

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

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Office Hours

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Pastor's Letter

July 26, 2026 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Church Family,

In our first reading for today Solomon receives from God the gift that keeps on giving: wisdom. Solomon recognizes that without wisdom nothing else is going to go right for him as the new king of Israel. God said he would give to Solomon anything he wanted and Solomon chose the one thing that would bring him everything. He could have asked for wealth, power over his enemies, long life, but by following the path of God-given wisdom he would come to have everything he needed.

Another thing that led to the success of Solomon was his recognition that as the king of Israel, his life was not his own, and the gift that he received from God would only be a blessing to him if he used it for the good of the people. The wise person knows that true happiness and fulfillment comes to those who give themselves away in service. And Scripture tells us that the beginning of wisdom is fear of the Lord.

In our Gospel reading Jesus tells us that the treasure of heaven, the gift of reconciliation and relationship with God is more valuable than anything the world has to offer. "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."

When we have the kingdom of God everything in our lives falls into place. As St. Paul says in our second reading, "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." If you have the gift of faith, the gift of the presence of Christ in your life, you have everything. And the more we serve others by sharing the gifts of peace, hope, joy, and love, which come out of the gift of faith, the more those gifts grow in our own hearts.

May God give us the wisdom always to seek the gift that really does keep on giving, not just for ourselves, but for the whole world, the gift of new life in Christ.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott

Journey of Faith begins September 28

Have you ever had questions about the teachings, history, and structure of the Catholic Church? Maybe you are thinking about becoming Catholic, have family or friends who are Catholic, or maybe you are Catholic and want to go deeper in the practice of your faith. Our parishes will once again be offering a class called, "Journey of Faith" starting in September. This is our program for the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). Our OCIA class is for anyone interested in learning about Catholic faith and life. Classes will begin on Monday, September 28 at 7 p.m. at St. Birigd's in the parish hall. The class will be led by Fr. Scott. This is a great opportunity to go deep into the teachings and practices of the Catholic faith. Bring your questions and join us! For more info contact Fr. Scott.

Calendar

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. Pastoral/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

Saturday, August 1

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

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

Sunday, August 2

7:30 a.m. Mass @ Fair Grounds

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

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

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

Monday, August 3

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

Tuesday, August 4

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

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

6:30 p.m. Healing Rosary @ St. Joseph

Wednesday, August 5

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

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

Thursday, August 6 - OFFICE CLOSING AT 2:45 p.m.

Friday, August 7 – First Friday

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

Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, JULY 27

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Don McCleary

TUESDAY, JULY 28

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: +Ronnie Richmiller

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Linda & Michael Hoaglin

+Katie, Dan, Bob & Rosie Hugenberg

FRIDAY, JULY 31

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Alice Obert

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

7:30 a.m. – Fair Mass: Barb & Tom Kuhns

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Eric Bruns

+Norm Boone

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Bernadine Terstriep

+Jason Ohnemus

+Mary Wand

+Jim Wilson

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: +Berncie Dittmer

Frankie & Donna Voss

+Ryan Freiberg

+Lisa Rust

Parish Collection: July 19

St. Brigid \$ 6,309.00

Online Giving \$ 340.44

St. Edward \$ 2,983.00

Online Giving \$ 130.66

St. Joseph \$ 2,078.25

Online Giving \$ 140.00

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All Collections included in total this week

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It will walk you through setting up your giving account



Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH						
August 1 & 2	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.	Owen Potter Grace Potter	Robin Mowen Theresa Neisen Angela Obert	Mara Ippensen Laura Maas Mike Maas	Katie Ippensen	Randy & Laura Maas	Landon & Hannah Obert
SUNDAY 7:30 a.m.	Kruz Klauser Karlee Obert	Vickie Cramsey Nancy Obert	Michael Obert Barb Obert Ron Cramsey	Greg Obert	Michael & Barb Obert	Kyle & Elizabeth Leonard

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
August 2	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.	Jack Luaders Quinn Luaders	Barb Frese Jolinn Tripp Brenda Siebers	Mark Bockhold Andrew Rangel	Jolinn Tripp		Bockhold/Rangel Families

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
August 2	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 10:30 a.m.	Alivia Felde Allie Felde Austin Frese	Connie Bealor Paul Bealor Lindsey Cornwell	Cindy Betz	Emilie Hildebrand	Seth Knox Family	Greta Frankel
* 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 Duesterhaus
Carl Schisler	Joann Walton	Bill Ervin
Rachel Cramsey	Kent Hilgenbrinck	Sophie Shriver
Denny Meyer	Mark Thompson	Kristy Bollin
Rosie Miller	Connie Dietrich	Carol Haistings
Joe Rice	Don Sheurman	Sue Rossmiller
Monica Mast	Alicia Blewett	Don Arnold
Stan Obert	Sandra Kemper	Linda Esminger
		Sydney Haistings

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

Stewardship Reflection

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." – Romans 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.



Birthright Annual Raffle

Birthright is holding their Annual Raffle for a superb Dining Out package worth over \$250 and beautiful handmade Quilt at the KC BBQ which is August 14, 15 & 16. Tickets are 1 for \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5. The proceeds they raise at this event and other donations through the year fund their services for an entire year. Last year they helped mothers and babies for a total spent of \$60,000. In the past two months they have helped abortion minded women to choose life for one little baby boy and one baby girl. All services are totally free and Birthright is operated solely by volunteers. Raffle tickets will be available before and after Masses at St. Brigid each weekend in August up to the drawing at 6 p.m. on August 16. Thank you for your support. It means a lot!

Fr. Augustine Tolton 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

QCES Mass Attendance Cards

Mass attendance cards are available at the back of church.



