

# 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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##### **Office Hours**

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

##### **St. Joseph Catholic Church**

1435 E. 1500th St.  
Quincy, IL 62305

##### **Office Hours**

Wednesday 8am to 4 pm  
217-434-8442

##### **St. Edward Catholic Church**

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# Pastor's Letter

March 30, 2025—4th Sunday of Lent

Dear Church Family,

Many kids, when learning to ride a bicycle, do so with the help of training wheels and/ or with dad or mom running along beside them holding onto the seat until the child learns to balance themselves. Eventually, the training wheels come off and they have to pedal off on their own. In our first reading for today we see Israel coming into the promised land and eating the produce of the land for the first time. At this point, God stops sending the manna on which they have been living since they came out of Egypt. It's time for them to move into a more mature relationship with God. God will still be there to guide and help and protect them, but now they must take more responsibility for themselves.

As each of us matures spiritually we go through the same process. Many times, people who are starting out on their journey toward God have the experience of feeling like God is carrying them along. It's easy to pray. God feels very close and his working in our lives seems very clear. As we mature in faith, we may not experience these consolations to the same degree. We might not feel God's presence in the same way or find it as easy to live our faith as it was at first. This doesn't mean that God is not there or that he doesn't care about us anymore. It means that God is giving us space to stretch our spiritual muscles so that we can become stronger and grow into the fullness of the new creation we became at our baptism, as St. Paul talks about in our second reading.

This isn't always easy and sometimes we lose our balance and fall. We sin. But God is always ready to pick us up, tend to our scrapes and bruises and help us start again. We confess our sin and are reconciled to God, and we get back on our way. That's what the Prodigal Son did when he came to his senses after squandering his inheritance. Once he was ready to own up to his self-centeredness and start to rebuild his life, his father was right there to help him get back on his feet. Our heavenly Father is just as eager to help us if we will let him. May God give us the courage to persevere in faith as we outgrow our spiritual "training wheels" and mature in our practice of living out the call of Christ to be his disciples.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott



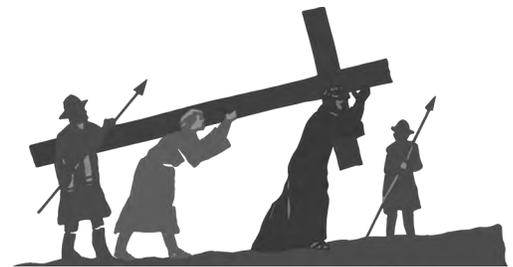
*Holy Week*  
**SCHEDULE**

April 17- Holy Thursday  
**7 PM MASS @ ST. JOSEPH, QUINCY, IL**

April 18- Good Friday  
**7 PM SERVICE @ ST. EDWARD, MENDON, IL**

April 19- Holy Saturday  
**8 PM EASTER VIGIL - ST. BRIGID, LIBERTY, IL**

All Sunday Masses will be at regular times.



## Stations of the Cross

Please plan to join us for Stations of The Cross this Lent. Everyone is welcome!

**St. Joseph** will have stations following Sunday 9 a.m. mass with the PSR classes. Through Lent, except March 30. Everyone welcome.  
*April 13 will be Mary's Version of the Stations.*

**St. Brigid** stations will follow the 8 a.m. mass on March 14, 21, & 28 and April 11.

**St. Edward** stations are Fridays at 7 p.m. If you would be willing to lead the stations, please sign up for a time at the back of church.

## Calendar

### Saturday, March 29

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

4:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Brigid—Children's Mass

### Sunday, March 30

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

9:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Joseph—Children's Mass

10:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward—Children's Mass

### Monday, March 31

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

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

### Tuesday, April 1

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

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

### Wednesday, April 2

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, April 4—FIRST FRIDAY

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

### Saturday, April 5

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

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

### Sunday, April 6

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, April 7

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

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

### Tuesday, April 8

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

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

6:00 p.m. 3rd Grade Parent/Sponsor/Child Meeting  
@ St. Joseph Hall

### Wednesday, April 9

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

### Thursday, April 10

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

### Friday, April 11

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

5:30 p.m. Living Stations of the Cross @ St. Edward

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, MARCH 29

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: *+Rosella Hummel*

### SUNDAY, MARCH 30

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

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: *+Lloyd Goehl*

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: *+Carol Vogel*  
*+Linda Howe*

