

# 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

##### **St. Brigid Catholic Church**

706 N. Main St.  
Liberty, IL 62347

##### **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**

214 South State Road  
Mendon, IL 62351

#### **Tri-Parish Mailing Address**

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**PARISH WEBSITE: stsbej.org**

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# Pastor's Letter

January 19, 2025—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Church Family,

One of the misconceptions about Christianity is that it wants to take all the fun out of life. Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact the opposite is true. We experience our deepest joy only when we are in right relationship with God through Jesus Christ. In our Gospel reading for today, Jesus changes water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana. Everywhere in sacred Scripture we find evidence that Jesus loves a good party. One of the charges leveled against him by his enemies was that he was, "a glutton and a drunkard." (Luke 7:34) Much of his ministry took place in the context of meals and one of his favorite images for the kingdom of God is a wedding banquet.

When Jesus turns the water into wine, he is showing us how God can take mundane, ordinary stuff and turn it into something special. Wherever the Spirit of God goes, he brings life and energy. Whatever and whoever he touches is made new. That includes you and me. When the Holy Spirit comes to the party, he brings gifts. St. Paul lists some of those gifts in our second reading from his first letter to the Corinthians; wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, and miracles, and more. All of them make our lives more full and help us to spread the joy of knowing God and participating in the great celebration that is the kingdom of God.

Every good thing is a gift from God and we should take pleasure in them, using them in moderation and with grateful hearts. While pleasure in this life is not our goal as Christians, it is a sign of God's goodness and love and a foretaste of the infinitely greater joy to be found in the presence of God in the life to come. Jesus was no sourpuss and if we are going to attract others to the faith, we shouldn't be either. May our lives reflect the joy of the Lord which is our strength.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott

## **Coordinator of Religious Education Needed**

We are in search of a new Coordinator of Religious Education for St. Brigid and St. Joseph parishes. Duties include managing all aspects of our Parish School of Religion and sacramental preparations. This is a part time paid position. For more information contact Fr. Scott at 217-645-3444 or [ssnider0528@gmail.com](mailto:ssnider0528@gmail.com)

## **Bulletin Deadline**

All information must be submitted by noon on Tuesday.  
Submit to: [church@stsbej.org](mailto:church@stsbej.org)

## **Thank You**

Thank you to all who helped make our Mission a success.

## **2024 Contribution Statements**

It is time for us to send out your annual contribution statement for your tax purposes. If you have received them in the past, we will be sending them to you in January. If you have not requested in the past, please let the offices know you would like one.

## Calendar

### Saturday, January 18

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

4:30 p.m.—Mass @ St. Brigid

### Sunday, January 19

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, January 20

**NO MASS**

### Tuesday, January 21

**NO MASS**

### Wednesday, January 22

**NO MASS**

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, January 24

**NO MASS**

### Saturday, January 25

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

4:30 p.m.—Mass @ St. Brigid

### Sunday, January 26

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, January 27

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

### Tuesday, January 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, January 29

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, January 31

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

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +*Bertha & Leroy Richmiller*

+*Trina Logan*

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

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

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +*Viola Klingele*

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: +*John Frese*

### MONDAY, JANUARY 20

No Mass

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

No Mass

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

No Mass

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

No Mass

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

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

+*Wayne Warning*

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +*Rose Mary Howell*

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

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: *St. Edward Thursday  
afternoon Bible Study*

## Diocese Special Collections

### Church in Latin America—January 26

The countries of South America have diverse populations from Indigenous, African, European, and Asian ancestries, all with different cultural experiences. By welcoming and understanding people from so many backgrounds, the Church grows and continues its mission of making disciples of all peoples. In Brazil, the Brazilian Bishops' Conference organized visits and meetings to engage Afro-Brazilian Catholic leaders in discussing a variety of themes, including social pastoral ministry and the vision of Pope Francis. In Peru, missionaries working in the Peruvian Amazon bring the Gospel to the Ashaninka and Matsigenka communities of about 60,000 people.

