

Pastor's Letter

June 14, 2026 – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Church Family

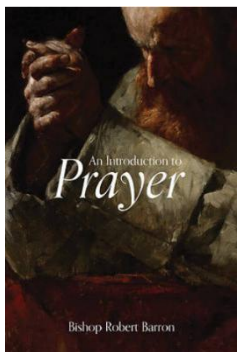
In our Gospel reading for today Jesus says, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." Our Lord is talking about how many people there are in the world who need to hear the good news of salvation through faith in Christ and experience his loving care for them. And he calls us to pray for workers to go out and bring in God's harvest.

Then he commissions the Twelve Apostles to go out and proclaim the gospel, drive out evil and heal the sick. That same calling has been handed down to us. Each of us has a responsibility to do our part to bring God's love to the world. In our first reading, Moses says that the Israelites are called to be "a kingdom of priests, a holy nation." That applies to Christians today as well. It is the work of a priest to bring God and people together. How are you living out your baptismal priesthood? Maybe God is calling you to the priesthood, religious life as a brother or sister, or to be a lay missionary. Or maybe God wants you to encourage your child or grandchild to consider one of these vocations. Not all of us are called to these states in life but some of us are and we need to listen to the Holy Spirit to help us know what God wants us to do with our lives. Wherever we are and whatever our vocation we need to be sharing Christ in word and action.

We also need to support the work of those who have taken up the call of God to go into his harvest field. When we give them our financial support, we go with them to touch lives that we would never be able to reach ourselves and we extend the reach of their ministries in ways that they could not do on their own. Working together, we can do wonderful things for God.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott



Summer Spirituality Series: Prayer

Fr. Scott Sill be offering two sessions on prayer using Bishop Robert Barron's book, "An Introduction to Prayer." The sessions will be held at St. Edward's at 7:00pm on Wed., July 8th and Wed., July 15th. We will look at just what prayer is, how to develop your prayer life, and particular types of prayer. You can sign up and pick up a copy of Bishop Barron's book in the back of church or talk to Fr. Scott.



Calendar

Saturday, June 13

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

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

Sunday, June 14

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

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

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

Monday, June 15

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

Tuesday, June 16

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

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

Wednesday, June 17

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

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

Thursday, June 18 - OFFICE CLOSSES AT 2:45 PM

Friday, June 19

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

Saturday, June 20

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

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

Sunday, June 21

Happy Father's Day

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

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

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

Monday, June 22

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

Tuesday, June 23

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

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

7:00 pm Pastoral/Finance Council Mtg @ St. Edward

Wednesday, June 24

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

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

Thursday, June 25 - OFFICE CLOSSES AT 2:45 PM

Friday, June 26

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

Mass Intentions

SAT. JUNE 13

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

+Ray Arnold

SUN. JUNE 14

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

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: *Jim Wilson*

+Peggy Genenbacher

+Nick Dietrich

+Tom Mast & Bruce Zanger

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: +Karen Shaffer

+Lawrence Wietholder

MON. JUNE 15

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +James Windoffer

TUES. JUNE 16

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: +Janet Hilgenbrinck

WED. JUNE 17

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Jim & Betty Brinkman

+Linda Leasman

FRI. JUNE 19

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Helen Frese

SAT. JUNE 20

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

+Bernadine Terstriep

+Dawn Ulry

SUN. JUNE 21

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: *George Barry*

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

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

+David Kendrick

+Ron Valeu

Parish Collection: June 7

St. Brigid \$ 4,105.00

Online Giving \$ 470.44

St. Edward \$ 2,405.00

Online Giving \$ 100.00

St. Joseph \$ 2,277.00

Online Giving \$ 0

Thank you for your generous support!

