

# 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**

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#### **Office Hours**

Wednesday 8am to 4 pm  
217-434-8442

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

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# Pastor's Letter

March 22, 2026 – 5th Sunday of Lent

Dear Church Family,

In our Gospel reading for today, Jesus goes to see the family of his friend Lazarus who has just died. When Lazarus' sisters meet Jesus, they both say the same thing to him, "Lord, if you had been here my brother would not have died." This statement shows both faith and questioning, and probably some anger as well. The sisters believe that the power of God is with Jesus, but they are disturbed that Jesus didn't use his power to heal their brother. Why didn't he help them? The other mourners there ask the same thing, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

The answer, of course, is yes, Jesus could have healed Lazarus of his illness as he had so many others, but his friend's death became the means for Jesus to reveal the glory of God in an even greater way than healing his illness would have been. By the raising of Lazarus, Jesus showed that he is the Lord of life, having power over death itself. Lazarus coming out of the tomb was a sign to all of us that death was about to be overthrown by Christ's own death and resurrection and that through faith in him, we can participate in his victory.

We all experience times when God doesn't seem to answer our prayers. Perhaps we have also prayed for loved ones who haven't gotten better or have been disappointed in other ways. In those times we can learn from the sisters of Lazarus. Firstly, don't be afraid to express your disappointment to God. Go ahead, ask your questions. Express your grief and pain. Share with God honestly and openly. Don't feel like you have to hold your honest feelings back. God wants you to share your burdens and questions with him. Secondly, remember that even though you may have questions, that doesn't mean you don't have faith at the same time. Martha was able to say both, "Where were you, Lord?" and "I believe." at the same time. That's what real faith looks like; not having all the answers, but being committed to seeking them in conversation with God.

Finally, when things don't go the way we hoped they would, wait and see if God doesn't answer your prayer in a different and even better way. Sometimes God's answer to our prayers is "Not yet." And sometimes it's "I have something better in mind for you." Keep your heart and mind open to God's plan for you. He doesn't just want to fix your old life; he wants to give you a brand new one.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott

## Holy Week SCHEDULE

April 2 - Holy Thursday  
7 PM MASS @ ST. BRIGID, LIBERTY, IL

April 3 - Good Friday  
7 PM SERVICE @ ST. JOSEPH, QUINCY, IL

April 4 - Holy Saturday  
8 PM EASTER VIGIL - ST. EDWARD,  
MENDON, IL

All Sunday Masses will be at regular times.



## Office Hours Change

The office will closing at 2:45 p.m.  
on Thursdays.

## 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 am mass with the  
PSR classes through Lent.  
Everyone welcome.

**St. Brigid** stations will follow the after  
the Friday 8 am mass.  
Everyone welcome.

**St. Edward** stations are Fridays at 7  
pm. Please sign up for a time at the  
back of church.



## Calendar

### Saturday, March 21

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

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

### Sunday, March 22

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

9:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Joseph, Stations of the Cross to follow

9:15 a.m.—10:15 a.m. PSR @ St. Edward

10:00 a.m.—11:15 a.m. PSR @ St. Joseph

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

### Monday, March 23

NO Mass

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### Tuesday, March 24

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

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

7:00 p.m. Pastoral/Finance Council @ St. Edward

### Wednesday, March 25

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, March 27

8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Brigid, Stations of the Cross to follow

### Saturday, March 28

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

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

### Sunday, March 29

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

9:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Joseph, Stations of the Cross to follow

9:15 a.m.—10:15 a.m. PSR @ St. Edward

10:00 a.m.—11:15 a.m. PSR @ St. Joseph

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

### Monday, March 30

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

### Tuesday, March 31

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

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

### Wednesday, April 1

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, April 2 – Holy Thursday

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

### Friday, April 3 – Good Friday

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

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, MARCH 21

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

### SUNDAY, MARCH 22

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: *+Don Heberlein*

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: *+Virgil & Millie Venvertloh*

