

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

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St. Edward Catholic Church

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Pastor's Letter

October 18, 2026 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Church Family,

As Election Day draws near, both our Old Testament and Gospel readings point out two basic principles that should be guiding our choices, not just on who to vote for, but in every area of our lives.

The first principle is expressed in our reading from the prophet Isaiah; God says, "I am the Lord, there is no other." Of all the claims to our allegiance, this is the first and most fundamental. All other powers and authorities must take a back seat to the authority of God who is the source of everything that is and who establishes the values by which we live. God's revelation of himself in the world as love and his call to Christians to be love in the world must be the guide that shapes the structures that help us live together in society. This principle is not, of course, shared by everyone. We share this world with people who are not believers. Some would prefer that we keep our beliefs to ourselves. Some see religion as a private affair. Pray at home or in church if you want but keep religion out of the public square. For Christians though that is not an option. Faith is not something that we can separate from a part of our lives. God's vision for human life concerns the whole person, including in a special way, how we relate to others. In our country, the separation of church and state means that we cannot force others to believe what we believe but it also means that the state cannot keep us from expressing our religious convictions and adding them to the mix of ideas and proposals that goes into shaping our life as a society. We do so in a way that respects different viewpoints, but we cannot just lay them aside. Because God is Lord, he is the one who points the way. We come from him, we live in him, and all creation will one day return to him. He will have the final word on how well we have used the lives he has given us.

The second principle is that even though human governments are secondary in authority to God, they have their place. As Jesus says in our Gospel reading, we also must repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar. We are all called to be good citizens. We have a responsibility to participate in the common life of our nation. We vote, we pay our taxes, we hold office, we participate in public debate and conversation. We do so in a Christian way, without violence or hatred. Our faith doesn't just form our political opinions; it also forms the way we express those opinions. We speak the truth in love in the same way that Jesus did. We respect the rights of all, and we seek the good of all.

I often tell couples preparing for marriage that when they get into an argument it's important to go into it with the right intentions. Instead of just trying to win, they should have as their primary goal to come out of their disagreement stronger as a couple. That might be a worthy goal for our nation as we go into the elections. My prayer is that we will come out of it stronger and more united as a nation. That's a tall order, but if we who call ourselves Christians enter the public conversation with the integrity of our belief in the dignity of every person and their right to follow their conscience even as we stand up and vigorously defend our values, then we will give witness to the goodness of life lived under the lordship of God.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott

Calendar

Saturday, October 17

Wedding @ St. Edward
3:45 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Reconciliation @ St. Brigid
4:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Brigid
4:30 p.m. CHWC BINGO & Nacho Nite Food served
6:30 p.m. CHWC BINGO starts

Sunday, October 18

7:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Brigid
9:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Joseph
9:15 a.m.—10:15 a.m. PSR @ St. Edward
10:00 a.m.—11:15 am PSR @ St. Joseph
10:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward

Monday, October 19

6:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Brigid
7:00 p.m. OCIA @ St. Brigid

Tuesday, October 20

8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward
7:00 p.m. Bible Study @ St. Joseph

Wednesday, October 21

8:00 a.m. 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

Thursday, October 22 - OFFICE CLOSSES AT 2:45 p.m.

Friday, October 23

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

Saturday, October 24

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

Sunday, October 25

7:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Brigid
9:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Joseph
NO PSR @ St. Edward
9:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward
10:00 a.m.—11:15 am PSR @ St. Joseph
11 a.m.—1:00 p.m. St. Edward Turkey Dinner

Monday, October 26

6:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Brigid
7:00 p.m. OCIA @ St. Brigid

Tuesday, October 27

8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward
7:00 p.m. Bible Study @ St. Joseph
7:00 p.m. Pastoral/Finance Council @ St. Joseph

Wednesday, October 28

8:00 a.m. 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

Thursday, October 29 - OFFICE CLOSSES AT 2:45 p.m.

Friday, October 30

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

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: *+David Windoffer*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: *+Helen Frese*

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: *+Leonard & Mabel Ohnemus*
+Ron Wiewel
+Jim Wilson

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

6:30 p.m. — St. Brigid: *+Don McCleary*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:00 a.m. — St. Edward: *+Bob McCleary*
+Glenn Walton

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:00 a.m. — St. Joseph: *+George Emery*
+Patty Lieurance
+Bob & Rosella Neisen

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:00 a.m. — St. Brigid: *+Iris Schoonover*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: *+George & Marilyn Barry*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: *+Eric Bruns*
9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: *+Alvin Hildebrand*
+Bob & Theresa Hugenberg
10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: *People of the Parishes*

Parish Collection: October 11

St. Brigid	\$ 4,549.00
Online Giving	\$ 120.44
St. Edward	\$ 3,922.00
Online Giving	\$ 140.88
St. Joseph	\$ 2,824.00
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						
October 24 & 25	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.	Owen Derhake Kade Klauser	Norma Neisen Theresa Neisen Angela Obert	Eric Barry Ron Barry Mara Ippensen	Cheryl Schutte	John & Stacy Clark	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	Lance, Renee & Family

