

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

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**PARISH WEBSITE: stsbej.org**

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# Pastor's Letter

January 26, 2025—3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Church Family,

In September of 2019 Pope Francis designated that the Third Sunday of Ordinary time should be celebrated as the Sunday of the Word of God. He did this to highlight the importance of Sacred Scripture in the life of the church. Knowledge of the Bible is essential to a vibrant and growing faith. As St. Jerome said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." The Bible, the written Word of God, is our supreme witness to the living Word of God, our Lord Jesus Christ. In the Bible we discover where we come from, why we are here, where evil and suffering come from and what God has done about it, and how we can go from being part of the problem to part of the solution. In Scripture, God has revealed the answers to all the big questions of life.

In today's first reading from the book of Ezra we read about the Israelites reaction to hearing the Scriptures read to them for the first time in generations after the destruction of the temple by the Babylonians. We see how attentive and reverent they are as they listen for hours to God's revelation to their ancestors. It raises a question for us: do we really appreciate the importance of Scripture and what a great gift it is? When the people heard the Word, they wept, because it so challenged them. When we hear the words of the Bible, do we take them that seriously? Those words are addressed to us, just as much as they were to Israel. The call to conversion, to be transformed, is just as urgent now as it was then. Every Sunday at Mass, during the Liturgy of the Word, God himself speaks to us. Any time we want to we can pick up the Bible and have an encounter with our Creator. What a blessing! Jesus proclaimed liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed. Let's not take this for granted. On this Sunday of the Word of God, may we commit ourselves to grow in knowledge and love of Christ by growing in knowledge of Sacred Scripture.

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)

## **2024 Contribution Statements**

\*\*If you have received your statement you will probably notice January-February contributions are missing.. That is due to our database switch this year. If you are needing the missing months please call the office.

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 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

### Saturday, February 1

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

4:30 p.m.—Mass @ St. Brigid

### Sunday, February 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, February 3

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

### Tuesday, February 4

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

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

### Wednesday, February 5

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 7—First Friday

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

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

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

+*Wayne Warning*

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

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*

### MONDAY, JANUARY 27

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +*Richard J. Cramsey*

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: +*Barb & Tom Kuhn*

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

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

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: +*Don Heberlein*

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +*Mary Ann Loos, Glenn Loos & Jackie Taylor.*

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +*Leo Bauer*

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

## **Parish Support: January 19**

St. Brigid \$ 3,373.35

St. Edward \$ 2,404.00

St. Joseph \$ 1,828.00

***Thank you for your generous support!***

*All Collections included in total this week*

## **St. Joseph Holy Name Meeting Change**

St. Joseph Holy Name meeting is moved to Wednesday, February 12 at 6:30 p.m.

## **Birthday Card Shower**

**Larry Talken is turning 90 years old on February 2.**

Friends and Family are encouraged to send him a birthday card. Help us to “shower” him with many birthday well wishes.

**Please send cards to:**

Larry Talken

4014 Prairie Ridge Dr.

Quincy, IL 62305

## **QCES Mass Attendance Cards**

Mass attendance cards are available at the back of church.

# ST. EDWARD CHURCH

214 S. State Rd.  
Mendon, IL

## FEB. 9, 2025

### Annual Whole Hog

Sausage & Pancake Day and  
Biscuits & Gravy



**ALL YOU CAN EAT!!**  
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**SATURDAY PICKUP**

2:00PM to 4:00PM



## PORK FOR SALE

<b>Sausage Links and Bulk</b> 3lbs package	<b>\$12</b>
<b>Ribs</b> 3lb package	<b>\$10</b>
<b>Pork Chops</b> 3 lb package	<b>\$15</b>
<b>Backbones</b> 3 lb package	<b>\$10</b>
<b>Head Cheese</b> per stick	<b>\$8</b>

**RAFFLE TO BENEFIT ST. EDWARD CEMETERY**



## THEOLOGY ON TAP



### THE FOUR HS OF THE HUMAN HEART: HUNGER, HOPE, HAPPINESS, AND HEAVEN:

Join Father Dominic Rankin  
as he teaches us  
how the longing of the human heart  
leads to the Kingdom of God.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025  
DRINKS BEGIN AT 6:00 PM  
TALK BEGINS AT 6:35 PM

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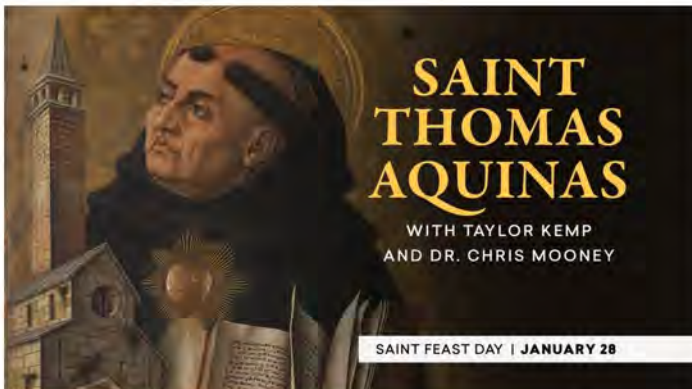