*+Lenny Venvertloh*

*+Bob & Theresa Hugenberg*

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: *+Mary Ellen Woodworth*

*+David Kendrick*

*+Lisa Rust*

### MONDAY, MARCH 23

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: *NO MASS*

### TUESDAY, MARCH 24

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: *+Patty Lieurance*

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

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

*+Connie Boling*

### FRIDAY, MARCH 27

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: *+Jason Hummel*

### SATURDAY, MARCH 28

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: *+David Windoffer*

*+Russ & Norma Ellwood*

### SUNDAY, MARCH 29

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

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: *+Peggy Genenbacher*

*+Gregory & Jeanette Knapp*

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: *+Maurice Koch*

*+Jason Kasparie*

## **Parish Collection: March 15**

St. Brigid \$ 5,662.75

Online Giving \$ 120.44

St. Edward \$ 3,256.00

Online Giving \$ 100.00

St. Joseph \$ 5,665.00

Online Giving \$ 0

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

***All Collections included in total this week***

## **Online Giving**

Below are the links:

<https://pushpay.com/g/stbrigidliberty>

<https://pushpay.com/g/stedwardmendon>

<https://pushpay.com/g/stjosephquincy>

It will walk you through setting up your giving account

# Ministry Schedules

## ST. BRIGID CHURCH

March 28 & 29	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30 p.m.	Kade Klauser Harper Obert	Norma Neisen Theresa Neisen Angela Obert	Dan Kramer Mike Maas Laura Maas	Angela Obert	Jerry & Pam Totsch	John & Stacy Clark
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 a.m.	Dylan Hocking Mason Hocking	Brandy Hocking Dot Smith	Lucy Mewes Greg Obert Michael Obert	Greg Obert	Michael & Barb Obert	Gene & Lori Klauser

## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

March 29	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00 a.m.	Maddy Ohnemus Wyatt Kill	T. Mast Jill Shackleton Billie Huebotter	Jim Ohnemus Mike Ohnemus	Jolinn Tripp		Ohnemus Family

## ST. EDWARD CHURCH

March 29	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10:30 a.m.	Wyatt Dedert Braylee Brackensick Lincoln Hoffman	Margie Kendrick Donna Voss Emily Wellman	Margie Kendrick	Lisa Thompson	Frazier Family	Abigail Hagedorn

\* Please continue passing the basket for collection.

### Please Remember to Pray For:

Daran Knuffman	Ben Venvertloh	Lisa Bohan
Zoey Obert	Ripken Rangel	Rinley Barry
Julia Winfield	Tony Peters	Bill Hilgenbrinck
Haddlei Burnett	Joy Huebotter	Lily Jean Roberts
Jim Steinkamp	Raleigh Bess	Sandra White
Kayle Sheely	Karen Woodworth	Dorothy Mayfield
John Kroner	Doug Woodworth	Phil Freiburg
Marvin Meyer	Ryan Wiemelt	Jim Brinkman
Carl Schisler	Bernice Dittmer	Bennett Duesterahus
Rachel Cramsey	Joann Walton	Bill Ervin
Denny Meyer	Kent Hilgenbrinck	Sophie Shriver
Rosie Miller	Clayton Thompson	Kristy Bollin
Joe Rice	Jim Wilson	Carol Haistings
Monica Mast	Connie Dietrich	
	Corey Sheurman	

### Stewardship Reflection

“Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’” JOHN 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become “partakers of the divine nature.”

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

## St. Joseph Cemetery Clean Up

All items must be removed from graves by March 20 and not replaced before March 29. Thanks

## Volunteers for Holy Thursday Feet Washing

If you would like to be someone who gets their feet washed on Holy Thursday, please call Mitchell at 217-257-9175. All ages are encouraged.

## 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 on the second Sunday every month. Thank You for your generosity!

## QCES Mass Attendance Cards

Mass attendance cards are available at the back of church.



## Baptism

Kole Joseph Brocksieck,  
Son of Kyle & Grace Brocksieck

## “Healing” Rosary

Please join us in praying a “Healing” Rosary for all parishioners, family members and friends combating any illnesses at this time. It will be held Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Church. Bring family members and friends. All are welcome!

## 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

## 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.

## Area-Wide Penance Service

You are invited to participate in the Quincy area-wide Penance service on Sunday, March 29 at 2:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament church, 1119 S 7th St, 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.

## St. Brigid Fish Fry -Full House



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## The Annunciation

The Angel Gabriel appeared and all of Heaven trembled in anticipation. Mary gives her fiat and our long wait is over! Generation after generation of longing and aching for a Messiah comes to fulfillment.

