

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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Office Hours

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Pastor's Letter

April 13, 2025—Palm Sunday

Dear Church Family,

Today the church experiences the emotional whiplash of Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. At the beginning of Mass, we hear about the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem at Passover. The crowds welcome him with acclamations that call to mind the coming of the Messiah. They see him as the one sent by God to save Israel. By the end of the week, however, these same crowds will turn on him and call for his death by crucifixion. Even his closest friends will desert him.

We see here how fickle people can be and how futile it is to seek popular approval. There is only one person whose faithfulness will never change, who will never fail us, and that's God. And God is the only one whose approval we should be seeking. Pleasing God and following his will for us may not make us very popular, but our goal is something much more important and lasting than fame or fortune in this life. We are made for the eternal joys of heaven and Jesus has shown us how to get there.

Jesus has shown us that the path to life is the path of humble submission to the will of God. As St. Paul says, "He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Jesus poured out his life for us so that we would be able to receive life from the Father. His obedience brought him through death on the cross into the resurrection. If we follow his example, our obedience will bring us to be with him forever with all the saints in light.

As we come into Holy Week, we ponder everything that has been won for us by our Lord's sacrificial suffering and death. We remember how superficial and fleeting the pleasures and honors of this life are and recommit ourselves to striving for things that are eternal by living as Jesus lived, giving as he gave, and proclaiming everywhere that He is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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 April 13 will be Mary's Version of the Stations.



Volunteers NEEDED for Holy Thursday Feet Washing

Still need 8 people. 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.

Calendar

Saturday, April 12

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

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

Sunday, April 13

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 14

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

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

Tuesday, April 15

NO MASS

Wednesday, April 16

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 17—Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper @ St. Joseph

Friday, April 18—Good Friday

OFFICE CLOSED

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service @ St. Edward

Saturday, April 19—Easter Vigil

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

Sunday, April 20—Easter Sunday

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

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

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

Monday, April 21

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

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

Tuesday, April 22

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

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

7:00 p.m. Pastor/Finance Council @ St. Joseph

Wednesday, April 23

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 25

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

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

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

+Alan Hildebrand

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: *For the People of Our Parishes*

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

+John Blickhan

MONDAY, APRIL 14

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: *+Herman & Rita Huber*

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: *NO MASS*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: *+Jason Ohnemus*

THURSDAY, APRIL 17—THE LORD'S SUPPER

7 p.m.—St. Joseph: *Bishops & Priests of the Diocese*

Living & Deceased

SATURDAY, APRIL 19—EASTER VIGIL

8:00 p.m.—St. Brigid: *Those Being Baptized & Received*

into Full Communion in Our Diocese

SUNDAY, APRIL 20—EASTER SUNDAY

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: *+Roger Hummel*

+Herman & Rita Huber

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: *+Dale & Rose Mary Zanger*

+Jack & Irene Bunte

+Jon & Ann Faubel

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

Parish Support: April 6

St. Brigid \$ 3,416.10

St. Edward \$ 2,065.00

St. Joseph \$ 2,345.00

Thank you for your generous support!

All Collections included in total this week

Area-Wide Penance Service



You are invited to participate in the **Quincy area-wide Penance service on Sunday, April 13 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Anthony church, 2223 St. Anthony Road, Quincy.** Priests from all the Quincy parishes will be available to hear confessions. This is a great opportunity to experience the graces of the sacrament of Penance to prepare ourselves to reverently observe the solemn liturgies of Holy Week and joyfully celebrate the resurrection of our Lord at Easter.

Lenten Collection

CRS Rice Bowls—April 20

Please remember to return your Rice Bowls on Easter Sunday.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Kenneth Sparrow Sr. and Arlene Goehl, who died recently. Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord.

Women of Distinction Nominees

Springfield in IL Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be holding their annual Women of Distinction Mass. If you know a worthy women to nominate please call the office. 217-645-3444



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.

-USCCB.org

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	

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

Diocese Special Collections

Holy Land Collection— April 18

The Holy Land Collection supports the work of the Franciscans as they maintain the sacred shrines, minister to the parishes, provide formation and education in communities and schools, and care for the basic needs of people in the Holy Land. People need support for everything, including medicine, surgeries, food, and school tuition. With your help the Franciscans can continue to be a light of hope to those living in darkness.

Seminarian Collection— April 20

The Seminarian Collection will help our diocese to educate and form future priests. Our diocese has been blessed with an increasing number of young men who have generously said yes to God's call. We now have 15 seminarians. You can take a personal role in their formation with a generous gift in the special Easter collection.

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, you take it home after the season is over. Please put your name on it. Thanks.

Mother & Daughter Banquet

Please join us for our special Mother & Daughter Event!

Wednesday, May 21st at 6:00 p.m.

Saint Brigid Catholic Church Hall

A meal will be provided!

