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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Mon.—Thurs. 7:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Location of Our Parishes

St. Brigid Catholic Church

706 N. Main St. Liberty, IL 62347

St. Joseph Catholic Church

1435 E. 1500th St. Quincy, IL 62305

St. Edward Catholic Church

214 South State Road Mendon, IL 62351

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217-645-3546

PARISH WEBSITE: stsbej.org

Pastor's Letter

April 28, 2024—5th Sunday of Easter

Dear Church Family,

I recently was away on my personal retreat. I spent my days in prayer, reading and resting. It was a wonderful time of reconnecting with God. Our Gospel reading for today is about the importance of maintaining that connection with God. Jesus says, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." He is reminding us that he is the source of our life and strength and hope. When a branch gets cut off from the plant it doesn't take long for it to dry up, wither, and die. In the same way, if we are not rooted in Christ, if we are not connected to him in prayer and being fed with the sacraments, the life can go out of us spiritually and prevent us from bearing the fruit that we are called to produce for God, the gardener of our souls.

The fruit that God expects us to produce is both interior and exterior. God nourishes his life in us so that we can become people of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, and self-control. These are the fruits of the Spirit that St. Paul describes in his letter to the Galatians. When we are in Christ and Christ is in us, these attributes that are the marks of life of the blessed in the kingdom of God fill us. And the blessing we receive becomes a blessing for the world.

As people who possess and live by the fruits of the Spirit, we become signs and channels of these spiritual blessings to others. The love we receive from God flows into the lives of those around us. Our joy is infectious. Our peace can bring quiet to troubled hearts. All these fruits of our connection to God in Jesus Christ invite others to join us and be grafted into him, the true vine. Then we are bearing fruit, not just for ourselves, but for God, the fruit of new disciples. May we, the branches, always stay connected to Jesus, the vine, so that the vineyard of the Lord can continue to grow and flourish.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott



Calendar

Saturday, April 27

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

4:30 p.m.—Mass @ St. Brigid

Sunday, April 28

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

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

9:00 a.m.—10:15 a.m.—PSR (gr. 5-8) @ St. Edward

9:55 a.m.—11:15 a.m.—PSR (PK-8) @ St. Joseph

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

Monday, April 29

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

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

Tuesday, April 30

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

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

Wednesday, May 1

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

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

*After school—4:30 p.m.—PSR (K-4) @ St. Edward 6:30 p.m.—7:45 p.m.—PSR (gr. 1-8) @ St. Brigid

Thursday May 2

Thursday, May 2

6:30 p.m.—St. Joseph Men's Holy Name Mtg

Friday, May 3—First Friday

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

Saturday, May 4

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

4:30 p.m.—Mass @ St. Brigid

Sunday, May 5

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

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

9:00 a.m.—10:15 a.m.—PSR (gr. 5-8) @ St. Edward

9:55 a.m.—11:15 a.m.—PSR (PK-8) @ St. Joseph

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

Monday, May 6

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

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

Tuesday, May 7

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

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

Wednesday, May 8

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

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

Thursday, May 9

6:30 p.m.—St. Joseph Altar Society Mtg

Friday, May 10

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

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Paul Barry

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Marilyn Barry
9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Ron Wiewel
10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: +David Kendrick

MONDAY, APRIL 29

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: For the People of Our Parishes

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: +Sylvester Karch

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Donald Steinkamp

FRIDAY, MAY 3

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: Merle Hildeebrand

SATURDAY, MAY 4

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Bernice Mowen

SUNDAY, MAY 5

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Russ & Norma Ellwood

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Tom Mast & Rose Mary Zanger 10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: For the People of Our Parishes

Parish Support: April 21

St. Brigid \$ 3,930.01

St. Edward \$ 1,798.00

St. Joseph \$ 1,895.25

Thank you for your generous support!



Prayers

We ask that you keep our Confirmation and First Communion students in your Prayers.

<u>St. Joseph Celebrants</u>: Myra Drebes, McCoy Mock, Piper Steffens, and Jack Luaders

<u>St. Brigid Celebrants:</u> Kruz Klauser, Kade Klauser, & Kooper Powell

Ezra and Oziah Curry who made their Confirmation and First Communion this past week

<u>St. Edward Celebrants:</u> Magnolia Campbell, Allie Felde, Kaylyn Hickey, Josie Venvertloh, and Liam Logan

St. Joseph Celebration Social

Please help us Celebrate First Communion with our newly Confirmed students on May 5 after mass at St. Joseph at our "Celebration Social". We will have a sweet treat and let them know we are celebrating these special sacraments with them.

Also the PSR students will be having the Crowning of Mary after their treats.

St. Joseph Altar Society





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!

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 6:00 p.m. Friday to 5:30 p.m. Saturday. **The next retreat weekend is October 4-5.** There is a fee for this retreat, but St. Brigid, St. Edward, and St. Joseph have funds available to cover this cost! Please contact Emily Wellman at 217-257-3536 if you are wanting to go on a weekend, and our awesome churches will pay for you to go!

St. Edward Adoration

Adoration follows the 8 a.m., First Friday Mass every month and goes until 12:30 p.m.

Please call Margie Kendrick to sign up 217-936-2365. We would like at least 2 people each hour.

NEW Online Giving

Our new online giving links are now LIVE. 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.

Attention St. Edward parishioners

Mendon town-wide garage sales are Saturday, June 1; there's usually a good crowd of shoppers. St. Edward parishioners are welcome to sell items on the church parking lot that day. We are on the list as a garage sale site. St. Edward will supply the space, you will provide everything else you need (tables, chairs, change box, manpower to set up/take down/oversee your items).

Church tables/chairs WILL NOT be available.

Space rental: free-will offering will be collected that day and will go to St. Edward.

7:30 - 11:30 a.m. Set up that morning. Info/RSVP your space: Myra Kuhn, (217) 430-3238 or kuhnmyra@yahoo.com.

Patricia Barry 90th Birthday Open House

Please join us for an Open House In honor of Patricia Barry for her 90th Birthday Hosted by her children, spouses, and families Sunday, May 5, 2024 2:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m. St. Brigid Church Hall, Liberty, Illinois Please no gifts!



Ladies of Charity of Quincy

The Ladies of Charity of Quincy invites you, both women and men, and both current and potential members, to attend an Orientation and Day of Reflection on Sunday, May 5, 2024, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the St. Francis Catholic Church Parish Hall. Although the Ladies of Charity is comprised of mostly women volunteers, we also invite men to assist us (particularly with the heavy lifting, transporting of items, etc.). We are a Vincentian organization called to serve those in need and we would love to have you join us. Please plan to attend to learn more about us and the volunteer opportunities available! If you have any questions or need other details, please feel free to contact either Kathy Obert at 703-786-4788 or Brenda Ehrhardt at 217-257-8832.

Right to Life - Sponsor Speaker

Right to Life of Adams County is privileged to sponsor **Illinois Right to Life Executive Director, Mary Kate Zander** (from the agency that brought us the Ground Zero presentation a couple of years ago.) Tuesday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m.
Knights of Columbus Fr. McGivney Hall 700 S. 36th Street, Quincy,

Some of the topics to be presented--

- -- the growing trend of abortion tourism in Illinois and the greater Midwest
- -- changes to Illinois laws and public policy that have opened the floodgates for more abortion travel
- -- where women seeking abortions are coming from and how they're making the trip
- -- risks to women's health that are uniquely associated with abortion tourism
- -- what's being done by Illinois' pro-life movement to change the tide on abortion travel

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!

Questions about the event?--Jane Haas, 217-257-0533



Please Remember to Pray For:

Daran Knuffman	Ginny Brinkman	Leon Lentz
Kris Mast	Travis Irvin	Jim Wilson
Zoey Obert	Denny Meyer	Maurie Koch
Jennifer Neisen	Rosie Miller	Tony Peters
Julia Winfield	Joe Rice	Joy Huebotter
Haddlei Burnett	Linda Windoffer	Raleigh Bess
Jim Steinkamp	Monica Mast	Karen Woodworth
Kayle Sheely	Bonnie Johnson	Doug Woodworth
Darren Neisen	Leo Bauer	Clari Dees
John Kroner	Elizabeth Leonard	Craig Gramke
Marvin Meyer	Ben Venvertloh	John Frese
Carl Schisler	Ripken Rangel	John Blickhan
Rachel Cramsey	Marilyn Obert	Bonnie Voth

For all undergoing surgery, undergoing cancer tests or therapy, for world peace, mental or difficult issues and for all victims of sexual abuse and violence and for their families, for conversion of hearts, and for all in danger due to acts of violence, for our own special intentions we hold in our hearts and for an end to abortions and wars. Please contact us, if we need to remove your name from our prayer list. Thanks to all for your continued prayers, as they are needed and greatly appreciated.



St. Anthony Ladies Society Roast Beef Dinner

St. Anthony Ladies Society will be holding a Roast Beef Dinner on Sunday, April 28, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at St. Anthony Hall, 2223 St. Anthony Road, Quincy IL. Each plate includes: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Jello Salad, Home Made Roll, and Home Made Dessert.

Price is \$14 for adults and \$8 for children.

Dine in or Carry out.

For Carry out enter the SOUTH entrance basement door



PSR News!

Confirmation/First Communion



Confirmation and First Communion will take place on Saturday, May 4 at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception in Springfield, IL. Registration will take place in the Cathedral Atrium at 9:30AM. Please contact Emily if you need more information about this! 217-257-3536.



