

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
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

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Mendon, IL 62351

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217-645-3546

PARISH WEBSITE: stsbej.org

Hospitality—Prayer—Formation—Service

Pastor's Letter

July 19, 2026 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Church Family,

I consider myself a pretty good judge of character. More often than not I can tell if a person is trustworthy or dishonest, but I have been fooled from time to time. It's hard to read another person's heart. It's impossible to read their soul.

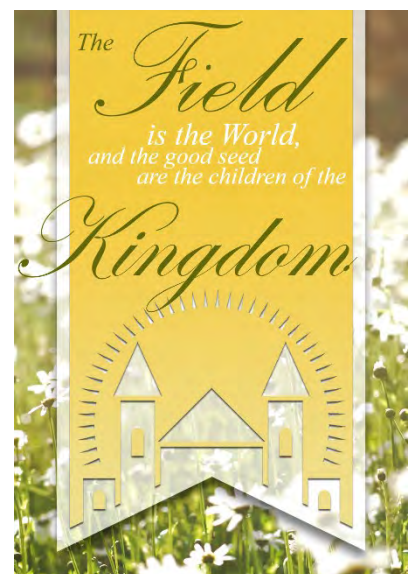
In our Gospel reading for today Jesus tells the Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds. A man has both growing in his field. He tells his workers to leave them until the harvest because he doesn't want to uproot the wheat by mistake in trying to eradicate the weeds. At the harvest everything will be sorted out, the weeds for burning, the wheat into the barn.

Jesus says this is what the kingdom of heaven is like. There are good people and there are bad people inside and outside the church and we can't always tell which is which, as much as we might like to. That seems to be a major preoccupation for us, deciding who is in and who is out. But that's not up to us and we don't have the tools or insight to make that call. We can look at people's actions and judge if they are good or bad, but we can't always know their intentions. And even if we do have some idea of what their character is like now, who knows if they will have a change of heart in the future. The dirty rotten scoundrel today might become a saint tomorrow and vice versa. To judge a bad person now and cut them off might be uprooting a future saint. And the conflict and the turmoil that we create in the church by our judgmentalism may keep others from joining us in trying to grow in faith, hope, and love.

Maybe it would be more productive if we focused on becoming better people ourselves and helping each other be better rather than condemning each other. Someday harvest time will come and the Lord of the Harvest, the only one able to judge rightly and justly, will put each of us in our proper place. Until then, let's concentrate on tending our own gardens and encouraging each other so that we can produce an abundant yield of holiness for God.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott



Calendar

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 CLOSING AT 2:45 p.m.

Friday, July 24

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

Saturday, July 25

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

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

Sunday, July 26

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

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

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

Monday, July 27

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

Tuesday, July 28

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

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

7:00 p.m. Pastor/Finance Council @ St. Joseph

Wednesday, July 29

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

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

Thursday, July 30 - OFFICE CLOSING AT 2:45 p.m.

Friday, July 31

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

Mass Intentions

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 Parishes

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: +Fred Ohnemus

+Janet Hilgenbrinck

MONDAY, JULY 20

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +George Barry

+Marilyn Barry

+James Windoffer

TUESDAY, JULY 21

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: +Leroy & Bertha Richmiller

+David Kendrick

+Wilma Burton

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Alice & Edward Dempsey

+Frances & Jane Meyer

FRIDAY, JULY 24

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Dawn Ulry

+Bernadine Terstriep

SATURDAY, JULY 25

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Helen Frese

SUNDAY, JULY 26

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Janice Siebers

+Helen Frese

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +George Emery

+Dale & Rose Mary Zanger

+Carl & Dorothy Mast

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

Parish Collection: July 12

St. Brigid \$ 4,106.00

Online Giving \$ 120.44

St. Edward \$ 2,246.00

Online Giving \$ 260.00

St. Joseph \$ 2,011.25

Online Giving \$ 140.00

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						
July 25 & 26	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.	Jenna Obert Jonah Obert	Kristin Obert Stacy Clark Katie Ippensen	John Zanger Eric Barry Ron Barry	Rich Cramsey	Dan Kramer	Jeff & Jody Obert
SUNDAY 7:30 a.m.	Need Mason Hocking	Brandy Hocking Dot Smith	Justin Mewes Lucy Mewes Greg Obert	Justin Mewes	Greg & Nancy Obert	Lance, Renee & Family

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
July 26	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.	Maddy Ohnemus Isabella Neisen Luke Bockhold	T. Mast Cheryl Mock Billie Huebotter	Joseph Bockhold Henry Bockhold	*Ann Ohnemus		Bockhold Family

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
July 26	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	Connie Bealor	Becky Cottingham	Fred Kientzle Family	Jason Fleer 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	Sandra White
Jim Steinkamp	Raleigh Bess	Dorothy Mayfield
Kayle Sheely	Karen Woodworth	Phil Freiburg
John Kroner	Doug Woodworth	Jim Brinkman
Marvin Meyer	Ryan Wiemelt	Bennett Duesterahus
Carl Schisler	Joann Walton	Bill Ervin
Rachel Cramsey	Kent Hilgenbrinck	Sophie Shriver
Denny Meyer	Mark Thompson	Kristy Bollin
Rosie Miller	Connie Dietrich	Carol Hastings
Joe Rice	Don Sheurman	Sue Rossmiller
Monica Mast	Alicia Blewett	Don Arnold
Stan Obert	Sandra Kemper	Linda Esminger

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

Stewardship Reflection

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." – Matthew 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds". We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!



Baptisms

Levi Harrison Dixon,
Son of Andrew & Lauren Dixon at St. Joseph.

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.

