

# 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**

P.O. Box 228  
Liberty, IL 62347

#### **Emergency, priest needed:**

217-645-3546

**PARISH WEBSITE: stsbej.org**

**Hospitality—Prayer—Formation—Service**

# Pastor's Letter

**January 12, 2025—The Baptism of the Lord**

Dear Church family,

When we watch action movies, we are used to seeing the hero save the day and restore order by beating up the bad guy, often with lots of explosions and general destruction. While it might be entertaining and emotionally satisfying on a superficial level, in the real world that kind of mayhem does not result in real and lasting peace and justice. Violence always creates trauma for both the victim of it and the one who carries it out. Both are damaged psychologically and emotionally as well as physically.

When Jesus came to establish justice on the earth, he didn't come with guns blazing. He came to establish peace and justice by living out a peaceful and just life. As Isaiah says in our first reading foretelling the mission of Our Lord, "He shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. A bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth." Jesus overcame the evil that was in control of the world not by doing violence but by smothering it in love, the divine love of the Father.

Jesus was baptized in the river Jordan by John, not for his own sins, but in order to identify so closely with sinful humanity that he could absorb our sins into himself and wash them away in his infinite goodness and love. In his death on the cross, he bore the burden of our sins and shattered the power of sin, not by force, but by the overwhelming magnitude of his mercy. The kingdom of God has triumphed and now we are invited to make that kingdom more of a reality here and now as we await its fulfillment at the Lord's return.

We do that by living lives of peace in imitation of the Prince of Peace and by pursuing justice, giving to each human being what is due to them according to their dignity as persons created in the image and likeness of God. We make peace and we build justice primarily by being peaceful and just people. That's who Jesus is and that's who we are called to be as members of his mystical body through our own baptism. May God, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, fill us with his peace in our hearts and true respect for the rights of all.

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)

## **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.

## Calendar

### Saturday, January 11

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

4:30 p.m.—Mass @ St. Brigid

### Sunday, January 12

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

9:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Joseph, Donut Social to follow

10:15 a.m. Salt & Light—Kids Mission @ St. Joseph

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

5:30 p.m.—Meal before the Mission @ St. Brigid

7 p.m. **Mission** @ St. Brigid—“Luke: Stories on the Road”

### Monday, January 13

**NO MASS**

5:30 p.m.—Meal before the Mission @ St. Brigid

7 p.m. **Mission** @ St. Brigid—“Sermon on the Mount”

### Tuesday, January 14

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

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

5:30 p.m.—Meal before the Mission @ St. Brigid

7 p.m. **Mission** @ St. Brigid—“Hollywood vs. Faith”

### Wednesday, January 15

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

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

St. Joseph Church Cleaning after 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 17

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

### 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 am 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**

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Loren & Helen Welsh  
+Tom & Mary Allison

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Patricia Koch

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Jason Ohnemus  
+Bruce Zanger

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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 13

No Mass—Mission

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: *St. Edward Thursday Afternoon  
Bible Group*

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +William Genenbacher

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Yvonne Arnold

### 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

## **Parish Support: January 5**

St. Brigid \$ 4,529.20

St. Edward \$ 2,983.25

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**January 12, 2025**



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January 12, 13, & 14

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Sunday, Jan. 12  
7 pm

Sermon on the Mount



Monday, Jan. 13  
7 pm

Hollywood vs. Faith



Tuesday, Jan. 14  
7 pm

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## 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.

## St. Edward Decoration Take down

Please join us after mass on Sunday, January 12 to take down all the Christmas decorations. Thank You

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**Sunday, Jan. 12**  
**10:15 am, St. Joseph**

# 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

## ST. EDWARD CHURCH

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SATURDAY PICKUP

2:00PM to 4:00PM

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|---------------------------------------|------|
| Sausage Links and Bulk<br>3lb package | \$12 |
| Ribs<br>3lb package                   | \$10 |
| Pork Chops<br>3 lb package            | \$15 |
| Backbones<br>3 lb package             | \$10 |
| Head Cheese<br>per stick              | \$8  |

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## St. Francis Men's and Women's Saints Study Resumes

Join us Tuesday, January 7 at 7 p.m. in the parish center for our book study, which is running through February. We will be discussing chapters 3 and 4 in "Finding Peace in the Storm" by Dan Burke. Bring a friend! We look forward to seeing you for book discussion and fellowship. For questions contact Deacon Holbrook, 217-257-4384, Kelli Lunt, 217-617-1566 or Karen Weiman, 217-242-5513.

