

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

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Tues. & Thurs. 8 am to 4 pm
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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 31, 2025—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Church Family,

A great theologian of the 20th century was once asked what was the best explanation of the Gospel that he had ever heard. He replied, "Jesus loves me, this I know. For the Bible tells me so." I am reminded of this story when I read in our first lesson from Sirach, "The mind of a sage appreciates proverbs, and an attentive ear is the joy of the wise." Simplicity of heart and a humble, teachable spirit are essential to growing in holiness and love.

So often we make things too complicated. We get lost in the weeds of deep intellectual questions that may be kind of interesting but are not the most important thing. We can get hung up on fine points of ethics but fail to show compassion and kindness to the person in front of us.

We can also ruin our relationships by overcomplicating them with social politics. In our Gospel reading for today, Jesus notices people at a dinner party jockeying for social status and warns them against playing that game. He teaches them how to be a good guest and how to be a good host. Using someone's hospitality to score social points is an abuse of that hospitality. Take the lowest place and allow your friend who invited you to honor you. Don't grab at honor for yourself. When you throw a party, don't do it just to impress people in expectation of getting something back. Invite people who could really use a nice meal and some kind company.

The blessing of receiving and giving hospitality is only a blessing if we keep it at the simple level of love without any other selfish motive. It's not easy to keep selfishness out of our interactions with others. We do things so that they will be impressed with us or like us or do something for us in return. I suppose it's almost unavoidable, but God calls us to love with no strings attached, with the same simple uncomplicated, unadulterated love that he has for the world. When God sent his Son into the world to win our salvation through the giving of his own life, he didn't do it to get something out of it for himself. There is nothing that God needs from us. There is nothing that we can do to repay him. God's gift of eternal life is just that, a pure and simple gift given solely for our benefit because that's who God is; total, self-giving love.

May God's gift of love teach us how to love and transform us into the image of God's love on earth so that we can know the joy of giving and receiving hospitality that is pure and simple.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott



Journey of Faith—OCIA

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, September 8 and run through May 4.

Calendar

Saturday, August 30

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

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

Sunday, August 31

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

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

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

Monday, September 1

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

Tuesday, September 2

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

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

Wednesday, September 3

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

Thursday, September 4

6:30 p.m.—Holy Name mtg @ St. Joseph

Friday, September 5—FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward, Adoration to follow

Saturday, September 6

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

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

Sunday, September 7

7:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Brigid, Donut Social to follow

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, September 8

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

7:00 p.m. OCIA @ St. Brigid

Tuesday, September 9

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

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

Wednesday, September 10

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, September 11

6:30 p.m.—Altar Society mtg @ St. Joseph

Friday, September 12

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

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Don Heberlein

+Bernie Heberlein

+Leo Heberlein

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Paul Barry

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

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: +Barb Blickhan

+Leona Shaffer

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Ted Neisen

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: +Merle Hildebrand

+Janet Hilgenbrinck

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Don & Rosemary Giesing

+Frances & Jane Meyer

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5—First Friday

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: +John Blickhan

+June Terwelp

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Wayne Warning

+Clara Neisen

+Brenda Hess

+Paul & Virginia Windoffer

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Alan Hildebrand

+Leroy Lentz

+George Barry

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Jon & Ann Faubel

+Arlene Goehl

+Connie Boling

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

Parish Collection: August 24

St. Brigid \$ 3,779.16

St. Edward \$ 2,568.00

St. Joseph \$ 1,812.25

Thank you for your generous support!

All Collections included in total this week

Bulletin Deadline

All information must be submitted by noon on Tuesday.

Submit to: church@stsbej.org

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						
September 6 & 7	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.	Harper Obert Owen Potter	Kristin Obert Stacy Clark Robin Mowen	Mara Ippensen Dan Kramer Mike Maas	John Clark	Dave & Angela Obert	Theresa Neisen
SUNDAY 7:30 a.m.	Kooper Powell Ryleigh Powell	Vickie Cramsey Nancy Obert	Kyle Leonard Justin Mewes Lucy Mewes	Nancy Boone	Nancy Boone	Kyle & Elizabeth Leonard

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
September 7	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.	Wyatt Kill Erika Althoff	T. Mast Pat Genenbacher Billie Huebotter	Dan Mock Paul Mock	Dennis Neisen		Mock Families

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
September 7	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 10:30 a.m.	Jaxson Tuter Josie Venvertloh Alexis Voss	Breanne Kelly Margie Kendrick Donna Voss	Donna Voss	Madelyn Thompson	Tyler Wellman Family	Tyler & Ashley Shaffer Family

* Please continue passing the basket for collection.

