

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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Friday until Noon
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Office Hours

Wednesday 8am to 4 pm
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Pastor's Letter

March 16, 2025—2nd Sunday of Lent

Dear Church Family,

In our first reading for today from the book of Genesis we have a rather bizarre scene of sacrifice offered by Abram to solidify the covenant God has made with him. God has promised him many descendants and a land of his own if he worships and serves God. God commands Abram to take a heifer, a goat, a ram, a turtledove and a pigeon, split them in two and lay them out on the ground. Eventually God appears in a vision to Abram and reiterates his promises. An interesting detail of this event is that while Abram is waiting for God to show up it says that birds of prey tried to get at the carcasses, but Abram shoed them away. There's something for us to think about here.

As baptized Christians we have been brought into a covenant relationship with God through Jesus Christ. This relationship is given to us as a free gift of God's love, but we have a part to play in maintaining it. Lots of things try to swoop in and pick away at it. The devil is always trying to snatch us out of God's hand. Our pride tries to convince us that we don't need God. The materialistic skepticism of the age makes us question whether God even exists. When we see the suffering in the world we may wonder if God cares. We need to defend our faith by staying close to the church and listening to the answers she gives to these questions. None of them are new and the church has solid responses to each of them drawn from her wisdom and experience gained through reflection on God's revelation of himself. Thankfully the teaching of the church is readily accessible to anyone through the work of many organizations and authors like Catholic Answers, Word on Fire, the Augustine Institute, Dr. Peter Kreeft, Bishop Robert Barron, Fr. Mike Schmitz, and dozens of others. Also, if you have questions, don't be afraid to share them with me. I may not have all the answers, but I probably can help you figure out where to find them.

And don't forget to make full use of the graces of the sacraments to strengthen your faith and resist evil, especially the Eucharist and Confession. These supernatural gifts keep us close to God and enable us stand up to unhealthy influences. May God help us to watch over our hearts and keep them for him alone.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott



Fr. Scott will once again be offering the Journey of Faith class on Mondays at 7 p.m. in the parish hall at St. Brigid's. This class is for anyone who would like to learn more about the teachings of the Catholic Church. If you are thinking about becoming Catholic, or know someone who is, this is the way to do it. If you have been Catholic all your life, but want to know more about the faith, this class is for you. Have questions? Great! Come find some answers. Classes will begin on Monday, March 24 and run through the end of May. Sign up sheets are in the back of church so that we can have enough materials for everyone.



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Dan Henry Morrison, Bonita Sparrow, Kenneth Neisen and Barbara Blickhan who died recently. Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord.

Calendar

Saturday, March 15

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

4:30 p.m.—Mass @ St. Brigid

Sunday, March 16

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

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

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

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

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

Monday, March 17

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

Tuesday, March 18

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

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

6:00 p.m. First Reconciliation @ St. Joseph, ice cream party to follow

Wednesday, March 19

NO MASS

3:10 p.m.—4:30 p.m. PSR (K-4) @ St. Edward

6:30 p.m.—7:45 p.m. PSR @ St. Brigid

Friday, March 21

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

Saturday, March 22

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

4:00 p.m. Mass @ St. Joseph

4:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Brigid

5:00 p.m. Soup Cook-Off Contest @ St. Joseph

Sunday, March 23

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

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

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

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

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

Monday, March 24

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

7:00 p.m. Journey of Faith (OCIA) @ St. Brigid

Tuesday, March 25

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

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

7:00 p.m. Finance/Pastoral Council @ St. Edward

Wednesday, March 19

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

Friday, March 21

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

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: *+Evelyn Dietrich*

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: *+Rose Mary Howell*

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: *+John, Andrew, & Valerie Frese*

MONDAY, MARCH 17

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: *+Kenny & Imogene Barry*

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: *+John Blickhan*

+Leona Shaffer

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: *NO MASS*

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: *+Anne Snider*

+Marilyn Barry

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

4:00 p.m.—St. Joseph: *+Connie Boling*

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: *+Rose Mary Howell*

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: *+Don, Bernie & Leo Heberlein*

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: *+Carl & Dorothy Mast*

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: *For the People of Our Parishes*

Parish Support: March 9

St. Brigid \$ 4,836.25

St. Edward \$ 3,383.25

St. Joseph \$ 1,908.00

Thank you for your generous support!

All Collections included in total this week



St. Brigid Parish says “Thanks”

Thank you to all who set up, cooked, and cleaned up, donated supplies and desserts and to the many that attended to eat at our annual Fish Fry.

