

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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Hospitality—Prayer—Formation—Service

Pastor's Letter

May 3, 2026 – 5th Sunday of Easter

Dear Church Family,

In our Gospel reading for today, Jesus makes a claim that many find challenging today. He says, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Jesus presents as evidence for his claim the many miraculous works that he has done. The fact of the resurrection is the supreme testimony that Jesus is one with the Father.

Christianity has always been very clear that ours is a historical faith. Jesus was a real person who lived and taught and died and rose again in history. The events of Jesus' life are not a myth or a fairytale. That's hard for some people to accept. They might admire his wisdom, or moral teaching or concern for the poor, but they don't buy the supernatural stuff like miracles or the resurrection or that Jesus was the divine Son of God.

The thing is, the core of the Church's faith has always been the identity of Jesus as the only begotten Son of God, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father. The things Jesus said and did are important because of who he is as the second person of the holy Trinity and because they are God's revelation of his own mind and heart. He is the Word that is God and is with God. Christ comes offering us, not a new philosophy, but a new relationship with himself.

This is a stumbling block for some, as Peter says in our second reading for today. A materialistic view of the world can close us off from the world of the spirit that we can't see or touch but is still very real. Our preconceived notions of how God is supposed to look and act can keep us from seeing him when he shows up in surprising ways. Jesus invites us to build our lives on him, to make our relationship with him the cornerstone of who we are and what we do, to make him the foundation of all our hopes and dreams. We do this by believing that he is who he says he is and that his promise to prepare a place for us in the house of our heavenly Father is trustworthy. May God help us to trust in him as the Rock of our salvation.

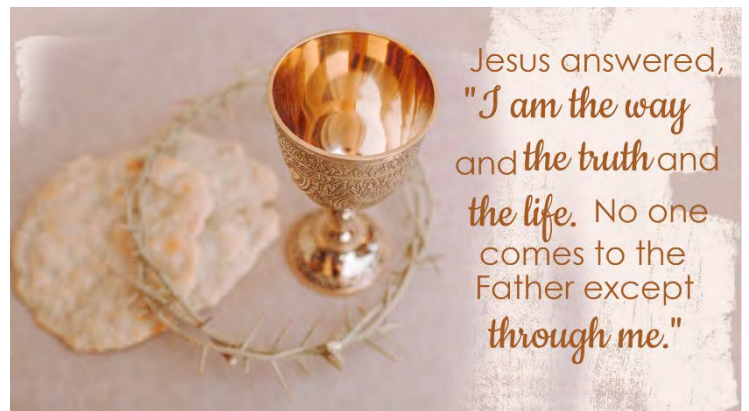
Blessings,

Fr. Scott



"Healing" Rosary

Please join us in praying a "Healing" Rosary for all parishioners, family members and friends combating any illnesses at this time. It will be held Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church. Bring family members and friends. All are welcome!



Jesus answered,
*"I am the way
and the truth and
the life. No one
comes to the
Father except
through me."*

Calendar

Saturday, May 2

3:45 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Reconciliation @ St. Brigid
4:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Brigid

Sunday, May 3

7:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Brigid
9:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Joseph
9:15 a.m.—10:15 a.m. PSR @ St. Edward, Parish Pals
10:00 a.m.—11:15 a.m. PSR @ St. Joseph
10:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward

Monday, May 4

6:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Brigid
7:00 p.m. OCIA Journey of Faith @ St. Brigid

Tuesday, May 5

7:15 a.m.—7:45 a.m. Reconciliation @ St. Edward
8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward
6:30 p.m. Mother/Daughter Banquet @ St. Brigid
6:30 p.m. Healing Rosary @ St. Joseph
7:00 p.m. Bible Study @ St. Joseph

Wednesday, May 6

No Mass
3:10 p.m.—4:30 p.m. PSR (K-4) @ St. Edward
6:30 p.m.—7:45 p.m. PSR @ St. Brigid, May Crowning

Thursday, May 7 - OFFICE CLOSSES AT 2:45 p.m.

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

Friday, May 8

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

Saturday, May 9

3:45 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Reconciliation @ St. Brigid
4:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Brigid

Sunday, May 10

7:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Brigid
9:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Joseph
10:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward

Monday, May 11

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

Tuesday, May 12

7:15 a.m.—7:45 a.m. Reconciliation @ St. Edward
8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward
7:00 p.m. Bible Study @ St. Joseph

Wednesday, May 13

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

Thursday, May 14 - OFFICE CLOSSES AT 2:45 p.m.