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

Grief Share

GriefShare will begin at St. Anthony's Parish on Thursday, August 13 at 6:00 p.m.. This program is for persons experiencing grief following the loss of a loved one. GriefShare is a thirteen week, biblical, Christ-centered program addressing grief topics. The program includes Video presentations with nationally respected grief experts and personal stories; Small group discussions; Participant guidebook for support between meetings. The program is confidential and you do not have to be a member of St. Anthony Parish. For questions: Jim Liesen 217-577-6664 or Deacon Harry or Cindy Cramer 217-224-1160.

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!**

Bulletin Deadline

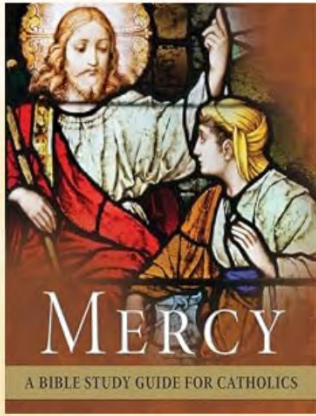
All information must be submitted by noon on Tuesday.
Submit to: church@stsbej.org

League of St. Clare Talk

The League of St. Clare invites you to a talk on "*Prayer and Rules of Discernment*" with Cathy Weiss and Karen Weiman. It will be held on Sunday, August 2, 7:00-8:15 p.m. in the St. Francis Parish Hall.



Bible Study



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
Tuesdays at 7 pm
starting Aug. 8

CONTACT MITCHELL
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FOR A COPY OF THE BOOK

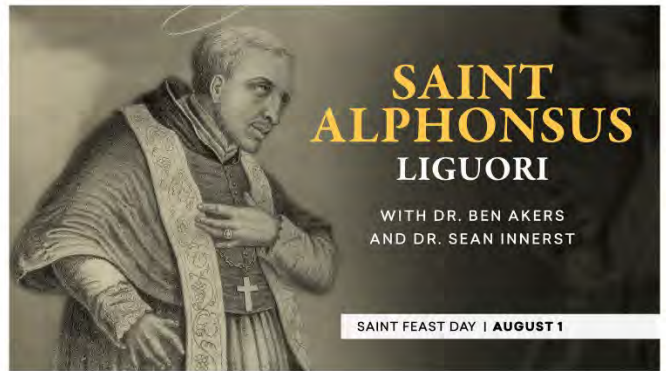
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Divorce & Beyond

Divorce and Beyond is a workshop designed for divorced people to offer support beyond the pain of divorce. Registration is required and a \$10 donation for materials is requested. People of any faith, or no faith at all, are welcome. Sessions will be held on Wednesday nights in the St. Francis Parish Center from 6:30-8, beginning Wednesday, September 9 and running through the first week in November. Facilitators are Russ and Terri Rohrer. To register call Russ at 217-617-3573.

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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>

The next retreat weekend:

The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. He says it is like a buried treasure, that when a man finds it, he sells everything he has and buys the field where it is

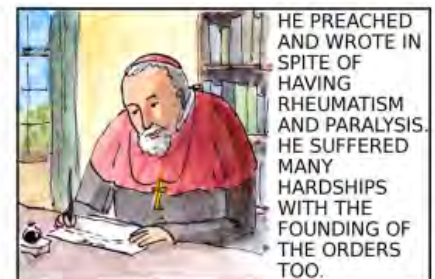
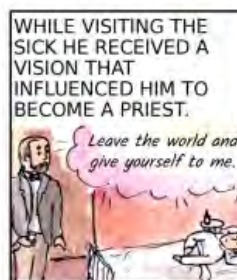
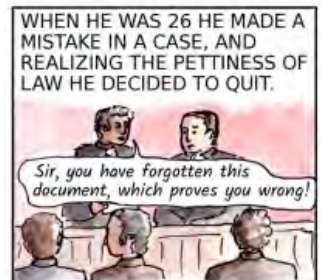
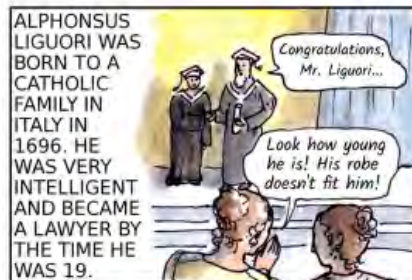
hidden. He also says it is like a pearl of great price, that when a merchant finds it he sells all he has and buys it.

These parables tell us how precious the Kingdom of Heaven is. Jesus is explaining that it is more important than anything else in our lives. The men in the parables sold EVERYTHING they had to get the treasures.

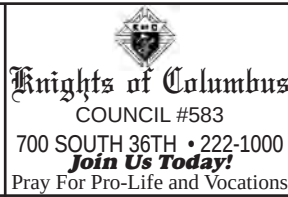
But what is the Kingdom of Heaven? Is it a country with a king and subjects? Well it is, sort of, but you can't see it. Jesus is the King and His people are the people who choose Him as their King. The laws of the kingdom are God's laws, and the enemy is the devil who is trying to take all the souls. Always remember that belonging to God's Kingdom is more important than everything else in your life!



Saint Alphonsus Liguori August 1



SAINT ALPHONSUS USED HIS INTELLIGENCE TO TEACH THE IGNORANT PEOPLE IN HIS DIOCESE, AND WHEN HE WAS TOO SICK TO PREACH HE WOULD WRITE. GOD HAS GIVEN YOU GIFTS THAT YOU CAN USE TO HELP TEACH OTHERS ABOUT HIM. DON'T LET ANYTHING STOP YOU, JUST LIKE ST. ALPHONSUS DIDN'T!

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