

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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Location of Our Parishes

St. Brigid Catholic Church

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Tues. & Thurs. 8 am to 4 pm
Wednesday by appointment
Friday until Noon
217-645-3444

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Office Hours

Wednesday 8am to 4 pm
217-434-8442

St. Edward Catholic Church

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Hospitality—Prayer—Formation—Service

Pastor's Letter

August 25, 2024—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Church Family,

What makes someone a true disciple of Jesus? Is a real Christian someone who never has questions about the faith? Absolutely not! Jesus often says challenging or puzzling things to his disciples in the Gospels and he wants us think and wrestle with them and yes, even ask questions. A real disciple does not turn their brain off when they enter a church or open a Bible. A real disciple wants to know the truth that Jesus teaches and they will not stop asking questions until they find it. Some Christians are afraid of questions. They think that if they have a difficulty with something Jesus teaches that means their faith is weak. The truth is, the only way our faith will become strong is if we face up to the difficult issues Jesus raises. St. John Henry Newman said, "Ten thousand difficulties do not make one doubt." What matters is how we approach the difficult teachings of Jesus. Do we just give up and walk away, or do we really wrestle with them and allow God the time and space to work in us to help our understanding grow?

This is the question raised in our Gospel reading for today. Jesus has said, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood you have no life in you." Some of the people who were following Jesus heard this and thought "This is too weird" and stopped following Jesus. They didn't understand this strange idea and they weren't willing to dig deeper to try to figure it out. They just left. The true disciples, however, stuck it out. They hung with Jesus, even though they too were uncomfortable with what he had said. When Jesus asked if they wanted to leave too Peter answered, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life." After being with Jesus for awhile they knew that there was something special about him and they were not going to just give up.

At some point, everyone who follows Jesus is going to be confronted with something we don't understand or have the way we look at life challenged. A real disciple keeps asking questions and is open to being changed by the answers that Our Lord offers.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott

"Journey of Faith" Starting This Fall

If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, we have just the thing for you. Journey of Faith is a class that meets from September to May at St. Brigid Church Hall on Monday nights at 7 p.m. Curious about Catholicism? Do you have loved ones who are Catholic and want to understand where they are coming from? Are you Catholic and want to know your faith better? Thinking about becoming Catholic? Journey of Faith is for you. This class is the place for you to bring your questions about the teachings, practices, and history of the Catholic church. Interested? Call St. Brigid Church office at 217-645-3444 or email Fr. Scott at pastor@stsbej.org

Calendar

Saturday, August 24

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

4:30 p.m.—Mass @ St. Brigid

Sunday, August 25

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

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

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

Monday, August 26

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

Tuesday, August 27

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

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

7:00 p.m.—St. Brigid Finance/Pastoral Council Mtg

Wednesday, August 28

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

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

Friday, August 30

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

Saturday, August 31

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

4:30 p.m.—Mass @ St. Brigid

Sunday, September 1

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

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

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

Monday, September 2

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

Tuesday, September 3

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

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

Wednesday, September 4

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

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

Thursday, September 5

6:30 p.m. Holy Name Mtg @ St. Joseph

Friday, September 6—First Friday

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

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Leroy & Bertha Richmiller
+Wayne Warning

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Paul Frericks
+Anne Snider

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: + Rick Zengal

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: Ron Valeu

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Alice & Bob Obert

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: +Terri Frese

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Ron Wiewel
+Deanna Klauser

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Marilyn Barry

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +James Carlson

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

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: +Linda Cornwell
+Karen Shaffer

Parish Support: August 18

St. Brigid \$ 3,445.00

St. Edward \$ 2,093.00

St. Joseph \$ 1,783.00

Thank you for your generous support!



St. Brigid parishioners, The Liberty Fall Festival Parade is on September 7. St. Brigid is entering a float again this year. We are seeking cash donations with which to purchase candy to toss from our parade float. There is a basket in the vestibule marked for parade contributions. If we get more than we need for candy, the rest will be put toward the purchase of the sign boards.

