers! If you have a spare moment, please consider baking a treat to share with the Parish: red velvet cupcakes or cookies with red sprinkles, anything that can easily be shared as parishioners are leaving Mass. Your treats may be dropped off before the Mass you are attending. Thank you in advance!



**REGISTER NOW FOR 2017-2108 P.R.E.P.**  
Early registration ends May 31st. **There is a financial incentive to register early!** Registration forms are available at the Church entrances and at [www.stliborius.org](http://www.stliborius.org). Drop off your registration in the Sunday collection basket or the Parish Office (clearly labeled to the attention of PREP).

**SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION**

This Sunday is two weeks before Pentecost, but already the readings prepare us for that feast. The first reading from Acts shows us the conversion of the Samaritans, thanks to Philip's preaching and curing the sick. He did this through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit makes Jesus present today, not just in the sacraments, but through us, his disciples.

Jesus knew that after his Resurrection appearances, he would not be visible as a man. Instead, he would live in all of his followers through the power of the Holy Spirit. That's why he tells the disciples that the Spirit will be with them and in them. So confirmation, the laying on of hands (Acts 8:17), reminds us that when God lives in us, we share in the power of the Holy Spirit.

In the second reading, Peter gives us practical advice. First, he tells us to be ready to explain our hope in the Lord. That hope comes from our faith in the Resurrection. When you hear that people saw and talked to Jesus after he rose from the dead, then hear that anyone who follows Jesus will share in that resurrection, you begin to have real hope. Next, Peter tells us to avoid sin, not because we won't be forgiven again, but to show that we can live a life free from sin, selfishness, and hatred. Freedom from sin allows us to give a good example of how to live. Abandoning selfishness allows us to love others without counting the cost. When we are free from hatred, we are able to forgive others as we have been forgiven. As we live in Jesus and he in us, our happiness will attract people to God.

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**OFFERING OF LETTERS**

This weekend, St. Liborius, will be participating in Bread for the World's Offering of Letters... joining other Parishes in the Joliet Diocese along with many others across the country ...as we turn our faith into action by writing letters to our members of Congress.

Bread for the World's Offering of Letters aims to realize a world in which all of God's children are fed. Our goal is to create political will while writing our policy makers and urging them to create pathways out of hunger and poverty. We urge Congress to reject cuts to lifesaving programs here and around the world.

For more information on this year's Offering of Letters, go to [bread.org/ol](http://bread.org/ol).

**DIOCESE OF JOLIET**  
**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

The Diocese of Joliet will hold its Thirty-Ninth Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, August 27, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet.

If you are celebrating either your 25th or 50th anniversary this year, please contact the parish office so that we may submit your name to the Diocese for a formal invitation.

Those celebrating over 50 year anniversaries do not receive a formal invitation, but will be able to register to attend at a later date.

**AN EVENING FOR YOUNG ADULTS**  
**WITH BISHOP SIEGEL**

Friday, June 2, 2017

Blanchette Catholic Center  
16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, IL

Please gather starting at 6:00 p.m.

Praise and Worship is from 6:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.  
Evening Prayer will begin at 6:45 p.m.

Pizza, conversation and Q&A to follow.

Send you questions for the Bishop to:  
[laskew@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:laskew@dioceseofjoliet.org).

**THEOLOGY ON TAP KICK OFF**

June 21, 2017

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Blanchette Catholic Center  
16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, IL

Faith, Friends, Food, Drinks.

Speaker 7:15-8:00 p.m.

Anthony D'Ambrosio

Live Together. Die Alone.

A Conversation about Catholic Community

Open to young adults (18-39 years old), Catholic or otherwise. Hosted by the Office for Young Adult Ministry of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet.

For more information or questions, please contact Lisa Askew at [laskew@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:laskew@dioceseofjoliet.org).

**MINISTER SCHEDULE**

May 27th & 28th

**LECTORS**

4:30 pm Kate Cummings  
10:30 am Ted Kulma

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:30 pm \*Jeanette Dargert, Daine Maxwell,  
Patrick Macias, Jamie Smart,  
Frank Piacenti, Mary Sparks,  
Carol & Amanda Warnke  
10:30 am Rob Melbert, Jen Melbert,  
Marielle Zagone, Art LeMere,  
Mary Sue Paradiso, Karon Hunt,  
Nancy Kaz, Teresa Comber

\*Mass Coordinator

**ALTAR SERVERS**

4:30 pm Lacey & Laura Oviyach, Matti Stacey  
10:30 am Ryan, Katie & Nick Melbert

**MUSICIANS**

4:30 pm Bill DeYoung, Choir, Mary Ruminski  
10:30 am Judy Niemeyer, Joe Zagone,  
Guitar Choir

**USHERS**

4:30 pm Hope Gazzillo, James Maxwell,  
Kathy Hewes, Helen Schindler  
Bernie Konzen, Pat Schobel,  
Alfred Kuchcik, Joseph Zawistowski,  
Lois Lane, Christel Baylie  
10:30 am Thomas LeMere, Frank Piro,  
Carl Carlsson, Patrick Lane,  
Debbie Kulchawik, Samuel Smith,  
Elizabeth Carlsson, Mike Welsh,  
Colin Welsh, Hugh Ryan, Kenneth Houston

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;  
Jn 15:26 -- 16:4a  
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11  
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 -- 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;  
Jn 16:12-15  
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23;  
Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise  
Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20  
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23  
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28  
Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16;  
Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension)  
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23;  
Mt 28:16-20

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, May 20**

3:30 pm - *Reconciliation*  
4:30 pm - Leondina Recupito (Birthday Remembrance)  
Ted & Alberta Koselke  
Irene Kaim, John & Sophie Kaim,  
Fr. Ernest, Daniel & Edward Kaim,  
John & Josephine Madura

**Sunday, May 21**

8:30 am - *Mass @ St. Mary Church*  
10:30 am - Frank Cassara  
Frank Fojtik

**Monday, May 22**

7:00 pm - *Mass @ St. Mary Church*

**Tuesday, May 23**

8:00 am - *Mass @ St. Mary Church*

**Wednesday, May 24**

6:00 pm - *Reconciliation*

7:00 pm - Leonard J. & Verna Berg

**Thursday, May 25 @ Mother Teresa**

8:30 am - Bruce & Gertrude Mytys

**Friday, May 26**

8:00 am - Leonard & Elsie Keilman

**Saturday, May 27**

3:30 pm - *Reconciliation*

4:30 pm - Robert & Eleanor Koselke  
Charles & Helen Pustelnik

**Sunday, May 28**

8:30 am - *Mass @ St. Mary Church*  
10:30 am - Bobby Tafelski  
Joseph & Monica Lachcik



Please remember in your Masses and prayers: Anthony Bravo, Carlos Kaufman, Teresa Cunningham, Hugo Caffarini, Patricia Hlinovsky, Richard Prete, Elena Vasquez, Dr. Paul Bertrand, Sal Gulotta, Betty Wichman, Norma Hensley, Rose Howe, Dan Howe, Michael Howe, Peg McCormick, Joan & Frank McGraw, Jaclyn Powers, Audrey Davis, Micki Currier, the Czajka Family, Jim Szelinski, Amelia Sadowski, Tom Welch, Jenny Wojcik.

We also pray for those serving in our Military: Sean Motsinger, Billy Kelly, David Piattoni, Jasmine Czajka, Timothy Qunell, Jr., Andrew Piattoni.

Names will remain on the list for six weeks. Please call the Rectory at 754-1363 to add or remove names from the list.