

Pastor's Letter

April 5, 2026 – Easter Sunday

Dear Church Family,

“CHRIST IS RISEN!” “HE IS RISEN INDEED!” This is the traditional greeting and response of the Easter season. It echoes the joyful proclamation that the Apostles carried with them throughout the world. It is the source of all our joy and hope. In Jesus’ resurrection, everything that he told us about the love and mercy of God is proven to be true. We CAN have a new life free from the guilt and bitterness of sin. We CAN overcome selfishness and corruption in ourselves and in the world. The stone has been rolled away and the door to heaven is now open to us.

The message of the Apostles has now become our message to the world. As St Peter says in our first reading, “We are witnesses of all that he did.” All the works of healing, all the words of teaching, all the signs he showed us have taken on new meaning and power because of this day of resurrection. We have to tell the good news! We are witnesses just like Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John.

Those first witnesses did not have it all figured out immediately. They came to the empty tomb with more questions than answers, but soon the Lord revealed himself and the meaning of his resurrection to them, and, equipped with the power of the Holy Spirit they went out to give their testimony to the power of God. Like them, we too have to grow in our understanding of what the new life in Christ means to us so that we also can witness to his power at work in us and in the world today.

Everyone needs to know the good news! With all the challenges we face today, everyone needs to know that Jesus lives and he has the answers we need to build a world of peace and justice. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! May he rise in us today. And through our witness, may his kingdom continue to be realized in the world.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott

Office Hours Change

The office will closing at 2:45 p.m. on Thursdays.

QCES Mass Attendance Cards

Mass attendance cards are available at the back of church.

Mark Your Calendars for St. Joseph Annual Ice Cream Social on July 12th!!

To update our job list, please let us know if you are NOT going to be able to work that day **OR** if you wish to have a different job than you had last year **OR** if your contact information has changed.

Call or text T. Mast at 217-455-3448.

*Also, we are in need of half-gallon and gallon ice cream containers.

Can't wait to get back together again!!!

BIBLE STUDY

EVERY TUESDAY

7:00PM-8:00PM

APRIL 14 THRU MAY 26TH

TRI-PARISH CATHOLIC CHURCHES

ST. JOSEPH
1435 E 1500th St.
Quincy, IL 62305

Calendar

Saturday, April 4 – Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil @ St. Edward

Sunday, April 5

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

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

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

Monday, April 6

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

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

Tuesday, April 7

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

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

6:00 p.m. St. Edward 3rd Graders Confirmation Meeting

6:30 p.m. Healing Rosary @ St. Joseph

Wednesday, April 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, April 9

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

Friday, April 10

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

Saturday, April 11

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

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

Sunday, April 12

7:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Brigid, Donut Social to follow

9:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Joseph, Donut Social to follow

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 13

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

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

Tuesday, April 14

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

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

Wednesday, April 15

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

Friday, April 17

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

Mass Intentions

SAT. APRIL 4

8:00 p.m.—St. Edward: *Those Being Baptized & Received into Full Communion in Our Diocese*

SUN. APRIL 5

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

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: *+Kenneth Neisen*

+Jason Ohnemus

+Dale & Rose Mary Zanger

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: *+JoAnn & Bud Wietholder*

MON. APRIL 6

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: *+Rose Mary Howell*

TUES. APRIL 7

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: *+Ronnie Richmiller*

WED. APRIL 8

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

+Frances & Jane Meyer

FRI. APRIL 10

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: *+Norm Boone*

SAT. APRIL 11

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

+David Windoffer

+Don McCleary

SUN. APRIL 12

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: *+George Barry*

+Paul Barry

+Beau Avery Barry

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: *For the People of Our Parish*

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

+Dick & Helen Frese

Parish Collection: March 29

St. Brigid \$ 3,768.46

Online Giving \$ 120.44

St. Edward \$ 1,976.00

Online Giving \$ 200.00

St. Joseph \$ 2,635.50

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 11 & 12	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.	Harper Obert Gwen Wiemelt	Norma Neisen Theresa Neisen Angela Obert	Eric Barry Ron Barry Craig Gramke	Kristin Obert	Dan Kramer	Norma Neisen
SUNDAY 7:30 A.M.	Dylan Hocking Mason Hocking	Brandy Hocking Dot Smith	Kyle Leonard Justin Mewes Lucy Mewes	Justin Mewes	Greg & Nancy Obert	Kyle & Elizabeth Leonard

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
April 12	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.	Asher Mock McCoy Mock	T. Mast Jill Shackleton Billie Huebotter	Dan Mock Paul Mock	Abigail Hildebrand		Mock Family

