

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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Friday until Noon
217-645-3444

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Office Hours

Wednesday 8am to 4 pm
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Hospitality—Prayer—Formation—Service

Pastor's Letter

March 23, 2025—3rd Sunday of Lent

Dear Church Family,

In our first reading for today, God reveals his name to Moses as, "I am who am," or "I AM." There is a whole world of mystery and meaning to be found in this baffling revelation. God is showing Moses, and us, that he is not one being among many, but being itself. Unlike created things which do not exist on their own, but come from other things that cause them, God's existence depends only on himself. God is the act of being itself. He is the only, all-powerful, all-knowing, infinite, and eternal source of everything that is.

Being the creator of everything means that not only did God bring everything into being, but he also keeps everything in being. Everything continues in existence because God, out of love, wills it to continue. Everything large and small exists because God holds it in his mind and heart. Always.

Human beings relate to the source of our being in a unique way. As rational beings with free will and immortal souls we are able to have a personal relationship with God that goes beyond just bare existence. We can return God's love, and when we do, the bond that is created transforms our lives so that we become participants in God's own life. We show our love for God by obeying his commands and imitating his Son in his closeness to the Father and his concern for the poor and the weak.

When we refuse God's love by sinning, we cut ourselves off from the flow of God's grace and we become spiritually weak or even spiritually dead. But if we turn back to God and away from sin, if we sincerely ask God to forgive us and help us do better, God will once again pour his life into us and raise us to new life in the Spirit.

It is an astonishing thing to think that we are invited to share in the life of the one who hung the sun, moon, and stars and keeps the galaxies spinning. May God help us never to let anything come between us and the One Who Is.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott



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A Bible Study on the Annunciation

In this video, Dr. Ben Akers leads us through a brief study of Luke 1:26–38, highlighting some of the key Old Testament passages evoked by Gabriel's words. The reflection concludes with some thoughts on how we can imitate Mary's Yes in our own life, especially in this time of suffering.

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Calendar

Saturday, March 22

3:45 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Reconciliation @ St. Brigid
4:00 p.m. Mass @ St. Joseph
4:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Brigid
5:00 p.m. Soup Cook-Off Contest @ St. Joseph

Sunday, March 23

7:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Brigid
9:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Joseph
9:15 a.m.—10:15 a.m. PSR (5-8) @ St. Edward
10:00 a.m.—11:15 a.m. PSR @ St. Joseph
10:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward

Monday, March 24

6:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Brigid
7:00 p.m. Journey of Faith (OCIA) @ St. Brigid

Tuesday, March 25

7:15 a.m.—7:45 a.m. Reconciliation @ St. Edward
8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward
7:00 p.m. Finance/Pastoral Council @ St. Edward

Wednesday, March 26

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

Friday, March 28

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

Saturday, March 29

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

Sunday, March 30

7:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Brigid
9:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Joseph—Children's Mass
10:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward—Children's Mass

Monday, March 31

6:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Brigid
7:00 p.m. Journey of Faith (OCIA) @ St. Brigid

Tuesday, April 1

7:15 a.m.—7:45 a.m. Reconciliation @ St. Edward
8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward

Wednesday, April 2

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

Friday, April 4—FIRST FRIDAY

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

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

4:00 p.m.—St. Joseph: +*Connie Boling*
4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +*Rose Mary Howell*

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +*Don, Bernie & Leo Heberlein*
9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +*Carl & Dorothy Mast*
10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: *For the People of Our Parishes*

MONDAY, MARCH 24

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +*Bernice Mowen*
+*Loretta Koch*

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: +*Bill Binger*
+*Greg Howe*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +*Jack & Irene Bunte*
+*Don Fessler*

FRIDAY, MARCH 28—FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: +*Roger Hummel*

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +*Rosella Hummel*

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: *For the People of Our Parishes*
9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +*Lloyd Goehl*
10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: +*Carol Vogel*
+*Linda Howe*

Parish Support: March 16

St. Brigid	\$ 3,039.03
St. Edward	\$ 2,212.00
St. Joseph	\$ 2,857.00

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All Collections included in total this week

Diocese Special Collections

Catholic Relief Service— March 30

Your support for this collection provides emergency assistance to victims of war and natural disasters; assists migrants and refugees who need housing, education, and specialized legal assistance; and supports travelers and others whose livelihoods require special pastoral support to access the sacraments. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year. To learn more about the collection and the people who benefit, please visit www.usccb.org/catlwlic-relief

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois



**St. Joseph
COOK-OFF
Soup Contest**

Saturday, March 22, 2025

All proceeds go toward a St. Joseph Kitchen Make-over

Mass at 4 pm
Serving & Sampling start at 5 pm
Winner announced at 7:45 pm

In addition desserts, drinks and
grilled cheese sandwiches will be
available.
All for a FREE WILL offering.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
1435 E 1500th St.
Quincy, IL 62305



Stations of the Cross

Please plan to join us for Stations of The Cross this Lent. Everyone is welcome!

