Knights of Columbus Blue Mass
Honoring all Police, Fire, & EMS Personnel
Saturday, January 30th
4:30 p.m. Mass
Greetings everyone! I hope your week went as well as it could and you were able to stay warm enough. Isn’t it great that we live at a time when we have heated homes and heated cars? As you know this was not always the case. I like to imagine what it is like for people of modern times explaining to the Saints of old some of the things we consider “normal” that the generations before us had never imagined could even be possible.

Our second reading today is revealing to us the reminder that we ALL make up the Body of Christ and His bride, the Church. As different as we each are personally, we do make up a whole that is much “bigger” than we ourselves. We have many different gifts, talents, preferences, ideas, priorities, sports teams (Cub, Sox), and the list of differences continues endlessly. You have seen a garden with many different types of plants and flowers. The variety creates such a beauty that we will stop and “smell the flowers” to enjoy such variety. The fact remains each of the flowers are beautiful and important for the whole to be complete and “just right.” So it is with US; each one of us is different and important for the participation of the whole. You have a list of what makes you be you, and only you can be you, and you are such a vital portion of the whole, and without you, the whole is incomplete! (Did I get that right?) Yes it is right. You with all of your gifts, characteristics, attributes, and weaknesses are a masterpiece of God’s creation, personally crafted by the Hand of God for the fulfillment of His will. There is a particular part of His Will that ONLY YOU can complete. Should we respond like Mary and say Yes, we participate in the Will of God. Otherwise we do not.

Please share with the people in your household what their gifts, talents, characteristics, attributes are that make them, well, them, as they reflect God into the world in a way that is unique. Because they are, and you because you ARE.

~ Fr. Dennis

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**SUNDAY OFFERING**

Last Week’s Collection: $8,088.54  
Year to Date Offering Budget: $278,835.00  
Year to Date Offering Actual: $256,493.15  
Year to Date Overage/(Shortfall): ($22,341.85)

Number of Registered Parishioner Families: 1,324  
Number of Envelopes Used Last Week: 298

Stewardship is based on the spiritual principles of the Old Testament and the teachings of Jesus. Living a life of stewardship results in fulfillment and blessings from God. What more can we ask for?

Thank you for your continued monetary support of St. Liborius Church.

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**MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER**

Picture this. The whole town is gathered at the public square. Standing. Listening. The terms of the covenant – the loyal relationship between God and the People of God – is read aloud. Each of us is in that crowd. Each of us is part of that body. And no part of that body is unimportant – for we are the Body of Christ.

- Who in this Body has nothing prepared and needs festive food and drink?  
- Who in this Body is captive and needs to be unbound?  
- Who in this Body is poor and needs glad tidings, Good News?

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**DEAR PARENTS OF OUR ALTAR SERVERS**

We are hoping that some of you would be interested in joining us in serving in this ministry. As they say, many hands make light work. I can personally attest to you that working with our parish youth has bought me great joy. Please take some time to prayerfully consider joining us. We will meet on Thursday, January 28, at 7 p.m. in the Rectory. Thank you and God bless.

Carol Warnke  
708-220-9030
Open House
PreK—8th Grade

Sunday, January 31st
12:00—2:00 p.m.

If you register at our Open House, your name will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a 1/2 year’s tuition at MTCA! That is a $2,000 value! (The registration fee of $125 must be paid at Open House.)

Registration Fee is $150 starting on February 1st.

SAVE THE DATES!!

Bean Bag Tournament
Saturday, February 27th

Spring Fling
Dinner Auction
Saturday, April 9th

Details Coming Soon!!

Spring Fling Raffle Tickets
$50 each
$15,000 Winner and many more prizes!

Purchase after Masses, in the MTCA Office, or from your favorite Mother Teresa Student!
www.stliborius.org

Last weekend at Mass, you saw a brief presentation highlighting many of the pages on our parish web site. Hopefully you have had an opportunity to listen to a past homily or a “Fuel for Faith” presentation. Were you able to find the ministry schedules? How about checking for an upcoming event on the calendar?

If you missed the presentation or would like to see a more detailed explanation of what is available on www.stliborius.org, please go to the Forms and Links page under the News & Events menu. Click on Website Screencast and enjoy!

If you have any recommendations or suggestions, or if you see something that needs to be corrected, please contact Craig at the Church Office or at youthministry@stliborius.org.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLUE MASS
At the 4:30 p.m. Mass on January 30th, the Knights of Columbus will host a Blue Mass honoring all Police, Fire, & EMT personnel. An honor guard will be present and refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after Mass. All personnel and their families are welcome!

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WELL, THAT WAS A SHORT PERIOD OF ORDINARY TIME!
IT CAN'T BE LENT YET!!
Well, in fact the Lenten Season is on the horizon! Please make plans to join us for a study of the very important readings that we will hear on Ash Wednesday. Although the Readings are very familiar to us each Lent, we know, that they take on a very new and different meaning as we continue to grow in our relationship with our Lord.

Where: St. Liborius Rectory
When: Monday, February 8th, at 7 p.m.