All of the work is so worth it, when we have the fellowship and serve our parish family and our community. Working Together Makes Success

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 April 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!

Lenten Obligation

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

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CRS Rice Bowl

One simple way to enhance your Lenten experience is to participate in the [CRS Rice Bowl program](#). During Lent, Catholic families across the United States use a rice bowl—a small cardboard box—to collect alms. Each rice bowl also comes with a calendar that guides families through the 40 days of Lent with activities, reflections, recipes and stories. Pick up your rice bowl at the back of church and return it on Easter Sunday.

The Way of the Cross

Mark your calendars and plan to attend this special concert to make the Stations of the Cross like you never have before! St. Anthony Ladies Society is bringing Donna Cori to St. Anthony’s to help enrichen your Lenten journey.

“The Way of the Cross – a song for each station”, is a concert and video experience offered by internationally known Catholic recording artist, Donna Cori. Be transported directly to the heart of Jesus with a voice and performance that will “blow you away.” **Sunday, March 30 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 2223 St. Anthony Road, Quincy, IL 62305.** For more information 222-5996. Preview and get free music downloads at www.DonnaCori.com. You will not want to miss this. Bring your family and friends!

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

 **MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025** 

11am to 6pm

St. Rose Parish Hall - 715 Chestnut, Quincy

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ENTER THROUGH ALLEY OFF 8TH STREET**

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Corned Beef &
Cabbage, Mashed
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Apple or Cherry Pie

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Sauerkraut, Mashed
Potatoes, and
Apple or Cherry Pie

Pork

1/2 Beef/Cabbage
1/2 Sausage/Kraut
Mashed Potatoes, &
Apple or Cherry Pie

Mix

Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women Spring Gathering

Wednesday, April 2 Blessed Sacrament, Quincy
Registration: 7:30-7:50, Mass 8:00 followed by Rosary and Adoration, then complete registrations.
Speaker- Deacon Dennis Holbrook. Theme-THE SIGN OF THE CROSS. Registration Cost: \$10, meals
Contact Claudia Coggeshall-President QDCCW for more information 217-653-6716 or rcogg@adams.net or sign up at the back of church.

Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH						
March 22 & 23	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
4:30 p.m.	Hannah Buss Bryce Mixer Miles Mixer	Debbie Maas Mike Maas Robin Mowen	John Zanger Eric Barry Ron Barry	Katie Ippensen	Dave & Angela Obert	Randy & Laura Maas
7:30 a.m.	Kooper Powell Ryleigh Powell	Nancy Obert Dot Smith	Kyle Leonard Justin Mewes Lucy Mewes	Nancy Boone	Nancy Boone	Kyle & Elizabeth Leonard

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
March 23	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
9:00 a.m.	Isabella Neisen Wyatt Kill Erika Althoff	Greg White Krista White Jeanne Crams	Mike Moore Andy Moore	Dennis Neisen		Moore Family

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
March 23	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
10:30 a.m.	Abram Mealiff Croix Mealiff Olivia Shaffer	Connie Bealor Paul Bealor Lindsey Cornwell	Donna Voss	Abby Hagedorn	Ginny Maas	Frazier Family
* Please continue passing the basket for collection.						

Please Remember to Pray For:

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

Stewardship Reflection

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." – Genesis 15:7

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

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

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



ALL PSR SECOND GRADERS

First Reconciliation is on Tuesday, **March 18** at St. Joseph at 6 p.m. There will be an ice cream party to follow!

St. Brigid PSR

March 26—Mass Practice

March 29 at 4:30 p.m.—Children’s Mass

Several will be fulfilling the ministries of readers, ushers, and gift bearers and ALL will be singing some special songs, so we hope everyone will be able to be there.

St. Edward PSR

March 30: St. Edward's Children's Mass. Please make sure your child(ren) arrive 10-15 minutes before 10:30 Mass! **Let Emily know if you are unable to attend!**

April 11: Our annual 5-8th grade Live Stations of the Cross. **If your child is unable to make it, please let Emily, Holly, or Paul know ASAP.**