Please Remember to Pray For:

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

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

Stewardship Reflection

“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.” Luke 14:13-14

One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our “consumerist” culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it’s just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus’, renewing our covenant relationship with Him.



Fall Festival Parade

St. Brigid Parishioners - The Parade Float Committee would appreciate cash donations for the purchase of candy to be thrown from the float. A marked container is in the vestibule for your contributions. Thank you! The parade is on September 6.

CALLING ALL STUDENTS IN 7th GRADE AND UP!

We are going to Catholic Heart Workcamp next summer. Please come to an informational meeting to learn more details at 1:00 on Sunday, September 7 at St. Joseph Church. Registration and a \$100 deposit is due before September 24. **There is money available to help the youth of our parishes attend.

Adult chaperones will be needed too. Any adults interested in going along are encouraged to come to the informational meeting also!

National Catholic Youth Conference 2025

The National Catholic Youth Conference is a powerfully unique three-day experience of prayer, community, evangelization, catechesis, service, and empowerment for Catholic high school teens and their adult chaperones. NCYC is the premier Catholic youth event on a national scale that gathers people from across America for a life-changing encounter with Christ. The theme for this year's event is "I Am | Yo Soy" and will be held November 20-22, 2025, at the Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, IN. The 2025 theme, I Am | Yo Soy, will reflect on the time God appeared to Moses through the burning bush and explore how the Sacraments are the living story of God's love, uniting us with Him through Jesus and the Church. Through the Sacraments, we encounter the fullness of salvation and the tangible presence of Immanuel—God with us. Registration is being coordinated through the Office for Catechesis. Contact Kyle Holtgrave at [\(217\) 698-8500, ext. 154](tel:(217)698-8500), or email kholtgrave@dio.org for details.

**There is money available to help youth of our parishes attend.

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!



Inviting all 13-15 year olds! Great River Quest has a retreat coming up September 12-13, 2025(6p-6p). It's a fast paced 24 hour retreat aimed at helping youth to examine their relationship to God, self, and others in their lives. You get to make new friends and get to know the ones you come with better, all while having lots of fun! Please contact Caroline Wiewel 217-430-6086 /questcoordinator@greatrivertec.org for questions or fill out an app online at www.greatrivertec.org/quest

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 the office at 217-645-3444 if you are wanting to go on a weekend, and our awesome churches will pay for you to go!

Other TEC Dates for 2025: November 8-10

Septemberfest

Saturday, September 6, @ Blessed Sacrament 5-11 p.m.

Sacred Music Concert Series

St. Peter Church, Quincy, IL presents

*The Fall Portion of the 2025-2026 First Annual
Sacred Music Concert Series*

Concerts at St. Peter Church are free and open to the public. All concerts take place at St. Peter Church (2600 Maine Street, Quincy, IL 62301). Freewill offerings are accepted at each performance, and are much appreciated to continue the mission and ministry of the St. Peter Concert Series, which brings parishioners and the Quincy community together through the gift of Sacred Music. Thank you for your generosity and support!
Artists and Concert Dates subject to change.

Sunday, September 7, 3:00 p.m.

Solo Organ Recital

“The Organ Through the Ages: A Historical Recital”

Jesse Mose, Organist

Wednesday, October 22, 6:00 p.m.

Fall Choral Concert

The University of Notre Dame Men’s Glee Club

Daniel Stowe, Director

Sunday, November 2, 3:00 p.m.

All Souls Day Parish Memorial Concert

“Lux Aeterna: A Concert for All Souls”

Featuring Sacred Choral Works and the Gabriel Fauré

Requiem Mass

Friday, December 19, 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Choral Concert

“See Amid the Winter’s Snow”

The Choirs of St. Peter Church & Guest Musicians

Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women 2025 Convention

All women are invited to the Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women’s annual convention on Wednesday, October 1, at St. Paul’s Church and Trinity Hall, 1411 Main St., Highland, IL. The day begins with registration and refreshments from 8:00–9:00 a.m., followed by the convention from 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m., including Mass at 11:00 a.m. with Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. This year’s theme is “*Let Yourself Be Loved*” and will feature speaker Claire Dwyer, author of *This Present Paradise: A Spiritual Journey with St. Elizabeth of the Trinity*. Hosted by the Alton Deanery Council of Catholic Women. Registration forms are available at the parish office or dio.org/events and are due by September 14. For more information, email sdccwinil@gmail.com or call SDCCW President Janet Zimmerman at 217-494-4743.

