

Pastor's Letter

July 6, 2025—14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Church Family,

In our Gospel reading for today, Jesus sends out seventy-two of his disciples to go out ahead of him and prepare people to receive him. He gives them instructions that show that they should rely totally on God to protect them and to take care of their needs along the way. And he gives them the message that they are to proclaim; "The kingdom of God is at hand." It's interesting to note that this message is the same whether the place they enter welcomes them or not, with one small but important difference.

Jesus tells them, "Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'" He also tells them, "Whatever town you enter and they do not receive you, go out into the streets and say, 'The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God is at hand.'" Did you notice the difference? It's those two little words, for you.

Those two words are very important. The kingdom of God is coming. That is true whether or not we believe the good news of Jesus Christ. The day is coming when God will reclaim and renew all things. That reality has begun to break into the world right now because of our Lord's life, death, and resurrection. The only question is, am I going to be a part of this great work of God? Is the kingdom of God at hand for me?

If I welcome Jesus into my life and allow him to live in me and produce the fruit of faith, hope and love, then the eternal and abundant life of God's kingdom is for me. If I keep Jesus at arm's length and don't allow him to help me grow in holiness, I will always be outside the circle of love that is the kingdom of God.

With every day that passes, we are one day closer to the coming of God's kingdom. Every day is an opportunity to welcome Jesus by acts of devotion to him and acts of kindness to our fellow human beings. If we welcome him, he will welcome us, and his kingdom will be for us.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott



This could be YOU!

Is God calling you?

6th Grade teacher
NEEDED at St. Brigid

THANK YOU!

I would like to give a great big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped with Bible School this year! We had 8-12 adults on hand every night I definitely could not have done it without you. Whether you helped with crafts, games, snacks, or just ran the Littles to & from the bathroom, I appreciate your time and support.

Jeanne



St. Joseph Ice Cream Social Needs

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!!!

Calendar

Saturday, July 5

3:45 pm—4:15 pm Reconciliation @ St. Brigid

4:30 pm Mass @ St. Brigid

Sunday, July 6

7:30 am Mass @ St. Brigid

9:00 am Mass @ St. Joseph

10:30 am Mass @ St. Edward

Monday, July 7

6:30 pm Mass @ St. Brigid

Tuesday, July 8

7:15 am—7:45 am Reconciliation @ St. Edward

8:00 am Mass @ St. Edward

Wednesday, July 9

7:15 am—7:45 am Reconciliation @ St. Joseph

8:00 am Mass @ St. Joseph

Friday, July 11

8:00 am Mass @ St. Brigid

Saturday, July 12

3:45 pm—4:15 pm Reconciliation @ St. Brigid

4:30 pm Mass @ St. Brigid

Sunday, July 13

7:30 am Mass @ St. Brigid

9:00 am Mass @ St. Joseph

10:30 am Mass @ St. Edward

4:00 pm St. Joseph Ice Cream Social

Monday, July 14

6:30 pm Mass @ St. Brigid

Tuesday, July 15

7:15 am—7:45 am Reconciliation @ St. Edward

8:00 am Mass @ St. Edward

Wednesday, July 16

7:15 am—7:45 am Reconciliation @ St. Joseph

8:00 am Mass @ St. Joseph

Friday, July 18

8:00 am Mass @ St. Brigid

*Misty will be out of the offices July 13-19

Mass Intentions

SAT. JULY 5

4:30 pm—St. Brigid: *For the People of Our Parishes*

SUN. JULY 6

7:30 am—St. Brigid: +Alan Hildebrand

+Herman & Rita Huber

9:00 am—St. Joseph: +Jason Ohnemus

+Sandy Lawrence

10:30 am—St. Edward: +John Blickhan

+Rose Mary Howell

MON. JULY 7

6:30 PM—St. Brigid: +Clara Neisen

+Ted Neisen

TUES. JULY 8

8:00 am—St. Edward: +Nancy Veile

+Ronnie Duesterhaus

WED JULY 9

8:00 am—St. Joseph: +Kenneth Neisen

+Peggy Genenbacher

FRI. JULY 11

8:00 am—St. Brigid: +George Schneider

+Iris Schoonover

SAT. JULY 12

4:30 pm—St. Brigid: +Don Heberlein

+Bernie Heberlein

+Leo Heberlein

SUN. JULY 13

7:30 am—St. Brigid: *For the People of Our Parishes*

9:00 am—St. Joseph: +Ann & Jon Faubel

+Jack & Irene Bunte

10:30 am—St. Edward: +John Frese

+Alan Hildebrand

Parish Collection: June 29

St. Brigid \$ 4,739.00

St. Edward \$ 2,121.00

St. Joseph \$ 2,543.00

Thank you for your generous support!