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
April 12	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.	Danika Shaffer Jillian Shaffer Merideth Shaffer	Lori Hildebrand Jeannie Hildebrand P.J. Hildebrand	Connie Bealor	Becky Cottingham	Fred Kientzle Family	Fred Kientzle 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
Rachel Cramsey	Joann Walton	Duesterahus
Denny Meyer	Kent Hilgenbrinck	Bill Ervin
Rosie Miller	Clayton Thompson	Sophie Shriver
Joe Rice	Jim Wilson	Kristy Bollin
Monica Mast	Connie Dietrich	Carol Haistings
	Corey Sheurman	

Stewardship Reflection

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." Colossians 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment – I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

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

Womens Cursillo

There will be a Women's Cursillo weekend on April 16 - 18 at the Quincy University Retreat Center. It is an opportunity to renew and refresh your faith and to broaden your appreciation of our church. The weekend begins on Thursday evening and continues with fellowship, good food, singing, worship, prayer and meditation through Sunday afternoon. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity to help you grow and enrich your faith, there are registration forms in the back of church, or you may contact Connie Bealor at 217-440-6886.

SDCCW 97th Annual Convention

The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's 97th Convention is **Thursday, September 3rd**. We expect over 250 guests. This will be a very special event, not only for the ladies in our Deanery, but **ALL** of the Springfield Diocese. Morning Rosary and Mass at St Anthony of Padua Church in Quincy, IL, followed by the Convention at The Ambiance in Quincy, IL. We are excited to announce that our Guest speaker is nationally known Teresa Tomeo. Vendors and Silent Auction items will be available as well as, a hot LUNCH. More information and registration forms are available at the back of church. Any questions, email Susan Asher asherte@yahoo.com.

"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!



Baptism

Eleanora Anne Obert,
Daughter of Levi & Gracie Obert

Bulletin Deadline

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



SPRINGFIELD in ILLINOIS DIOCESAN COUNCIL of CATHOLIC WOMEN

Choirs of Angels Convention Donor Form

Monies from donors go to support the work of the Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and National Council of Catholic Women including: charitable contributions, missionary works, SDCCW High School Girl Graduate Scholarships, SDCCW Lenten Retreat, SDCCW Annual Convention, Springfield Diocese Seminarian Fund and Our Lady of Good Counsel Annual Women of Distinction Recognition Event.

Donor Levels

Seraphim - \$100

Cherubim - \$75

Archangel - \$50

Guardian Angel - \$25

Donor forms to the back of church. Deadline for submission is Wednesday, July 15, 2026.

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. MARY HOSPITAL SPRING GATHERING

April 14, 2026

Former Employees, Physicians, Students,
Volunteers

Gather: 11:00 am
Lunch: 11:30 am
Cost: \$15

Lutheran Church of St. John
3340 State, Quincy, IL
(next to Racquet Club)

RESERVATIONS AND MONEY TO
LINDA BERRY
4911 CHESTNUT, QUINCY IL, 62305

BY APRIL 8, 2026

Questions: Contact Linda @ 217 257-2483

Easter Memorials

St. Brigid

George Schneider
 Glenn & Mary Ann Loos
 Jackie Taylor
 Jim & Loretta Koch
 Pat Koch
 Leo & Don Heberlein
 Heather Nieders
 Maas & Totsch Families
 Harold & Joan Siebers
 Mary Jo Obert
 Paul Barry
 Beau Barry
 Stephanie Barry
 Jamie Barry
 Austin Leapley
 Dillion Likes
 Siebers & Smith Families
 Everett Ray Barry
 Aaron Richard Barry
 George & Marilyn Barry
 Kenneth Leapley
 Loren & Helen Welsh
 Richard Maas

Ray Maas Jr.
 Raymond Maas Sr.
 Matthew Ryan
 Jim & Mary Powell
 Paul Frericks
 Lawrence Arnold
 Scharlene Arnold
 Marjorie Arnold
 Sommer Arnold
 Thomas & Mary Allison
 Eugene & Josephine Raleigh
 Isabelle Raleigh
 Oliver & Carol Taube
 Robert Dresden
 Russ & Norma Ellwood
 Knuffman Families
 Lentz & Klauser Families
 Maas & Meyer Families
 Obert & Siebers Families
 Don and Anne Mae Obert
 Mary Beth & Mark Obert
 Matt & Esther Obert
 Alfred Maple Sr.
 Dwight & Dorothy Harvey

Otha & Regina Howell Family
 Alfred & Anna Krupps Family
 Brenda Rice
 Carlene Crawford
 Deceased members of Obert Family
 Jim Windoffer
 Rufus & Germaine Schmidt Family
 Paul & Virginia Windoffer Family
 Bernie & Cooper Heberlein
 Lawrence & Catherine Knuffman
 Kenny, Jessie & Bob Knuffman
 Albert & Sadie Flick
 Ed & Selma Windoffer
 Richard & Margaret Ohnemus
 Jim, Dave & Donnie Windoffer
 Kay & Paul Smith
 Joyce Taute
 Sandy, Randell & Robert Mowen
 Mathew Kruse
 Walter Deming
 Bernice Mowen
 All Deceased Family Members
 All Friends and Loved Ones
 All Grandparents