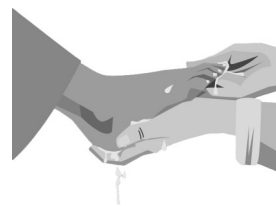
St. Joseph will have stations following Sunday 9 a.m. mass with the PSR classes. Through Lent, except March 30. Everyone welcome.

St. Brigid stations will follow the 8 a.m. mass on March 14, 21, & 28 and April 11.

St. Edward stations are Fridays at 7 p.m. If you would be willing to lead the stations, please sign up for a time at the back of church.

St. Joseph Cemetery Clean Up

All items must be removed from graves by April 6 and not replaced before April 12. Thanks



Volunteers for Holy Thursday Foot Washing

If you would like to be someone who gets their feet washed on Holy Thursday, please call St. Brigid church office 217-645-3444. All ages are encouraged.



St. Joseph DONUT Social



Please join us after Mass
March 30, 2025

for our Donut Social in the Church Hall.
Come visit with other parishioners
and enjoy a donut!

~ St. Joseph
Altar Society



Lenten Obligation

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

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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 6:00 p.m. Friday to 5:30 p.m. Saturday. **The next retreat weekend is April 4—5.**

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!

Spring Craft/Vendor Event

St. Anthony Ladies Society's Spring Craft/Vendor Event will be held on Saturday, April 5, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Bring your friends to shop and enjoy homemade cinnamon rolls or lunch. The St. Dominic students will be having a bake sale at the event to earn money for their Washington, D.C. trip next year.



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CRS Rice Bowl

One simple way to enhance your Lenten experience is to participate in the [CRS Rice Bowl program](#). During Lent, Catholic families across the United States use a rice bowl—a small cardboard box—to collect alms. Each rice bowl also comes with a calendar that guides families through the 40 days of Lent with activities, reflections, recipes and stories.

Pick up your rice bowl at the back of church and return it on Easter Sunday.

The Way of the Cross

Mark your calendars and plan to attend this special concert to make the Stations of the Cross like you never have before! St. Anthony Ladies Society is bringing Donna Cori to St. Anthony's to help enrichen your Lenten journey.

"The Way of the Cross – a song for each station", is a concert and video experience offered by internationally known Catholic recording artist, Donna Cori. Be transported directly to the heart of Jesus with a voice and performance that will "blow you away." **Sunday, March 30 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 2223 St. Anthony Road, Quincy, IL 62305.** For more information 222-5996. Preview and get free music downloads at www.DonnaCori.com. You will not want to miss this. Bring your family and friends!

Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women Spring Gathering

Wednesday, April 2 Blessed Sacrament, Quincy
Registration: 7:30-7:50, Mass 8:00 followed by Rosary and Adoration, then complete registrations.
Speaker- Deacon Dennis Holbrook. Theme-THE SIGN OF THE CROSS. Registration cost \$10 for meals.
Contact Claudia Coggeshall-President QDCCW for more information 217-653-6716 or rcoggg@adams.net or sign up at the back of church.

FISH FRYS

March 21 - St. Dominic School, 4:30-7 pm
4100 Columbus Rd, Quincy, IL

March 28 - St. Anthony Church, 4:30-7 pm
2223 St. Anthony Rd, Quincy, IL

April 4 - St. Dominic School, 4:30-7 pm
4100 Columbus Rd, Quincy, IL

April 11 - St. Anthony Church, 4:30-7 pm
2223 St. Anthony Rd, Quincy, IL

Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH						
March 29 & 30	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
4:30 p.m.	Children's Mass	Norma Neisen Theresa Neisen Angela Obert				
7:30 a.m.	Dylan Hocking Mason Hocking	Vickie Cramsey Brandy Hocking	Greg Obert Michael Obert Barb Obert	Mark Heidbreder	Mark & Carol Heidbreder	Justin & Lucy Mewes

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
March 30	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
9:00 a.m.	Children's Mass	T. Mast Pat Genenbacher Billie Huebotter				

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
March 30	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
10:30 a.m.	Children's Mass	Tracy Cornwell Phil Hildebrand Jr. Lori Hildebrand	Susan York			
* Please continue passing the basket for collection.						

