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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St. Brigid Catholic Church

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1435 E. 1500th St. Quincy, IL 62305 **Office Hours**

Wednesday 8am to 4 pm

217-434-8442

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217-645-3546

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Pastor's Letter

September 28, 2025—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Church Family,

Every time we turn on the television, we are bombarded with images of suffering people. Famines, wars, natural disasters, and social turmoil pour into our living rooms night after night. It is understandable that after awhile we just want to turn it off. You've probably heard of the phenomenon known as "donor fatigue." With so many people in need and so many organizations asking us to help it can be overwhelming. What good can I do when the need is so great?

It's true that none of us can do everything, but everyone can do something. Mother Teresa said, "If you can't feed one hundred people, then feed just one." God asks us to do what we can. That may mean giving money or volunteering or praying for people. There is one thing that we cannot allow ourselves to do, and that is stop seeing people in need.

In both our first reading and our Gospel we see examples of people who are blinded to the needs of others by their pursuit of their own comfort and pleasure. They are so self-absorbed, that they don't even notice the desperate situation of the suffering poor right in front of them. Their hearts have been walled off from their neighbors and turned to stone.

Jesus warns us that if we close our eyes and our hearts to our brothers and sisters in need, then we are closing ourselves off from God. When Christ came into the world, he came to show us the open heart of God. He showed us that the heart of God breaks for all those who are hurting and that brokenness creates a space for them to enter the heart of God and find healing. The piercing of Christ's heart on the cross is a sign to us of this openness of God.

God calls us to open ourselves up too. First, we need to open our eyes to see our neighbors around us and see their need. Then, we need to open our hearts to them in imitation of our heavenly Father. We need to find the courage to let our hearts be broken over the pain of those in need. If we do, we will find that God's love will seep into the cracks and fill us so that we can become fountains of love for others. If we don't, we will find ourselves outside God's circle of love looking in.

Let your heart be broken. Let the world in and you will find that God has come in as well.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott



Food Pantry Donations

Collection of nonperishable items are being donated to Quincy Catholic Charities and Liberty Food Pantry. You may drop your items in the church vestibule. Items will be taken every month. Thank You for your generosity!

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.

Calendar

Saturday, September 27

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

Sunday, September 28

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

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

9:15 a.m.—10:15 a.m. PSR (5-8) @ St. Edward

10:00 a.m.—11:15 a.m. PSR @ St. Joseph

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

Monday, September 29

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

7:00 p.m. OCIA @ St. Brigid

Tuesday, September 30

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

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

6:00 p.m. 3rd Grade Parent/Sponsor/Child Mtg

@ St. Joseph

Wednesday, October 1

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

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

3:10 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. PSR (K-4) @ St. Edward

6:30 p.m. — 7:45 p.m. PSR @ St. Brigid

Thursday, October 2

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

Friday, October 3—First Friday

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

Saturday, October 4

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

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

Sunday, October 5

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

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

9:15 a.m. —10:15 a.m. PSR (5-8) @ St. Edward

10:00 a.m.—11:15 a.m. PSR @ St. Joseph

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

Monday, October 6

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

7:00 p.m. OCIA @ St. Brigid

Tuesday, October 7

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

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

Wednesday, October 8

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

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

3:10 p.m.—4:30 p.m. PSR (K-4) @ St. Edward

6:30 p.m.—7:45 p.m. PSR @ St. Brigid

Thursday, October 9

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

Friday, October 10

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

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +James Windoffer

+David Windoffer

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Marilyn Barry

+Jeffrey Graham

+Goerge Barry
9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: For the People of Our Parishes

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: +John, Andrew, & Valerie Frese

+Alan Hildebrand

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Don Heberlein

+Bernie Heberlein

+Leo Heberlein

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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

+Patty Lieurance

+Leonard Niekamp

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Lenny Venvertloh

+Jim & Betty Brinkman

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3—First Friday

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: +John Blickhan

+Greg Howe

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +George Schneider

+Mary Ann & Glenn Loos

+Jackie Taylor

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

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

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Nick Dietrich

+Virgil & Millie Bockhold

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: +Rose Mary Howell

+Alan Hildebrand

Bulletin Deadline

All information must be submitted by noon on Tuesday.

