

# 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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##### **Office Hours**

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Wednesday by appointment  
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217-645-3444

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##### **Office Hours**

Wednesday 8am to 4 pm  
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# Pastor's Letter

**April 26, 2026 – 4th Sunday of Easter**

Dear Church Family,

This week I listened to an interview with Dr. Jean Twenge, professor of psychology at San Diego State University, talking about the differences between generations. In the course of the conversation, she mentioned that in 2012 there began to be a significant increase in mental health problems among teenagers and young adults. She also noted that this was first year that the majority of Americans had a smart phone and she believes that the two events are connected. The toxicity of social media, its unhealthy effects on sleeping habits and its undermining of real-life interaction and relationships have created what she called, “a perfect storm for depression.”

I don't want to sound like an old caveman, but I can't help believing that she is right. When we see all the bullying, lies, and hatred that people engage in online to get clicks it's hard to imagine that it could not have bad consequences for those who expose themselves to all that poison. Social media can be helpful and positive. We use it to communicate what's going on in our parishes. But just looking around in general at the media landscape, there are so many who are just trying to make themselves look good or trying to sell us something by making us feel bad about ourselves or angry at others. Is there anyone out there who really cares about us and wants the best for us?

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. Jesus tells us in our Gospel reading that with him we can come in and go out and find good pasture, a healthy place for us to live and grow and be fed. He warns us against false shepherds who come only to steal and kill and destroy. He, on the other hand, the true shepherd, came that we might have life and have it to the full. He backed up this promise with actions. He went all the way to the cross for us. He defeated death and evil and now freely offers us life without end and joy without limits. He shows us the way and he himself is the way. When we stay close to him by living with love as he taught us, by prayer, and by receiving the graces of his sacraments, he keeps us safe from all the destructive forces around us.

With him as our shepherd and guide we have nothing to fear and every reason to live in hope.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott

**WORLD DAY OF  
PRAYER FOR  
VOCATIONS  
(GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY)  
APRIL 26, 2026**

 **VOCATION  
MINISTRY**



## Calendar

### Saturday, April 25

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

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

### Sunday, April 26

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

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

9:15 a.m.—10:15 am PSR @ St. Edward

10:00 a.m.—11:15 am PSR @ St. Joseph

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

### Monday, April 27

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

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

### Tuesday, April 28

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

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

7:00 p.m. Pastoral/Finance Council Mtg @ St. Joseph

### Wednesday, April 29

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, April 30 - OFFICE CLOSSES AT 2:45 PM

### Friday, May 1 -First Friday

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

### 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 am PSR @ St. Edward, Parish Pals

10:00 a.m.—11:15 am 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 PM

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

### Friday, May 8

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

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, APRIL 25

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

### SUNDAY, APRIL 26

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: *+Buzzy & Shirley McLaughlin*

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: *+Alice & Edward Dempsey  
+Bob & Theresa Hugenberg*

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

*+Fred Ohnemus*

### MONDAY, APRIL 27

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: *+Helen Frese*

### TUESDAY, APRIL 28

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: *+Karen Shaffer*

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

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

*+Katie, Bob, Dan, & Rosie Hugenberg*

### FRIDAY, MAY 1

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: *+John Frese*

### 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*

## **Parish Collection: April 19**

St. Brigid \$ 4,426.50

Online Giving \$ 340.44

St. Edward \$ 2,349.0000

Online Giving \$ 100.00

St. Joseph \$ 1,416.00

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						
May 2 & 3	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.</b>	Gwen Wiemelt Hannah Buss	Kristin Obert Stacy Clark Robin Mowen	Randy Maas Dave Obert John Zanger	Lisa Berry	Jeff & Jody Obert	Jeff & Jody Obert
<b>SUNDAY 7:30 a.m.</b>	Kruz Klauser Karlee Obert	Vickie Cramsey Nancy Obert	Justin Mewes Lucy Mewes Greg Obert	Justin Mewes	Greg & Nancy Obert	Greg & Nancy Obert

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
May 3	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.</b>	Quinn Luaders Jack Luaders	T. Mast Cheryl Mock Billie Huebotter	*Joseph Bockhold Henry Bockhold	Dennis Neisen		Bockhold Families

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
May 3	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>SUNDAY 10:30 a.m.</b>	Jacob Wellman Mark Wellman Georgia Zanger	Paul Bealor Lindsey Cornwell Tracy Cornwell	Donna Voss	Phil Hildebrand Jr.	Ginny Maas	Curtis 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	Bernice Dittmer	Bennett Duesterahus
Rachel Cramsey	Joann Walton	Bill Ervin
Denny Meyer	Kent Hilgenbrinck	Sophie Shriver
Rosie Miller	Mark Thompson	Kristy Bollin
Joe Rice	Jim Wilson	Carol Haistings
Monica Mast	Connie Dietrich	
	Corey Sheurman	

## Stewardship Reflection

*“And Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...’”*  
Acts 2:38

The word “repent” means to turn from sin – to change our thoughts, words and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within – a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God’s help. The good news – we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

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

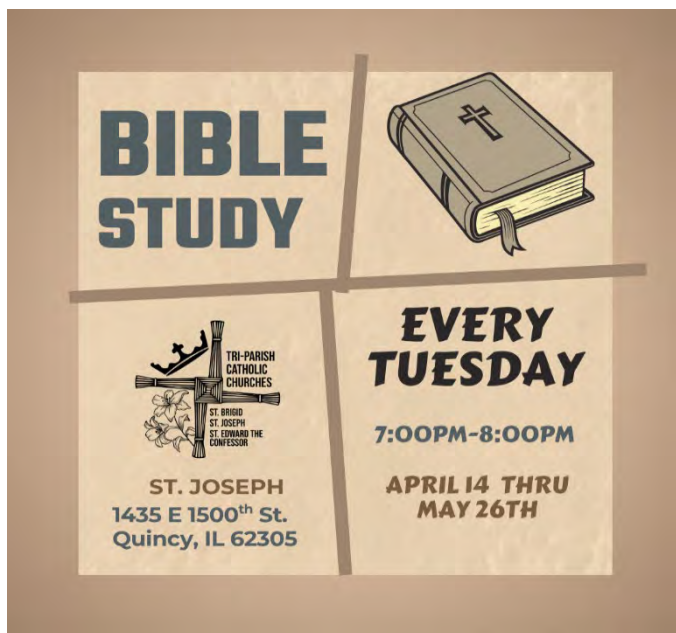
## Welcome

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.

