

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

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Liberty, IL 62347

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.
Quincy, IL 62305

Office Hours

Wednesday 8am to 4 pm
217-434-8442

St. Edward Catholic Church

214 South State Road
Mendon, IL 62351

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217-645-3546

PARISH WEBSITE: stsbej.org

Hospitality—Prayer—Formation—Service

Pastor's Letter

August 17, 2025—20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Church Family,

In our Gospel reading for today Jesus says that he has come to set the earth on fire and that because of him families will be divided. What's going on here? Isn't Jesus supposed to be the Prince of Peace and the gentle Lamb of God? Yes, he is the Prince of Peace, but real peace is not what we sometimes think it is. And the Lamb of God came as an offering to destroy the power of sin that is the cause of all the evil and brokenness in the world.

We often think of peace as just getting along, not rocking the boat, avoiding difficult subjects of conversation where we might disagree. But real peace goes deeper than that. Real peace doesn't just come from keeping things calm on the surface of our relationships or smoothing things over. Peace comes from working out the issues and problems that divide us and healing old wounds and sore spots. When we work on that, sometimes things get hot and it can be painful, but it's necessary for real healing and true peace. Healing our relationship with God requires us to recognize the truth about ourselves that we don't always live up to our calling to love and serve God in holiness or treat other people the way we would like to be treated. Healing our relationships with each other means being humble enough to admit that we might be wrong sometimes. Living together in society means that we have to learn to listen to those we disagree with in a respectful way.

All of this is hard to do, but Jesus has come to help us. The fire that he has come to light on the earth is the fire of God's love. If we love someone, we want the best for them and we do not allow them to be led astray by lies and follow dangerous paths. If we are motivated by that love and inspired by the Spirit of love that is the Spirit of Christ, he will give us the words to say in those difficult situations that show that we have their best interests at heart. And the Spirit will also guide our own decision-making so that our actions can be a sign to others of what a healthy life in relationship with God looks like.

When Christ came, he lit a spark that continues to burn in the heart of every believer, purifying us so that we can be lights in the world. May that flame continue to spread, bringing the warmth of God's love to every human heart.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott

Victims Assistance & Child Abuse Reporting

To report Child Sexual Abuse by Church Personnel or to inquire about the Safe Environment Program in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, please call 217-321-1155.

Project Rachel

Help for women and men to heal from the pain of abortion.
For assistance call 1-877-RACHEL-5.

Bulletin Deadline

All information must be submitted by noon on Tuesday.
Submit to: church@stsbej.org

Calendar

Saturday, August 16

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

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

Sunday, August 17

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

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

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

Monday, August 18

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

Tuesday, August 19

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

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

Wednesday, August 20

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

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

Friday, August 22

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

Saturday, August 23

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

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

Sunday, August 24

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

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

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

Monday, August 25

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

Tuesday, August 26

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

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

7:00 p.m.—Finance/Pastoral Council @ St. Brigid

Wednesday, August 27

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

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

Friday, August 29

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

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Roger Hummel

+Herman & Rita Huber

+George Barry

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Rick Zengel

+Jack & Irene Bunte

+Jon & Ann Faubel

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: +John Blickhan

+Edward Blickhan

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Jeffrey Graham

+Leroy Lentz

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: +Regina Blickhan

+Doris Cornwell

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Linda & Michael Hoaglin

+Don Fessler

+Katie, Dan, Bob & Rosie Hugenberg

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Yvonne Arnold

+Leon Lentz

+George Barry

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Trina Logan

+Jackie Taylor

+Glenn & Mary Loos

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

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

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Rose Mary Howell

+Arlene Goehl

+Kenneth Neisen

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: +Michael Heming

+Jason Kasparie

+Mary Ellen Woodworth

Going on Vacation???



Don't forget to attend Mass. Check out MassTimes.org to find a church near you while traveling.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maurice Koch who died recently. Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord.

Parish Collection: August 10

St. Brigid \$ 4,329.25

St. Edward \$ 2,424.00

St. Joseph \$ 3,036.00

Thank you for your generous support!

