

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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Office Hours

Tues. & Thurs. 8 am to 4 pm
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217-645-3444

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Office Hours

Wednesday 8am to 4 pm
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Pastor's Letter

May 17, 2026 – Ascension of the Lord

Dear Church Family,

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, which we celebrate today, is probably the most underappreciated solemnity in the church calendar. It kind of gets lost between Easter and Pentecost. Today we remember the day that Jesus Christ, forty days after his resurrection, was taken up bodily into heaven and took his place at the right hand of the Father. The meaning of this event is astonishing.

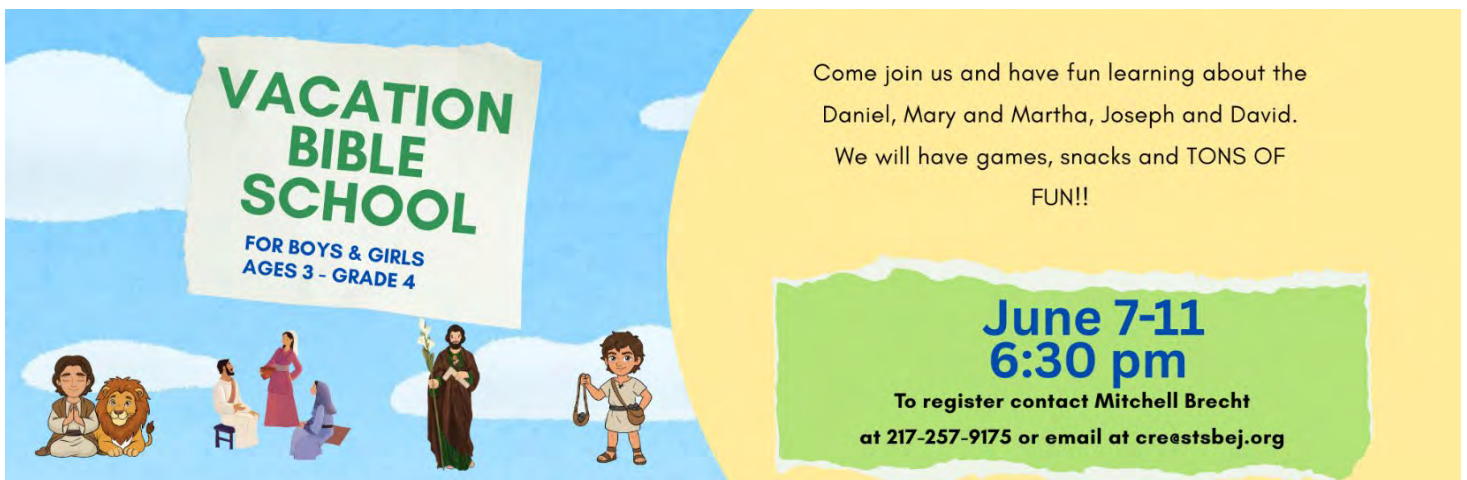
In the fourteenth chapter of John's Gospel Jesus says, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself so that where I am you also may be." The Ascension is the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to go and prepare a place for us.

When Jesus returns to the Father, it isn't just his divine nature that enters heaven, it's his whole self. His human body and soul are also now seated at the right hand of the Father. In a mysterious way, God has made "space" within himself for humankind. The heart of God has been opened up, like the side of Christ on the cross pierced by the lance, and we are invited in. At Christmas we celebrate the humanization of the divine. At the Ascension we celebrate the divinization of the human. These two unfathomable mysteries serve as bookends to our Lord's ministry on earth.

When Jesus was taken up into heaven the disciples watched in awe and then returned to Jerusalem with joy. May that same awe and joy fill us as we reflect on the greatness of the unimaginable gift we have received from our Lord who lived, died, rose, ascended, and will one day return to bring us home to the heart of God.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott



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Calendar

Saturday, May 16

3:45 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Reconciliation @ St. Brigid
4:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Brigid

Sunday, May 17

7:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Brigid
9:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Joseph
10:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward

Monday, May 18

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

Tuesday, May 19

7:15 a.m.—7:45 a.m. Reconciliation @ St. Edward
8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward
7:00 p.m. Bible Study @ St. Joseph

Wednesday, May 20

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

Thursday, May 21 - OFFICE CLOSSES AT 2:45 p.m.

