

St. Brigid - St. Joseph - St. Edward

CATHOLIC CHURCHES



TRI-PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid

Sunday: 7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward

Monday: 6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m.—St. Edward

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph

Friday: 8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid

First Friday ONLY: 8:00 a.m. St. Edward
w/ Adoration to follow

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:45 p.m.—4:15 p.m. @ St. Brigid

Tuesday: 7:15 a.m.—7:45 a.m. @ St. Edward

Wednesday: 7:15 a.m.—7:45 a.m. @ St. Joseph

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Office Hours

Tues. & Thurs. 8 am to 4 pm
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Friday until Noon
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Office Hours

Wednesday 8am to 4 pm
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217-645-3546

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Pastor's Letter

June 28, 2026 – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Church Family,

I once saw a baptismal font in a church that was shaped like a coffin. This is a pretty graphic illustration of an important principal of the Christian life which is also the subject of both our second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans and our Gospel reading from Matthew: if you want to receive a new and better life from God through Jesus Christ, you have to be willing to let go of your old life.

St. Paul puts it like this, "Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life." Paul is reminding us that Jesus gave everything he had to win our freedom from sin and death. If we want to participate in his victory and share in the new life he won for us, we have to do the same and give everything we are over to him.

Likewise, Jesus says, "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." Only if we love God first, will all our other loves be what they should be.

Here is another way to think about it: imagine you have a glass full of water. If you want to fill it with tea, what are you going to have to do first? Empty the water out of the glass. If you don't the tea is just going to run all over the floor. In the same way, if we are full of ourselves and our hearts and minds are bent on living our way instead of the way God wants us to live, we will not be able to receive the fullness of life that he wants to give us. If we want to be filled with the peace, love, and joy of the Lord, we have to make room in our hearts by letting go of things that are not good for us and allowing God to rearrange our priorities. If we make the space for him, he will give us all the blessings we can hold. That coffin-shaped baptismal font begins to make sense. When we go down into the font at baptism, we can bury all the old stuff of the world and rise to new life in Christ.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott



Summer Spirituality Series: Prayer

Fr. Scott Sill be offering two sessions on prayer using Bishop Robert Barron's book, "An Introduction to Prayer." The sessions will be held at St. Edward's at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8 and Wednesday, July 15. We will look at just what prayer is, how to develop your prayer life, and particular types of prayer. You can sign up and pick up a copy of Bishop Barron's book in the back of church or talk to Fr. Scott.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
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Enjoy our homemade ice cream!
Sunday, July 12, 2026
4 pm - 10 pm

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Inside dining 4 - 7 p.m.

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Kids Games / BINGO / Raffles

St. Joseph Church
1435 E. 1500th St.
Quincy, IL

The image is a promotional flyer for an 'Ice Cream Social' at St. Joseph Catholic Church. It features a blue and white checkered border. The text is centered and includes the church name, event title, date, time, and menu items. At the bottom, there are two illustrations of ice cream cups and the church's address.

Calendar

Saturday, June 27

3:45 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Reconciliation @ St. Brigid

4:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Brigid

Sunday, June 28

7:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Brigid

9:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Joseph

10:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward

Monday, June 29

6:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Brigid

Tuesday, June 30

7:15 a.m.—7:45 a.m. Reconciliation @ St. Edward

8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward

Wednesday, July 1

7:15 a.m.—7:45 a.m. Reconciliation @ St. Joseph

8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Joseph

Thursday, July 2 - OFFICE CLOSES AT 2:45 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Holy Name @ St. Joseph

Friday, July 3 – First Friday

8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward, adoration to follow

Saturday, July 4

3:45 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Reconciliation @ St. Brigid

4:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Brigid

Sunday, July 5

7:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Brigid

9:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Joseph

10:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward

Monday, July 6

6:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Brigid

Tuesday, July 7

7:15 a.m.—7:45 a.m. Reconciliation @ St. Edward

8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward

6:30 p.m. Healing Rosary @ St. Joseph

Wednesday, July 8

7:15 a.m.—7:45 a.m. Reconciliation @ St. Joseph

8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Joseph

7:00 p.m. Summer Spirituality Series: Prayer @ St. Edward

Thursday, July 9 - OFFICE CLOSES AT 2:45 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Altar Society Mtg @ St. Joseph

Friday, July 10

8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Brigid



Baptisms

Mia Noelle Marold,

Daughter of Nathan & Hayley Marold of St. Joseph.