## 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.

## 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. 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!

## QCES Mass Attendance Cards

Mass attendance cards are available at the back of church.



## 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.

## TEC (Teens Encounter Christ!)

In the three-day weekend of TEC, you can experience being part of a vibrant, loving, and supportive faith community in which the friendship of Jesus Christ becomes a real possibility that makes sense. For more information go to [greatrivertec.org](http://greatrivertec.org)

TEC weekends are held at the Franciscan Retreat Center of Quincy University, 18th & Seminary Road, Quincy, IL 62301. The weekend begins Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. and ends Monday evening 6:00-6:30 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 for you to go!

**Other TEC Dates for 2024: January 18-20**



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## Interior Life

We all worship something, whether we know it or not. We are called to put God first, and that means giving him our time in prayer. The focus of this episode is developing a consistent prayer life.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.





# Ministry Schedules

| ST. BRIGID CHURCH         |   |                                    |   |              |                         |                         |
|---------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| January 18 & 19           | Altar Server                                      | Communion Minister                 | Usher                                     | Lector       | Greeter /Hospitality    | Gift Bearer             |
| <b>Saturday 4:30 p.m.</b> | Harper Obert<br>Owen Potter                       | Need 1<br>Debbie Maas<br>Mike Maas | Ava Fessler<br>Dave Fessler<br>Randy Maas | Dave Fessler | Dan Kramer              | Katie & Dennis Ippensen |
| <b>Sunday 7:30 a.m.</b>   | *Karlee Obert<br>Koooper Powell<br>Ryleigh Powell | Vickie Cramsey<br>Brandy Hocking   | Greg Obert<br>Ron Cramsey<br>David Dodd   | Greg Obert   | Mark & Carol Heidbreder | Lance Klauser & family  |

| ST. JOSEPH CHURCH |  |   |                                 |            |                      |                          |
|-------------------|--|---|---------------------------------|------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| January 19        | Altar Server                                   | Communion Minister                          | Usher                           | Lector     | Greeter /Hospitality | Gift Bearer              |
| <b>9:00 a.m.</b>  | Maddy Ohnemus<br>Lane Ohnemus<br>Piper Steffen | Barb Frese<br>Cheryl Mock<br>Brenda Siebers | Kerwin Cramsey<br>Frank Siebers | Stan Frese |                      | Cramsey/Siebers Families |

| ST. EDWARD CHURCH   |  |  |            |                 |                         |                    |
|---|--|--|------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| January 19  | Altar Server                                 | Communion Minister                                     | Rosary     | Lector          | Greeter /Hospitality    | Gift Bearer        |
| <b>10:30 a.m.</b>   | Erin Cornwell<br>Alivia Felde<br>Allie Felde | Lori Hildebrand<br>Jeannie Hildebrand<br>Breanne Kelly | Donna Voss | Holly Klusmeyer | Tyler Wellman<br>Family | Tom Shaffer Family |
| <b>* Please continue passing the basket for collection.</b> |  |  |            |                 |                         |                    |

## Please Remember to Pray For:

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

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

## Stewardship Reflection

“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...’” – Luke 3:16

The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

# 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<sup>th</sup> – 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](http://stsbej.org)

## Sunday, January 12 Readings - FOR YOUTH!

Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus. After living with his mother for thirty years and working as an ordinary carpenter, it was time for Jesus to start His special work.

What was Jesus' special work?

It was showing people the way to God and taking away their sins.

When you were baptized God was getting you ready for a special job too. He was giving you grace so that you could grow closer to Him and bring other people closer to Him too.

How can you help bring others closer to God?

## 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!






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