All Collections included in total this week



Going on Vacation???

Don't forget to attend Mass. Check out MassTimes.org to find a church near you while traveling.



Baptism

Rayleigh Marie Haley,
Daughter of Zachary & Katelyn Haley at St. Joseph

Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH						
July 12 & 13	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SATURDAY 4:30 pm	Ashley Schutte Kelsey Schutte	Kristin Obert Stacy Clark Robin Mowen	Mara Ippensen Dan Kramer Mike Maas	Rich Cramsey	Dave & Angela Obert	Stan & Marilyn Obert
SUNDAY 7:30 am	Dylan Hocking Mason Hocking	Brandy Hocking Dot Smith	Mara Ippensen Dan Kramer Mike Maas	Nancy Boone	Nancy Boone	Kyle & Elizabeth Leonard

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
July 13	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 9:00 AM	Andrea Moore Riggins Mock	Barb Frese Jolinn Tripp Brenda Siebers	Kerwin Cramsey Frank Siebers	Dennis Neisen		Cramsey/Siebers Families

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
July 13	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 10:30 AM	Willow Shaffer Devin Shupe Jaxson Tuter	Donna Voss Emily Wellman Need 1	Connie Bealor	Phil Hildebrand Jr.	Greta Frankel	Frazier Family
* Please continue passing the basket for collection.						

Please Remember to Pray For:

Daran Knuffman	Linda Windoffer	Bernice Dittmer
Zoey Obert	Monica Mast	Joann Walton
Julia Winfield	Bonnie Johnson	Kent Hilgenbrinck
Haddlei Burnett	Elizabeth Leonard	Jim Wilson
Jim Steinkamp	Ben Venvertloh	Connie Dietrich
Kayle Sheely	Ripken Rangel	Virginia Berhorst
John Kroner	Maurie Koch	Corey Sheurman
Marvin Meyer	Tony Peters	Lisa Bohan
Carl Schisler	Joy Huebotter	Rinley Barry
Rachel Cramsey	Raleigh Bess	Glen Walton
Ginny Brinkman	Karen Woodworth	Norma Emery
Denny Meyer	Doug Woodworth	Bill Hilgenbrinck
Rosie Miller	Ryan Wiemelt	Lily Jean Roberts
Joe Rice	Scottie Bastert	

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

Stewardship Reflection

"He said to them, 'The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few...'" Luke 10:2

As Catholics we are all called to serve. Each of us has been given "charisms" otherwise known as gifts from the Holy Spirit to help build God's Church. Our charisms can only be used for good. We know that we are using them in the right ministry when we are filled with joy and we want to share stories about our charitable works. Discern how God is calling you to use your charisms. Say "yes" to what God is calling you to do and then do it! Share your joy and invite others to do the same.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
ICE CREAM SOCIAL
 Enjoy our homemade ice cream!

Sunday, July 13, 2025
4 pm - 10 pm

Outside dining and
 air conditioning for inside dining

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



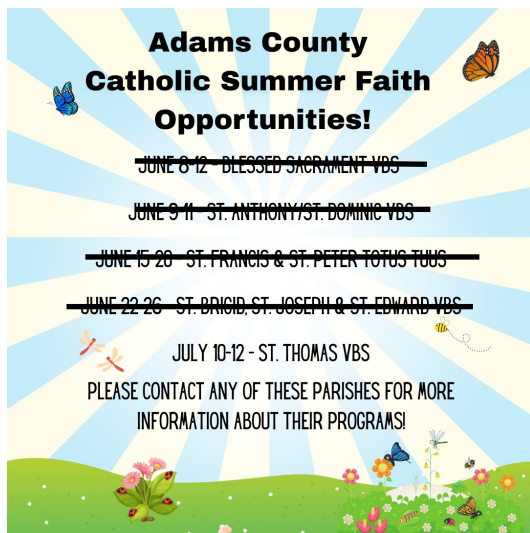
St. Joseph Church
 1435 E. 1500th St.
 Quincy, IL

Adams County
Catholic Summer Faith Opportunities!