Please rsvp to Renee @ 217.440.8417

We hope you can join us!

Free will offering event



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 2025: June 14-16



One Day Marriage Enrichment Retreat – Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience that will enrich couples' understanding of the spirituality of marriage and introduce them to a personal couple prayer they can continue at home. This one-day marriage enrichment retreat entitled, "God Chose You for Me," is an experience designed to deepen the spiritual connection between married couples. Dates and locations for this special enrichment in 2025 include:

- Saturday, May 10 – Cardinal Rigali Center in St. Louis, MO
- Saturday, August 16 – Sacred Heart Parish in Valley Park, MO
- Saturday, September 20 – St. Nicholas Parish in O'Fallon, IL

This special one-day enrichment is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. To register, go to: stl-wwme.org/communitynews.php

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 September 12-13.** 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!

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Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the Holy Land, the pilgrim is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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Invite your friends and join us for
Ladies Night
Surrender
and trust in Him

Wednesday, April 30th
St. Peter Church
7pm

Speaker
Music
Adoration
Desserts & Fellowship

Kristina Radley returns to share her faith, humor and love for Jesus!

All are welcome!

Sign up here!

Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH						
April 19 & 20	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
HOLY SATURDAY 8:00 p.m.	Ryleigh Powell Kooper Powell Jenna Obert Jonah Obert	Angela Obert Stacy Clark Robin Mowen	Ave Fessler Dave Fessler Ron Barry	Kristin Obert	John & Stacy Clark	Dave & Angela Obert
SUNDAY 7:30 a.m.	Dylan Hocking Mason Hocking	Brandy Hocking Dot Smith	Greg Obert Michael Obert Barb Obert	Nancy Boone	Nancy Boone	Michael & Barb Obert

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
April 17 & 20	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
HOLY THURSDAY 7:00 p.m.	Isabella Neisen Maddy Ohnemus Lane Ohnemus	T. Mast Pat Genenbacher Billie Huebotter	Jim Ohnemus Mike Ohnemus	Abigail Hildebrand		Ohnemus Families
SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.	Makayla Drebes Myra Drebes Piper Steffen	Barb Frese Jeanne Cramsey Brenda Siebers	Ted Mast Kenny Mast	Dan Frese		Mast Families

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
April 18 & 20	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 p.m.	Henry Bealor Ben Bealor Braylee Brackensick	Lindsey Cornwell Tracy Cornwell Jeannie Hildbrand	Margie Kendrick	Dax Klusmeyer 1 more Klusmeyer	Kasey Cornwell Family	Seth Knox Family
SUNDAY 10:30 a.m.	Erin Cornwell Wyatt Dedert Austin Frese	Phil Hildebrand Jr. Lori Hildebrand Breanne Kelly	Donna Voss	Holly Klusmeyer	Felde Family	Lucas Likes Family

*** Please continue passing the basket for collection.**

Stewardship Reflection

"...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." (Luke 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet so not to cause a disturbance? Or, because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful conversation when the opportunity to talk about our faith arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.

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



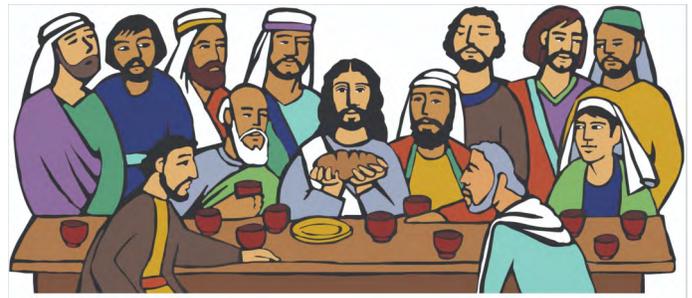
HOLY WEEK

Today is the beginning of Holy Week, when we specially remember the last days of Jesus and His death on the cross.



The Sunday before Jesus died, He came riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. All the people cheered for Him. They laid down their cloaks and palm branches on the road to honor Him. That was **Palm Sunday**.

On the first **Holy Thursday** Jesus offered the first Mass ever. He took bread and wine and changed them into His Body and Blood and gave them to His Apostles to eat and drink. The same thing happens at every Mass when the priest says Jesus' words at the Consecration. We don't see the bread or wine change, but they are still really Jesus, offering Himself to God for us.



Good Friday is the day that Jesus died on the cross. The

leaders of the Jews got the people to turn against Him. After an unfair trial, Jesus was whipped harshly and made to carry a cross up a hill. Then He was nailed to the cross and hung there until He died. Only His mother and a few of His friends were with Him.

Jesus was God and could have stopped the people from killing Him, but He chose to die for you. Because we sin, we don't deserve to go to Heaven. That's why it's called "Good" Friday! What is something special you can do on Good Friday to make up for your sins and say "thank you" to Jesus?



St. Joseph PSR

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!

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