

# 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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#### Location of Our Parishes

##### **St. Brigid Catholic Church**

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##### **Office Hours**

Tues. & Thurs. 8 am to 4 pm  
Wednesday by appointment  
Friday until Noon  
217-645-3444

##### **St. Joseph Catholic Church**

1435 E. 1500th St.  
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##### **Office Hours**

Wednesday 8am to 4 pm  
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##### **St. Edward Catholic Church**

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**Hospitality—Prayer—Formation—Service**

# Pastor's Letter

July 5, 2026 – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Church Family,

In our second reading for today St. Paul tells us, "Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him." How do we know that we have the Spirit of Christ? When our lives follow the pattern of his life. And what does that pattern look like? Gentleness and humility.

Many of us are fighting battles that are wearing us out. We're fighting to do all the things the world tells us we need to do to be worthy of approval; to be good spouses, good parents, good citizens. Everywhere we look there is another special interest group with a long list of do's and don'ts. Someone is always barking about some new thing that we should be outraged about and fighting against. It's exhausting!

Into all this clatter and shouting comes Jesus inviting us to leave all that behind. "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." Jesus offers to help us first, to step away from the noise and fury of all those people with bees in their bonnet who want to set us buzzing with anger and fear. He wants to soothe our worries with his gentle compassion and quiet our troubled hearts and minds with his peace. We can come away to this place of peace any time we want to, just by turning to him in prayer. And when we have to go back into the craziness of the world, that peace will stay with us.

Secondly, Jesus invites us to become islands of peace in the middle of a frazzled world. We can be sources of calm and healing when we allow the Spirit of Christ to go with us into all the spaces that we inhabit. Sometimes even our practice of the faith can make us anxious. Are we doing it right? What if I don't say or do the right thing? Ok, sure, we want to live good lives and avoid sin, but what Jesus really wants is for us to let him love us and let him use us to love others. If we follow his Spirit of gentleness and humility we will be fulfilling our call as Christians. Be gentle with others. Be gentle with yourself. Be humble before God.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott



## Adoration for Priests

There will be an hour of Adoration followed by Benediction at St. Bridgid Church, 706 N. Main, Liberty Il., July 19, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. All are invited to come and pray for your Priests.

## Cursillo Weekends Are Powerful!

Women's Cursillo #386 will be held July 16 - 19 at the Quincy University Retreat Center. On a Cursillo you will be guided by a priest, deacon and trained laity, in a prayerful and sacramental environment, to evaluate yourself, your relationship with God, to discern how God is calling you to influence your family, your work environment, your neighborhood and the world. There are registration forms in the back of church, for more information please contact Connie Bealor 217-440-6886.

## Calendar

### 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 CLOSSES AT 2:45 p.m.

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

### Friday, July 10

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

### Saturday, July 11

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

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

### Sunday, July 12

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

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

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

4:00 p.m. St. Joseph Ice Cream Social

### Monday, July 13

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

### Tuesday, July 14

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

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

### Wednesday, July 15

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 16 - OFFICE CLOSSES AT 2:45 p.m.

### Friday, July 17

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

## Mass Intentions

### 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*

### MONDAY, JULY 6

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +*Bernie Heberlein*

### TUESDAY, JULY 7

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: +*Patty Lieurance*

+*Karen & Leona Shaffer*

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +*Alvin Hildebrand*

+*Alice & Edward Dempsey*

### FRIDAY, JULY 10

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: +*Kenny & Imogene Barry*

### SATURDAY, JULY 11

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: + *Raymond Maas Sr.*

+*Dawn Ulry*

### SUNDAY, JULY 12

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: *For the People of Our Parish*

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +*Kenneth Neisen*

+*Karl Kreminski*

+*Alois, Marguerite, & Fr. Vic Kaltenbach*

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: +*Mary Ellen Woodworth*

+*Daryl Voth*

+*Don Maas*

## **Parish Collection: June 28**

St. Brigid \$ 5,284.25

Online Giving \$ 220.44

St. Edward \$ 1,958.00

Online Giving \$ 100.00

St. Joseph \$ 2,323.01

Online Giving \$ 405.00

***Thank you for your generous support!***

***All Collections included in total this week***

## **Going on Vacation???**

Don't forget to attend Mass. Check out [MassTimes.org](http://MassTimes.org) to find a church near you while traveling.

## **Bulletin Deadline**

All information must be submitted by noon on Tuesday.

Submit to: [church@stsbej.org](mailto:church@stsbej.org)

## **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 11 & 12	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30 p.m.	Owen Derhake Kade Klauser	Lisa Berry Stacy Clark Katie Ippensen	Mike Maas Laura Maas Randy Maas	Lisa Berry	Jerry & Pam Totsch	Theresa Neisen
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 a.m.	Need Mason Hocking	Brandy Hocking Dot Smith	Michael Obert Barb Obert Ron Cramsey	Greg Obert	Michael & Barb Obert	Rick & Kris Barry

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
July 12	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00 a.m.	Andrea Moore Wyatt Kill	Barb Frese Jolinn Tripp Brenda Siebers	Kerwin Cramsey Frank Siebers	Dennis Neisen		Cramsey/Siebers Families

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
July 12	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10:30 a.m.	Abel Zimmerman Brynlee Zimmerman Malia Zimmerman	Phil Hildebrand Jr. Lori Hildebrand Jeannie Hildebrand	Donna Voss	Rita Blickhan	Phil & Lori Hildebrand	Abigail Hagedorn
<b>* Please continue passing the basket for collection.</b>						

## 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
Carl Schisler	Joann Walton	Bennett Duesterahus
Rachel Cramsey	Kent Hilgenbrinck	Bill Ervin
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

*"For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." – Matthew 11:30*

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion, in gratitude, of what He has already given to us.