Bulletin Deadline

All information must be submitted by noon on

Tuesday. Submit to: church@stsbej.org

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +George Barry

+Kenneth Blewett

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +David Windoffer

+Janice Siebers

+Harold & Joan Siebers

+Mary Jo Obert

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Don & Rosemary Giesing

+Earl & Rosemary Neisen

+Norbert Klingele

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: *For the People of Our Parish*

MONDAY, JUNE 29

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +George & Marilyn Barry

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: +Martha koettters

Chris Hudnut

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Bob & Theresa Hugenberg

FRIDAY, JULY 3 – First Friday

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: +Leonard Neikamp

SATURDAY, JULY 4

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: + *For the People of Our Parish*

SUNDAY, JULY 5

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Iris Schoonover

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Jason Ohnemus

+Earl & Rosemary Neisen

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: +Terri Frese

+Lawrence Wietholder Jr.

Susan York

Parish Collection: June 21

St. Brigid \$ 3,976.00

Online Giving \$ 240.44

St. Edward \$ 2,118.00

Online Giving \$ 100.00

St. Joseph \$ 1,815.00

Online Giving \$ 0

Thank you for your generous support!

All Collections included in total this week

Online Giving

Below are the links:

<https://pushpay.com/g/stbrigidliberty>

<https://pushpay.com/g/stedwardmendon>

<https://pushpay.com/g/stjosephquincy>

It will walk you through setting up your giving account

Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH						
July 4 & 5	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.	Bryce Mixer Miles Mixer	Theresa Neisen Angela Obert Kristin Obert	Eric Barry Ron Barry Mara Ippensen	John Clark	Stan & Marilyn Obert	Norma Neisen
SUNDAY 7:30 a.m.	Kruz Klauser Karlee Obert	Vickie Cramsey Nancy Obert	Justin Mewes Lucy Mewes Greg Obert	Justin Mewes	Greg & Nancy Obert	Michael & Barb Obert

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
July 5	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.	Isabella Neisen Piper Steffen	T. Mast Cheryl Mock Billie Huebotter	Dan Mock Paul Mock	Ben Hugenberg		Mock Families

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
July 5	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 10:30 a.m.	Jacob Wellman Mark Wellman Georgia Zanger	Paul Bealor Lindsey Cornwell Tracy Cornwell	Margie Kendrick	Lisa Thompson	Judy Heming	Nick Zanger Family
* Please continue passing the basket for collection.						

Please Remember to Pray For:

Daran Knuffman	Ben Venvertloh	Lisa Bohan
Zoey Obert	Ripken Rangel	Rinley Barry
Julia Winfield	Tony Peters	Bill Hilgenbrinck
Haddlei Burnett	Joy Huebotter	Lily Jean Roberts
Jim Steinkamp	Raleigh Bess	Sandra White
Kayle Sheely	Karen Woodworth	Dorothy Mayfield
John Kroner	Doug Woodworth	Phil Freiburg
Marvin Meyer	Ryan Wiemelt	Jim Brinkman
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Denny Meyer	Mark Thompson	Sophie Shriver
Rosie Miller	Connie Dietrich	Kristy Bollin
Joe Rice	Don Sheurman	Carol Haistings
Monica Mast	Alicia Blewett	Sue Rossmiller
Stan Obert	Sandra Kemper	Don Arnold
		Linda Esminger

Please contact us if we need to remove your name from our prayer list.