Friday, May 22

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

Saturday, May 23

3:45 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Reconciliation @ St. Brigid
4:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Brigid

Sunday, May 24

7:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Brigid
9:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Joseph
10:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward

Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day

8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Brigid Cemetery
9:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Joseph Cemetery

Tuesday, May 26

Happy Ordination Anniversary Fr. Scott!
7:15 a.m.—7:45 a.m. Reconciliation @ St. Edward
8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward
7:00 p.m. Bible Study @ St. Joseph
7:00 p.m. Pastoral/Finance Council @ St. Brigid

Wednesday, May 27

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

Thursday, May 28 - OFFICE CLOSSES AT 2:45 p.m.

Happy Birthday Fr. Scott

Friday, May 29

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

Mass Intentions

SAT. MAY 16

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +David Windoffer
+Mary & Thomas Allison

SUN. MAY 17

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +George Barry
9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Jeanette Knapp
+Mabel Ohnemus

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

MON. MAY 18

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Rose Mary Howell

TUES. MAY 19

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: +Doris Cornwell
+Lawrence Wietholder

WED. MAY 20

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Alvin Hildebrand
+Patty Lieurance

FRI. MAY 22

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Herman & Rita Huber

SAT. MAY 23

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

SUN. MAY 24

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Rosella Hummel
9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Linda & Michael Hoaglin
+Bob & Theresa Hugenberg
10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: *For the People of Our Parish*

Bulletin Deadline

All information must be submitted by noon on Tuesday.

Submit to: church@stsbej.org

Parish Collection: May 10

St. Brigid	\$ 5,465.00
Online Giving	\$ 370.44
St. Edward	\$ 2,024.35
Online Giving	\$ 230.66
St. Joseph	\$ 2,047.00
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

The Ascension of the Lord

On this holy day, let us remember the promise of eternal life and the hope of heaven.



Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH						
May 23 & 24	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.	Kade Klauser Harper Obert	Robin Mowen Norma Neisen Theresa Neisen	Dan Kramer Mike Maas Laura Maas	Rich Cramsey	John & Stacy Clark	Jerry & Pam Totsch
SUNDAY 7:30 a.m.	Dylan Hocking Mason Hocking	Brandy Hocking Dot Smith	Justin Mewes Lucy Mewes Greg Obert	Justin Mewes	Greg & Nancy Obert	Gene & Lori Klauser

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
May 24	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.	Maddy Ohnemus Wyatt Kill	T. Mast Cheryl Mock Billie Huebotter	Jim Ohnemus Mike Ohnemus	Jolinn Tripp		Ohnemus Family

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
May 24	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 10:30 a.m.	Eric Cornwell Wyatt Dedert Lincoln Hoffman	Donna Voss Emily Wellman Susan York	Cindy Betz	Dax Klusmeyer	Susan York	Jeff Venvertloh Family

* 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	Joann Walton	Bennett Duesterahus
Rachel Cramsey	Kent Hilgenbrinck	Bill Ervin
Denny Meyer	Mark Thompson	Sophie Shriver
Rosie Miller	Connie Dietrich	Kristy Bollin
Joe Rice	Corey Sheurman	Carol Haistings
Monica Mast		

Stewardship Reflection

"I am praying for them..." JOHN 17:9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation – not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.

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

Welcome

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

Bryan & Angela Fessler (St. Brigid)
Ella, William, & Jacob

Baptisms

Dallas Catherine Caspermeyer,
Daughter of Brennan & Dana Caspermeyer of
St. Joseph.

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!

Adult Altar Servers

Are you looking for a way to have a deeper, personal way of participating in the Eucharist? Why not become an Adult Server! The Altar Servers assist the priest during Mass by participating in the entrance procession and presentation of the gifts, as well as holding the prayer books. This is a great way to mentor the young servers, helping them understand their role. Please call the office if you are interested. Training is provided.