St. Edward

Doris Cornwell
 Linda Cornwell
 Barb & John Blickhan
 Jason Kasparie
 David Kendrick
 Valeu & Voth Families
 Ryan Freiburg
 Don and Anne Mae Obert
 Mary Beth & Mark Obert
 Louis & Florence Freiburg
 Mark Wellman

Allie O'Donnell
 Robin Hoing
 John & Margaret Allison
 Glen Walton
 Cathy Owen
 Victor Hirsh
 Clifford & Barbara Bealor
 Mr. & Mes. Lawrence Wietholder
 Chris Trent
 Janet Hilgenbrinck
 Mike Heming
 Don Maas

Lisa Rust
 Phil Schmiedeskamp
 Junior & Katherine VaLeu
 Dale Neisen
 Rob Dresden
 Carol Schacht
 Edward Schacht
 Harold & Irma Vollbracht
 Garry & Mark Sandidge
 All Friends & Families

St. Joseph

Jason Ohnemus
 Mabel & Leonard Ohnemus
 Dale & Rose Mary Zanger
 Bruce Zanger
 Tom Mast
 Carl & Dorothy Mast
 Norbert & Vera Zanger
 Connie & Rocky Boling
 Deceased members of Dietrich Family
 Deceased members of Koettters Family

Alois, Marguerite & Fr. Vic Kaltenbach
 Dale Fessler Families
 Mary Jo Terry
 Cathy Davidson
 Russ Jansen
 Mock, Moore, & Meyer Families
 Louis Holtschlag Family
 Henry & Rita Bockhold
 Richard & Betty Wilson
 Greg & Jeannette Knapp
 Lenny Venvertloh

Pete & Hilda Venvertloh
 Lawrence & Marie Brinkman
 Ronald Wiewel
 Albert & Mildred Wiewel
 Marie Wiewel
 Louis, Alta, Dale & Don Fessler
 Jim Stupavsky
 Mary Elizabeth Davidson
 Hoover & Schreacke Families
 Poor Souls in Purgatory

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



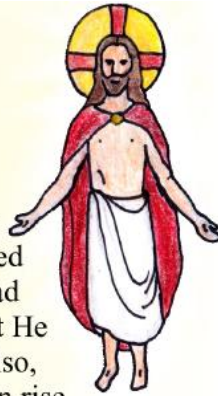
- April 5 – Easter Sunday – NO PSR
- April 7 – St. Edward 3rd Graders Parent/Sponsor/Child meeting 6-7p.m.
- May 2 – St. Edward 3rd Graders First Communion/Confirmation at the Cathedral in Springfield, IL

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 6:00pm 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

Alleluia!

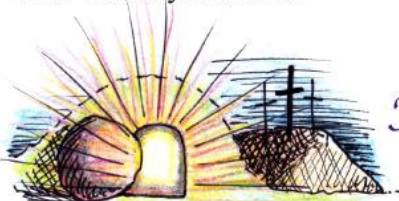


Today is the biggest feast of the year! Jesus rose from the dead on the first Easter Sunday. By rising from the dead, He showed that He was God and that everything He had said was true. It showed His followers that He wasn't gone forever- it gave them hope. Also, because He rose from the dead, now we can rise from the dead too after we die.

Imagine what it would be like to be one of Jesus' friends when He died on the cross. You were hoping that He would be the saviour that would overthrow the bad government and become the king, but now He was beaten and killed! How would you feel? What would you be doing after this horrible weekend was over? It would seem pretty hopeless, wouldn't it?

But then- some of the women come running and say that Jesus rose from the dead! Would you believe them? And then imagine that you are in the room with the other disciples with the doors locked and suddenly Jesus is standing in the room, saying, "Peace be with you!" Now what would you think?

*Today is the day
for rejoicing!
JESUS IS ALIVE!*



Easter Sunday

AFTER JESUS DIED ON GOOD FRIDAY THE APOSTLES WERE AFRAID AND HID AWAY FROM THE PEOPLE. THEY STAYED IN THE ROOM WHERE THEY HAD THE LAST SUPPER.

If they see us they'll kill us too!

Let's go back to the upper room!

THEY STAYED THERE ON THE SABBATH DAY, WHICH WAS LIKE SUNDAY FOR THE JEWS.

EARLY ON THE SUNDAY MORNING SOME WOMEN WENT TO JESUS' TOMB...

Do not be afraid! You seek Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here. He has risen!

Hello!

We have seen the Lord!

WHEN JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS HIS FOLLOWERS THOUGHT THE END HAD COME. BUT JESUS HAD DIED ON PURPOSE TO SAVE US FROM HELL! THEN HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD SO THAT WE COULD RISE FROM THE DEAD TOO. REJOICE WITH OUR LADY AND THE APOSTLES THAT JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD!