

St. Brigid - St. Joseph - St. Edward

CATHOLIC CHURCHES



**TRI-PARISH
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CHURCHES**

**ST. BRIGID
ST. JOSEPH
ST. EDWARD THE
CONFESSOR**

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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Location of Our Parishes

St. Brigid Catholic Church

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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

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Pastor's Letter

April 7, 2024—Sunday of Divine Mercy

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



“Peace
BE WITH YOU!”

Calendar

Saturday, April 6

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

4:30 p.m.—Mass @ St. Brigid

Sunday, April 7

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 8

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

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

Tuesday, April 9

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

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

Wednesday, April 10

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, April 11

6:30 p.m. Altar Society Meeting @ St. Joseph

Friday, April 12

8:00 a.m.—Mass @ St. Edward

Saturday, April 13

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

4:30 p.m.—Mass @ St. Brigid

Sunday, April 14

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 15

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

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

Tuesday, April 16

NO MASS

Wednesday, April 17

NO MASS

*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

Friday, April 19

NO MASS

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Russ & Norma Ellwood

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Don Herberlein

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Jack & Irene Bunte

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: +Edward Blickhan

MONDAY, APRIL 8

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Rob Dresden

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: +John & Leonard Karch

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: Jason Ohnemus

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: For the People of the Parishes

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Bob Mead

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Mary Jo Obert

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Edward & Alice Dempsey

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: +Jim Veile

Parish Support: March 31

St. Brigid \$ 4,914.00

St. Edward \$ 2,123.00

St. Joseph \$ 3,216.00

Thank you for your generous support!

Divine Mercy Sunday



Join us April 7 at 3 p.m.
for Eucharistic Adoration
and the Divine Mercy
Chaplet at St. Joseph
Church.



Bulletin Deadline

All information must be submitted by noon on Tuesday.

Submit to: church@stsbej.org

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!



Donuts Social

On April 7, St. Joseph Altar Society invites you to our "Donut Social" to be held in the hall. Hope you can come eat, drink and socialize with us!

Thank You

Dear St. Brigid Ladies,
During our recent Cursillo we enjoyed the fruits of your labors. The pies contributed by your church group were amazing. Thank you again for thinking of us.
Teri Fessler, Rectora
Cursillo #366

Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour at St. Anthony

Please plan to join us on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Anthony Church. The Holy Hour will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, and Rosaries. At 3:00 p.m. we will recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction will follow. Plan to join us afterwards in the Quilt Room for Divine Mercy Sunday Sundaes at about 3:30 p.m.!

Women's Cursillo Weekend

There will be a women's Cursillo weekend on April 11 - 14 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. There are registration forms in the back of church or you may contact Connie Bealor for more information. 217-440-6886.

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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.

Victims Assistance & Child Abuse Reporting

To report Child Sexual Abuse by Church Personnel or to inquire about the Safe Environment Program in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, please call 217-321-1155.

Please Remember to Pray For:

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

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.



PSR News!

Seder Meal/Last Supper

Before Easter, our PSR students learned about the Last Supper and how Jesus changed everything by having a traditional Seder Meal (Passover Meal) with commentary on what Jesus did at the Last Supper. The students also took turns washing each other's feet! Here are some pictures from St. Edward's and St. Brigid's PSR! St. Joseph pictures may be found in last week's bulletin.

St. Brigid





PSR News!

St. Edward



Confirmation/First Communion

Please check out our third grader service project posters in your church vestibule! The students did a wonderful job sharing God's love with others! Confirmation and First Communion will take place on Saturday, May 4 at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception in Springfield, IL. Please contact Emily if you need more information about this! 217-257-3536

CHANGE OF DATE! ST. BRIGID and ST. EDWARD (K-4) LAST DAY OF PSR WILL BE MAY 1!

Virtue of the Month—TEMPERANCE

What is temperance? The act of self-control. Temperance helps you balance your work, play, rest, and prayer. When praising your children for using the virtue of temperance, your words might sound like this: "Wow! I know that you were disappointed today when we didn't have the dinner you wanted, but I saw that you showed temperance by controlling your emotions. It is okay to be disappointed... I am proud of you for not throwing a fit about it!"

Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH						
April 13 & 14	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
4:30 p.m.	Jonah Obert Jenna Obert	Norma Neisen Theresa Neisen	John Zanger Dave Fessler Ava Fessler	Laura Maas	Randy & Laura Maas	Cathy & John Zanger
7:30 a.m.	Dylan Hocking Mason Hocking	Nancy Obert Dot Smith	David Dodd Lucy Mewes Greg Obert	Justin Mewes	Mark & Carol Heidbreder	Greg & Nancy Obert

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
April 14	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
9:00 a.m.	Abigail Maddy Lane	Barb Pat	Zachary Hailey Henry Bockhold	Dennis		Hailey & Bockhold Families

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
April 14	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
10:30 a.m.	Olivia Shaffer Henry Bealor Ben Bealor	Jeannie Hildebrand Breanne Kelly	Margie Kendrick	Lisa Thompson	Felde Family	Nick Zanger Family

* Please continue passing the basket for collection.

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!

TEC (Teens Encounter Christ!)

In the three-day weekend of TEC, you can experience being part of a vibrant, loving, and supportive faith community in which the friendship of Jesus Christ becomes a real possibility that makes sense. For more information go to greatrivertec.org

TEC weekends are held at the Franciscan Retreat Center of Quincy University, 18th & Seminary Road, Quincy, IL 62301. The weekend begins Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. and ends Monday evening 6:00-6:30 p.m. Candidates ages 16-21 --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!

Other TEC Dates for 2024: **April 20-22**, June 8-10, July 27-29, and November 2-4.

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