

# 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 8, 2026 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Dear Church Family,

In our readings for today we see how God has used water as a sign of the way he sustains our lives and how Jesus uses the image of water to describe how God can pour himself into us to give us a new and richer kind of life. When we are tempted to think that all hope has dried up and blown away, God refreshes our spirits and revives our faith.

In our first reading, the Israelites are wandering in the wilderness and run out of water. They begin to complain that God has brought them into the desert just to kill them. But God miraculously provides water from a rock. God shows them that as they follow him, even into places and situations that appear to be dead ends, they can count on him to help them in ways that they never expected. We too, as we follow the path of discipleship, can expect that when the going gets tough and we can't see a way forward on our own, God will be there to make a way. This is how our faith is strengthened, by being tested in the desert.

The sign of water is also central to our Gospel reading. Jesus encounters a Samaritan women at a well and asks for a drink. In the course of their conversation, Jesus reveals that he has come to pour himself out as living water to heal, refresh and nourish the souls of those who, like this woman, have experienced broken relationships and rejection and now feel far from God. He promises that he will live in us and springs of new life will well up in us and spill out of us to quench, not only our own thirst for the peace and joy that comes from God, but that of others as well. The story ends with the woman sharing the good news that she has received with her neighbors. Her whole village comes to faith in Christ through her testimony.

Life cannot exist without water. And the life of the human spirit cannot be sustained unless we drink from the well of the Holy Spirit, the source of our existence. As we continue our own journey of purification through the desert of Lent, may our faith be watered by the Spirit of Christ so that we can become oases of hope for a thirsty world.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott



## Sacrament of Reconciliation

\*Additional Dates During Lent\*

6-7 pm - St. Brigid - February 25

6-7 pm - St. Edward - March 4

6-7 pm - St. Joseph- March 11



## 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 7

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

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

### Sunday, March 8

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 9

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

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

### Tuesday, March 10

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

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

6:00 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation for 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders @ St. Joseph

### Wednesday, March 11

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

6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Confession @ St. Joseph

6:30 p.m.—7:45 p.m. PSR @ St. Brigid

### Thursday, March 12

6:00 p.m. Altar Society @ St. Joseph

### Friday, March 13

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

5:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Fish Fry @ St. Brigid Hall

### Saturday, March 14

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

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

### Sunday, March 15

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 16

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

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

### Tuesday, March 17

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

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

### Wednesday, March 18

NO 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 20

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

7:00 p.m. Live Stations of the Cross @ St. Edward

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, MARCH 7

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +James Windoffer

+Rufus & Germaine Schmidt

### SUNDAY, MARCH 8

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Patty Lieurance

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

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

+Don Maas

### MONDAY, MARCH 9

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Don McCleary

### TUESDAY, MARCH 10

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: +Barb & Tom Kuhn

+Maurice Koch

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Virgil & Millie Bockhold

+Linda Leasman

### FRIDAY, MARCH 13

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Marilyn Barry

+David Windoffer

### SATURDAY, MARCH 14

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Raymond Maas Sr.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 15

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Don Mcleary

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Kenneth Neisen

+Alvin Hildebrand

+Carl & Dorothy Mast

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

## Parish Collection: March 1

St. Brigid \$ 4,972.00

Online Giving \$ 220.44

St. Edward \$ 4,059.72

Online Giving \$ 100.00

St. Joseph \$ 2,977.25

Online Giving \$ 100.00

**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 14 & 15             | Altar Server                   | Communion Minister                             | Usher                                      | Lector          | Greeter /Hospitality    | Gift Bearer          |
| <b>SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.</b> | Bryce Mixer<br>Miles Mixer     | Norma Neisen<br>Theresa Neisen<br>Angela Obert | Eric Barry<br>Ron Barry<br>Craig Gramke    | Rich Cramsey    | Jeff & Jody Obert       | John & Cathy Zanger  |
| <b>SUNDAY 7:30 a.m.</b>   | Dylan Hocking<br>Mason Hocking | Brandy Hocking<br>Dot Smith                    | Michael Obert<br>Barb Obert<br>Ron Cramsey | Mark Heidbreder | Mark & Carol Heidbreder | Michael & Barb Obert |

| ST. JOSEPH CHURCH       |                                |                                              |                                |               |                      |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| March 15                | Altar Server                   | Communion Minister                           | Usher                          | Lector        | Greeter /Hospitality | Gift Bearer              |
| <b>SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.</b> | Willow Neisen<br>Erika Althoff | Barb Frese<br>Jolinn Tripp<br>Brenda Siebers | Mark Bockhold<br>Andrew Rangel | Ben Hugenberg |                      | Bockhold/Rangel Families |

| ST. EDWARD CHURCH                                           |                                                        |                                                          |               |             |                      |                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| March 15                                                    | Altar Server                                           | Communion Minister                                       | Rosary        | Lector      | Greeter /Hospitality | Gift Bearer          |
| <b>SUNDAY 10:30 a.m.</b>                                    | Abel Zimmerman<br>Brynlee Zimmerman<br>Malia Zimmerman | Tracy Cornwell<br>Phil Hildebrand Jr.<br>Lori Hildebrand | Connie Bealor | Julie Logan | Felde Family         | Greta Frankel Family |
| <b>* Please continue passing the basket for collection.</b> |                                                        |                                                          |               |             |                      |                      |

## 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 Duesterhaus |
| 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

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.”  
JOHN 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more, and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only come when we follow Jesus – when we become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered.”

