

# 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.  
Liberty, IL 62347

##### **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  
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# Pastor's Letter

**September 14, 2025—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Dear Church Family,

There is a dark satisfaction that comes with seeing evil doers punished. We like to see people pay the price for their sins. That's not how God sees things though. He feels the loss of someone he loves.

In the movie, "The Unforgiven," starring Clint Eastwood, there is a scene where he and his partners have just killed a bunch of bad guys who have done some horrible things. One of his partners, who looks as if he might be feeling bad about what they have done, says, "They had it coming." Eastwood replies, "We all have it coming, kid." All of us have fallen short. None of us is without sin. Even so, our readings for today remind us that God, in his mercy has not given up on us.

In our first reading, God punishes the Israelites for their constant rebellion against him by sending poisonous snakes among them, but when the people repent and ask forgiveness God shows mercy to Israel by giving them a remedy to the bites of the snakes. He orders them to set up a bronze snake on a pole and if anyone is bitten they can look at the snake and be healed. Paul in our second reading reminds us how Jesus himself was hung high on the cross for our salvation. And our Gospel reading reminds us that, far from hating sinners, God loves us so much that he sent his Son into the world so that, through faith in him, we might be healed of our sins and have eternal life.

As much as we might like to gloat over someone getting their comeuppance, the joy of heaven is found, not when those who sin are destroyed, but when they repent and turn back to God. We share the joy of the Father when we forgive as he has forgiven us. We shouldn't forget that we all have it coming, but instead of giving us what we deserve, God, through Christ lifted up on the cross, gives us what we need, forgiveness, even in those times when we can't forgive ourselves. And so on this Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross we celebrate the mercy of God and raise it up for all the world to see.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott



*Journey of Faith*

**O C I A**

ORDER OF CATHOLIC INITIATION OF ADULTS

No Class 9/15

## Calendar

### Saturday, September 13

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

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

### Sunday, September 14

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

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

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 15

NO MASS

NO OCIA

### Tuesday, September 16

NO MASS

### Wednesday, September 17

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, September 19

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

### Saturday, September 20

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

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

### Sunday, September 21

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

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

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 22

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

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

### Tuesday, September 23

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 mtg @ St. Edward

### Wednesday, September 24

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, September 26

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

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: *+George Schneider*

*+Deceased members of the Boone Family*

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

*+Kenneth Neisen*

*+George Emery*

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: *+Don Maas*

*+John Blickhan*

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: *NO MASS*

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: *NO MASS*

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: *NO MASS*

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: *+Alan Hildebrand*

*+Bernice Mowen*

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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

*+Roger Hummel*

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: *+Betty Maas*

*+Jim & Mary Powell*

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

*+Leonard Ohnemus*

*+Patty Lieurance*

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

## Parish Collection: September 7

St. Brigid \$ 4,867.00

St. Edward \$ 1,687.00

St. Joseph \$ 2,732.00

***Thank you for your generous support!***

*All Collections included in total this week*

## Diocese Special Collections

### The Church of Africa—September 21

The Church in Africa leads the way in healing wounds of division and conflict, preaching the Gospel, and reconciling people in hope for just and lasting peace. Your support of the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa empowers the Church to fulfill its mission as peacemaker to those who have most suffered fear and violence.



## Baptism

Rita Therese Leonard

Daughter of Kyle & Elizabeth Leonard

# Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH						
September 20 & 21	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30 p.m.	Gwen Wiemelt Hannah Buss	Theresa Neisen Angela Obert Kristin Obert	Ava Fessler Dave Fessler Need 1	Dave Fessler	Stan & Marilyn Obert	Jeff & Jody Obert
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 a.m.	Kruz Klauser Karlee Obert	Vickie Cramsey Nancy Obert	Ron Cramsey Mike Hummel Kyle Leonard	Justin Mewes	Greg & Nancy Obert	Glen & Sara Obert

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
September 21	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00 a.m.	Makayla Drebes Myra Drebes	Greg White Krista White Jeanne Cramsey	Mike Moore Andy Moore	Jolinn Tripp		Cramsey/Siebers Families

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
September 21	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10:30 a.m.	Henry Bealor Ben Bealor Eric Cornwell	Connie Bealor Paul Bealor Lindsey Cornwell	Connie Bealor	Rita Blickhan	Susan York	Jeff & Brooke Venvertloh

\* 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	Dorothy Mayfield
Joe Rice	Bernice Dittmer	

## Stewardship Reflection

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.”  
John 3:16

God created us to be in relationship with Him. Sin broke that relationship. Jesus came to earth so that we may reconcile our relationship with God. Following Jesus’ example, we can be blessed with a joy-filled life on earth and eternal life in Heaven. These four points are known as the “kerygma” – the first proclamation of the Gospel. This core message is the basis of our Catholic faith. How do you live this out in your daily life?

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



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## **Diocese Special Collections**

**\*\*Collection on September 28**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Our Church mourns the terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and surrounding areas who are struggling to survive, protect their children, and live with dignity in dire conditions. The Holy Father continues to call for a cease fire and for aid to enter the territory, noting with great sorrow that "Gaza is starving."

The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) is there providing vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical and psychological care for the sick, malnourished and wounded.

Given the extraordinary nature of this crisis, The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, President of the USCCB, has asked our Diocese to take up a special collection to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected brothers and sisters in Gaza and surrounding areas in the Middle East and send donated funds to CNEWA. This organization has well-established partnerships with the Catholic Church in the region which allows them to respond quickly and efficiently.