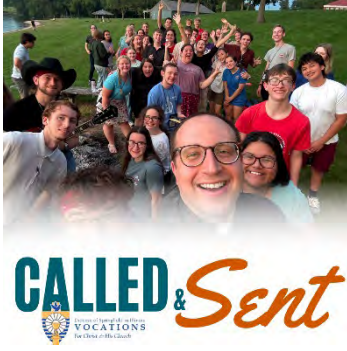
Stewardship Reflection

"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." Matthew 10:38

Pope Benedict XVI said "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness". "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

St. Joseph Holy Name

We will be finishing up the Ice Cream Social set up at our next meeting on July 2.



Called & Sent: A summer retreat for high schoolers – Join other high schoolers looking to learn more about God’s Highway to Heaven. Hear from priests, religious, and lay speakers diving into the heart of the Church – the Eucharist. Called & Sent will be July 18-23 at the Villa Maria Retreat Center in Springfield. To learn more, go to dio.org/events or contact Fr. Zach Samples, Promoter of Vocations, at zsamples@dio.org.

**Adams County
Catholic Summer Faith
Opportunities!**

JUNE 7-11 - BLESSED SACRAMENT VBS

JUNE 7-11 - ST. BRIGID, ST. JOSEPH & ST. EDWARD VBS

JUNE 7-12 - ST. FRANCIS & ST. PETER TOTUS TUUS

JUNE 22-24 - ST. ANTHONY VBS

JULY 9-11 - ST. THOMAS VBS

PLEASE CONTACT ANY OF THESE PARISHES FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR PROGRAMS!



St. Edward Adoration

Adoration follows the 8 a.m., First Friday Mass every month and goes until 12:30 p.m. Please consider joining us!

QCES Mass Attendance Cards

Mass attendance cards are available at the back of church.

PSR Teachers Needed

Is God calling you? We need PSR teachers for St. Joseph & St. Brigid for next year. Please consider sharing your gifts with the children of our parishes.

Adult Altar Servers

Are you looking for a way to have a deeper, personal way of participating in the Eucharist? Why not become an Adult Server! The Altar Servers assist the priest during Mass by participating in the entrance procession and presentation of the gifts, as well as holding the prayer books. This is a great way to mentor the young servers, helping them understand their role. Please call the office if you are interested. Training is provided.

PARISH PICNICS

Mark Your Calendars

June 6 - JuneFest
@ St. Dominic School grounds

June 13- St. Francis Solanus Picnic

July 12 - St. Joseph Ice Cream Social

July 18- St. Anthony Picnic

August 16- St. Thomas Ice Cream Social

August 29- St. Peter Picnic

Sept. 12 - Septemberfest
@ Blessed Sacrament

Early-bird DISCOUNT

Registration for the SDCCW 97th Annual Convention ends July 20.

Get your registration forms in by July 20 to take advantage of the discount!

All other registrations must be in by August 15. Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women 97th Annual Convention in Quincy, IL

Thursday, September 3, 2026

Teresa Tomeo is the guest speaker

Morning Rosary and Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Quincy, IL

Followed by Convention at the Ambiance Banquet Hall, Quincy, IL

Space is LIMITED, so registered SOON!

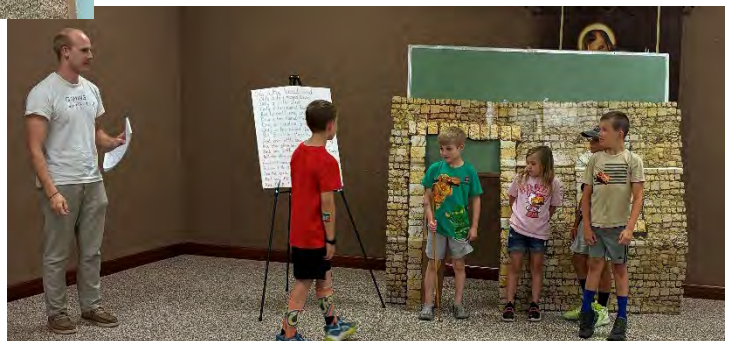
SCAN the QRC for more information and to register OR pick up form at your parish.