For more information on the Church in Latin America and the many projects funded by the collection, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america)

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

## Parish Support: January 12

St. Brigid                   \$ 4,352.18

St. Edward               \$ 2,535.00

St. Joseph               \$ 2,658.00

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**St. Brigid**  
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Please join us after Mass  
**Sunday, Jan. 26**



Feast of  
*St. Brigid*  
**Appreciation Dinner  
for our parishioners**



**Saturday, Feb. 8**  
**6 pm in St. Brigid Hall**

Please RSVP by signing up  
at the back of church by Jan. 26

Menu: Irish Beef Stew, Irish Soda Biscuits & Rice Pudding

**Quincy Deanery Council  
of Catholic Women**

The Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women is assisting in promoting attendance at this important documentary film.

Below is a partial description of the film from *The 1916 Project* website.

“*The 1916 Project*” is a powerful documentary that uncovers the disturbing legacy of Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood and her deep ties to the eugenics movement. Through compelling historical research and expert analysis, the film reveals how Sanger’s racist and elitist ideologies have shaped the modern cultural landscape. *The 1916 Project* reveals the untold story of Margaret Sanger, Planned Parenthood’s founder, exposing her dark legacy and profound influence her eugenic ideologies continue to have on abortion, family breakdown, and societal confusion today. The film is about 1 hour long and will be shown **Sunday, January 26 at 6 p.m. at Bethel Church on 12<sup>th</sup> and Jefferson**. The National Catholic Register newspaper has given the film favorable reviews. Please come and be informed.

Thank You  
Sincerely  
Claudia Coggeshall QDCCW President

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**RAFFLE TO BENEFIT ST. EDWARD CEMETERY**



## Pennies for Life Campaign

Right to Life of Adams County

Make an active contribution to the pro-life cause. Dig into your pockets, purses and piggy banks to contribute to the Right to Life of Adams County "Pennies for Life" campaign. Each church member (children included) is encouraged to donate at least 1 cent for each year of his or her life, in gratitude to God for the gift of life. A collection will be taken next Sunday. Thank you for helping the Right to Life of Adams County, 109 N. 8th Street, Quincy, IL to spread the respect-life message.

### QCES Mass Attendance Cards

Mass attendance cards are available at the back of church.

### 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 January 31–February 1.** There is a fee for this retreat, but St. Briqid, 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!



### Food Pantry Donations

Collection of nonperishable items are being donated to Quincy Catholic Charities and Liberty Food Pantry. You may drop your items in the church vestibule. Items will be taken every month.

Thank You for your generosity!

### St. Peter Adoration

Are you looking for an uninterrupted quiet hour alone with the Lord once a month or every week? Doesn't everyone need an hour with the Lord? We need you and are asking for your assistance in getting the hours below filled!

OPEN Hours that are available are:

Wednesday: 2 a.m., 3 a.m., 8 p.m. (weeks 2,4,5)

Thursday: Midnight (week 2,4,5), 1 a.m. (weeks 2,4,5)

Friday: 1 a.m.

Saturday: 1 a.m., 2 a.m.

Ask a friend to join you in taking an hour or share the time slot!

Please call Mary Voorhis 217-653-3127 or call or text Gina Wolf at 217-257-9966 with questions.

### Men's Cursillo Weekend

There will be a men's Cursillo weekend on **January 23, 24, 25, & 26** at the Quincy University Retreat Center. It is an opportunity to renew and refresh your faith and to broaden your appreciation of our church. The weekend begins on Thursday evening and continues with fellowship, good food, singing, worship, prayer, and meditation through Sunday afternoon. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity to help you grow and enrich your faith, there are registration forms in the back of church, or you may contact Tim Bealor at 217-316-3333.



### Paul the Apostle | The Bible Collection

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# Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH						
January 25 & 26	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>Saturday 4:30 p.m.</b>	Ashley Schutte Kelsey Schutte *Gwen Wiemelt	Robin Mowen Norma Neisen Theresa Neisen	Dave Obert Kristin Obert John Zanger	Katie Ippensen	Randy & Laura Maas	Randy & Laura Maas
<b>Sunday 7:30 a.m.</b>	Dylan Hocking Mason Hocking *Kruz Klauser	Nancy Obert Dot Smith	Mike Hummel Kyle Leonard Justin Mewes	Nancy Boone	Greg & Nancy Obert	Kyle & Elizabeth Leonard

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
January 26	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Andrea Moore Wyatt Kill	Greg White Krista White Jeanne Cramsey	Mike Moore Andy Moore	Abigail Hildebrand		Moore Family

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
January 26	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Wyatt Dedert Austin Frese Dax Klusmeyer	Margie Kendrick Donna Voss Susan York	Susan York	Seth Klusmeyer	Kasey Cornwell Family	Jeff Venvertloh Family

\* Please continue passing the basket for collection.