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
October 25	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.	Erika Althoff Caleb Bockhold James Bockhold	Barb Frese Jolinn Tripp Brenda Siebers	Wyatt Kill Shane Brinkman	Stan Frese		Kill/Brinkman Families

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
October 25	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 10:30 a.m.	Olivia Shaffer Willow Shaffer Devin Shupe	P.J. Hildebrand Breanne Kelly Margie Kendrick	Donna Voss	Rita Blickhan	Todd & Mary Logan Sr.	Ray Voss 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	Bennett Duesterahus
Marvin Meyer	Ryan Wiemelt	Bill Ervin
Carl Schisler	Joann Walton	Sophie Shriver
Rachel Cramsey	Kent Hilgenbrinck	Kristy Bollin
Denny Meyer	Mark Thompson	Carol Haistings
Rosie Miller	Connie Dietrich	Sue Rossmiller
Joe Rice	Don Sheurman	Don Arnold
Monica Mast	Sandra Kemper	Linda Esminger
Stan Obert	Paul Duane Keck	Sydney Haistings
Kim Meyer	Rich Klauser	
Billy Meyer		

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

Stewardship Reflection

"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's. – Matthew 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

St. Edward - Mendon, IL



TURKEY DINNER

Sunday, October 25



11 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.



ADULTS - \$ 15

CHILDREN 10 & UNDER - \$12

CARRY-OUTS AVAILABLE - \$15



MASS TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Join us for a
Homemade Meal!





The Mass of Remembrance will be November 7 & 8. Boxes will be set up in the vestibules of the churches starting October 11 for you to bring a picture of your deceased loved ones. All are welcome to participate. All pictures need to be in by October 25, and pictures will be up for 2 week. Picture pick up will be November 29 & 30.



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of James "Jimmy" Brinkman, who died recently. Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord.

QCES Mass Attendance Cards

Mass attendance cards are available at the back of church.

Holy Hour for Vocations

There will be a Holy Hour for Vocations during National Vocations Awareness Week at St. Francis Solanus Church, Quincy, Illinois, November 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. All are invited to come and pray.

Blessing of the Pets at St. Edward



Parish Pals at St. Edward



Adoration for Priests

There will be an hour of Adoration for Priests followed by Benediction at St. Rose Church, 1009 North 8th Street, Quincy, Illinois, October 18, 2026, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. All are invited to come and pray for your Priests.

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



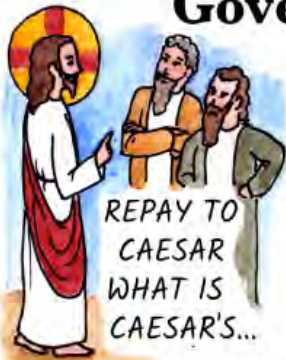
- October 25 – NO PSR for St. Edward
- November 25 – NO PSR
- November 29 – NO PSR

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: December 11-12, or January 22-23, or May 7-8

Should we Obey the Government?



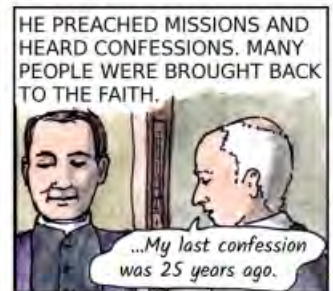
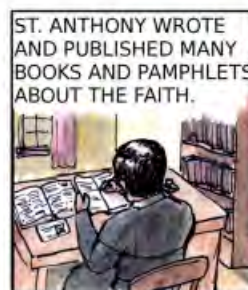
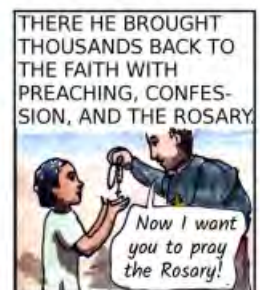
The Pharisees in today's Gospel reading were trying to trick Jesus and make Him say something wrong. They asked Him whether they should pay taxes to the pagan emperor. If He said no then He would be speaking against the emperor, but if He said yes then it would seem like He was saying that it was good for the Jews to be ruled by the pagan Romans.

But Jesus knew what the Pharisees were trying to do. He told them to show Him a coin, and asked them whose picture was on it. They said it was Caesar's (the Roman emperor's,) so Jesus told them, "Then repay to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." He was telling them that they should obey the rulers of the land, but also that they should obey God.

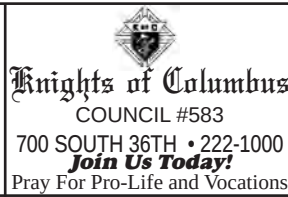
We have two kinds of laws: God's laws and the laws of our governments. Both are for our own good, but God's laws are more important. We should obey the government's laws as long as they agree with God's laws, but we must always obey God's laws. Can you think of some laws that the government makes that are for our good?



Saint Anthony Mary Claret October 24



SAINT ANTHONY HAD A GREAT DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND OUR LADY. THIS GAVE HIM THE STRENGTH AND WISDOM TO BRING MANY SOULS BACK TO GOD THROUGH HIS PREACHING, WRITING AND HEARING CONFESSIONS. WE, TOO, GET STRENGTH TO DO GOD'S WORK FROM THE SACRAMENTS.

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