All Collections included in total this week

Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH						
August 23 & 24	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.	Ashley Schutte Kelsey Schutte	Debbie Maas Mike Maas Robin Mowen	Randy Maas Laura Maas Dave Obert	Kristin Obert	Dan Kramer	Randy & Laura Maas
SUNDAY 7:30 a.m.	Dylan Hocking Mason Hocking	Brandy Hocking Dot Smith	Kyle Leonard Justin Mewes Lucy Mewes	Justin Mewes	Greg & Nancy Obert	Gene & Lori Klauser

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
August 24	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.	Isabella Neisen Piper Steffen	Barb Frese Jolinn Tripp Brenda Siebers	Ted Mast Kenny Mast	Billie Huebotter		Mast Families

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
August 24	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 10:30 a.m.	Danika Shaffer Jillian Shaffer Merideth Shaffer	Connie Bealor Lindsey Cornwell Tracy Cornwell	Cindy Betz	Julie Logan	Ginny Maas	Lucas & Kait Likes
* Please continue passing the basket for collection.						

Please Remember to Pray For:

Daran Knuffman	Linda Windoffer	Joann Walton
Zoey Obert	Monica Mast	Kent Hilgenbrinck
Julia Winfield	Bonnie Johnson	Jim Wilson
Haddlei Burnett	Elizabeth Leonard	Connie Dietrich
Jim Steinkamp	Ben Venvertloh	Virginia Berhorst
Kayle Sheely	Ripken Rangel	Corey Sheurman
John Kroner	Tony Peters	Lisa Bohan
Marvin Meyer	Joy Huebotter	Rinley Barry
Carl Schisler	Raleigh Bess	Glen Walton
Rachel Cramsey	Karen Woodworth	Bill Hilgenbrinck
Ginny Brinkman	Doug Woodworth	Lily Jean Roberts
Denny Meyer	Ryan Wiemelt	Janet Ohnemus
Rosie Miller	Scottie Bastert	Sandra White
Joe Rice	Bernice Dittmer	

Stewardship Reflection

“Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.” Luke 12:51

Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance for life, marriage, and religious liberty.

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



St. Thomas Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 17 from 4 p.m.—7 p.m.

Make plans to join us!!

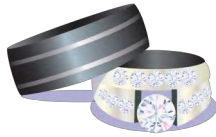
Homemade Ice Cream and Desserts.

Maid Rites, hot dogs, chips and drinks, Basket Raffle.

Advanced orders for ice cream can be made by calling the parish office @ 217-593-6685 or Pat @ 217-740-2140.

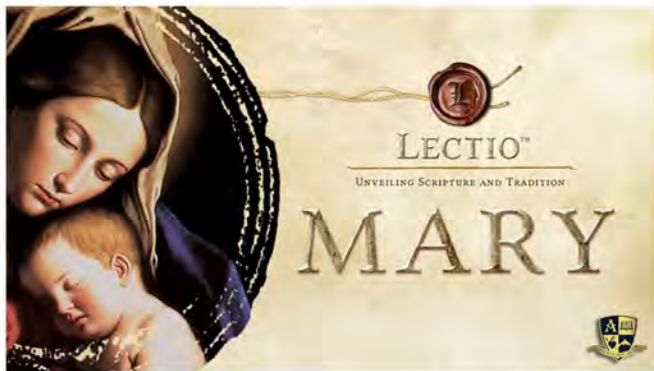
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Married 50 Years or More? Let Us Celebrate You!

Bishop Thomas John Paprocki invites all couples who have been married 50 years or more to a special Anniversary Mass on Sunday, September 21 at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. This celebration honors your beautiful witness to the vocation of marriage. A light reception will follow Mass. RSVP by September 9 at dio.org/events, or contact Gracie Ortiz at gortiz@dio.org or (217) 698-8500. Let us honor your milestone of faith and love!



The Queen Mother | Lectio: Mary | Episode 4

Mary serves as our Queen Mother. What does that mean? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he explores the scriptural roots of this title.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women 2025 Convention

All women are invited to the Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's annual convention on Wednesday, October 1, at St. Paul's Church and Trinity Hall, 1411 Main St., Highland, IL. The day begins with registration and refreshments from 8:00–9:00 a.m., followed by the convention from 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m., including Mass at 11:00 a.m. with Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. This year's theme is "*Let Yourself Be Loved*" and will feature speaker Claire Dwyer, author of *This Present Paradise: A Spiritual Journey with St. Elizabeth of the Trinity*. Hosted by the Alton Deanery Council of Catholic Women. Registration forms are available at the parish office or dio.org/events and are due by September 14. For more information, email sdccwinil@gmail.com or call SDCCW President Janet Zimmerman at 217-494-4743.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Retreat for married couples offered – Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Sign-up now! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

Next ones:

- 10/10/2025 – 10/12/2025, Springfield, IL
- 12/5/2025 – 12/7/2025, St. Peters, MO

St. Charbel's First Class Relic and relics of other saints coming to Vandalia/Springfield in October