St. Joseph PSR

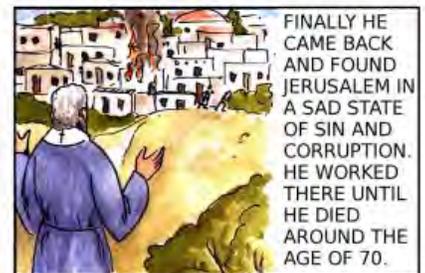
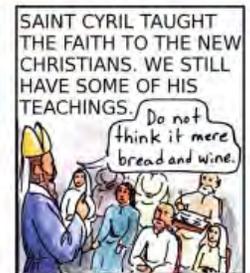
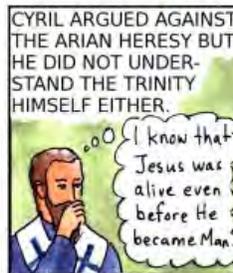
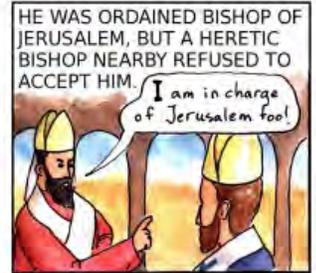
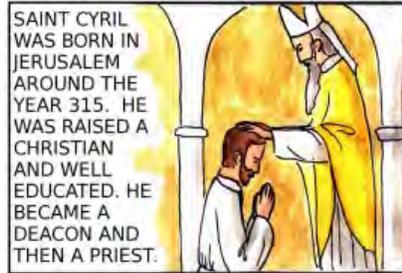
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Station of the Cross during Lent—The children will be participating in the Stations of the Cross during Lent. We encourage everyone else to stay and join them!

SAINT CYRIL OF JERUSALEM MARCH 18



AT FIRST CYRIL DIDN'T HAVE A VERY GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BUT HE KNEW THAT THE ARIANS WERE WRONG. THEY SAID JESUS WAS LESS IMPORTANT THAN GOD THE FATHER. CYRIL TAUGHT WHAT HE KNEW WAS RIGHT ANYWAY. DO YOU TELL OTHERS WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT GOD?

March 16 - Looking at Jesus

In today's Gospel reading Jesus took three of His apostles up a mountain where they saw Him shining like the sun and walking with Moses and Elijah. They were talking about how Jesus is going to go to Jerusalem and be killed. The apostles were amazed and confused.

Jesus let the apostles see Him in glory to help them to understand why He had to suffer and die. We won't see Jesus in His glory until we see Him in Heaven, but it is good for us to think about the things that He and Moses and Elijah were talking about.

Look at a crucifix or a picture of Jesus on the cross every day. Think about how much He loves you, and think about how you act toward Him. What can you do to love Him better? Lent is a good time to try to find ways to love Jesus more.

St. Edward Right to Life Essay & Poster Winners!

All of our students who participated did a wonderful job! The "honorable mentions" are hanging on the vestibule doors! The winners have been sent to the county wide competition. Those posters will be on display at Quincy Town Center (Quincy Mall) from late afternoon this coming Sunday, March 9 to around 3:00 on Sunday, March 16. After that, they'll rotate into the RTL office at 109 N. 8th. Thanks for participating!

