

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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Friday until Noon
217-645-3444

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Quincy, IL 62305

Office Hours

Wednesday 8am to 4 pm
217-434-8442

St. Edward Catholic Church

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217-645-3546

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Hospitality—Prayer—Formation—Service

Pastor's Letter

July 12, 2026 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Church Family,

As Christians, we believe that as we, along with everything else in the universe, move through time we are moving towards a definite goal. We are not just drifting along randomly without purpose. And we believe that goal is God. Our readings from holy Scripture today remind us of God's purposeful action in the world to bring about his plan for all things to be brought into communion with him.

In our first reading from Isaiah, we hear that God's word will not fail to accomplish his will. In our second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, Paul puts into words the longing for fulfillment and completion that pushes us forward in our search for meaning, truth, goodness, and beauty. And our Gospel reading, the Parable of the Sower, shows us how Jesus came to plant the seed of the kingdom of God which will bring a harvest of faith when he returns. All of them show us that the world is moving toward an endpoint, a destination, a final harvest.

This sense of purposefulness is something that we feel in our bones. Our minds and hearts rebel against the idea that there is no meaning to life. We know that we are not just bags of chemicals thrown together by chance that are destined to fall apart again and be scattered to the four winds. We were made for a reason and that reason is bigger and stronger than death.

That reason is love. God, the source of everything that is, made a space outside of himself so that there would be room for him to create something to love. He made us free so that we could love. Then he entered that space to invite us to love him back. He went out of himself in love and his love is drawing everything back to him and in the end, those who choose to return his love will be one with him.

I think the great need of our age is the need for meaning. So many people have no answer to the question of why they exist. If creation has no purpose, which is what many are saying these days, then why should I keep trying to do good or make things better for others, or even for myself? I really believe that this is what is behind much of the rise in suicide today.

The truth is, your life does have meaning. You were loved by God even before you came into being. You continue to exist because you are wrapped in God's love. Your time here on earth is your opportunity to accept God's invitation to love and participate in the building of God's kingdom of love. And by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, when the journey of this life is over, love will be your new life and your new home.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott

Cursillo Weekends Are Powerful!

Women's Cursillo #386 will be held July 16 - 19 at the Quincy University Retreat Center. On a Cursillo you will be guided by a priest, deacon and trained laity, in a prayerful and sacramental environment, to evaluate yourself, your relationship with God, to discern how God is calling you to influence your family, your work environment, your neighborhood and the world. There are registration forms in the back of church, for more information please contact Connie Bealor 217-440-6886.

Calendar

Saturday, July 11

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

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

Sunday, July 12

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

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

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

4:00 p.m. St. Joseph Ice Cream Social

Monday, July 13

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

Tuesday, July 14

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

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

Wednesday, July 15

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

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

7:00 p.m. Summer Spirituality Series: Prayer @ St. Edward

Thursday, July 16 - OFFICE CLOSSES AT 2:45 p.m.

Friday, July 17

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

Saturday, July 18

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

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

Sunday, July 19

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

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

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

3:00 p.m. Adoration for the Priests @ St. Brigid

Monday, July 20

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

Tuesday, July 21

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

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

Wednesday, July 22

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

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

Thursday, July 23 - OFFICE CLOSSES AT 2:45 p.m.

Friday, July 24

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

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 11

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

+Dawn Ulry

SUNDAY, JULY 12

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

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Kenneth Neisen

+Karl Kreminski

+Alois, Marguerite, & Fr. Vic Kaltenbach

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

+Daryl Voth

+Don Maas

MONDAY, JULY 13

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Eric Bruns

TUESDAY, JULY 14

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: +Bob McCleary

David Windoffer

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Gregory Knapp

+Bob & Rosella Neisen

FRIDAY, JULY 17

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

SATURDAY, JULY 18

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: + Helen Frese

+Glenn & Mary Ann Loos

+Jackie Taylor

SUNDAY, JULY 19

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Norm Boone

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

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: +Fred Ohnemus

+Janet Hilgenbrinck

Parish Collection: July 5

St. Brigid \$ 3,866.75

Online Giving \$ 370.44

St. Edward \$ 3,554.00

Online Giving \$ 200.00

St. Joseph \$ 2,412.25

Online Giving \$ 140.00

Thank you for your generous support!