Brett & Maghan Genenbacher
Harper

Thanks, Advertisers

Please be sure to patronize the businesses that advertise in our Parish Bulletin. When you're considering purchasing products or services, be sure to look first at our ads in the Bulletin. We thank them for providing our weekly Bulletin.

TEC (Teens Encounter Christ!)

In the three-day weekend of TEC, you can experience being part of a vibrant, loving, and supportive faith community in which the friendship of Jesus Christ becomes a real possibility that makes sense. For more information go to greatrivertec.org

TEC weekends are held at the Franciscan Retreat Center of Quincy University, 18th & Seminary Road, Quincy, IL 62301. The weekend begins Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. and ends Monday evening 6:00-6:30 p.m. Candidates ages 16-21 --there is a fee for this retreat, but St. Brigid, St. Edward, and St. Joseph have funds available to cover this cost! Please contact Emily Wellman at 217-257-3536 if you are wanting to go on a weekend, and our awesome churches will pay for you to go!

Other TEC Dates for 2026: July 25-27

Advertise In Our Bulletin

If you are a business owner, please consider underwriting the printing of our bulletins by buying an advertisement. Our church family would be happy to know of a fellow parishioner or friend of our parishes whose business we can support. Information on how to buy an ad is on the back of the bulletin. If you know of a business owner who might be interested in advertising with us, please let us know. If we can get 30 advertisers our bulletins will be printed at no charge to our parishes. Thank you for your support.

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. Brigid Church, 706 N. Main Liberty II. July 19, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. all are invited to come and pray for your Priests.

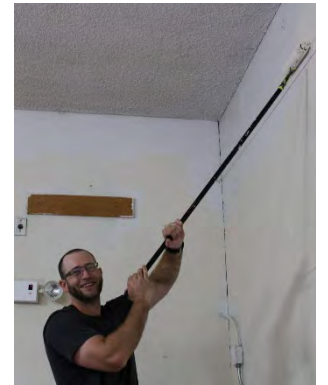
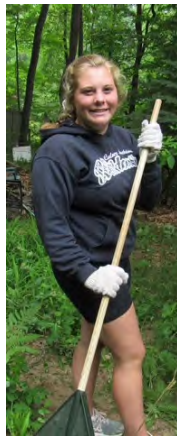
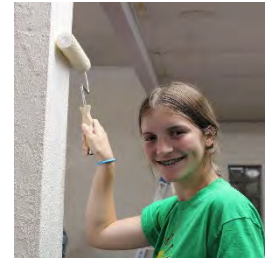


It's time to start planning for our Catholic Heart Workcamp trip next summer! Are you interested in joining in on the fun? Anyone who is currently in 7th Grade through adult are invited to an informational meeting at St Joseph on Sunday, Aug 9 at 3:00 p.m. We will limit our group to 50 next year to accommodate 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.



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



- 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>

Weeds Among the Wheat

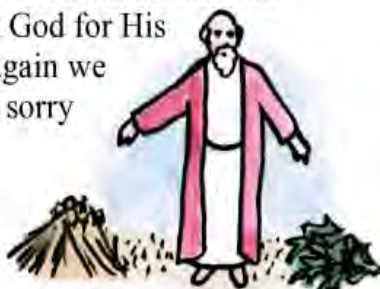


Weeds are plants that shouldn't be there. They use the sun and water that the good plants need. Have you ever helped pick weeds in the garden? In today's parable Jesus tells about a man who lets the weeds grow along with the wheat until harvest time, so that the good plants don't get pulled up along with the weeds.

The weeds represent the bad people, who will go to Hell at the final judgement. God lets them stay alive as long as the good people. He wants to give sinners lots of time to repent so that they can go to Heaven instead.



All the readings today are about God's mercy. God is the most powerful of all, but instead of destroying sinners He wants to give them more chances. When you think about it, you will realize God has already been merciful to all of us- because we have all sinned. We should thank God for His mercy, and if we do sin again we should show Him we are sorry by going to Confession.



St. Appollinaris of Ravenna July 20

SAINT APPOLLINARIS WAS ONE OF THE EARLY CHRISTIANS. HE WAS ORDAINED A BISHOP BY SAINT PETER, AND SENT TO LOOK AFTER RAVENNA, ITALY.

HE WAS THE FIRST BISHOP THERE AND MADE CONVERTS BY DOING MIRACLES.

Bishop Appollinaris cured my sickness!

THE PAGANS HATED HIS PREACHING, SO THEY BEAT HIM AND LEFT HIM FOR DEAD.

I think you can get up in a day or two.

BUT THE CHRISTIANS FOUND AND HELPED HIM, AND HE BEGAN PREACHING AGAIN.

THEN HE WAS CAPTURED AGAIN AND TORTURED AND SENT IN EXILE TO GREECE.

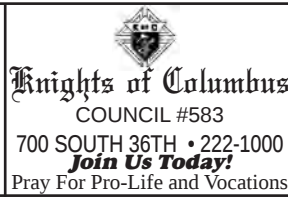
BUT THERE HE SILENCED THE PAGANS TOO, SO THEY BEAT HIM AND SENT HIM BACK TO ITALY.

How can you believe in gods made of stone?

Hey! That man is a Christian!

THE EMPEROR OUTLAWED CHRISTIANS, SO SAINT APPOLLINARIS HAD TO HIDE. HE WAS SEEN LEAVING THE CITY AND WAS BEATEN. HE DIED SEVEN DAYS LATER.

SAINT APPOLLINARIS WAS A TRUE HERO FOR THE FAITH. HE KEPT GOING BACK TO HIS PEOPLE EVEN THOUGH HE KEPT GETTING BEATEN AND TORTURED. HE IS AN EXAMPLE TO US TO NEVER QUIT HELPING PEOPLE COME TO GOD EVEN WHEN OTHERS KEEP FIGHTING AGAINST US.

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