Joseph & Melanie Neisen (St. Joseph)  
Brody  
Willow  
Graham

## 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.



## Bulletin Deadline

All information must be submitted by noon on Tuesday.  
Submit to: [church@stsbej.org](mailto:church@stsbej.org)

## New Ministry Schedules

New Ministry schedules are at the back of church = **all of you who sign up during the Stewardship Renewal will now be on this new schedule.** If you are listed on the schedule and do not want to be please call the office to have your name removed. **It will be your responsibility to get a sub for your already scheduled day.**

## 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.

## 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 on the second Sunday every month. Thank You for your generosity!

## 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.

## 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](http://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**

# Women's Prayer Breakfast

Sponsored by Blessed Sacrament CGW  
featuring

Sister M. Clementia Toalson, FSGM

## Sisters in Christ



*So give encouragement to each other, and keep strengthening one another, as you do already.*

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Join us for a beautiful morning of prayer, encouragement, and fellowship with women of our parish and community. Breakfast will be catered by Thyme Square as we gather together to grow in faith and friendship.

**Due to limited space, breakfast seating is available for the first 80 people who register.**

**We encourage you to register early to reserve your seat.**

# May 9, 2026

8:30 AM — Mass, Breakfast to Follow

10-15 AM — Speaker

Registration Deadline: April 30, 2026

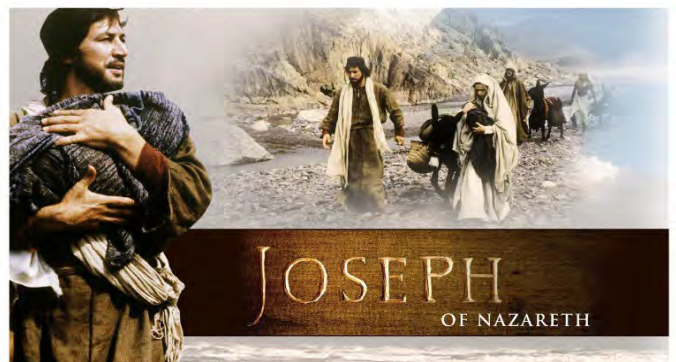
**Registration Forms are in the back of church.**

## 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



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### Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!

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



- May 2 – St. Edward 3rd Graders First Communion/Confirmation at the Cathedral in Springfield, IL

## 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. 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!

**The next retreat weekend: May 8-9, 2026**

## The Good Shepherd



The readings in today's Mass talk about Jesus the Good Shepherd. In Jesus' time, and still in some parts of the world today, there would be flocks of sheep grazing in the pastures. The shepherds were the people who looked after the flocks and made sure none of the sheep got lost or hurt or attacked by wild animals.

The Church is the flock of Jesus, and He is the Good Shepherd. He guides the people in the Church so that their souls will not be hungry- He gives us grace, just like a shepherd makes sure his sheep have lots of grass to eat!

Like the shepherd protects the sheep from danger, Our Lord also protects us from harm. In the "Our Father" we ask God to deliver us from evil. When our souls are hurt by sin, the Good Shepherd heals us with forgiveness in Confession.



## Saint Catherine of Siena April 29

CATHERINE WAS THE SECOND YOUNGEST OF A VERY LARGE FAMILY IN SIENA, ITALY. AT A VERY YOUNG AGE SHE HAD CONSECRATED HER LIFE TO GOD.

WHEN SHE WAS 16 SHE BECAME A DOMINICAN TERTIARY, WHICH IS LIKE A KIND OF NUN WHO DOESN'T LIVE IN A CONVENT.

SHE RECEIVED MANY VISIONS OF JESUS AND THE SAINTS.

"I want you to be my bride."

God is not pleased with this constant war.

CATHERINE BEGAN TO ADVISE PEOPLE SO THAT THERE WOULD BE PEACE IN ITALY.

SHE EVEN ADVISED THE CHURCH LEADERS.

They should be busy with God's work, not man's.

THE POPE AT THAT TIME WAS NOT LIVING IN ROME, SO CATHERINE CONVINCED HIM TO MOVE BACK.

Your Holiness, As the pope is the bishop of me, I entreat you to return to that city

Here! You shouldn't be sleeping in the cold!


THE POPE CALLED HER TO HELP HIM IN ROME, SO SHE WENT. THERE SHE ALSO CARED FOR THE SICK AND THE POOR. SHE DIED THERE AT AGE 33.

CATHERINE ALSO HAD GREAT PHYSICAL SUFFERING. OFTEN SHE LIVED ON ALMOST NO FOOD OTHER THAN HOLY COMMUNION. SHE RECEIVED THE WOUNDS OF CHRIST AND ASKED GOD TO LET HER CARRY THE SINS OF THE WORLD. WE CAN LEARN FROM HER TO PRAY FOR THE HOLY FATHER AND DEFEND HIM.

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