

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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Tues. & Thurs. 8 am to 4 pm
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Pastor's Letter

April 12, 2026 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Dear Church Family,

In our Gospel reading for today, Jesus appears to the disciples twice, once when Thomas is absent and once when he is present. Both times his greeting is the same, "Peace be with you." When Thomas missed Jesus the first time, the testimony of the other disciples was not enough to convince him of the truth of the resurrection. It brought him no peace. He had to experience the presence of Jesus for himself. He had to hear Jesus speak peace to him personally.

In a way, all of us are like Thomas. We all learn about Jesus in Scripture and in the teachings of the church. We know the stories of the saints and we have met good and holy people whose lives have been shaped by faith. These things are important evidence of the truth of the gospel. They point us to Christ. They even help us come to faith. But they are not enough in and of themselves.

Each of us, like Thomas, want to have a personal encounter with Christ. We want to touch him and be touched by him. We don't just want to know about him. We want to know him. The problem is, Jesus is not accessible to our physical senses. We can't see him or touch him or hear him the same way his first disciples did when they traveled with him through Galilee and Judea. But that doesn't mean that we can't have a real experience of him. We just have to learn to see and touch and hear in a different way. A spiritual way.

The whole Christian life is designed to help us learn this spiritual way. The sacraments open our hearts and minds to receive him. Learning Scripture and Tradition helps us learn to recognize the voice of Christ when he speaks to our spirits. When we love and serve others we put ourselves in Jesus shoes, walking the same path that he walked. All these practices sharpen our spiritual senses and make our prayer a personal encounter with our living Lord.

After Thomas saw Jesus in his second appearance to all the disciples Thomas declared Jesus to be his Lord and his God. Jesus replied to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Jesus is saying here that those who have this kind of spiritual encounter with Christ are more blessed even than those who had a physical meeting with Jesus. It's the spiritual walk with Jesus that brings true joy and peace. Peace be with you.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott

BIBLE STUDY

EVERY TUESDAY
7:00PM-8:00PM
APRIL 14 THRU
MAY 26TH

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Welcome

This year at the Easter Vigil 10 were brought fully into the Catholic faith.

Baptized:

Maggie Bowen (stb)
William Dixon (stj)
Ella Fessler (stb)
Jacob Fessler (stb)
Will Fessler (stb)
Auston Ivers (stb)
Karah Mock (stj)
Faith Pettitte (ste)

Received:

Angela Fessler (stb)
Emily Mock (stj)

Calendar

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 a.m. PSR @ St. Edward
10:00 a.m.—11:15 a.m. 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 Journey of Faith @ 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 - OFFICE CLOSSES AT 2 p.m.

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 16 - OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, April 17 – OFFICE CLOSED

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

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

Mass Intentions

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

MON. APRIL 13

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Harold & Joan Sibers
+Mary Jo Obert

TUES. APRIL 14

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: +Leona Shaffer

WED. APRIL 15

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Ron Wiewel
+Bob & Rosella Neisen

FRI. APRIL 17

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: : +Helen Frese

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

Parish Collection: April 5

St. Brigid	\$ 7,847.19
Online Giving	\$ 370.44
St. Edward	\$ 4,806.92
Online Giving	\$ 100.00
St. Joseph	\$ 4,212.58
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

Bulletin Deadline

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

Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH						
April 18 & 19	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.	Owen Potter Grace Potter	Kristin Obert Stacy Clark Robin Mowen	Ava Fessler Dave Fessler Mara Ippensen	Dave Fessler	Randy & Laura Maas	Theresa Neisen
SUNDAY 7:30 a.m.	Kruz Klauser Karlee Obert	Vickie Cramsey Nancy Obert	Greg Obert Michael Obert Barb Obert	Greg Obert	Michael & Barb Obert	Justin & Lucy Mewes

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
April 19	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	Kerwin Cramsey Frank Siebers	Billie Huebotter		Cramsey/Siebers Families

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
April 19	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.	Olivia Shaffer Willow Shaffer Devin Shupe	Breanne Kelly Margie Kendrick Donna Voss	Cindy Betz	Emilie Hildebrand	Seth Knox Family	Seth Knox 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	Clayton Thompson	Kristy Bollin
Joe Rice	Jim Wilson	Carol Haistings
Monica Mast	Connie Dietrich	
	Corey Sheurman	

Stewardship Reflection

"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" John 20:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too – just as God, Our Father, sees us.