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

Friday, May 15

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

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MAY 2

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

SUNDAY, MAY 3

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: *+Russ & Norma Ellwood*

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: *+Frances & Jane Meyer
+Jason Ohnemus*

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: *+Edward Blickhan
+Don Maas*

MONDAY, MAY 4

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: *+Don McCleary*

TUESDAY, MAY 5

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: *+Bill Binger
+Martha Koettters*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

NO MASS

FRIDAY, MAY 8

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: *+Raymond Maas Sr.*

SATURDAY, MAY 9

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: *+George & Marilyn Barry
+Catherine Knuffman
+Pailune Goehl
+Kim Goodwin*

SUNDAY, MAY 10

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

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: *+Jim & Betty Brinkman
+Nick Dietrich
+Tom Mast
+Rose Mary Zanger*

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: *+Jason Kasparie
+Thomas Friye*

Parish Collection: April 26

St. Brigid \$ 3,873.51

Online Giving \$ 120.44

St. Edward \$ 2,296.00

Online Giving \$ 100.00

St. Joseph \$ 2,375.59

Online Giving \$ 125.00

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Online Giving

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

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

It will walk you through setting up your giving account

Bulletin Deadline

All information must be submitted by noon on Tuesday.

Submit to: church@stsbej.org

Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH						
May 9 & 10	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.	Bryce Mixer Miles Mixer	Norma Neisen Theresa Neisen Angela Obert	Eric Barry Ron Barry Craig Gramke	John Clark	Stan & Marilyn Obert	Landon & Hannah Obert
SUNDAY 7:30 a.m.	Dylan Hocking Mason Hocking	Brandy Hocking Dot Smith	Michael Obert Barb Obert Ron Cramsey	Greg Obert	Michael & Barb Obert	Michael & Barb Obert

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
May 10	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.	Willow Neisen Erika Althoff	Barb Frese Jolinn Tripp Brenda Siebers	Mark Bockhold Andrew Rangel	*Glennon Rost		Bockhold/Rangel Families

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
May 10	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 10:30 a.m.	Abel Zimmerman Brynlee Zimmerman Malia Zimmerman	Phil Hildebrand Jr. Lori Hildebrand Jeannie Hildebrand	Susan York	P.J. Hildebrand	Josh & Jill Venvertloh	Tyler Shaffer 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
Carl Schisler	Joann Walton	Bennett Duesterhaus
Rachel Cramsey	Kent Hilgenbrinck	Bill Ervin
Denny Meyer	Mark Thompson	Sophie Shriver
Rosie Miller	Connie Dietrich	Kristy Bollin
Joe Rice	Corey Sheurman	Carol Haistings
Monica Mast		

Stewardship Reflection

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." 1 PETER 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember – no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

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

Welcome

We are pleased to welcome the following individual/families who recently registered as parishioners. Please make them feel welcome and part of our great parish.

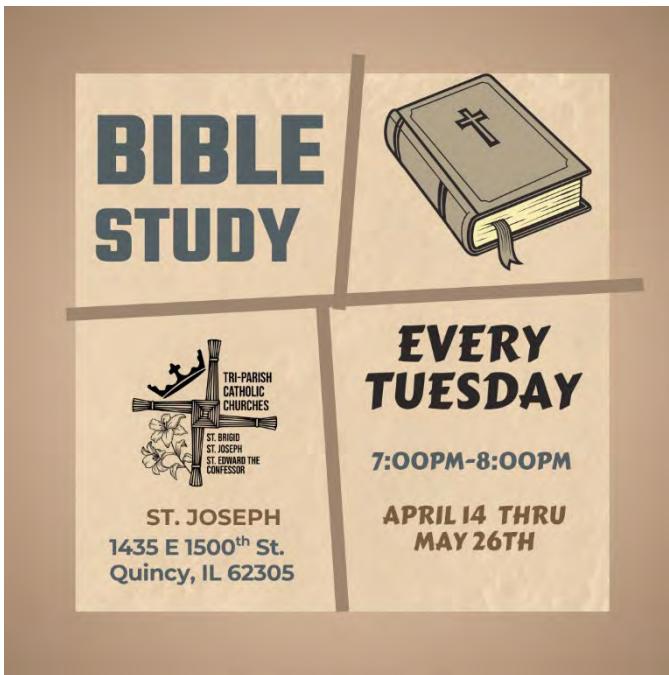
Faith Pettitt (St. Edward)
Maggie Bowen (St. Brigid)
James & Monica Ivers (St. Brigid)
Auston
Asher
Kyler Smith (St. Brigid)



Memorial Day Cemetery Masses

Monday, May 25

- 8 a.m. Mass at St. Brigid Cemetery
 - 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery
- If raining, it will be moved in the church.
PLEASE BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS!



Save the Date:

St Joseph's Ice Cream Social! Sunday, July 12, 2026
A great way to support and "hobnob" with your church family! Thank you!

CHWC Adult Drivers

In less than 2 months, 34 individuals from our area are heading to Montague, Michigan for Catholic Heart Workcamp. We could use a couple more adults to share the driving. Would you like to go along? We are done with the fundraising, it would just cost \$150 to cover your registration fee. Please contact Jeanne Cramsey (217-653-3962) SOON to add your name to the list. We bet you won't regret your decision!

QCES Mass Attendance Cards

Mass attendance cards are available at the back of church.