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
**ICE CREAM**  
**SOCIAL**  
 Enjoy our homemade ice cream!

Sunday, July 12, 2026  
 4 pm - 10 pm

Outside dining 4 - 9 p.m.  
 Inside dining 4 - 7 p.m.

**Sandwiches / Desserts / Ice Cream**  
**Kids Games / BINGO / Raffles**





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



## Biking for BABIES Visit

Please Plan to Attend!!

“Biking for Babies” is a pro-life organization of young-adult missionary disciples who strive to raise awareness of the important work of pregnancy resource centers. Each missionary partners with a Pregnancy Resource Center and commits to learning about all they do, praying for the center, and raising funds for the center. After months of training, the missionaries offer a physical sacrifice for their center by bicycling on a 6-day journey of over one hundred miles a day across the country.

Again this year, on Friday, July 17, a team of missionaries will be stopping in Quincy on their trip from Rochester MN to St. Louis MO. Right to Life of Adams County and Blessed Sacrament Parish are joining together to host the Biking for Babies team at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 1119 S. 7th, Quincy IL.

This event includes 5:30 Mass, celebrated by Fr. Ken Ahanonu, and a free BBQ. If you cannot make it in time for Mass, feel free to come at about 6:15 p.m. for the barbecue and to meet the bikers. For more information about the event, contact Vicki Wittland at 217-316-9936.

For more information about the mission, visit [bikingforbabies.com](http://bikingforbabies.com). To make a donation, visit <https://give.bikingforbabies.com/event/2026missionary/>

Please join us in welcoming the team to Quincy.

## 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.

## Theology On Tap

Tuesday, July 7 at 6:00 p.m. is our monthly Theology on Tap discussion at the Fuzzy Bubbler. Fr. Tom Szydluk from the Diocese of Peoria will be speaking. Please come join us for good spiritual food and fun with other members of our faith in our community.

## QCES Mass Attendance Cards

Mass attendance cards are available at the back of church.

## St. Edward Adoration

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

## 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!

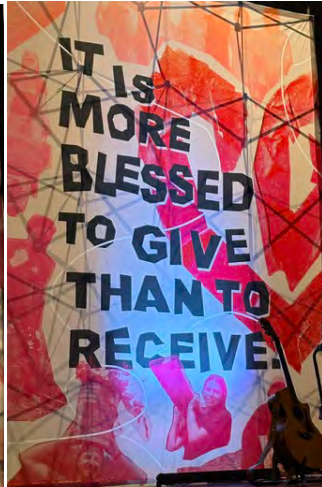
SCAN the QRC for more information and to register OR pick up a form at your parish.





# Catholic Heart Work Camp 2026

35 individuals from our area headed to Montague, Michigan for Catholic Heart Workcamp.



# 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](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 / [questcoordinator@greatrivertec.org](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**

## "I Will Give You Rest"

Today Jesus tells us, "Come to Me, all you who labour and are burdened and I will give you rest." God understands that we get tired and worn out. He wants us to come to Him when we need to rest. He refreshes our souls and gives us the energy and strength to carry on.



Jesus, I'm so tired! Please help me!

Do you ever feel like quitting when a job gets hard? Maybe you get tired of school or helping your Mom or Dad. When you feel like giving up it's time to start

praying! Your work might seem easier when you pray, but even if it still seems hard you will be happier knowing that you are doing it for God.

Jesus tells us to take His yoke on our shoulders. A yoke is a sort of bar that is used to help carry heavy things. Jesus is saying that we should do His work. For some people that means preaching like He did, or healing the sick, or being a priest, but for most people it means just doing everything we have to do out of love for God.

Wow! This all seems easier now!



## SAINT GREGORIO GRASSI JULY 8

GREGORIO GRASSI WAS BORN IN ITALY IN 1833. WHEN HE WAS FIFTEEN HE JOINED THE FRANCISCANS. HE STUDIED IN THE SEMINARY AND BECAME A PRIEST.

Is this what God is calling you to?

AFTER HE WAS ORDAINED HE WAS SENT TO ROME FOR TRAINING.

FATHER GREGORIO WAS THEN SENT TO CHINA AS A MISSIONARY.

Sanctus! Sanctus!

IN TAIYUAN HE WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF THE ORPHANAGE AND THE CHOIR.

LATER HE WAS MADE BISHOP OF NORTH SHANXI.

Welcome, Your Excellency!

HERE HE CARED FOR THOSE SICK FROM PLAGUE AND FAMINE, AND HE STARTED A FRANCISCAN HOUSE.

KNOCK KNOCK!


IN 1900 THERE WAS A REBELLION IN CHINA AGAINST THE EUROPEANS WHO LIVED THERE, AND BISHOP GREGORIO AND MANY OTHER CATHOLICS WERE KILLED.

WHEN THE REBELLION STARTED BISHOP GREGORIO WAS WARNED TO LEAVE CHINA, BUT HE HAD LONG DESIRED TO DIE AS A MARTYR FOR CHRIST. HE CHOSE TO KEEP HELPING THE POOR AND SICK AND TO GIVE HIS LIFE FOR JESUS AND HIS CHURCH. WOULD YOU BE BRAVE ENOUGH TO DO THAT?

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