

# Pastor's Letter

**April 19, 2026 – 3rd Sunday of Easter**

Dear Church Family,

In our first reading from the book of Acts St. Peter is pretty generous towards the people who crucified Jesus. He doesn't say, "Jesus is back and boy, are you going to get it!" Instead he says, "Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away." Instead of gloating he invites the crowd in the temple to turn and be part of the great thing that God has done in raising Jesus from the dead. He invites them to repent and experience the new life that is the fulfillment of everything that Israel has hoped for, reconciliation with God.

Paul is able to be generous to them because he knows that Jesus has been generous to him. When the disciples see Jesus in the closed room where they are hiding in our Gospel reading, they think that Jesus has come back to haunt them. They think he is a ghost come back for revenge for their having deserted him at the cross. but Jesus calms their fears by saying to them, "Peace be with you." And he shows them the nail marks in his hands and feet, the marks of his sacrifice of himself for the forgiveness of sins. Those wounds have been transformed from death-dealing injuries into life-giving emblems of the depth of God's mercy.

Then he does something that would have felt very familiar to them. He sits down to eat with them, just as he had so many times before. They remember all those other meals where Jesus taught them about life in the kingdom and God's plan to heal the world. And it all starts to make sense and they aren't afraid, but overcome with joy.

Christ show us his wounds today and invites us to claim the place at his side that they have won for us. Jesus holds his hands out to us to embrace us in his love and catch us when we fall. As St. John says in our second reading, "My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world." John also challenges us to show our love by obeying his commandments with the promise of God's help and forgiveness when we stumble. May the wounds of Christ inspire us to never give up trying and may the mercy of God inspire us to generously reach out to everyone with the good news of salvation.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott



## **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.** I did my best to decipher your intentions written on the Stewardship Renewal Cards.

## Calendar

### Saturday, April 18

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

### Sunday, April 19

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 20

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

### Tuesday, April 21

7:15 a.m.—7:45 a.m. Reconciliation @ St. Edward  
8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward

### Wednesday, April 22

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 23 - OFFICE CLOSSES AT 2:45 PM

### Friday, April 24

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

### 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

### 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

## **Bulletin Deadline**

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

## Mass Intentions

### SAT. APRIL 18

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

### SUN. APRIL 19

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Janice Siebers  
9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Peggy Genenbacher  
+Nick Dietrich  
10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: For the People of Our Parish

### MON. APRIL 20

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Marilyn Barry

### TUES. APRIL 21

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: +June Terwelp  
Connie Bealor

### WED. APRIL 22

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Virgil & Millie Bockhold  
+Linda Leasman

### FRI. APRIL 24

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Jame Windoffer

### SAT. APRIL 25

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

### SUN. APRIL 26

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Dawn Ulry  
9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Alice & Edward Dempsey  
+Bob & Theresa Hugenberg  
10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: +Mary Ellen Woodworth  
+Fred Ohnemus

## **Parish Collection: April 12**

St. Brigid	\$ 5,277.00
Online Giving	\$ 120.44
St. Edward	\$ 13,491.00
Online Giving	\$ 100.00
St. Joseph	\$ 3,078.75
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						
April 25 & 26	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30 p.m.	Ashley Schutte Kelsey Schutte	Norma Neisen Theresa Neisen Angela Obert	Dan Kramer Laura Maas Mike Maas	Cheryl Schutte	Dave & Angela Obert	David & Angela Obert
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 A.M.	Dylan Hocking Mason Hocking	Brandy Hocking Dot Smith	Ron Cramsey Mike Hummel Kyle Leonard	Mark Heidbreder	Mark & Carol Heidbreder	Glen & Sara Obert

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
April 26	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00 A.M.	Piper Steffen Riggins Mock	Greg White Krista White Jeanne Cramsey	Mike Moore Andy Moore	Ben Hugenberg		Moore Family

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
April 26	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10:30 A.M.	Jaxson Tuter Josie Venvertloh Alexis Voss	Emily Wellman Susan York Connie Bealor	Margie Kendrick	Jeannie Hildebrand	Todd Logan Sr. Family	Lucas & Kait Likes
<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	Bernice Dittmer	Bennett Duesterhaus
Rachel Cramsey	Joann Walton	Bill Ervin
Denny Meyer	Kent Hilgenbrinck	Sophie Shriver
Rosie Miller	Clayton Thompson	Kristy Bollin
Joe Rice	Jim Wilson	Carol Haistings
Monica Mast	Connie Dietrich	
	Corey Sheurman	

## Stewardship Reflection

*"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?"*  
LUKE 24:32

How often do you take the time to discern what Jesus is calling you to do with your life? Are your prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for you? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time, in silence, to listen to what Jesus is asking of you today.