Neighbor Helping Neighbor Program

Thank you to all the St. Brigid's parishioners who have used the Neighbor Helping Neighbor program! We have volunteers available to assist you in yard work, sewing projects, transportation, and washing windows. Please call the church office if you are in need of assistance. We are here for you!

Memorial Day Cemetery Masses

Monday, May 25

- 8 a.m. Mass at St. Brigid Cemetery
 - 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery
- If raining, it will be moved in the church.
PLEASE BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS!

Diocese Special Collections

Retired Diocesan Priests— May 24

The annual Pentecost collection helps provide a pension and medical care to retired diocesan priests. Other sources of support include the diocesan endowment, individual donations, and bequests.

Going on Vacation???

Don't forget to attend Mass. Check out MassTimes.org to find a church near you while traveling.

Appreciation Party for Fr. Aaron Kuhn

Fr. Aaron Kuhn is being moved from this area to a new Priestly Assignment. To show appreciation for Fr. Aaron's quiet and dedicated service to this area, his family will host a party on Wednesday, June 10 starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Quincy Notre Dame Cafeteria. Meal and world-famous soft-serve ice cream served. RSVP greatly appreciated but not required. RSVP by call or text to (217)-242-5217 or (217)-740-7326. Everyone is welcome and the party starts when you get there!

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Questions? Contact Gracie Ortiz at (217) 321-1124
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DEADLINE:
OCT. 1

QCES Mass Attendance Cards

Mass attendance cards are available at the back of church.

St. Edwards -Last day of PSR and May Crowning



St. Brigid - St. Edward - St. Joseph Parish School of Religion



- VBS registration https://www.stsbej.org/_files/ugd/e03c99_f3f8510e375144cbaae19762e43a0749.pdf
- Registration Forms are also available at the back of church.

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: July 10-11, 2026

Jesus Ascended into Heaven



The Ascension is one of the great feasts of the Church. Jesus went up, Body and Soul, into Heaven to be with His Father where He is waiting for all of us. Can you imagine what it was like for the apostles to see their leader and best friend going up to Heaven? It would be pretty amazing, don't you think?



At the same time, doesn't it seem a bit sad that Jesus left? Well, He knew it was time for His disciples to start working on their own. It was kind of like having someone there to help you learn to ride a

bike and then they let you go so you can learn to bike on your own.

But Jesus didn't go away and leave us without any help. Nine days after He went into Heaven

WOW! DID YOU SEE THAT?

He sent the Holy Spirit, who would help and guide His followers.



YES... WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NOW?

Saint Cristobal Magallanes May 21

CRISTOBAL WAS BORN IN MEXICO IN 1915. HE ENTERED THE LOCAL SEMINARY AT THE AGE OF 19 AND WAS ORDAINED AT AGE 30.

Congratulations on your ordination, Father!

HE BECAME A PARISH PRIEST. HE STARTED MISSIONS AND SCHOOLS FOR TRADES.

Make sure it's facing the right way...

BUT SOON THE GOVERNMENT OUTLAWED THE CHURCH!

We'll start classes at 8 PM.

HE AND THE OTHER PRIESTS WORKED SECRETLY SO THEY WOULDN'T BE CAUGHT

If you see a priest arrest him immediately.

WHEN THE SEMINARY WAS CLOSED, FATHER CRISTOBAL STARTED A SECRET ONE.

BUT HE WAS ARRESTED ON HIS WAY TO SAY MASS ON A FARM.

I die innocent and I ask God that my blood may serve to unite my Mexican brethren!

CRISTOBAL WAS KILLED FOUR DAYS LATER. BEFORE HE DIED HE FORGAVE THE MEN WHO WERE ABOUT TO KILL HIM.


Hey! Stop right there!

SAINT CRISTOBAL WORKED TO HELP HIS FELLOW MEXICANS TO LIVE A BETTER LIFE. WHEN THE GOVERNMENT TRIED TO STOP THE CHURCH, HE KEPT WORKING ANYWAY. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM THAT HELPING PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY IN THEIR FAITH, IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN HAVING A NICE SAFE LIFE.

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