Quincy Deanery Andrew Dinner

Calling all men juniors in high school and above! Join Bishop Paprocki and Priests of the Diocese for an Andrew Dinner at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 28 at St. Rose in Quincy. The Andrew Dinner is a simple/low key gathering where we will pray, share a meal, and have conversations about Priesthood and how best to discern what vocation God is calling you to. If you would like to attend, sign up at this link: <https://forms.gle/TbvXG6959K4fM77f6> or email Fr. Zach Samples at zsamples@dio.org. We hope to see you there!

Birthright Thanks you

Birthright of Quincy would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to each of you for sharing your time, talent and baked goods for our bake sale at the KC BBQ. Your delicious treats helped make our fundraiser a success and we are truly grateful for your support. The raffle was also a success. Mandy Young was the winner of the dining out package, and Claudia Coggeshall was the winner of the beautiful quilt!

Surviving Divorce

Surviving divorce helps a person move through the emotions of loss to acceptance, healing & forgiveness. The program is a 12-week hope and healing process. Surviving Divorce is being offered on Monday evenings beginning September 8, 2025 from 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament. The group will meet in the gathering space. The last session will be November 24, 2025. There is no charge to attend. Participants do not have to be Catholic. For questions: please call Nancy Weede @ 217-740-3993.

St. Anthony Ladies Society Fall Craft/Vendor Show

If you are interested in being a vendor at our craft/vendor show on Saturday, October 4, 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 Men's Society Chicken Dinner

Mark your calendars for the St. Anthony Men's Society Chicken Dinner on Sunday, September 21, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

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



DATES TO KNOW

- August 24: Registration DUE
- September 3: St. Edward K-4 first day of PSR
- September 7: St. Edward 5-8 & St. Joseph first day PSR
- September 10: St. Brigid first day PSR



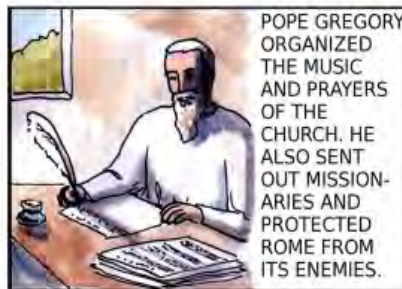
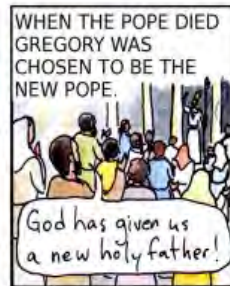
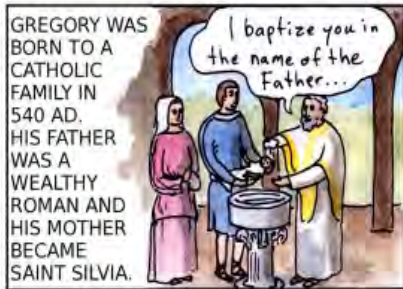
Taking the Lowest Place

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus was watching to see where the people sat when they were guests at a dinner. Some people thought they were important so they sat in the more important places. Jesus saw that they were proud, so He taught them about being humble.

When we are proud we think that we are more important than other people and that we deserve to have better things. We start to look down on everyone else, and pretty soon we start thinking that God isn't so great either!

Being humble means knowing that we really are not all that important, even if we are better at some things than other people or have more money or more important jobs. It means we know that God gave us these things to help others, not so that we could be proud about them. We can only give glory to God when are humble.

Saint Gregory the Great September 3



SAINT GREGORY SUFFERED FROM DIFFERENT SICKNESSES. HE DIED WHEN HE WAS ABOUT 64. THE CHURCH'S SPECIAL MUSIC, GREGORIAN CHANT, WAS NAMED AFTER HIM BECAUSE OF HIS WORK IN SORTING IT ALL OUT. HE IS ALSO KNOWN FOR SENDING SOME OF THE FIRST MISSIONARIES TO ENGLAND.

Sirach 3.17-20, 28-29


What can we learn from today's first reading?
Sort out the letters by their numbers to fill in the blanks.

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