All Collections included in total this week

Online Giving

Below are the links:

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<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						
July 18 & 19	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.	Harper Obert Ashley Schutte	Robin Mowen Theresa Neisen Angela Obert	Ava Fessler Dave Fessler Dave Obert	Dave Fessler	John & Stacy Clark	David & Angela Obert
SUNDAY 7:30 a.m.	Kruz Klauser Karlee Obert	Vickie Cramsey Nancy Obert	Craig Gramke Mike Hummel Kyle Leonard	Mark Heidbreder	Mark & Carol Heidbreder	Gene & Lori Klauser

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
July 19	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.	Erika Althoff Caleb Bockhold James Bockhold	Greg White Krista White Jeanne Cramsey	Mike Moore Andy Moore	*Glennon Rost		Moore Family

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
July 19	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 10:30 a.m.	Henry Bealor Ben Bealor Braylee Brackensick	P.J. Hildebrand Breanne Kelly Margie Kendrick	Susan York	Austin Cornwell	*Todd & Mary Logan Sr.	Kasey Cornwell 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	Don Sheurman	Carol Hastings
Monica Mast	Alicia Blewett	Sue Rossmiller
Stan Obert	Sandra Kemper	Don Arnold
		Linda Esminger

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

Stewardship Reflection

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit."
– Matthew 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.



Biking for BABIES Visit

Please Plan to Attend !!

"Biking for Babies" is a pro-life organization of young-adult missionary disciples who strive to raise awareness of the important work of pregnancy resource centers. Each missionary partners with a Pregnancy Resource Center and commits to learning about all they do, praying for the center, and raising funds for the center. After months of training, the missionaries offer a physical sacrifice for their center by bicycling on a 6-day journey of over one hundred miles a day across the country. Again this year, on Friday, July 17, a team of missionaries will be stopping in Quincy on their trip from Rochester, MN to St. Louis, MO. Right to Life of Adams County and Blessed Sacrament Parish are joining together to host the Biking for Babies team at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 1119 S. 7th, Quincy IL.

This event includes 5:30 Mass, celebrated by Fr. Ken Ahanonu, and a free BBQ. If you cannot make it in time for Mass, feel free to come at about 6:15 p.m. for the barbecue and to meet the bikers. For more information about the event, contact Vicki Wittland at 217-316-9936. For more information about the mission, visit bikingforbabies.com. To make a donation, visit <https://give.bikingforbabies.com/event/2026missionary/>. Please join in welcoming the team to Quincy.

PSR Teachers Needed

Is God calling you? We need PSR teachers for St. Joseph & St. Brigid for next year. Please consider sharing your gifts with the children of our parishes.

Fr. Tolton Augustine Shrine Raffle

Tickets are \$50 each with only 100 tickets being sold. Grand Prize is \$2000 along with (5) \$100 consolation prizes to be given away. Drawing will be held on September 4, 2026. For ticket information, contact Kelly Cook at the WCU office. Phone: 217-222-6354 or email: kcook@wculife.org

QND Open Enrollment

Did you know? Quincy Notre Dame High School has open enrollment! If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about becoming part of the Raider family, we'd love to help. Visit our website to learn more or email admissions@quincynotredame.org to schedule a personal tour. **We look forward to showing you all that QND has to offer!**

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

Adoration for Priests

There will be an hour of Adoration followed by Benediction at St. Bridgid Church, 706 N. Main Liberty Il. July 19, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. all are invited to come and pray for your Priests.