3 & 4 Poster Only

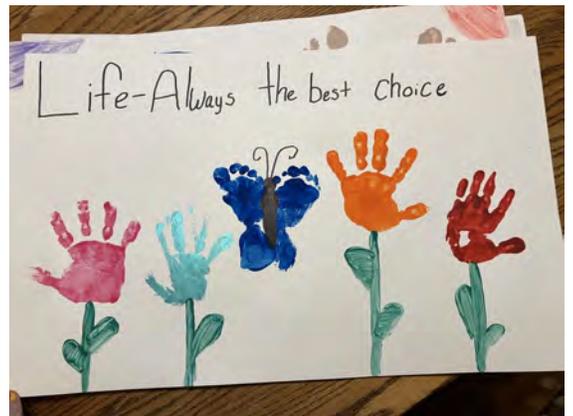
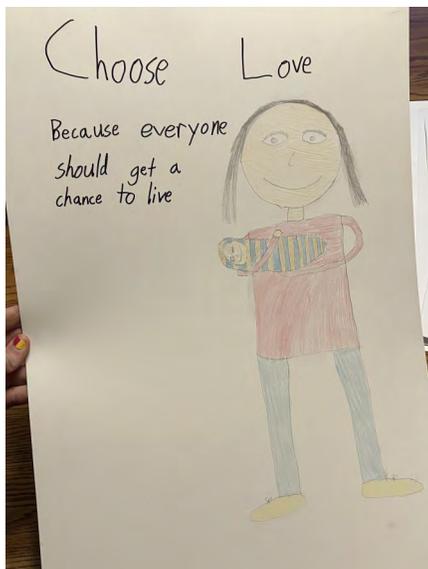
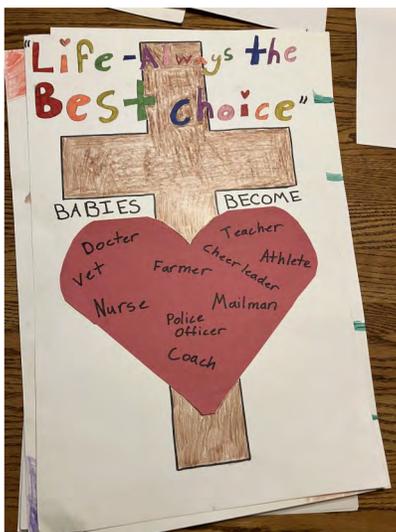
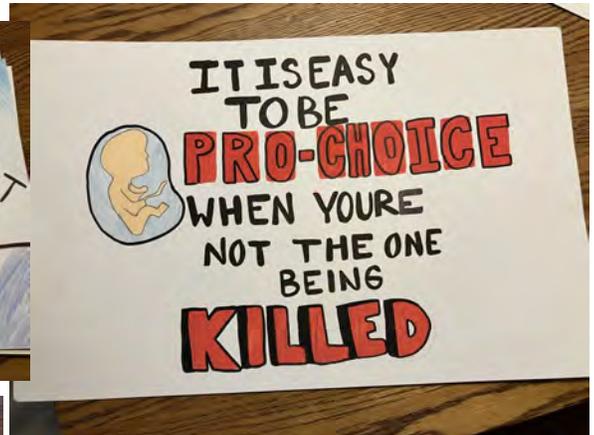
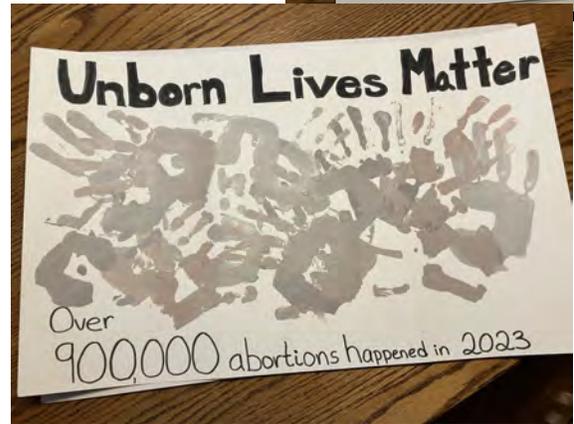
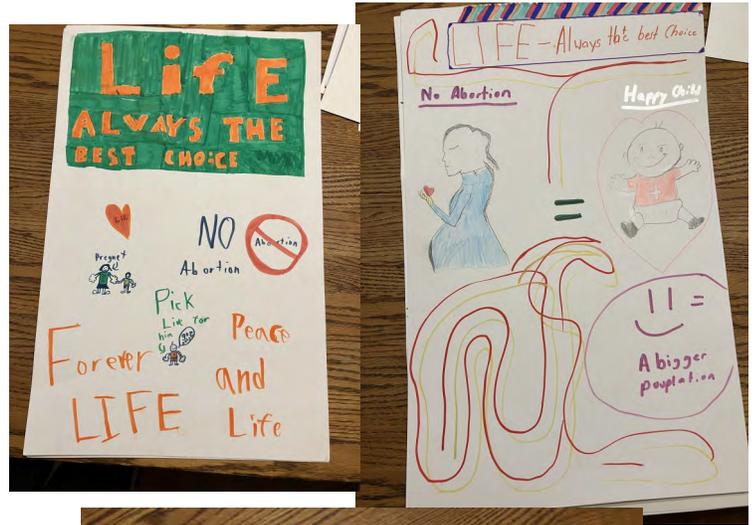
- 1st Place: Brynlee Zimmerman
- 2nd place: Josie Venvertloh- ****ALSO WON FIRST PLACE IN THE COUNTY WIDE CONTEST!****
- 3rd Place: Allie Felde
- 4th Place: Malia Zimmerman

5 & 6 Poster Only

- 1st Place: Abram Mealiff
- 2nd Place: Abel Zimmerman
- 3rd Place: Mark Wellman
- 4th Place: Jaxon Tuter

7 & 8

- 1st Place Essay: Dax Klusmeyer
- 1st Place Poster: Mira Mealiff- ****ALSO WON FIRST PLACE IN THE COUNTY WIDE CONTEST!****



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