Adam's County Parish Summer Events

~~June 9 - St. Francis Parish Picnic~~

~~July 14 - St. Joseph Ice Cream Social~~

~~July 20 - St. Anthony Parish Picnic~~

~~August 7 - St. Brigid Ice Cream Social~~

~~August 10 - St. Thomas Ice Cream Social~~

August 24 - St. Peter Parish Picnic

September 7 - Septemberfest, Blessed Sacrament



Baptisms

Wells Jay Herman,
Son of Spencer & Abbie Herman of St. Edward



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Siebers,
who died recently. Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord.



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.

QCES Mass Attendance Cards

Mass attendance cards are available at the back of church.

Springfield Diocesan Council Of Catholic Women Convention

The Springfield Diocesan Council Of Catholic Women are excited to announce their upcoming convention on **Wednesday, August 28, at Lake Williamson Retreat Center in Carlinville, Illinois.** Kelly Wahlquist, speaker, and Donna Cori, singer, will be sharing their message as women who are **“Sent On Mission & Fortified By The Eucharist.”** We are excited about the two speakers we have this year and think many women will be blessed by their message! There will be the church basket silent auction raffle, the quilt and garden statue raffles, vendors and the 50/50 drawing. Consult your parish secretary for the convention registration form and the advertising order form if you would like to place an ad in the convention book. The annual convention is a rewarding and enjoyable day with our fellow sisters in Christ! Hope to see you in Carlinville on August 28!



Fried Chicken Catechist Celebration

St. Edward’s will be having a celebration for our Catechists who are reaching milestones in their years of service this year after 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 15! The St. Edward Men’s and Women’s groups will be cooking the main meal of fried chicken and delicious sides! Salads and desserts will be provided by our PSR families! All are welcome!! **Please RSVP on the sign up in the church vestibule or by contacting Emily at 217-257-3536 by September 8.**



Please Remember to Pray For:

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| Marvin Meyer | Jim Wilson | Joann Walton |
| Carl Schisler | Maurie Koch | |
| Rachel Cramsey | Tony Peters | |
| Ginny Brinkman | Joy Huebotter | |
| Denny Meyer | Raleigh Bess | |
| Rosie Miller | Karen Woodworth | |
| Joe Rice | Doug Woodworth | |

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.

Bulletin Deadline

All information must be submitted by noon on Tuesday.

Submit to: church@stsbej.org



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.

Contact Information Changes

Please help us keep our records current. If you have changes to any of these areas listed below, please call the parish office at 217-645-3444, drop a note in the collection with the changes or email your updates to office@stsbej.org

- . Dropped your landline phone number
- . Gotten a new cell phone number
- . Use email
- . Changes in family status— older kids have moved out, marital status or moved

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!

50+ Years to Celebrate

Have you been married 50+ years? Time to celebrate! – On September 22 at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield, all couples married 50 years or more are invited to attend a special Mass honoring their marriage vocation! The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. A reception will follow after Mass. Please register for the Mass by going to dio.org/events. When you register, please upload (not mandatory) a photo from your wedding day and present day, as we'll be showcasing a slide show during the reception.

St. Francis Ladies Card Party

Date: Thursday, September 5

Time: 11:00-3:00 (doors open at 10:30)

Cost: \$10 per person-includes lunch and a chance at a door prize.

Reservations: Please call Pat Winking at 217-257-0416 at least 4 days before the party if possible. Only one member of your group should call. **YOU MUST CALL EACH MONTH TO RESERVE YOUR TABLE!**

St. Anthony Ladies Society Fall Craft/Vendor Show

If you are interested in being a vendor at our craft/vendor show on Saturday, October 5, at St. Anthony Parish Hall please contact Janet Bick (rjbick@comcast.net or 217-430-7256) or Tawny Benz (rtbenz77@gmail.com or 217-257-0847). Booth space (10'x10') is \$25. You may furnish your own tables or rent 8' tables for \$5 each.



St. Anthony Annual Fried Chicken Dinner

The St. Anthony Men's Society invites you along with your family and friends to their annual fried chicken dinner on Sunday, September 15, 2024, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in St. Anthony Parish Hall, 2223 St. Anthony Road, Quincy, IL. Dine in or Carry out!