### MONDAY, MARCH 31

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: *+Jeffrey Graham*  
*+Rita Knuffman*

### TUESDAY, APRIL 1

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

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: *+Sandy Lawrence*

### FRIDAY, APRIL 4

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: *+Rose Mary Howell*  
*+John Blickhan*

### SATURDAY, APRIL 5

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: *+Roger Hummel*  
*+Herman & Rita Huber*

### SUNDAY, APRIL 6

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

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: *+Norma Hildebrand*

*+Nick Dietrich*  
*+Aland Hildebrand*

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

## **Parish Support: March 23**

St. Brigid \$ 4,449.75

St. Edward \$ 2,063.00

St. Joseph \$ 2,079.00

***Thank you for your generous support!***  
*All Collections included in total this week*



## **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 every month.

Thank You for your generosity!

## St. Joseph Cemetery Clean Up

All items must be removed from graves by April 6 and not replaced before April 12. Thanks

## St. Brigid Cemetery Clean Up

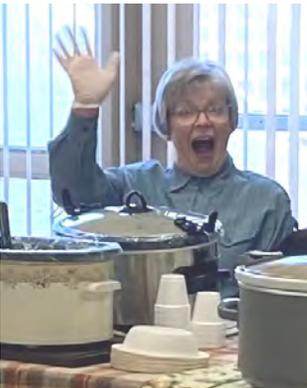
All items must be removed from graves by April 6 and not replaced before April 13. Thank you for your cooperation.

## 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.

## Thank You

We wish to thank all who helped us launch our maiden soup journey, lots of great recipes and working together. Fun time for all!



## St. Joseph Kitchen Clean up

We downsized the kitchen inventory and have dishes to give away. They will be available today during the Donut Social.

## St. Joseph Easter Flowers

The environment committee would like to offer you the opportunity to purchase your own potted plant to adorn the altar for our Easter services. The plant can include annuals, perennials or small bushes in a foil wrapped pot. We will take good care of it, take it home after the season is over. Please put your name on it. Thanks.



## Volunteers for Holy Thursday Feet Washing

If you would like to be someone who gets their feet washed on Holy Thursday, please call St. Brigid church office 217-645-3444. All ages are encouraged.

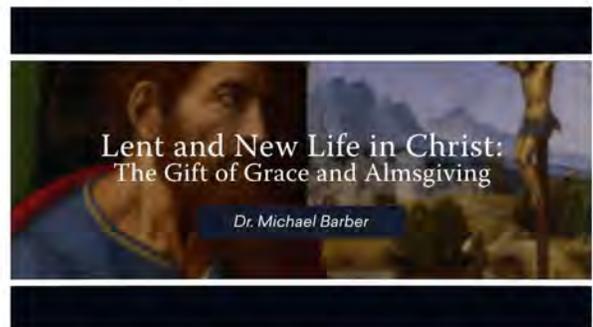


## Lenten Obligation

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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## Lent and New Life in Christ: The Gift of Grace

What is the importance of almsgiving? Dr. Michael Barber discusses the transformative power of almsgiving for your life.

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# 2nd Grade Reconciliation Ice Cream Party



## St. Mary Hospital Spring Gathering—April 8, 2025

Former Employees, Physicians, Students & Volunteers  
**Gather 11 a.m., Lunch 11:30 a.m. - COST \$ 15**  
 Lutheran Church of St. John, 3340 State, Quincy, IL  
 (Next to the Racquet Club)  
 Reservation and money to Linda Berry, 4911 Chestnut,  
 Quincy, IL 62305 –by April 2  
 Questions call Linda @ 217-257-2483

## Spring Craft/Vendor Event

St. Anthony Ladies Society's Spring Craft/Vendor Event will be held on Saturday, April 5, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Bring your friends to shop and enjoy homemade cinnamon rolls or lunch. The St. Dominic students will be having a bake sale at the event to earn money for their Washington, D.C. trip next year.

## 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!

## 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 for meals  
 Contact Claudia Coggeshall-President QDCCW for more information 217-653-6716 or [rccogg@adams.net](mailto:rccogg@adams.net) or sign up at the back of church.

# Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH						
April 5 & 6	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
4:30 p.m.	Harper Obert Owen Potter	Stacy Clark Debbie Maas Mike Maas	Laura Maas Randy Maas Dave Obert	Angela Obert	Stan & Marilyn Obert	Theresa Neisen
7:30 a.m.	Kruz Klauser Karlee Obert	Nancy Obert Dot Smith	Ron Cramsey David Dodd Mike Hummel	Justin Mewes	Greg & Nancy Obert	Glen & Sara Obert

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
April 6	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
9:00 a.m.	Andrea Moore James Bockhold Caleb Bockhold	Barb Frese NEED 1 Brenda Siebers	Mark Bockhold Andrew Rangel	Florence Dietrich		Bockhold/Rangel Families

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
April 6	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
10:30 a.m.	Devin Shupe Jaxson Tuter Josie Venvertloh	Jeannie Hildebrand Emily Wellman Karen Woodworth	Connie Bealor	Phil Hildebrand Jr.	Tyler Wellman Family	Joe Hoeing 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	Jim Wilson
John Kroner	Ripken Rangel	Connie Dietrich
Marvin Meyer	Maurie Koch	Virginia Berhorst
Carl Schisler	Tony Peters	Corey Sheurman
Rachel Cramsey	Joy Huebotter	Lisa Bohan
Ginny Brinkman	Raleigh Bess	
Denny Meyer	Karen Woodworth	
Rosie Miller	Doug Woodworth	

## Stewardship Reflection

“No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.” – Joshua 5:12

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God’s blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

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)



## 3rd Grade PARENTS

**April 8:** Meeting for ALL 3rd grade PARENTS/ SPONSORS/ CHILD at St. Joseph Hall. All paperwork is due that evening.

## St. Brigid PSR

**April 2:** 5th Graders and 8th Graders will take the required ACRE test. Each 5th grader and 8th grader will need a device to use for the online test - a tablet or phone. Please make sure devices are fully charged.

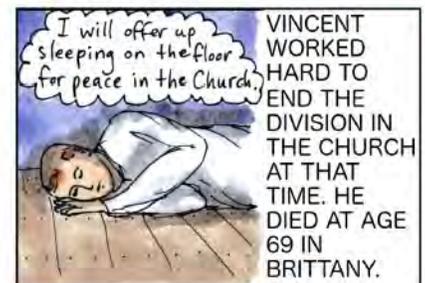
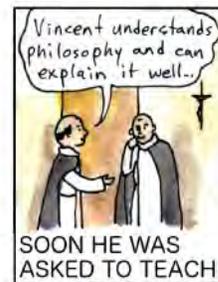
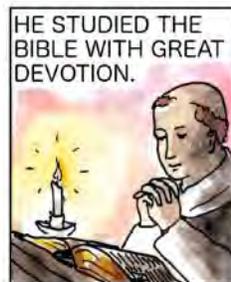
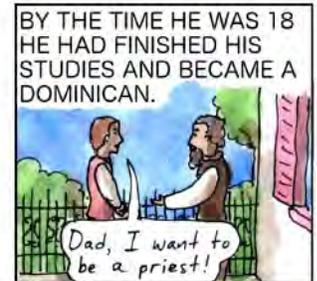
## St. Joseph PSR

**April 2:** 5th Graders and 8th Graders will take the required ACRE test. Each 5th grader and 8th grader will need a device to use for the online test - a tablet or phone. Please make sure devices are fully charged.  
**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!  
**April 13:** Special Stations of the Cross from Mary's view. Please join us!

## St. Edward PSR

**April 11 @ 5:30 p.m.:** 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.*** Please mark your calendars and come see our students portray this most Holy Event.

## Saint Vincent Ferrer April 5



SAINT VINCENT ONCE WROTE THAT TO STUDY WELL MEANS CONSULTING GOD MORE THAN BOOKS. TO KNOW WHAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT WE SHOULD READ AND KNOW AND LOVE THE BIBLE, SINCE IT TEACHES US ABOUT GOD. TRY TO READ A BIT OF THE BIBLE EVERY DAY!



## March 30 - The Son who was Sorry

Today's Gospel reading tells us about God's forgiveness. We are like the son who ran away and wasted all his money; whenever we don't use our gifts or talents to serve God or others. God is like the father in this story. He lets the younger son do whatever he wants, but he loves him even when he chooses to be bad. All he wants is for his son to come home and be sorry. He is ready and waiting to forgive the prodigal son.

God is waiting to forgive us too, in the sacrament of Confession. He wants us to be sorry for our sins and tell Him we are sorry so He can take them away. Try to make sure you go to confession before Easter so your soul will be clean and ready for the great celebration!



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