All Collections included in total this week

Bulletin Deadline

All information must be submitted by noon on

Tuesday. Submit to: church@stsbej.org

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						
June 20 & 21	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.	Ashley Schutte Kelsey Schutte	Kristin Obert Lisa Berry Stacy Clark	Ava Fessler Dave Fessler Mara Ippensen	Kristin Obert	Dave & Angela Obert	John & Stacy Clark
SUNDAY 7:30 A.M.	Dylan Hocking Mason Hocking	Brandy Hocking Dot Smith	Michael Obert Barb Obert Ron Cramsey	Greg Obert	Michael & Barb Obert	Glen & Sara Obert

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
June 21	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.	Myra Drebes Warren Drebes	Barb Frese Jolinn Tripp Brenda Siebers	Ted Mast Kenny Mast	Abigail Hildebrand		Mast Family

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
June 21	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.	Olivia Shaffer Willow Shaffer Devin Shupe	Margie Kendrick Donna Voss Emily Wellman	Connie Bealor	Julie Logan	Greta Frankel	Jared Weeks 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	Don Sheurman	Carol Haistings
Monica Mast	Alicia Blewett	Sue Rossmiller
	Sandra Kemper	Don Arnold

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

Stewardship Reflection

"As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'" Matthew 10:7

Many of us take our lives for granted. We think we have plenty of time to "repent." Maybe we should live with a little more urgency in making things right with God. This is the difference in living our discipleship out of obligation versus out of love. Obligation implies we do the minimum required. Love implies we want a relationship. God wants us to be with Him in Heaven forever, but He also wants to be in relationship with us right now, while we are on earth. Start this second – invite the Lord into your heart.

Baby Bottle Blitz

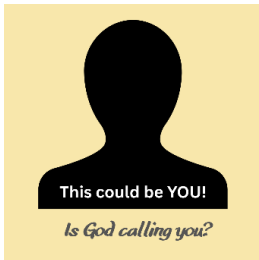
Don't forget to return your baby bottles next weekend.



Baptisms

Rinlee Mae Parsons,

Daughter of Richard & Emmalee Parsons of St. Brigid.



PSR Teachers Needed

Is God calling you? We need PSR teachers for St. Joseph & St. Brigid for next year. Please consider sharing your gifts with the children of our parishes.

St Joseph's Ice Cream Social Team Meeting 2026

June 14th after mass

Come with any concerns or new ideas for our social slated for July 12th.

Think ice cream!!!



Quincy Medical Group
FREE SPORTS PHYSICALS
June 11 & July 28
from 5:30 - 7:30 pm
217-222-6550,
ext. 3282
call for appt.

QCES Mass Attendance Cards

Mass attendance cards are available at the back of church.

Summer Faith and Fun Gathering for ALL Women of the Parish

You are invited to The Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women's Summer Gathering on Wednesday, June 17th, 2026 at St Peter Parish

Featured speakers:

Pam Shaffer: *Faith in Action* and Dr Martha Rapp: *A Mother's Faith-Martha Jane Tolton*

7:45 am-8:15 am: Registration; Cost \$10

8:20 am: Mass followed by Adoration and the rosary
10:00 am: Light Breakfast, program and speakers, lunch and FUN.

Ends approximately 2:30pm

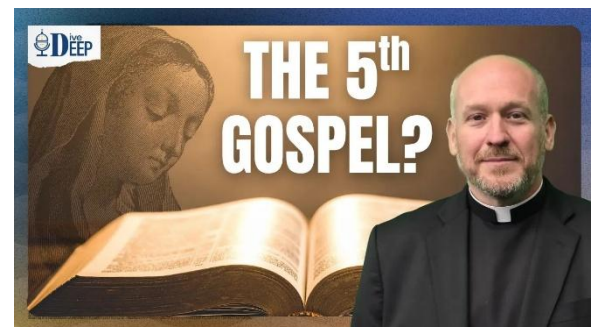
Please **register by Thursday, June 11th**, so we know how many for lunch.

Priest Adoration

There will be an hour of Adoration for Priests followed by Benediction at Blessed Sacrament Church 1119 S. 7th St. Quincy June 14, 2026, from 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. all are invited to come and pray for your Priests.

Adult Altar Servers

Are you looking for a way to have a deeper, personal way of participating in the Eucharist? Why not become an Adult Server! The Altar Servers assist the priest during Mass by participating in the entrance procession and presentation of the gifts, as well as holding the prayer books. This is a great way to mentor the young servers, helping them understand their role. Please call the office if you are interested. Training is provided.



Catholic Traditions From The Gospel of James

— There is a Gospel of James! Who wrote it, when, and what are the themes and traditions Catholics get from this Gospel? And Why did the Church not recognize it as fully inspired by the Holy Spirit? Go to [youtube.com/diospringfield](https://www.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.

