

# 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**

706 N. Main St.  
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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**

214 South State Road  
Mendon, IL 62351

#### **Tri-Parish Mailing Address**

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**PARISH WEBSITE: stsbej.org**

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# Pastor's Letter

April 6, 2025—5th Sunday of Lent

Dear Church Family,

The temptation to live in the past is a strong one. Some of us look to the past as a “golden age.” We remember the old days as so much better than today and we forget that the old days had their own challenges and hardships. Focusing only on the good that we experienced in the past can keep us from seeing the blessings of today. In our first reading God tells his people, “Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?” We should be thankful for the good we have received in the past. It gives us hope for the future. But we can't live on memories. Time marches on and if we are not careful we will miss out on all the ways that God is present in the here and now.

Sometimes we live in the past in exactly the opposite way. Sometimes we get stuck in the bad memories of the past. We live with guilt hanging over us for the wrongs we have committed. Living in the negative experiences of the past is even more harmful than trying to recapture the “good old days.” Unresolved guilt chokes off the joy of life. We might think we don't deserve to be happy. So how do we resolve our guilt? Certainly not by just denying it. Only by acknowledging it before God and expressing true sorrow and remorse, doing penance and, where possible, making reparation will we make peace with the past so that we can live in the present and hope for the future. In our second reading, St. Paul recognizes that he is not perfect. We know he did some pretty bad things in persecuting the church, but because of his faith in the mercy and forgiveness of God he is able to say, “Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.” God has put Paul's past behind him just as Jesus did for the woman caught in adultery in our Gospel lesson.

Jesus can free us from being slaves of the past. The good things we remember are just an appetizer for the feast of blessing that is to come for those who live in Christ. The wrong we have done is left behind when we turn to him for forgiveness. The joy of life is restored to us in the present and the best is yet to come.

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. April 11 @ 5:30 p.m.: Our annual 5-8th grade Live Stations of the Cross. Please mark your calendars and come see our students portray this most Holy Event.

## Calendar

### 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

### Saturday, April 12

3:45 p.m.—4:15 pm 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

7:15 a.m.—7:45 a.m. Reconciliation @ St. Edward  
8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward

### 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

## Mass Intentions

### 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

### MONDAY, APRIL 7

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +George Schneider

### TUESDAY, APRIL 8

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: +Linda Howe

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Kaite, Dan, Bob &  
Rosie Hugenberg

### FRIDAY, APRIL 11

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Joan Siebers

### 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

## **Parish Support: March 30**

St. Brigid	\$ 5,074.00
St. Edward	\$ 3,456.00
St. Joseph	\$ 2,683.25

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

## **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

## **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!

## 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.



## 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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## Preparing for Holy Week | The Augustine Institute Show

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Mark Giszczak, professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, as they walk through the liturgies of Holy Week, historical spots in the Holy Land, and how to prepare our hearts for the events of the Passion.

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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

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

Speaker  
Music  
Adoration  
Desserts &  
Fellowship

 Sign up here!

*All are welcome!*

## St. Francis Holy Name Palm Sunday Chicken Dinner

Sunday, April 13 in the St. Francis Parish Center  
Serving fresh, hot fried chicken from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Also on the menu is mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, cole slaw, and homemade desserts from the Ladies of St. Francis. Dine-in, carry-out or drive through. Adults \$13, children 12-6 \$7 and anyone under 5 is free. Please join us!

## 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. 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



# Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH						
April 12 & 13	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
4:30 p.m.	Ashley Schutte Kelsey Schutte Gwen Wiemelt	Robin Mowen Norma Neisen Theresa Neisen	NEED 1 John Zanger Eric Barry	Jeff Obert Rich Cramsey	Jerry & Pam Totsch	Dave & Angela Obert
7:30 a.m.	Kooper Powell Ryleigh Powell	Vickie Cramsey Nancy Obert	Kyle Leonard Justin Mewes Lucy Mewes	Greg Obert Nancy Boone	Michael & Barb Obert	Greg & Nancy Obert

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
April 13	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
9:00 a.m.	Riggins Mock Asher Mock McCoy Mock	Greg White Krista White Jeanne Cramsey	Jim Brinkman Shane Brinkman	Stan Frese Ben Hugenberg		Brinkman Families

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
April 13	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
10:30 a.m.	Alexis Voss Mark Wellman Abel Zimmerman	Susan York Connie Bealor Paul Bealor	Cindy Betz	Breanne Kelly Seth Klusmeyer	Susan York	Fred Kientzle 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

"...For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..." (Philippians 3:8)

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts – our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works, and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves.