1/4 chicken (white) Meal \$12

1/4 chicken (dark) Meal \$12

1/2 chicken Meal \$16

Chicken Strips \$ 8

Child's Dinner (wing or drumstick) \$8

Meals include 3 sides, homemade dinner rolls, drink and dessert!

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.

Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH						
August 31 & September 1	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
4:30 p.m.	Bryce Mixer Miles Mixer	Mike Maas Debbie Maas	Eric Barry Dave Obert Kristin Obert	Cheryl Schutte	Dan Kramer	Pam & Jerry Totsch
7:30 a.m.	Dylan Hocking Mason Hocking	Vickie Cramsey Brandy Hocking	Justin Mewes Kyle Leonard David Dodd	Justin Mewes	Mark & Carol Heidbreder	Rick & Kris Barry

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
September 1	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
9:00 a.m.	Andrea Moore Maddy Ohnemus Lane Ohnemus	Billie Huebotter Brenda Siebers	Jim Ohnemus Mike Ohnemus	Dennis Neisen		Ohnemus Families

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
September 1	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
10:30 a.m.	Danika Shaffer Abel Zimmerman Wyatt Dedert	Phil Hildebrand Jr. Lori Hildebrand	Cindy Betz	Abby Hagedorn	Felde Family	Erin Frazier Family
* Please continue passing the basket for collection.						

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If you are a business owner, please consider underwriting the printing of our bulletins by buying an advertisement. Our church family would be happy to know of a fellow parishioner or friend of our parishes whose business we can support. Information on how to buy an ad is on the back of the bulletin. If you know of a business owner who might be interested in advertising with us, please let us know. If we can get 30 advertisers our bulletins will be printed at no charge to our parishes. Thank you for your support.



QUEST!
Upcoming Quest Retreats
October 4-5 OR
December 13-14

We are encouraging ALL of our 13-15 year old parishioners to attend a Quest! We will cover the cost! Please Contact Emily if you are interested at 217-257-3536!

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



PSR DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 28: REGISTRATION FORMS DUE!
September 8: St. Joseph's first day of PSR
September 8: St. Edward's 5-8 Graders first day of PSR
September 11: St. Brigid's first day of PSR
September 11: St. Edward's K-4 Graders first day of PSR
September 15: Catechetical Sunday (Catechists are what we call our religion teachers!)
September 15: St. Edward's fried chicken luncheon to celebrate milestone years of volunteering for:
Donna Voss (20 years), Margie Kendrick (20 years), & Connie Bealor (40 years)!

Blessing of the Backpacks!

Many blessings to all of our students and teachers in the upcoming school year! Here is a picture from the St. Edward's blessing this past weekend!



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Francis of Assisi

Jesus appeared to him on the cross and told him to rebuild His church. Saint Francis of Assisi thought Jesus meant the chapel where he was praying, so he started carrying huge rocks to fix the wall of the church that were falling down. Later, he discovered that Jesus was talking about all the people in the church who forgot about loving God. He lived his life to remind people that God is in everyone by showing love to ALL God's children!



Helpers Needed

We are still in need of 1-2 helpers for the St. Brigid PSR on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:45 p.m. These may be anyone ages 14 and older. What does a helper do? A helper is there to assist the lead catechist! These duties may include helping a student, making copies, getting supplies ready for a craft, sitting with a group to help with work, walking students to restroom/drinking fountain, etc.

Sunday, August 25 Readings - FOR YOUTH!


In today's first reading, Joshua told the people that they had to choose between the false gods and the true God. Joshua and the people chose to worship the true God. (Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-18)

In the Gospel today, we hear that many people stopped following Jesus because they couldn't understand what He was teaching. But the Apostles chose to stay with Jesus. Like Saint Peter said, they knew that He was the Holy One of God. (John 6: 60-69)

Do you ever have a hard time understanding what Jesus tells us? We need to be like the Apostles and choose to follow Jesus even when it is hard, especially when other people don't follow him. (thekidsbulletin.com)

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