Advertise In Our Bulletin

If you are a business owner, please consider underwriting the printing of our bulletins by buying an advertisement. Our church family would be happy to know of a fellow parishioner or friend of our parishes whose business we can support. Information on how to buy an ad is on the back of the bulletin. If you know of a business owner who might be interested in advertising with us, please let us know. If we can get 30 advertisers our bulletins will be printed at no charge to our parishes. Thank you for your support.

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 Emily Wellman at 217-257-3536 if you are wanting to go on a weekend, and our awesome churches will pay for you to go!

Other TEC Dates for 2026: June 13-15
July 25 - 27
November 7-9



Teresa Tomeo to Speak at SDCCW Convention in Quincy

The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW) will host its 97th Annual Convention on Thursday, September 3, in Quincy, sponsored by the Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women. This year's theme, "Handmaids of the Lord: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace," will feature keynote speaker Teresa Tomeo, a nationally known Catholic author, speaker, and EWTN personality.

The day begins with the Rosary at 8 a.m., followed by Mass at 8:30 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church. The convention will continue at The Ambiance Banquet Hall, beginning with registration at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided.

Teresa Tomeo will offer two presentations:

- 11:00 a.m. – *Discovering Your True Dignity*
- 1:30 p.m. – *Becoming a 24/7 Catholic*

The day also includes opportunities for fellowship, Q&A, book signing, vendors, and a silent auction. The event concludes around 3:30 p.m.

Registration:

- \$60 Early Bird (by July 20)
- \$70 (by August 15)
- \$30 Clergy/Religious

Overnight accommodations are available at a discounted rate at Town & Country Inn & Suites (reserve by August 12).

To register, visit dio.org/events or pick up a form at your parish.

For more information, contact:

- Susan Asher: 217-653-5074
- Gina Wolf: 217-257-9966

All women of the diocese are invited to attend this inspiring day of faith and fellowship.



Mother & Daughter Banquet

Please join us for our special Mother & Daughter Event!

Tuesday, May 5th at 6:30p.m.

Saint Brigid Catholic Church Hall

A meal will be provided!

Please rsvp to Renee @ 217.440.8417

We hope you can join us!

Free will offering event



Diocese Special Collections

Catholic Communications Collection— May 10

The essential mission of the CCC is to contribute to the process of evangelization by fostering activities in relation to television, radio, and other media, and through special projects of the Catholic press. Fifty percent of the collection is sent to the national office, and fifty percent is retained in the diocese for use in local communication projects. From the national office portion, grants are made following recommendations by the USCCB Communications Committee.



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- Watch for VBS News!

QUEST

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The next retreat weekend: July 10-11, 2026

Jesus is the Way to Heaven

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the disciples that He is the way to the Father in Heaven.

Jesus is the way for us to go to Heaven. But how can a person be a way to get somewhere? Jesus is always with the Father in Heaven, so the closer we are to Jesus the closer we are to Heaven!

How can we be close to Jesus? Here are some ways:

Pray to Jesus. Prayer is talking with God. When we want to be friends with someone we talk with them a lot.



Try to be like Jesus. Always do the right thing. When you need to decide what to do, think: "What would Jesus do in this situation?" Stay close to Mary, His mother. She will keep you close to Jesus.

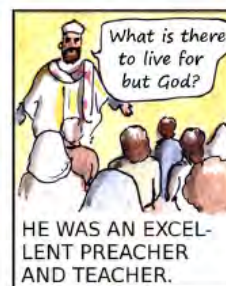
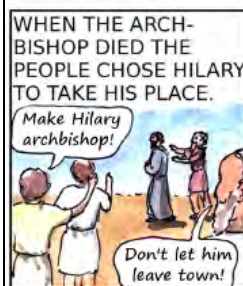
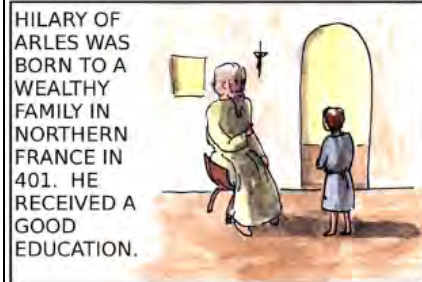


Receive Jesus in Holy Communion. The Eucharist is an amazing gift. It is Jesus coming to us so that we can receive Him into our bodies and souls. Communion is the closest we can be to Jesus until we get to Heaven.



Saint Hilary of Arles

May 5




SAINT HILARY OF ARLES IS AN EXAMPLE TO US THAT GOD SOMETIMES WANTS YOUNG PEOPLE TO HAVE IMPORTANT JOBS. SAINT HILARY WAS YOUNGER THAN THE BISHOPS HE WAS IN CHARGE OF BUT HE WAS HUMBLE ENOUGH TO RULE THEM WELL. ALSO, WHEN HE MADE MISTAKES HE ACCEPTED THE CONSEQUENCES.

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