Solemn Holy Communion

What is a Solemn Holy Communion? It is where we celebrate the students' First Communion at their home parish! We are so excited for all of you to receive this Sacrament and we want to celebrate with you as a Church community! Please have your child dress in the same attire as in Springfield. The third graders will process and recess down the aisle with Father Scott at the beginning and end of Mass, sit in the front row with their class, read the petitions for the day, and receive Communion first. Parents may sit anywhere. Confirmation sponsors are encouraged to attend, but will not have a role in this Mass. We will take group pictures after Mass. Please have your child at church 15 minutes prior to Mass start time!

St. Joseph: Sunday, May 5 at 9:00AM Mass (Be there by 8:45) St. Brigid: Saturday, May 11 at 4:30PM Mass (Be there by 4:15) St. Edward: Sunday, May 12 at 10:30AM Mass (Be there by 10:15)





Last week our St. Joseph 5-8th graders helped our 3rd graders prepare for Confirmation and First Communion! Then, they had a Catholic Quiz Bowl Match with their class! All Saints vs. Holy Joe's.

All Saints Won!

LAST DAYS OF PSR

The last days of PSR are coming up! We will be having different celebrations with our different parishes, but families are welcome at each one!

St. Brigid: Wednesday, May 1st
St. Edward K-4: Wednesday, May 1st
St. Edward 5-8: Sunday, May 5th
St. Joseph: Sunday, May 5th

Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH						
May 4 & 5	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
4:30 p.m.	Jonah Obert Jenna Obert	Norma Neisen Theresa Neisen	Eric Barry Dave Obert Kristin Obert	Kristen Obert	Pam & Jerry Totsch	Randy & Laura Maas
7:30 a.m.	Ryleigh Powell Karlee Obert	Nancy Obert Dot Smith	Ron Cramsey Mike Hummel Justin Mewes	Greg Obert	Norm & Nancy Boone	Justin & Lucy Mewes

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
May 5	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
9:00 a.m.	Erika Wyatt Riggins	Jeanne Cramsey Billie Huebotter	Ted Mast Kenny Mast	Ben		Mast Family

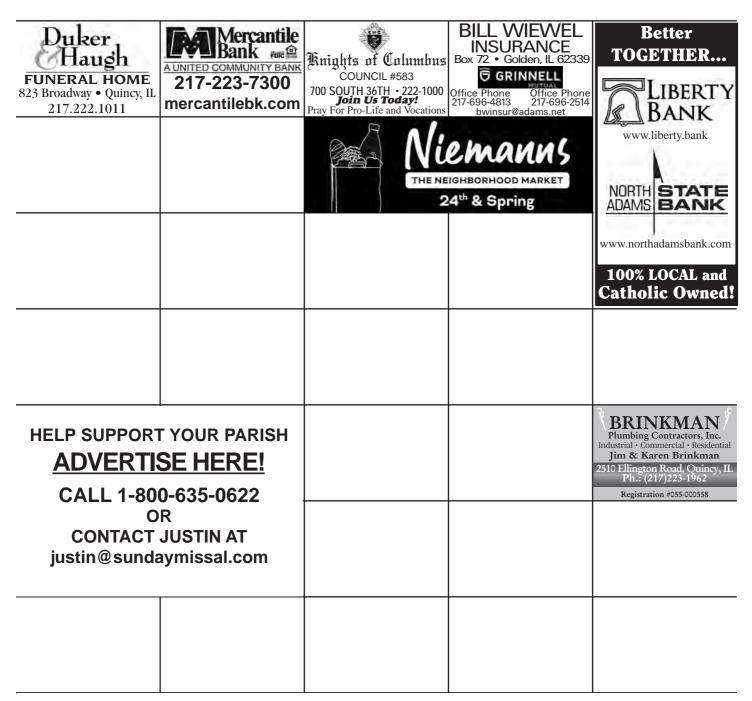
ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
May 5	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
10:30 a.m.	Dax Klusmeyer Eric Cornwell NEED 1	Paul Bealor Lindsey Cornwell	Susan York	Becky Cottingham	Judy Heming	Greta Frankel Family
* Please continue passing the basket for collection.						

VBS

Blast off with us this year as we learn to Shine Jesus' Light in this "Stellar" VBS!

We will be having a Tri-Parish VBS again this year at St. Joseph's Hall! It will take place on Monday, June 24- Thursday, June 27! Please sign up to come for the week, or just come on the days you are able to make it! It will take place each night from 6-8 p.m. for grades going into PreK-5th grade, but we would also like our older students to sign up to help! We are in need of volunteers to be group and station leaders! If you are able to help (even if it is not every night) please contact me at 217-257-3536. You DO have to have your Safe Environment Training and Background Check up to date to help with this event. If you do not, please let me know – it is all online now and is very quick! I will be putting a list in the bulletin and in the back of all three churches of supplies once I know everything we will need, so be on the lookout! Thank you in advance for helping make this year's Tri-Parish VBS a success! - Emily Wellman





WELCOME ST. BRIGID, ST. EDWARD & ST. JOSEPH to Sunday Missal Service!

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