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## Quincy Deanery Spring Gathering

You are invited to The Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women's Spring Gathering on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at St. Thomas Parish in Camp Point, IL.

**Theme:** "Building Catholic Culture"

**Featured speaker Father Scott Snider;**

**Tri-Parishes Pastor**

7:45 a.m.-8:15 a.m.: Registration; Cost \$10

8:15 a.m.: Mass followed by Adoration and the rosary

10:00 a.m.: Light Breakfast, program and speaker, lunch and FUN.

Ends approximately 2:30 p.m.

Please register so we know how many for lunch. You can register by using the QRC or use the sign-up sheet at church.



### Bulletin Deadline

All information must be submitted by noon on Tuesday.

Submit to: [church@stsbej.org](mailto:church@stsbej.org)

### What Really Happens at Mass movie – *The Real Presence*:

*The Mass* is a 28-minute film that reveals the unseen spiritual world of the Catholic Mass through a combination of beautiful liturgical imagery and artistic augmented reality. At the heart of the film is the belief that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist—not symbolically, but in reality. With alarming statistics showing that many Catholics no longer believe in this foundational truth, the film seeks to reawaken faith and offer compelling insights into what the Church teaches about the Real Presence. Watch for free: [therealpresence.com](http://therealpresence.com).

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Sign-up now! For more information or to apply, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

Next ones:

4/17/2026 – 4/19/2026, St. Peters, MO

6/12/2026 – 6/14/2026, St. Peters, MO

## Project Rachel

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



## Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

### Save the Date

The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's 97th Convention is Thursday, September 3. Morning Rosary and Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Quincy, IL, followed by the Convention at The Ambiance in Quincy, IL. More information and registration form coming SOON. Any questions, email Susan Asher [asherte@yahoo.com](mailto:asherte@yahoo.com).



### Catholic Psychologist: These are the MUSTS to Keep Your Kids Safe Online –

It's one of the biggest challenges facing Catholic families — protecting their homes and family member's souls from online dangers, especially children. Whether it's sexual content, social media, or children playing video games with friends. Dr. Peter Kleponis — a Catholic pastoral counselor, author, and Director of Integrity Counseling Services joins Dive Deep to address what families are underestimating, when is the right age for a child to have social media, and what are practical, faith-filled strategies for building a digitally safe, spiritually strong home? Go to [youtube.com/diospringfield](http://youtube.com/diospringfield) or search "Dive Deep" on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe. *Dive Deep* is the podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

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



## DATES TO KNOW

- April 1 – NO PSR for St. Brigid
- April 5 – Easter Sunday – NO PSR
- April 7 – St. Edward 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders Parent/Sponsor/Child meeting 6-7 p.m.
- May 2 – St. Edward 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders First Communion/Confirmation at the Cathedral in Springfield, IL

## 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. 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!

**The next retreat weekend: May 8-9, 2026**

## God Raises People from the Dead!



In today's Old Testament reading God promised His people that He would raise them from their graves. In the Gospel story Jesus raised His friend Lazarus from the dead. At the end of time God will raise everyone from the dead.

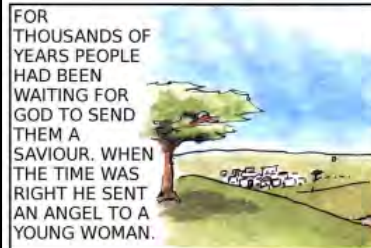
God does not like death. We all have to die because we are sinful, but God wants to raise us from the dead, like Lazarus.

Did you know that there is something worse than dying? Sinning is worse than dying, because when you commit a mortal sin you kill God's life in your soul. When you die you know that your body will rise again, but if you are not sorry for any serious sins then your soul will go to Hell because it doesn't have God's life in it. In Lent we should try to get rid of all the sin in our souls by going to Confession so that our souls will have God's life in them and be ready to celebrate Jesus' resurrection at Easter!



## THE ANNUNCIATION

MARCH 25




THE ANNUNCIATION IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT DAYS OF THE YEAR BECAUSE IT IS WHEN JESUS FIRST CAME TO EARTH, EVEN THOUGH HE WAS STILL HIDDEN. GOD DEPENDED ON MARY TO SAY 'YES' TO HIS WILL EVEN THOUGH IT WAS VERY HARD. WE SHOULD BE ALWAYS READY TO DO GOD'S WILL TOO!

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