Mark your calendars now and plan on attending. It just may become something you enjoy participating in here at the parish! Please bring your Bible with you. God bless, and look forward to seeing you!

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FISH FRY
The St. Liborius Council of the Knights of Columbus will be hosting their next Fish Fry on Friday, February 5, 2016, from 5 to 7 p.m. (or until the food is gone, so don’t be late) in the Parish Hall.

The All-You-Can-Eat Perch Dinner includes:
Fries, Cole Slaw, Veggies, Mac & Cheese, Bread and Butter, and Coffee

Donation: Adults: $8.00 / Children (under 10) $4.00
Fish Sandwich $4.00 / Hot Dog $1.00

Desserts will be available. Carry-outs welcome.
Bring the family for this special treat!

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GIVING TREE UPDATE
A heartfelt thank you from Beecher Nursing Home!

Thank you to all those who took a tag from the Giving Tree this year to help gift the elderly from Beecher Nursing Home. On Tuesday, December 22, the residents of the nursing home were treated to a holiday party with balloons, cake & coffee, music, gifts and holiday cheer. The residents were so excited when they opened their personalized gifts chosen especially for them. Gifts of blankets, sweaters, sweatpants, pajamas, perfume, watches and necklaces were just a few of the things given. You brought such joy to so many faces!!

Thank you also to Santa’s elves from St. Liborius who helped distribute the many gifts. The joy of the season was definitely in the air. An unbelievable 126 gifts were presented to the residents at Beecher Nursing Home this year.

Thank you to all the St. Liborius and St. Mary parishioners for their generosity and participation in this Giving Tree Project.

FURTHER UPDATES COMING REGARDING THE OUTREACH PANTRY CHILDREN’S PARTY AND THE DELIVERY TO MARILLAC SOCIAL CENTER.
**NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION**

Carole Bacon, Director of Faith Formation, 754-3460
Craig Mazur, Director of Youth Ministry, 754-1363

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**PASTA DINNER AND SUNDAY BRUNCH**

**YOUTH MINISTRY FUNDRAISER**

Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad, Bread and Beverage

Also:

Raffle Baskets and Bake Sale
St. Liborius Spirit Wear
will be available to view and order!
Who will win dinner with Father?
Will Mr. or Ms. Meatball make an appearance?
There is only one way to find out!

Join us on February 6th and 7th after Masses.
$8 for adults and teens, $5 for children 10 and under,
and kids under 3 eat free!

Funds raised from this event will help our teens attend
the Diocesan Youth Leadership Conference and help our
Jr. High attend X-Treme Taste of Faith in June, as well as
other Spiritual Growth and Leadership Opportunities for
Youth Ministry throughout the year.

For more information, please contact Craig Mazur
at 708-754-1363 or youthministry@stliborius.org.
We'll see you there!

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**SOUP-ER BOWL OF CARING IS COMING**

DID YOU KNOW that while an estimated
140 million people will watch this year’s Super Bowl, that there are
50 million Americans who are
going hungry? We can’t let this
happen, and there is something that
we can do about it right here at
St. Liborius.

Join young people from across the nation by
contributing to the SOUP-ER BOWL OF CARING
before or after all of the weekend Masses on Super Bowl
Weekend, February 6th & 7th. Our own teenagers will
be holding soup pots at all of the entrances to the church
asking that you to contribute $1.00 or more to help the
hungry in our community. All donations will go directly
to help our Outreach Food Pantry.

This collection coincides very well with one of the
goals given to us by Pope Francis for the Jubilee Year of
Mercy, which is to live out the Corporal Work of Mercy,
the first of which IS to **FEED THE HUNGRY**! Won’t
you help this year?

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**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR YOUTH!**

Once again this year, our parish high school students are privileged to attend the Joliet Diocesan Youth Leadership
Conference at Lewis University in Romeoville. This year’s YLC takes place June 24th-26th. This is a three day, two
night event that empowers our young church (incoming high school freshmen through graduating seniors)!

X-treme Taste of Faith takes place on Sunday, June 26, and is a jam-packed abbreviated version of YLC.
X-treme Taste of Faith is an incredible opportunity for our Junior High students to experience national youth ministry
speakers/musicians! The weekend will conclude with both YLC and XTF students together at the closing Mass so
everyone will get a real taste of the YLC experience!

Thanks to your generosity last year, we were able to cover the entire cost of fifteen high school students to YLC,
and fourteen Jr. High students to Taste of Faith.

Our Pasta Dinner fundraiser is the main event that helps to offset the financial burden to our youth and their
families. In addition to serving the meal we will be raffling themed gift baskets to the attendees and hosting a bake sale.

We are asking for help to make this fundraiser successful.