The situation in Gaza and across the Middle East cries out for the assistance of the Catholic community of the United States. Please prayerfully consider supporting this special collection. In lieu of envelopes, please include "Gaza" in the memo line of check offerings.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki Bishop of  
Springfield in Illinois

## **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](mailto:zsamples@dio.org). We hope to see you there!

## **Project Rachel**

Help for women and men to heal from the pain of abortion. For assistance call 1-877-RACHEL-5.

## **Catholic Heart Workcamp Update**

We have about 20 students and adults planning to go to Catholic Heart Workcamp next summer! It's not too late to join in! You MUST be registered with Jeanne Cramsey by September 20 to be included. Call or text 217-653-3962 for more information.

Registration and \$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.

## **Job Opening at St. Francis**

St. Francis Solanus Parish in Quincy is seeking a part-time Business Manager. You will manage parish finances, budgeting and financial reporting and help contribute to the long-term sustainability and growth of the parish through your experience in business administration, finance or a related field. MUST have experience with QuickBooks, Excel, HR and payroll. Qualified candidates may send a resume and cover letter to Fr. Steven Arisman at [sarisman@stfrancissolanus.com](mailto:sarisman@stfrancissolanus.com) or to the parish office, 1721 College Ave., Quincy, IL. 62301.



Thank you to all who contributed to the success of our parade float: Cathy Zanger, Fr. Scott and Pam Snider, MaryKay Rossmiller, Dave, Angie, and Jenna Obert, Mike Maas, Craig and Patty Gramke, Rick Barry, Justin and Jerome Mewes, Raymond Leonard, Mark and Carol Heidbreder, and all who made cash donations. It is good to have St. Brigid represented in the Fall Festival parade and we won 2nd place!

## **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.

## 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.

## QCES Mass Attendance Cards

Mass attendance cards are available at the back of church.

## 2025 Life Chain

Sunday, October 5, 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

South Side of Broadway between 14th & 18th Streets, Quincy, IL

Right to Life supporters will again join with pro-lifers in hundreds of other U.S. cities in a nationwide observance of the sanctity of life at the 2025 Life Chain. Life Chain is a peaceful and respectful public witness by pro-life Americans standing for one hour praying silently for our nation and for an end to abortion. (Those not able to stand for one hour may bring lawn chairs) Please join the pro-life community in making a visual statement of pro-life solidarity. YOUR participation is crucial.

HIGH VISIBILITY--A great opportunity to impact thousands of passers-by with the pro-life message. Please stand two arm-lengths apart.

Pick up your sign at the SW corner of 16th and Broadway between 2:00 and 2:30 p.m.

The National Life Chain signs are provided for each participant by the Right to Life of Adams County

## 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](mailto:rjbick@comcast.net) or 217-430-7256) or Tawny Benz ([rtbenz77@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## Respect Life Dinner, Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Right to Life of Adams County again offers you the opportunity to hear a great speaker and to support the pro-life cause.

The 2025 annual Respect Life Dinner will feature Kristina Churchman, a training specialist for Justice for All, based in Kansas City. She engages college students in conversations about abortion on their campuses nation-wide, and changes hearts and minds.

Please invite your family, friends, and church members to join you and fellow pro-lifers for a motivating evening.

**Date:** Tuesday, October 7, 2025

**Time:** Doors open, 5:30 p.m.; Dinner, 6:00 p.m.;  
Guest speaker, following dinner.

**Location:** Holiday Inn, 4821 Oak Street, Quincy IL

**Price:** \$25 per person;  
\$40, 2 persons;  
\$150, table of 8

**By reservation only;** no tickets available at the door. Reservations must be made by Tuesday, September 30. Call or text Lyn Schlipmann, 217-653-0075 for reservations and information.

You are invited to hear the speaker at approximately 7:00 p.m. if you are unable to attend the dinner.

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



## DATES TO KNOW

- September 14—St. Joseph Children’s Mass
- September 21—Catechetical Sunday
- September 27—St. Brigid Children’s Mass
- September 30—3rd Grade Parent Meeting @ St. Joseph at 6 p.m.

## Our Lady of Sorrows September 15



WHEN YOU REALLY LOVE SOMEONE YOU WILL FEEL SAD WHEN THEY ARE HURT. OUR LADY LOVED JESUS MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE EVER COULD, AND SHE ALSO SUFFERED MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE. BUT SHE WAS HAPPY TO SUFFER FOR JESUS. WE SHOULD PRAY TO OUR LADY TO HELP US TO LOVE OUR LORD, EVEN IF WE HAVE TO SUFFER.



## The Holy Cross

Today we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation, or Triumph, of the Holy Cross on which Our Lord died. The cross was an instrument of tortures used to punish criminals and to show other people what would happen to them too, if they broke the Roman laws. Our Lord used the cross for a different reason though. He offered His sufferings on the cross to repay for the sins of everyone else in the world. He died in a place where many people could see Him so that they could see and know how much He loves us.

In the 300's AD, St. Helena, who was a Christian queen, went to Jerusalem to find the cross of Jesus. She found three crosses there so she decided to test to see which was Christ's. A very sick woman touched each cross. When she touched the third one she was healed instantly! They had found the cross of Christ!



*In hoc signo, vinces!* Saint Helena's son Constantine was not a Christian yet, but when he was about to go to war he had a vision of the cross and heard the words "In this sign you shall conquer!" So he had crosses drawn on all the flags and shields, and he won the battle. Then he believed in Jesus and became a Christian.




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