It's time to start planning for our Catholic Heart Workcamp trip next summer! Are you interested in joining in on the fun? Anyone who is currently in 7th Grade through adult are invited to an informational meeting at St Joseph on Sunday, August 9 at 3:00 p.m. We will limit our group to 50 next year to accommodate transportation. If you can't make it to the meeting, but want to make sure you get your name on the list, contact Jeanne Cramsey at 217-653-3962



Catholic Heart Work Camp 2026

35 individuals from our area headed to Montague, Michigan for Catholic Heart Workcamp.



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- Have a great summer!!
- Check out some of the other VBS programs or attend some parish picnics and ice cream socials!
- Register for PSR 2026-27 Year!

https://www.stsbej.org/files/ugd/e03c99_2b3aa0e790f2454a886c2a1a83f85029.pdf

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 p.m. Friday to 6 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! Please contact Caroline Wiewel at 217-430-6086 / questcoordinator@greatrivertec.org for questions or fill out an app online at <http://www.greatrivertec.org/quest>

God's Word is Like Seed...



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus explains the parable of the sower and the seed to the disciples. Like the seed, the word of God comes to all sorts of people. Some people hear it and the devil takes it away, like the seed that falls on the path and is eaten by the birds. Some people hear God's word and love it for a little while, but they don't let it grow deeply in themselves, like the seed on rocky ground that doesn't grow good roots. Some people hear God's word and it starts to grow in them, but they have so many other things going on in their lives that they forget God.



The people who hear the word of God and let it grow in them are like the good soil. When the sower plants the seed in the good soil it gets deep roots, grows high and produces a good harvest. When we receive the word of God well, it takes root in us so that it is really deep in our hearts. It grows when we feed it by learning more about God and trying to love Him more. It produces a harvest when other people come to love God because of us.



What kind of soil are you like? Do you let God's word be snatched away as soon as you hear it? Do you let it take root in your heart and love it, or is it like the seed sown on rocky ground that is too shallow? Do you let other things in your life crowd out God's life in you, or do you let God's word in deep and feed it and let it grow?



Saint Henry

Holy Roman Emperor
July 13

HENRY WAS THE SON OF A DUKE AND A PRINCESS. HE WAS BORN IN 973 AND WAS TAUGHT WELL BY THE HOLY BISHOP WOLFGANG.

What does it profit a man to gain the world...

HENRY MAY HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING THE PRIESTHOOD, BUT WHEN HIS FATHER DIED HE WAS MADE DUKE.

Now that your father has died you must take his place.

ONE DAY HIS NOW DEAD TEACHER, SAINT WOLFGANG, APPEARED TO HIM.

AFTER SIX

I might die any day now...

You have been chosen. HE PREPARED FOR DEATH BY DOING GOOD, BUT IN SIX YEARS HE BECAME EMPEROR INSTEAD!

HENRY RULED THE EMPIRE WELL AND RESPECTED THE CHURCH.

We won't touch those lands- they belong to the Church!

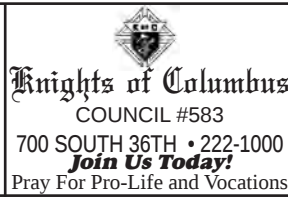
HIS ARMIES ONLY FOUGHT TO DEFEND LAND FROM THEIR ENEMIES AND TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE.

Our aim in this battle is to bring peace to our subjects.

God placed you here to rule His people.

HENRY LOVED THE MONASTIC LIFE, BUT WHEN HE ASKED TO JOIN A MONASTERY THE ABBOT TOLD HIM THAT HIS JOB WAS TO CONTINUE TO RULE IN A GODLY WAY.

SAINT HENRY DIED IN 1024. HE HAD THE HIGHEST POSITION OF POWER IN EUROPE, BUT HE DID NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT. HE KNEW THAT GOD GAVE HIM THE POWER TO LOOK AFTER THE PEOPLE. GOD WANTS US TO RESPECT PEOPLE IN AUTHORITY AND TO CARE FOR OTHERS WHEN WE ARE IN AUTHORITY.

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