Submit to: church@stsbej.org

Parish Collection: September 21

St. Brigid \$ 3,986.00

St. Edward \$ 2,318.14

St. Joseph \$ 2,876.00

Thank you for your generous support!

All Collections included in total this week

Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH							
October 4 & 5	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer	
SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.	Jenna Obert Jonah Obert	Robin Mowen Norma Neisen Theresa Neisen	Mara Ippensen Dan Kramer Mike Maas	Katie Ippensen	John & Stacy Clark	Stan & Marilyn Obert	
SUNDAY 7:30 a.m.	Dylan Hocking Mason Hocking	Brandy Hocking Vickie Cramsey	Michael Obert Barb Obert Ron Cramsey	Nancy Boone	Nancy Boone	Michael & Barb Obert	

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH							
September 28	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer	
SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.	Quinn Luaders Jack Luaders	Barb Frese Jolinn Tripp Brenda Siebers	Mark Bockhold Andrew Rangel	Dan Frese		Hailey/Bockhold Families	

ST. EDWARD CHURCH							
September 28	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer	
SUNDAY 10:30 a.m.	Austin Frese Dax Klusmeyer Liam Logan	Jeannie Hildebrand Breanne Kelly Margie Kendrick	Margie Kendrick	Becky Cottingham	Greta Frankel	Ray & Karrie Voss Family	
* Please continue passing the basket for collection.							

Please Remember to Pray For:

Daran Knuffman Zoev Obert Julia Winfield Haddlei Burnett Jim Steinkamp **Kayle Sheely** John Kroner Marvin Meyer Carl Schisler Rachel Cramsey Ginny Brinkman Denny Meyer Rosie Miller Joe Rice

Linda Windoffer Monica Mast Bonnie Johnson Elizabeth Leonard Ben Venvertloh Ripken Rangel **Tony Peters** Joy Huebotter Raleigh Bess Karen Woodworth Bill Hilgenbrinck Doug Woodworth Ryan Wiemelt Scottie Bastert Bernice Dittmer

Joann Walton Kent Hilgenbrinck Jim Wilson Connie Dietrich Virginia Berhorst Corey Sheurman Lisa Bohan Rinley Barry Glen Walton Lily Jean Roberts Sandra White Dorothy Mayfield

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

Stewardship Reflection

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..." Luke 16:25-26

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little, or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Janice Siebers, who died recently. Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord.

St. Anthony Ladies Society Fall Craft/Vendor Show

If you are interested in being a vendor at our craft/vendor show on Saturday, October 4, at St. Anthony Parish Hall please contact Janet Bick (<a href="right:righ

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 December 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!

Diocese Special Collections

A CNEWA Gaza Collection —September 28
Given the extraordinary nature of this crisis, The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, President of the USCCB, has asked our Diocese to take up a special collection to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected brothers and sisters in Gaza and surrounding areas in the Middle East and send donated funds to CNEW A. This organization has well-established partnerships with the Catholic Church in the region which allows them to respond quickly and efficiently.

QCES Job Opening

Quincy Catholic Schools is seeking a half-time Business Manager to support financial operations, budget planning and HR functions. The ideal candidate will be detail-oriented, mission-driven and experienced with QuickBooks FACTS and financial reporting. Salary range is \$17,000-\$22,000 with paid time off. To apply send a cover letter, resume and references to dcgill@quincycatholicschools.org, or call 217-222-2898 for more information. Also visit the QCES website for a more detailed job description.

Job Opening at St. Francis

St. Francis Solanus Parish in Quincy is seeking a part-time Business Manager. You will manage parish finances, budgeting and financial reporting and help contribute to the long-term sustainability and growth of the parish through your experience in business administration, finance or a related field. MUST have experience with QuickBooks, Excel, HR and payroll. Qualified candidates may send a resume and cover letter to Fr. Steven Arisman at sarisman@stfrancissolanus.com or to the parish office, 1721 College Ave., Quincy, IL. 62301.

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. 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.