VBS Day 3 – Joseph



VBS Day 4 – David



St. Brigid - St. Edward - St. Joseph Parish School of Religion



- Have a great summer!!
- Check out some of the other VBS programs or attend some parish picnics and ice cream socials!
- Register for PSR 2026-27 Year!
https://www.stsbej.org/files/ugd/e03c99_2b3aa0e790f2454a886c2a1a83f85029.pdf

QUEST

Quest is a fast-paced 24-hour Christian experience for 13 to 15 year olds. It is a time to come together to find out about God, friendships, and self in a fun-filled, exciting, amusing, thoughtful, and carefree surrounding. A time to meet new people while praying, playing, singing, and sharing with them. Quest gives you the chance to search for the real you. Quest is held at the Franciscan Retreat Center of Quincy University and lasts from 6 p.m. Friday to 6 p.m. Saturday. *There is a fee for this retreat, but St. Brigid, St. Edward, and St. Joseph have funds available to cover this cost!* Please contact the office at 217-645-3444 if you are wanting to go on a weekend, and our awesome churches will pay for you to go! Please contact Caroline Wiewel at 217-430-6086 / <mailto:questcoordinator@greatrivertec.org> for questions or fill out an app online at <http://www.greatrivertec.org/quest>
The next retreat weekend: July 10-11, 2026

Priorities

In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that if we love anyone more than we love Him we are not worthy of Him. What He means is that we need to keep God first in our lives. The two great commandments He gave us are 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and mind and strength' and 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'



How can we keep God first in our lives? We can start by talking to Him as soon as we start our day. We can tell Him we love Him and offer our day to Him! We also keep God first by following His laws-making sure we go to Mass at least every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, and going to Confession when we have a serious sin.



I'd like to play but I have to look after my baby brother.



The next most important thing is loving others. God wants us to love and care for the people He has put into our lives. First we must care for our family that He has given us and then our friends and neighbours.

What is the most important thing for you to do today? How can you put God first every day this week?

Saint Junipero Serra July 1

JUNIPERO SERRA WAS BORN IN 1713 IN MAJORCA, SPAIN. HE WAS VERY INTELLIGENT AND BECAME A PRIEST AND PROFESSOR.

Should we be leaving foreign people in ignorance?

THEN HE LEFT FOR AMERICA AND BECAME A MISSIONARY IN WESTERN MEXICO AND CALIFORNIA.

There are more unknown tribes past that hill.

EARLY IN HIS WORK HE INJURED HIS LEG. HE SUFFERED FROM IT FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE.

I hope I can still walk!

It's the man who speaks of Jesus!

STILL HE WALKED HUNDREDS OF MILES, CONVERTING AND BAPTIZING THE NATIVES.

HE BAPTIZED THOUSANDS AND TAUGHT THEM HOW TO FARM.

So you save the seeds from the best plants...

HE FOUNDED MANY MISSIONS INCLUDING SAN DIEGO AND SAN FRANCISCO.

We can build the church right here.

SAINT JUNIPERO WAS A ZEALOUS PREACHER AND DID A LOT OF SELF-MORTIFICATION, OFTEN PRAYING ALL NIGHT.


Lord, let my preaching be effective tomorrow!

SAINT JUNIPERO WORKED FOR MANY YEARS TO BRING THE NATIVE AMERICANS TO CHRIST, IN SPITE OF HIS BAD LEG AND THE DANGER OF BEING KILLED BY THE ENEMIES OF THE FAITH. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM THAT GOD CAN DO GREAT THINGS THROUGH US WHEN WE DON'T GIVE UP EVEN WHEN IT HURTS.

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