## Please Remember to Pray For:

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

## Stewardship Reflection

“To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” – 1 Corinthians 12:7

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God’s plan? How are you helping to build God’s kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don’t do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.

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

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



## **PSR DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**December 22-January 1** — NO PSR, Christmas Break  
**January 4** — St. Edward Epiphany Play Dress Rehearsal, 10-11 a.m.  
**January 5** — St. Edward Epiphany Play  
**January 5** — PSR resumes for St. Joseph  
**January 8** — PSR Resumes for St. Brigid & St. Edward  
**February 9** — St. Edward, NO PSR  
**February 19** — Reminder: PSR K-4, 2-4:30 p.m.  
**March 5** — ASH WEDNESDAY, NO PSR  
**March 18** — 2nd Graders, 1st Reconciliation Mtg at St. Joseph  
**For PSR Newsletters go to: stsbej.org**

## **ALL PSR SECOND GRADERS**

First Reconciliation is on Tuesday, March 18 at St. Joseph at 6PM. There will be an ice cream party to follow!

## **ALL PSR THIRD GRADERS**

If you missed the deadline for turning in your Questionnaire for the Bishop, please turn it in ASAP! Also, make sure you are working on your service project which is due April 8! Finally, please contact your sponsor and make sure they have all of their documents ready for April 8!

## Sunday, January 19 Readings - FOR YOUTH!



In today's Gospel we hear the story of Jesus' first miracle. Wine was an important part of a wedding, and Our Lady felt bad for the people when they ran out.

When Mary hinted to Jesus to do something, Jesus said that the time wasn't ready yet. But do you know what? He did what His mother wanted anyway! He told the servants to fill six

big jars with water, and when they did it turned into wine! And not just ordinary wine, but the very best.

We can learn from this story that we should listen to our parents. Jesus is God and even He obeys His mother!

Here's another thing: if you need Jesus to help you with anything, pray to His Blessed Mother to ask Him for it. You know He will listen to His Mother!

## **SAINT SEBASTIAN**

January 20

SEBASTIAN WAS BORN TO A ROMAN OR GAULISH FAMILY AROUND THE YEAR 260. HE WAS A CHRISTIAN AND BECAME A SOLDIER.

If I become a soldier I can help the Christians in prison!

SEBASTIAN ENCOURAGED HIS FELLOW CHRISTIANS AND HELPED BRING OTHERS TO THE FAITH.

We must not let the persecution frighten us!

HE HELPED PEOPLE WHO WERE IN PRISON FOR THEIR FAITH.

Shh! Here's something for you to eat!

Thanks!

Haha! Sebastian was a Christian all along!

SLAM!

BUT THEN HE WAS ARRESTED AND IMPRISONED!

ACCORDING TO HIS LEGEND HE WAS SHOT WITH ARROWS AND LEFT FOR DEAD.

BUT THE CHRISTIANS WHO CAME TO BURY HIM FOUND HE WAS STILL ALIVE AND NURSED HIM BACK TO HEALTH.


WHEN HE HAD RECOVERED, SEBASTIAN WENT TO THE EMPEROR HIMSELF AND TOLD HIM THAT HE WAS WRONG TO KILL THE CHRISTIANS.

AT FIRST THE EMPEROR THOUGHT SEBASTIAN WAS A GHOST, BUT WHEN HE REALIZED HE WAS REALLY ALIVE HE HAD HIM BEATEN TO DEATH WITH CLUBS. THIS STORY REMINDS US NOT TO GIVE UP ON OUR FAITH EVEN WHEN THINGS ARE VERY HARD. IF YOU FEEL LIKE GIVING UP, JUST THINK OF SEBASTIAN!

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