~~JUNE 8-12 BLESSED SACRAMENT VBS~~
~~JUNE 9-11 ST. ANTHONY/ST. DOMINIC VBS~~
~~JUNE 15-20 ST. FRANCIS & ST. PETER TOTUS TUUS~~
~~JUNE 22-26 ST. BRIGID, ST. JOSEPH & ST. EDWARD VBS~~

JULY 10-12 - ST. THOMAS VBS

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




**Join Us in a Pilgrimage Procession to
 the Grave of The Venerable Servant of
 God Augustine Tolton on the 128th An-
 niversary of His Death**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

5:30 pm—Procession forms at St. Peter
 Church, 2600 Maine St.

6:30 pm—Evening Prayer & Benediction at

St. Peter Cemetery, 3400 Broadway

Those unable to partake in the procession may gather
 at the grave. Please, no parking in the cemetery due to
 lack of space.

Bulletin Deadline

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

PARISH PICNICS

Mark Your Calendars

~~June 7 JuneFest~~
 @ St. Dominic School grounds
~~June 21 St. Francis Solanus Picnic~~
July 13 - St. Joseph Ice Cream Social
July 19 - St. Anthony Picnic
August 17 - St. Thomas Ice Cream Social
August 23 - St. Peter Picnic
Sept. 6 - Septemberfest
 @ Blessed Sacrament



Mercy Tree Adventures

A Ministry of Faith, Nature & Transformation

Have you ever heard of Mercy Tree Adventures?

Mercy Tree Adventures is a ministry in our diocese, led
 by Carlos and Elena Tejada, devoted to drawing people
 closer to Christ through scripture, prayer, and interac-
tion with nature.

This gathering is a chance to:

- * Learn more about the mission and heart behind Mercy Tree Adventures
- * Connect with fellow believers
- * Consider how you can support this ministry

Saturday, September 6

Starting at 2:00 PM — until we wrap up!

669 E 1900th St. | Liberty, IL 62347

Hosted by Kyle & Elizabeth Leonard

We're excited to help more people discover and support
 this incredible ministry!

- Please RSVP or reach out with questions:
 Elizabeth Leonard – 217-440-4823
- Bring a chair, drink, friend, and come as you are!

ST. BRIGID – ST. EDWARD – ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)



Labourers in the Harvest

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus sends out seventy-two disciples to tell the people in the towns that He is coming, and to heal the sick. He tells them that they should pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.

Jesus compares the souls of the people to a harvest. He needs people who will go out into the world and gather the souls for Him, and tells the people that they should pray that God will send out these labourers. Do you know who these people are? They are the priests and other missionaries who work to bring people to Jesus.

Do you think that God might be calling you to be a labourer in the harvest of souls? Pray every day that you will know how you can best serve God. Also pray that God will send many holy priests and missionaries into the world.



Paul Bealor, 7th & 8th Grades, St Edward

"Teaching PSR gives us the opportunity to pass our experiences on to the young adults of our Parish and hopefully shape them into the future leaders of our church and community."



Julie (Zanger) Trautvetter
1st Grade St Brigid

"I love watching the kids learn about God and helping them grow in their faith."



Billie Huebotter, 4th Grade, St. Joseph

"I enjoy sharing our faith with others and the children are very open to learning."



THANKS FOR ★ ATTENDING ★ VBS

We had 34 kids registered for Vacation Bible School.

On Sunday we learned about Noah

On Monday the kids loved learning about Jonah! They were surprised to hear that the whale swallowed Jonah because he tried to run away from God!

On Tuesday we learned about the birth of Moses, as well as 2 pieces of his adult life - leading the Israelites from slavery and accepting the 10 Commandments from God.

Wednesday we learned about God's creation of the world and the story of Adam and Eve.

Thursday was program night!