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)



## How Does Jesus Treat Sinners?



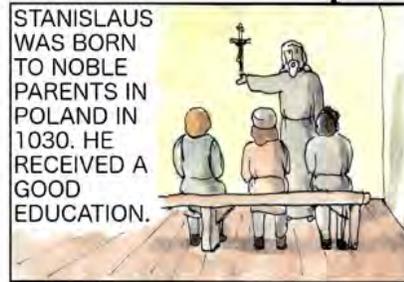
In the Old Testament, God gave His people rules that said they should punish the people who sinned. That's why in today's Gospel the Pharisees and scribes brought a sinful woman to Jesus to see what He had to say about the law.

Instead of telling them that they should punish her according to the law, Jesus told them that they should only punish her if they themselves had never sinned.

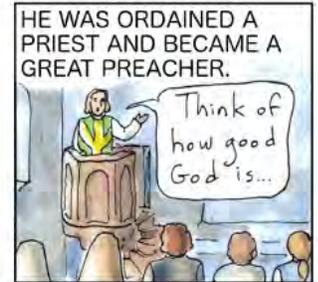


Sometimes we hear about a sin that someone else did. God does not want us to be mean to that person because of what they did. Does that mean that they didn't do a sin? No. Jesus told the woman to go and not sin again. That means that she did sin, but He was giving her another chance. We should try to be merciful like Jesus, and we should be kind to sinners because we are sinners too.

## Saint Stanislaus of Krakow April 11



STANISLAUS WAS BORN TO NOBLE PARENTS IN POLAND IN 1030. HE RECEIVED A GOOD EDUCATION.



HE WAS ORDAINED A PRIEST AND BECAME A GREAT PREACHER.

Think of how good God is...



SOON THE POPE MADE STANISLAUS THE BISHOP OF KRAKOW.



KING BOLESLAUS WAS VIOLENT AND KIDNAPPED A MAN'S WIFE.



STANISLAUS TOLD HIM TO REPENT. FOR A WHILE THE KING SEEMED TO.

Yes-I was evil.



BUT WHEN THE KING RETURNED TO HIS EVIL WAYS, SAINT STANISLAUS EXCOMMUNICATED HIM.

He is being a terrible example.



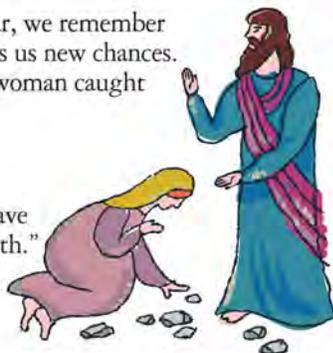
WHEN HIS SOLDIERS REFUSED, THE KING HIMSELF KILLED SAINT STANISLAUS WHILE HE WAS SAYING MASS.

SAINT STANISLAUS WAS NOT AFRAID TO TELL THE KING WHEN HE WAS DOING SOMETHING BAD, EVEN THOUGH IT PUT HIS LIFE IN DANGER. WE CAN BE LIKE HIM BY PRAYING FOR OUR GOVERNMENT AND NOT BEING AFRAID TO TELL THE TRUTH EVEN IF THE GOVERNMENT IS WRONG.

## Bible Quiz

At the start of a new year, we remember that God continually gives us new chances. What does Jesus say to a woman caught in adultery?

- A. "Go, and from now on sin no more."
- B. "Not even in Israel have I found such great faith."
- C. "Peace be with you."
- D. "Tell no one what I have done for you."



Answer: A (See John 8:11.)

### 3rd Grade PARENTS

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

### 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!

### 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.

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