Adams County Catholic Summer Faith Opportunities!

JUNE 7-11 - BLESSED SACRAMENT VBS

JUNE 7-11 - ST. BRIGID, ST. JOSEPH & ST. EDWARD VBS

JUNE 7-12 - ST. FRANCIS & ST. PETER TOTUS TUUS

JUNE 22-24 - ST. ANTHONY VBS

JULY 9-11 - ST. THOMAS VBS

PLEASE CONTACT ANY OF THESE PARISHES FOR MORE
INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR PROGRAMS!

PARISH PICNICS

Mark Your Calendars

June 6 - JuneFest
@ St. Dominic School grounds

June 13- St. Francis Solanus Picnic

July 12 - St. Joseph Ice Cream Social

July 18- St. Anthony Picnic

August 16- St. Thomas Ice Cream Social

August 29- St. Peter Picnic

Sept. 12 - Septemberfest
@ Blessed Sacrament



St. Joseph Catholic Church

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Enjoy our homemade ice cream!

Sunday, July 12, 2026
4 pm - 10 pm

Outside dining 4 - 9 p.m.
Inside dining 4 - 7 p.m.

Sandwiches / Desserts / Ice Cream
Kids Games / BINGO / Raffles





St. Joseph Church
1435 E. 1500th St.
Quincy, IL







EP. 31

How to Grow in Eucharistic Devotion (Even When You're Busy)

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life—but how do we actually grow in devotion to it in the middle of everyday life? In this episode of Practicing Catholic, Taylor Kemp and Scott Hefelfinger explore the beauty of the Eucharist and simple, practical ways to deepen your relationship with Christ.

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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

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



- Have a great summer!!
- Check out some of the other VBS programs or attend some parish picnics and ice cream socials!

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: July 10-11, 2026

Jesus Sends Us to Do His Work

Today's Gospel reading tells the story of Jesus sending out His twelve apostles to do His work in the nearby towns. He was teaching them to do His work: healing the sick, raising the dead, and even driving out demons.

Do you think they might have been a bit nervous, or even scared, to do this work?



Did you know that you are also called to be a disciple of Jesus? Some people are called to be missionaries and bring Jesus' word to far away places, but most of us - especially when we are young - are called to do Jesus' work close to home.

What are some of the ways you can be an apostle for Jesus? Maybe you can pray for sick or hurt people that you know of. You can tell people the stories of Jesus that you know. And did you know that even by being a good example to others, you are teaching them about the love of Jesus by your actions?



Don't be scared - do Jesus' work for the people around you today!

Saint Vitus June 15

NOT MUCH IS KNOWN OF THE LIFE OF SAINT VITUS, EXCEPT THAT HE WAS A MARTYR OF THE EARLY CHURCH IN ITALY.

ACCORDING TO LEGEND, HE WAS CONVERTED AT AGE 12 BY HIS TUTOR AND HIS NURSE.

...So Jesus came to save us from the punishment we deserve.

VITUS' FATHER WAS STILL A PAGAN, AND HAD THE THREE OF THEM SCOURGED.

THEY ESCAPED FROM PRISON AND FLED TO ROME, WHERE VITUS CURED DIOCLETIAN'S SON OF AN EVIL SPIRIT.

BUT WHEN HE WOULD NOT SACRIFICE TO THE IDOLS, THEY THOUGHT HE WAS A SORCERER.

THE THREE WERE THROWN TO THE LIONS, BUT THE LIONS WOULD NOT TOUCH THEM.

NEXT, VITUS WAS PUT INTO BOILING OIL. THE MOMENT HE DIED, THERE WAS A GREAT STORM THAT DESTROYED SEVERAL PAGAN TEMPLES.

ALTHOUGH WE DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT SAINT VITUS, WE DO KNOW THAT HE WAS A HERO WHO GAVE UP HIS LIFE FOR GOD. HE IS THE PATRON SAINT OF DANCERS, ACTORS, AND AGAINST STORMS. HIS NURSE AND HIS TUTOR ARE GOOD EXAMPLES TO US BECAUSE THEY TAUGHT THE FAITH AT THE COST OF THEIR LIVES.