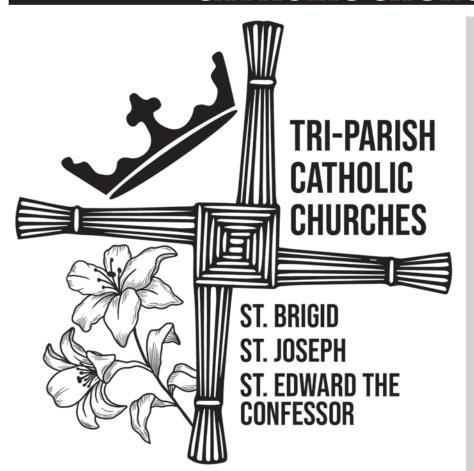
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#### **CATHOLIC CHURCHES**



#### **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

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# Pastor's Letter

#### February 23, 2025—7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Church Family,

One of the most sensible things in Scripture is the Golden Rule, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." This little nugget of truth seems like the perfect guiding principle for justice and fairness in our dealings with other people. Its application seems pretty simple; in any given situation just ask yourself, "How would I want to be treated?" and then treat the other person that way. It's just common sense. But when it comes to showing mercy and forgiveness, we all know that it's not as easy as it sounds.

We all know how hard it is to love our enemies and do good to those who hate us, as Jesus commands in our Gospel reading for today. But we also know that we ourselves need to be forgiven and God has tied our forgiveness to our willingness to forgive others. Instead of creating vicious cycles of blaming and revenge, we need to cultivate virtuous cycles of forgiveness and charity. We need to learn to be merciful, as our heavenly Father is merciful.

Forgiving as we have been forgiven not only opens up the possibility of a new start for the one we forgive, it also frees us from the burden of anger and resentment that closes us off from the flow of God's grace into our lives. If we put bitterness out into the world, it comes back to us and makes our own lives bitter.

Jesus said, "Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." May God help us who have received so many of his blessings express our gratitude by passing on the gift of forgiveness that we have received.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott

#### **Journey of Faith**

Fr. Scott will once again be offering the Journey of Faith class on Mondays at 7 p.m. in the parish hall at St. Brigid's. This class is for anyone who would like to learn more about the teachings of the Catholic Church. If you are thinking about becoming Catholic, or know someone who is, this is the way to do it. If you have been Catholic all your life, but want to know more about the faith, this class is for you. Have questions? Great! Come find some answers. Classes will begin on Monday, March 24 and run through the end of May. Sign up sheets are in the back of church so that we can have enough materials for everyone.



#### **Calendar**

#### Saturday, February 22

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

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

#### Sunday, February 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, February 24

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

#### Tuesday, February 25

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

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

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting @ St. Brigid

#### Wednesday, February 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, February 28

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

#### Saturday, March 1

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.—Shrimp Boil @ St. Joseph

#### Sunday, March 2

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 3

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

#### Tuesday, March 4

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

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

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting @ St. Brigid

#### Wednesday, March 5—Ash Wednesday

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

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

3:45 p.m.—Mass @ St. Edward

7:00 p.m.-Mass @ St. Brigid

#### Thursday, March 6

6:30 p.m.—Holy Name Meeting @ St. Joseph

#### Friday, March 7—First Friday

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

Adoration to follow Mass until 12 p.m.

#### **Mass Intentions**

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Marilyn Barry

+Roger Hummel +Paul Rossmiller

#### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

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

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +George Schneider

+Carl Nieders

**10:30 a.m.—St. Edward:** +Rose Mary Howell

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24** 

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Leroy Lentz

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25** 

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Kenneth Wiewel

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Rose Mary Howell

SATURDAY, March 1

**4:00 p.m.—St. Joseph:** +Jim & Betty Brinkman

**4:30** p.m.—St. Brigid: +Robert Richmiller

SUNDAY, March 2

**7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid:** +George Schneider

+Herman & Rita Huber

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Thomas Shade

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

#### **Parish Support: February 16**

St. Brigid \$ 4,174.50

St. Edward \$ 2,284.00

St. Joseph \$ 2,610.00

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#### **Diocese Special Collections**

Church in Central and Eastern European —March 5

#### 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

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#### **Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Sandra Guthrie Lawrence and Daniel Ormond, who died recently. Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord.



## **2025 Catholic Women's Prayer Breakfast**

Looking for a good way to enhance your Lenten Season? Attend the Catholic Women Prayer Breakfast Saturday, March 22 at St. Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL (1411 Main St.). Adoration begins at 7 a.m., then praying of the *Rosary* at 7:30 a.m., then Mass at 8 a.m. with breakfast afterward, and then a talk by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki.