Please Remember to Pray For:

Daran Knuffman	Joe Rice	Ryan Wiemelt
Zoey Obert	Linda Windoffer	Scottie Bastert
Julia Winfield	Monica Mast	Bernice Dittmer
Haddlei Burnett	Bonnie Johnson	Joann Walton
Jim Steinkamp	Elizabeth Leonard	Kent Hilgenbrinck
Kayle Sheely	Ben Venvertloh	Jim Wilson
John Kroner	Ripken Rangel	Connie Dietrich
Marvin Meyer	Maurie Koch	Virginia Berhorst
Carl Schisler	Tony Peters	Corey Sheurman
Rachel Cramsey	Joy Huebotter	Lisa Bohan
Ginny Brinkman	Raleigh Bess	
Denny Meyer	Karen Woodworth	
Rosie Miller	Doug Woodworth	

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

Stewardship Reflection

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" – Luke 13:7

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have, or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous; we are called to develop and nurture our gifts; and return them with increase. We are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.

ST. BRIGID – ST. EDWARD – ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)



St. Brigid PSR

March 26—Mass Practice

March 29 at 4:30 p.m.—Children’s Mass

Several will be fulfilling the ministries of readers, ushers, and gift bearers and ALL will be singing some special songs, so we hope everyone will be able to be there.

April 2: 5th Graders and 8th Graders will take the required ACRE test. Each 5th grader and 8th grader will need a device to use for the online test - a tablet or phone. Please make sure devices are fully charged.

St. Joseph PSR

March 23—Mass Practice

March 30 —Children’s Mass

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Station of the Cross during Lent—The children will be participating in the Stations of the Cross during Lent. We encourage everyone else to stay and join them!

St. Edward PSR

March 30: St. Edward's Children's Mass. If your child is unable to attend, **please let Emily know ASAP so we have time to find a replacement for his/her part!**

Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to Mass. If your child has a reading part, we have sent these home, please be practicing with him/her!

Thank you!!

April 11 @ 5:30 p.m.: Our annual 5-8th grade Live Stations of the Cross. **If your child is unable to make it, please let Emily, Holly, or Paul know ASAP.** Please mark your calendars and come see our students portray this most Holy Event.

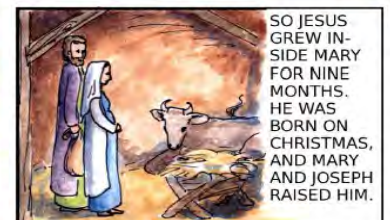
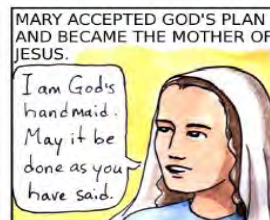
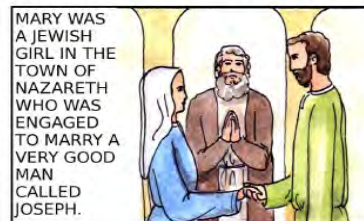
March 23 - What kind of Fig Tree are You?

In today's Gospel reading we hear a parable about a fig tree. The owner waited three years for it to grow some figs, but it still wasn't producing any. He told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener said he would try just for one more year to get it to bear fruit—and if it didn't give any then he would cut it down.

The fig tree is like a person who can do good things but doesn't. The owner shows the justice of God—he has given the tree enough chances so its time is up. But the gardener is like God's mercy. He wants to give the tree one more chance. And he's going to give it extra fertilizer to try to help it.

Lent is a good time to look at our own life and see if we are doing all the good things we can. Maybe there's something nice that we know we could do for someone but we just never bother to. Or maybe we aren't praying quite as much as we know we should. God is giving us a chance to become better people this Lent, and it's your job to make it happen!

The Annunciation March 25




WHEN IT WAS TIME FOR GOD TO COME TO EARTH AS A MAN, HE CHOSE MARY TO BE HIS MOTHER. BUT HE DIDN'T JUST TELL HER THAT SHE WOULD BECOME HIS MOTHER; HE GAVE HER A CHOICE. BECAUSE MARY CHOSE TO SAY "YES" TO GOD, JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD AND DIED TO LET US INTO HEAVEN!

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