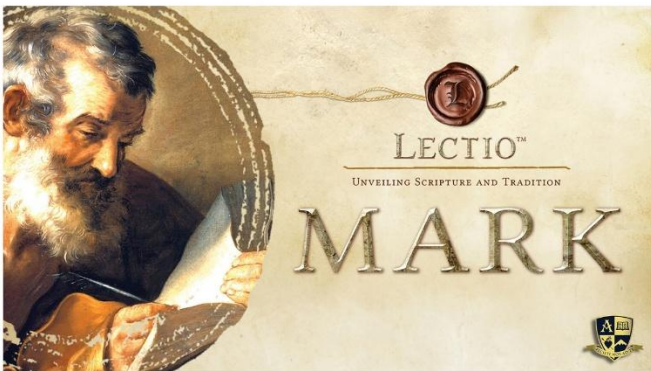
Please contact us if we need to remove your name from our prayer list.



**Temporal Punishment Explained and How To Get It Off Your Soul** – Ever wondered why Catholics believe sin still has consequences even after forgiveness in Confession? In this episode, we dive deep into the Church’s teaching on temporal punishment — what it means, why it matters, and how God’s mercy and justice work together. Discover how confession wipes away guilt but not always the damage left behind, and how we can heal that through prayer, penance, and love. Father Christopher Trummer, a moral theologian, joins Dive Deep. Go to [youtube.com/diospringfield](https://youtube.com/diospringfield) or search “Dive Deep” on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe. *Dive Deep* is the podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

## 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!



## Saint Mark the Evangelist

Just who is St. Mark, the author of this short but action-packed Gospel? Using outside sources, other books of the Bible, and the Gospel itself, Dr. Gray takes a closeup look at St. Mark, and his connection with St. Peter and the Christians of Rome.

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## Baptisms

Callie Mae Murfin,  
Daughter of Wade & Kari Murfin of St. Brigid.

## Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Bernice Dittmer and Jim Wilson, who died recently. Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord.

## QCES Mass Attendance Cards

Mass attendance cards are available at the back of church.

## 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.

## 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.

## Easter Memorials

### St. Brigid

Alvin & Agnes Schmelzle  
Patricia Klingele

### St. Edward

Kay Kays  
Linda Liston

### St. Joseph

Nick Dietrich  
Bertha & Herb Peters  
Angela & Ralph Dietrich  
Jackie Taylor  
Mary Ann Loos  
Glenn Loos  
Mary Haistings



# 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



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



- April 7 – St. Edward 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders Parent/Sponsor/Child meeting 6-7p.m.
- May 2 – St. Edward 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 6:00pm Friday to 5:30pm 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**

## Reading the Scriptures

In today's Gospel reading two disciples were walking together and thinking sadly about how Jesus had just been tortured and killed. Then Jesus started walking with them- but they didn't recognize Him. He explained to them what the Scriptures had said about Him suffering and dying. He helped them to understand what God's plan had been.

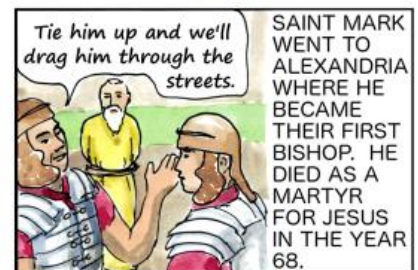
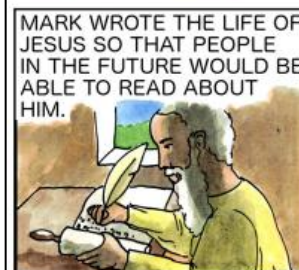
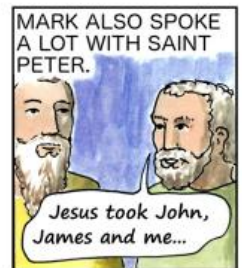
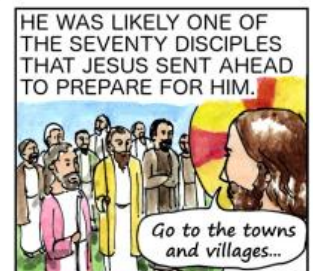
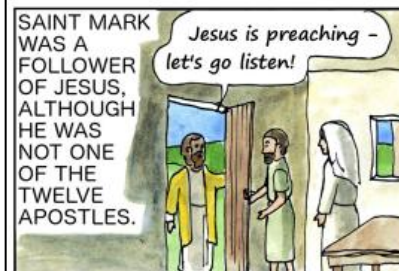


Every time we go to Mass we hear about Jesus in the Gospel reading. But we don't need to wait until Mass to learn about Jesus. You can read the Bible every day. God wants us to know Him better so we can love Him more. And the more we love Him the happier we will be.

Do you have a children's Bible? Maybe your Mom or Dad can read to you from the big Bible a little every morning or night. Reading saint stories also helps us to know God through His friends. Try to read or listen to some of the Bible or the life of a saint every day!



## Saint Mark April 25



SAINT MARK KNEW THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT JESUS, SO HE WROTE HIS STORY, OR GOSPEL. DO YOU EVER READ BIBLE STORIES? DO YOU PAY ATTENTION TO THE GOSPEL READING AT CHURCH? TRY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT JESUS SO YOU CAN BE MORE LIKE HIM!