Here are ways you can help:

⇒ Please pray for the success of the weekend and for the youth attending this year’s YLC & XTF
⇒ Donate a themed raffle basket or items to use in raffle baskets
⇒ Donate gift cards to include with raffle baskets
⇒ Make a monetary gift to use for purchasing supplies or gift cards
⇒ Donate baked goods for our bake sale
⇒ Consider sponsoring a youth to attend YLC (checks to St. Liborius)

We thank you in advance for considering this request, and for your support of developing programs that benefit the
youth of our parish and community. Donations may be brought to the Church Office. Items for gift baskets are needed
by January 26th to allow time to prepare the baskets. If you have any additional questions, please contact me at
708-754-1363 or youthministry@stliborius.org.
DAUGHTERS OF ST. LIBORIUS
EYEGLASS COLLECTION

Attention Parishioners: Can you read this announcement? Sadly, many people who know how to read are not able to read this because they do not have the prescription glasses that would allow them to see these words clearly. The Daughters of St. Liborius will be collecting used eyeglasses and sunglasses during the month of February. If you have an old pair of glasses that is of no use to you, please drop it in the box that will be located in the narthex of the church. We thank you in advance for your help in this endeavor.

DAUGHTERS OF ST. LIBORIUS
SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Week Twenty-Five: Exploration Continues

Baby is around 13.5 inches in length and weighs 1 and half pounds. The structures of the spine begin to form all 33 rings, 150 joints and 1000 ligaments. The baby's hands are now fully developed, although some of the nerve connections to the hands have a long way to go. Dexterity is improving. The baby can make a fist and clasp objects placed in palm and suck its thumb. Fascinated by the amount of tactile stimulation a fetus gives itself; it touches a hand to the face, one hand to the other hand, clasps its feet, touches its foot to its leg, and its hand to its umbilical cord. Blood vessels of the lungs develop. Your baby's nostrils begin to open.

LIVING OUT
THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

Visit the sick — Consider visiting a nursing home. Many of the people living in nursing homes are far away from family, and they’re lonely. Think of how you can cheer them up with a card, a joke, or just sitting with them for a few minutes on a Saturday. If that’s a little out of your comfort zone, I don’t blame you… I might feel uncomfortable doing that, too. So how about thinking of the sick family members who might be closer to home for you? Grandparents? Elderly family members? A sick sibling or niece or nephew? Spend a little extra time with them, and try to bring a smile to their face even in the midst of their suffering. Make their load a little lighter, even if just for an afternoon.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our condolences to the family and friends of Rena Newquist.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
MINISTER SCHEDULE
January 30th & 31st

LECTORS
4:30 pm Jamie Smart
10:30 am Knights of Columbus

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
4:30 pm *Bob Baumgartner, Deacon Ed,
Chuck & Jeanine Gromala,
Maureen Burns
10:30 am *Knights of Columbus Members
*MASS COORDINATOR

ALTAR SERVERS
4:30 pm Rick & Michael Blatz, Joe Tieri
10:30 am Ashley & Amber Mulder,
Shannon Haggerty

MUSICIANS
4:30 pm Bill DeYoung, Choir
10:30 am Suzanne Stuesse, Guitar Choir

USHERS
4:30 PM To be Determined
10:30 AM Knights of Columbus Members

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;
Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-18 or 9:1-22; Ps 24:7-10;
Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30;
Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14;
Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17;
Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17;
Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17;
1 Cor 12:31 -- 13:13 [13:4-13];
Lk 4:21-30

PARDON QUICKLY
If you have anything to pardon, pardon quickly.
Slow forgiveness is little better than no forgiveness.
~ Sir Arthur Pinero

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
Saturday, January 23
4:30 pm - Livia Zarlengo
          Gertrude Giantomasso & Leonard Wagner

Sunday, January 24
8:30 am  - Mass @ St. Mary Church
10:30 am  - Karen Wiater
          Sean Patchett

Monday, January 25
7:00 pm  - Mass @ St. Mary Church

Tuesday, January 26
8:00 am  - Mass @ St. Mary Church

Wednesday, January 27
7:00 pm  - Marie Rogers
          Leonard Keilman & James Keilman

Thursday, January 28 @ Mother Teresa
8:30 am  - Janice Sweiss

Friday, January 29
8:00 am  - Mary Wyzynski

Saturday, January 30
4:30 pm  - Marvin Qunell, Tom Baron
          Michael Ciarno, John Strobe

Sunday, January 31
8:30 am  - Mass @ St. Mary Church
10:30 am  - Jocelyn Herzic
           Hack Nugent

RECONCILIATION
Mondays—6:00 p.m. @ St. Mary
Wednesdays—6:00 p.m. @ St. Liborius
Saturdays—3:30 p.m. @ St. Liborius

PRAYER REQUESTS
Please remember in your Masses and prayers: Lorraine
Kozlowski, Mary Mitchell, Kaye Cantway, Anthony Bravo,
Bob & Lois O’Neil, Mary Davidson, Jeremy Wallace, Irene
Kaim, Scott Brassea, Linda Marz, Teresa Cunningham, Carlos
Kaufman, Emilia Tieri, Mary Janz, Connor Keith, Sandy Prete,
Elena Vasquez, Matthew Darnell, Kathy Dirickson, Hugo &
Dolores Caffarini, Julie Vasek, Patricia Hlinovsky, Carmen
Kick, Cristel Baylie, Dr. Paul Bertrand, John Spanier, Shirley
Cocci, Eleanor Koselke.

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

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