ST. MARY HOSPITAL FALL GATHERING

October 14, 2025

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Questions: Contact Linda @ 217 257-2483

2025 Life Chain

Sunday, October 5, 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
South Side of Broadway between 14th & 18th Streets,
Quincy, IL

(Those not able to stand for one hour may bring lawn chairs) Please join the pro-life community in making a visual statement of pro-life solidarity. YOUR participation is crucial.

HIGH VISIBILITY--A great opportunity to impact thousands of passers-by with the pro-life message. Please stand two arm-lengths apart.

Pick up your sign at the SW corner of 16th and Broadway between 2:00 and 2:30 p.m.

The National Life Chain signs are provided for each participant by the Right to Life of Adams County

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. Francis Ladies Card Party

Ladies of St. Francis Card Party will be Thursday, October 2 at 11:00 a.m. in the parish center. On the menu is: Ham, au gratin potatoes, green beans and rolls, with spice cake for dessert. Jan Smith and her crew will be preparing the meal. One member of your group can call Pat Winking at 217-257-0416 to reserve your spot. Please make your reservation at least five days in advance.

Respect Life Dinner, Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Right to Life of Adams County again offers you the opportunity to hear a great speaker and to support the pro-life cause.

Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Time: Doors open, 5:30 p.m.; Dinner, 6:00 p.m.;

Guest speaker, following dinner

Location: Holiday Inn, 4821 Oak Street, Quincy IL

Price: \$25 per person; \$40, 2 persons; \$150, table of 8

By reservation only; no tickets available at the door. Reservations must be made by Tuesday, September 30. Call or text Lyn Schlipmann, 217-653-0075 for reservations and information.

You are invited to hear the speaker at approximately 7:00 p.m. if you are unable to attend the dinner.



St. Francis of Assisi: Sign of Contradiction

From 4PM Media and The Ministry of the Wild Goose comes a breathtaking film on the life of St. Francis of Assisi. A fool according to the standards of the world, St. Francis' life was a sign of contradiction, convicting others of the beauty of Christ and his Gospel.

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



DATES TO KNOW

- September 27—St. Brigid Children's Mass
- September 30—3rd Grade Parent Meeting @ St. Joseph at 6 p.m.
- October 12—St. Joseph Children's Mass
- October 12—St. Edward practice for CM (bring your rosary)
- October 19-St. Edward Children's Mass (NO PSR)

- October 25—St. Brigid Children's Mass
- October 26—St. Edward NO PSR

3rd Graders Confirmation Sponsor

*Sponsors should be in good standing with the church, actively practicing their Catholic faith, at least 16 years old, and **NOT** a parent.

Saint Francis of Assisi October 4



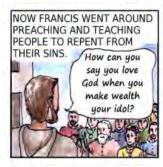






PEOPLE THOUGHT HE WAS CRAZY, BUT HE HAD DECIDED TO GIVE HIS LIFE TO GOD.







SAW HOW HOLY AND HAPPY FRANCIS WAS, SO THEY GAVE UP THEIR POSSESSIONS AND FOL-LOWED HIM. SOON THERE WERE 5000 FOLLOWERS!

SAINT FRANCIS LIVED A LIFE OF POVERTY AND HUMILITY EVEN THOUGH THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE BEGAN TO FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS. SOON THE ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR (FRANCISCANS) WAS STARTED. SAINT FRANCIS ALSO RECEIVED THE STIGMATA. HE DIED AT AGE 45 AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF SICKNESS.

Lazarus and the Rich Man

In today's Gospel Jesus tells a parable about a rich man and a poor man. While they were alive, the rich man had everything he wanted. He feasted every day and was never hungry. Meanwhile Lazarus, the poor man, lay in the rich man's gate, always hungry and sick. Even the dogs came to lick the sores on his body.

Once the men died everything changes. The rich man went to Hell. He got what he deserved for thinking of himself while he was alive. Lazarus on the other hand, went to be with Abraham in Heaven. He had suffered so much while he was alive, but now he was perfectly happy.

The rich man wanted a drop of water to cool his tongue but Lazarus couldn't help him. He found out what happens if you only think about getting the best for yourself. What does this story make you want to do for the poor and suffering people around you?





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