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

### Desserts Needed for Fish Fry

Please get all donated items to the church or hall by March 8.

Donated desserts needed for the Annual St. Brigid Fish Fry on March 13. Drop off anytime on that day. We appreciate all your support!

### St. Joseph Cemetery Clean Up

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

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### 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.

### St. Edward Men’s Club Meeting

Our meeting will be Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Edwards. We’re having grilled pork chops.

### 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!

### Welcome

We are pleased to welcome the following individual/families who recently registered as a parishioner at St. Brigid. Please make them feel welcome and part of our great parish.

Michael & Lisa Berry  
Brock & Anita Arnold

### 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. Brigid Church

Hwy. 104, Liberty, IL

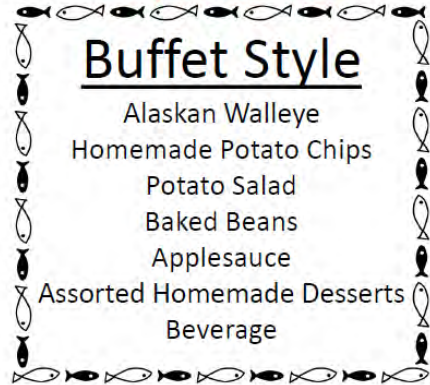
# Fish Fry

Friday, March 13, 2026

5:00 – 7:30 PM

Adults..\$13 ● Ages 6-12..\$8 ● 5 and under Free

All you can eat



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*Deacon Dennis  
Holbrook*

SPEAKING ON



9

MARCH

6:30

P.M.

"THE SIGN OF THE CROSS"

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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.

Questions, contact Susan Asher QDCCW, President 217-653-5074.

## QCES Mass Attendance Cards

Mass attendance cards are available at the back of church.

## Bulletin Deadline

All information must be submitted by noon on Tuesday.

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

## St. Patrick's Day Dinner

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026**  
11am to 6pm  
St. Rose Parish Hall - 715 Chestnut, Quincy

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*Pork*

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1/2 Sausage/Kraut  
Mashed Potatoes, & Apple or Cherry Pie

*Mix*

## FISH FRYS

**March 6-** St. Dominic School, 4:30-7 pm  
4100 Columbus Rd, Quincy, IL

**March 13-** St. Brigid Church, 5-7:30 pm  
Hwy 104, Liberty, IL

**March 13** - St. Anthony Church, 4:30-7 pm  
2223 St. Anthony Rd, Quincy, IL

**March 20** - St. Dominic School, 4:30-7 pm  
4100 Columbus Rd, Quincy, IL

**March 27** St. Anthony Church, 4:30-7 pm  
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## Illinois Pro-Life March

(formerly the Illinois March for Life) the biggest & best pro-life event in Illinois.

**When:** Thursday, March 19, 2026; Rally at 1 p.m.; March at 2 p.m.

**Where:** The Lincoln Statue in front of the Illinois Capitol Building, 401 S 2nd St. Springfield, IL 62701

**Why:** To celebrate, defend, and speak out for LIFE!

**Keynote speakers:** Joshua Mercer and Kramer Soderberg

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Board bus at 9:00 at Town & County Inn and Suites, 110 N. 54th

Please join with your fellow Adams County Pro-Lifers for this important event!

## Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

**Save the Date**

The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's 97<sup>th</sup> 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. We are excited to announce that our Guest speaker is nationally known Teresa Tomeo. Vendors and Silent Auction items will be available as well as, a hot LUNCH. More information and registration form coming SOON. Any questions, email Susan Asher [asherte@yahoo.com](mailto:asherte@yahoo.com).

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



## DATES TO KNOW

- March 10 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation for ALL 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders @ St. Joseph
- March 20 – LIVE Stations of the Cross @ St. Edward, 7 p.m.
- March 22 – NO PSR @ St. Edward

## 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**

## St. Edward Children's Mass



### Water...



In today's first reading, the Israelites in the desert are thirsty and ask Moses for water. So God tells him to strike a big rock with his staff and water comes out. In the Gospel reading, Jesus tells the Samaritan woman that He can give her living water so that she will never be thirsty.

Water is a symbol of life. In the first story the people in the desert would have died if they didn't get water. Now Jesus gives us His life, which is grace. We receive it especially in Holy Communion. This is the living water that He is talking about. Our souls need His grace to stay alive.




When you have a drink of water, think about how your body needs water to stay alive, and how your soul needs God's grace. Saying a prayer is kind of like giving your soul a little drink!



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