Pre-registration is required for the breakfast meal. The cost is \$30. Register before March 1 to reserve your spot and meal ticket. Proceeds benefit our seminarians. Register online at <a href="mailto:stpaulhighland.org">stpaulhighland.org</a>. For more information, email: <a href="mailto:womensbreakfast2025@gmail.com">womensbreakfast2025@gmail.com</a> or text Rose Wascher at 847-274-3916.

#### **QND Open House**

Quincy Notre Dame High School will hold their annual Open House for parents on Sunday, February 23, 1:00 -3:00 p.m. Interested families will have the opportunity to meet QND students, parents and faculty, find out more about the academic programs offered, take a tour and explore the school and discover what's happening at QND. Everyone is welcome to come for all or part of the afternoon. The schedule for the QND Open House is as follows: 1 - 2 p.m. - Presentations in the QND Cafeteria -Welcome, overview, QND House system, question and answer session about financial assistance and more. 2 – 3 p.m. – Tour QND and meet teachers in their classrooms on a student-guided tour or explore on your own. For more information, please contact Natalie Genenbacher at ngenenbacher@quincynotredame.org or 217-223-2479.

## **TEC (Teens Encounter Christ!)**In the three-day weekend of TEC, you can experience

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TEC weekends are held at the Franciscan Retreat
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Quincy, IL 62301. The weekend begins Saturday
morning at 9:30 a.m. and ends Monday evening 6:006:30 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

Other TEC Dates for 2024: March 9-10

for you to go!

## Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH						
March 1 & 2	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Bryce Mixer Miles Mixer NEED 1	Robin Mowen Norma Neisen Theresa Neisen	John Zanger Eric Barry Ron Barry	Cheryl Schutte	John & Stacy Clark	John & Cathy Zanger
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Kooper Powell Ryleigh Powell	Vickie Cramsey Nancy Obert	Kyle Leonard Justin Mewes Lucy Mewes	Mark Heidbreder	Mark & Carol Heidbreder	Rick & Kris Barry

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
March 2	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
9:00 a.m.	Andrea Moore James Bockhold Caleb Bockhold	Barb Frese NEED 1 Brenda Siebers	Ted Mast Kenny Mast	Stan Frese		Mast Families

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
March 2	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
10:30 a.m.	Abel Zimmerman Henry Bealor Ben Bealor	Paul Bealor Lindsey Cornwell Tracy Cornwell		Madelyn Thompson	Judy Heming	Nick Zanger Family
* Please continue passing the basket for collection.						

#### **Please Remember to Pray For:**

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

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

#### **Stewardship Reflection**

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back..."

– LUKE 6:35

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

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



#### **PSR DATES TO REMEMBER:**

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

#### St. Brigid PSR

February 22—the students will have shortened classes so we can have a Mardi Gras party before Lent starts. The kids will enjoy games and snacks. Thank you to all of the grown ups who have agreed to help with this fun event!

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.

#### St. Joseph PSR

March 2—the students will have shortened classes so we can have a Mardi Gras party before Lent starts. The kids will enjoy games and donuts (it's Donut Day in the hall!) Thanks to all of the grownups who have agreed to help with this fun event!

March 23—Mass Practice

March 30 — 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.

**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!

#### ALL PSR SECOND GRADERS

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

#### Saint Gabriel Possenti February 27

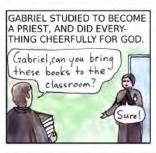














HE DIED AT AGE 24. BEFORE HE COULD BECOME A

WE CAN LEARN FROM SAINT GABRIEL THAT BEING A SAINT DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE TO BE BORING OR SAD. GOD IS PLEASED WHEN WE HAVE FUN WITH OUR FRIENDS AS LONG AS WE ARE OBEYING THE COMMANDMENTS. ALSO, WE CAN HELP OUR FRIENDS GROW CLOSER TO GOD WHEN WE ARE CHEERFUL

#### Sunday, February 23 Readings - FOR YOUTH!

In today's gospel reading Jesus tells us to be more kind and generous to others than they are to us. He tells us that the way we treat others is how God will treat us.

Has anyone ever been unkind to you and you felt like getting even by being mean back? Jesus tells us that what we should do instead is be extra kind to that person. Sometimes we do mean or selfish things too, and we hope that God will forgive us.

What our Lord is talking about is called mercy. Mercy means being nicer to a person then they deserve. God is the most merciful of all and we should try our best to be like Him. Next time someone is mean to you ask Jesus to help you forgive that person and be kind to them.



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