A First Class relic of St. Charbel Makhlof, the miraculous Maronite priest, monk, and hermit from Lebanon, is coming to our diocese for the first time from his homeland—and Catholics across Illinois are invited to this rare spiritual encounter. The relic will be available for public veneration at two locations: the Sanctuary of the Sorrowful Mother in Vandalia on October 7–8 (Mass at 5 p.m., veneration from 4–8 p.m. both days) and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield on Sunday, October 19, following the 10 a.m. Mass. Additional relics of holy men and women—including St. Padre Pio, St. Carlo Acutis, the three Fatima children, and a piece of the True Cross—will also be present. Come bring your intentions and experience the powerful intercession of the saints. No RSVP required. For more information, visit OSMM.org or email KeckVanessa7@gmail.com.



National Catholic Youth Conference 2025

The National Catholic Youth Conference is a powerfully unique three-day experience of prayer, community, evangelization, catechesis, service, and empowerment for Catholic high school teens and their adult chaperones. NCYC is the premier Catholic youth event on a national scale that gathers people from across America for a life-changing encounter with Christ. The theme for this year's event is "I Am | Yo Soy" and will be held November 20-22, 2025, at the Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, IN. The 2025 theme, I Am | Yo Soy, will reflect on the time God appeared to Moses through the burning bush and explore how the Sacraments are the living story of God's love, uniting us with Him through Jesus and the Church. Through the Sacraments, we encounter the fullness of salvation and the tangible presence of Immanuel—God with us. Registration is being coordinated through the Office for Catechesis. Contact Kyle Holtgrave at [\(217\) 698-8500, ext. 154](tel:2176988500), or email kholtgrave@dio.org for details.

****There is money available to help youth of our parishes attend.**

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 6:00 p.m. Friday to 5:30 p.m. Saturday. **The next retreat weekend is September 12-13.** 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!



TEC (Teens Encounter Christ!)

In the three-day weekend of TEC, you can experience being part of a vibrant, loving, and supportive faith community in which the friendship of Jesus Christ becomes a real possibility that makes sense. For more information go to greatrivertec.org

TEC weekends are held at the Franciscan Retreat Center of Quincy University, 18th & Seminary Road, Quincy, IL 62301. The weekend begins Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. and ends Monday evening 6:00-6:30 p.m. Candidates ages 16-21 --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!

Other TEC Dates for 2025: November 8-10



Mercy Tree Adventures

A Ministry of Faith, Nature & Transformation

Have you ever heard of Mercy Tree Adventures?

Mercy Tree Adventures is a ministry in our diocese, led by Carlos and Elena Tejada, devoted to drawing people closer to Christ through scripture, prayer, and interaction with nature.

This gathering is a chance to:

- * Learn more about the mission and heart behind Mercy Tree Adventures
- * Connect with fellow believers
- * Consider how you can support this ministry

Saturday, September 6

Starting at 2:00 p.m. — until we wrap up!

669 E 1900th St. | Liberty, IL 62347

Hosted by Kyle & Elizabeth Leonard

We're excited to help more people discover and support this incredible ministry!

- Please RSVP or reach out with questions:
Elizabeth Leonard – 217-440-4823
- Bring a chair, drink, friend, and come as you are!

ST. BRIGID – ST. EDWARD – ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)



DATES TO KNOW

- August 24: Registration DUE
- September 3: St. Edward K-4 first day of PSR
- September 7: St. Edward 5-8 & St. Joseph first day PSR
- September 10: St. Brigid first day PSR



Fire in Our Hearts

In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that He has come to set the earth on fire. Of course He didn't mean that He wanted everything to burn up. He meant that He wanted the flame of the Holy Spirit to burn in the hearts of people all over the world.

What so you think happens when the Holy Spirit is in someone's soul? The Holy Spirit pulls us closer to Himself and God the Father and Jesus. When we are closer to God that means we love Him more, and the more we love God the more we will love other people too. We are made to love God and be happy with Him, so we want the Holy Spirit to live in us and bring us close to Him!

How does the Holy Spirit come into our souls? When we are baptized the Holy Spirit comes into us for the first time. He will stay with us unless we sin and close our hearts to Him. But when we go to Confession He comes back, and in the Holy Communion and the other Sacraments He becomes even stronger in us. He comes in a special way in the Sacrament of Confirmation, when He gives us grace and strength to live as grown-up Christians and soldiers for God. Pray to the Holy Spirit to live in your heart and make you love God more every day!



Saint Jane Frances de Chantal August 18



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Come Holy Spirit!

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