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 3**. 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.

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



Welcome

We are pleased to welcome the following individual/families who recently registered as a parishioners. Please make them feel welcome and part of our great parish.

Pamela Pillars (St. Joseph)

Brock & Anita Arnold and Zoey (St. Brigid)

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Eric Bruns and Raymond Arnold, who died recently. Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord.



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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.

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!!!

2nd Graders First Reconciliation



St. Brigid: Carter Johnson, Beau Knuffman, Ethan Buss, Jaxon Powell, Elliott Barry, and Kennedy Lipcaman.

St. Edward top row: Isaiah Hoffman, Jace Venvertloh, Jordan Oenning, Tanner Tryba

Front Row: Maddie Shaffer, Sylvie Dedert, Brynlee Brackensick, Vivian Zanger, Layla Eger, Thia Wellman, Ayda Duesterhaus

St. Joseph: Danika Mock and Malia Drebes.

Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph



St. Edward Last Supper



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



- April 7 – St. Edward 3rd Graders Parent/Sponsor/Child meeting 6-7 p.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 5:30 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

Divine Mercy Sunday

Today, besides being the second Sunday of Easter, we also celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy. It is the special day when we remember the mercy of God.



Mercy is when a person treats another better than they deserve. God does not owe us anything, since everything we have comes from Him. When we sin we offend God, but because He is merciful He forgives us when we are sorry.

Jesus' dying on the cross was the biggest act of mercy. He gave up His life so that we could be forgiven of our sins and go to Heaven! Thank God today for all He has given you, especially giving up His life so that you can go to Heaven!

Here are some easy prayers you can say to ask God to be merciful to us:

***Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Have mercy on us!***

Jesus, I trust in You!



Saint Lidwina April 14

LIDWINA WAS BORN IN HOLLAND IN 1380 TO A POOR FAMILY. WHEN SHE WAS 16 A FRIEND ACCIDENTALLY KNOCKED HER DOWN WHILE SKATING.

Oh! I'm so sorry!

LIDWINA WAS BADLY HURT. SHE HAD A BROKEN RIB AND SOON HAD TO STAY IN BED.

I'm afraid you have to stay in bed.

Why is God letting me get worse?

SHE BEGAN TO SUFFER HEADACHES AND FEVER AND EVENTUALLY WENT BLIND IN ONE EYE.

AS TIME WENT ON HER WHOLE BODY WAS IN PAIN.

Lidwina, think of the sufferings of Christ.

Lord, I offer this pain to You!

LIDWINA OFFERED HER SUFFERINGS TO GOD... FOR THE NEXT THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS!

IN SPITE OF HER PAIN, SHE WAS KIND TO HER VISITORS AND PRAYED FOR THEIR INTENTIONS.

Can you pray that I do better in school?

Of course!

Corpus Domini Nostri...


LIDWINA HAD A GREAT DEVOTION TO OUR LORD IN HOLY COMMUNION. IN FACT, THAT IS ALL SHE ATE FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS OF HER LIFE!

SAINT LIDWINA LIVED A LIFE OF EXTREME SUFFERING, BUT SHE DID NOT GIVE UP LOVING GOD AND BEING KIND TO OTHERS. GOD EVEN LET MIRACLES HAPPEN THROUGH HER PRAYERS FOR OTHER PEOPLE! WE CAN LEARN FROM SAINT LIDWINA THAT WE SHOULD BE KIND TO OTHERS EVEN WHEN WE ARE SUFFERING.

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