WHERE FAITH MEETS FUN

## 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!



## 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.

**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

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## St. Thomas Aquinas | Catholic Saints

St. Thomas Aquinas was given one of the greatest minds in history. He devoted his life to studying God. Not only did St. Thomas cover almost all of theology, but he also did it while maintaining theological accuracy.

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# Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH						
February 1 & 2	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>Saturday 4:30 p.m.</b>	*Hannah Buss Bryce Mixer Miles Mixer	Stacy Clark Debbie Maas Mike Maas	Eric Barry Ron Barry Mara Ippensen	Laura Maas	Dave & Angela Obert	Norma Neisen
<b>Sunday 7:30 a.m.</b>	*Karlee Obert Kooper Powell Ryleigh Powell	Vickie Cramsey Brandy Hocking	Lucy Mewes Greg Obert Ron Cramsey	Mark Heidbreder	Nancy Boone	Justin & Lucy Mewes

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
February 2	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Makalya Drebes Myra Drebes Asher Mock	T. Mast Pat Genenbacher Billie Huebotter	Zachary Hailey Henry Bockhold	Billie Huebotter		Hailey/Bockhold Families

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
February 2	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Liam Logan Croix Mealiff Danika Shaffer	Liam Logan Croix Mealiff Danika Shaffer	Connie Bealor	Jennifer Knox	Susan York	Josh Venvertloh Family
<b>* Please continue passing the basket for collection.</b>						

## Please Remember to Pray For:

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

## Stewardship Reflection

“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared...”  
– Nehemiah 8:10

Ezra’s instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here’s the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

**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:

**January 22—St. Edward: Virtus Lessons**, if you do NOT want your child to participate please tell Emily ASAP.

**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**

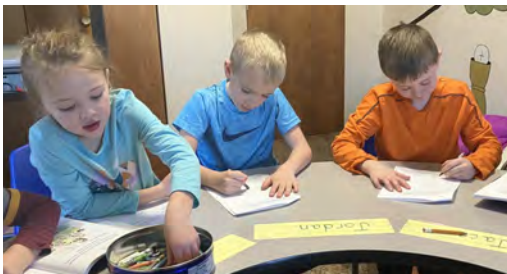
**For PSR Newsletters go to: [stsbej.org](http://stsbej.org)**

## 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!

## 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!



1st grade  
St. Edward  
PSR class  
working hard!

## Saint Angela Merici

January 27

ANGELA MERICI WAS BORN IN LOMBARDY IN 1474. HER MOTHER AND FATHER DIED WHEN SHE WAS TEN YEARS OLD.



ANGELA WAS VERY SAD WHEN HER SISTER DIED, BUT GOD SHOWED HER IN A VISION THAT SHE WAS IN HEAVEN.



Don't be sad!  
I'm in Heaven!

ANGELA BECAME A FRANCISCAN TERTIARY, WHICH IS LIKE A NUN BUT NOT IN A CONVENT.



Today we will talk about Mary.



ANGELA BEGAN TO TEACH THE POOR GIRLS WHO COULD NOT GO TO SCHOOL.

SOON OTHER YOUNG WOMEN JOINED ANGELA TO HELP TEACH THE GIRLS.



We can stay here when you start the new school.

ONCE ANGELA MADE A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND, BUT SHE WENT BLIND FOR MOST OF THE TRIP!



THE GROUP OF WOMEN THAT HAD JOINED ANGELA GREW AND SPREAD, EVENTUALLY BECOMING A RELIGIOUS ORDER CALLED THE URSULINES.

IN ANGELA'S TIME POOR PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY GIRLS, COULDN'T GO TO SCHOOL AND THERE WERE NO WOMEN TEACHERS. IT TOOK A LONG TIME FOR PEOPLE TO ACCEPT WHAT ANGELA WAS DOING, BUT SHE NEVER QUIT. WHEN YOU HAVE A HARD TIME WITH SCHOOL YOU CAN PRAY TO SAINT ANGELA FOR HELP!

[thekidsbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:thekidsbulletin@gmail.com)

## Sunday, January 26 Readings - FOR YOUTH!

The Catholic Church isn't a building. Did you know that? The Church is actually the group of people who have been baptized into the Faith. All the different kinds of people in the Church work together, just like a person's body.

Think about the different parts of your body. What do your eyes do? What about your ears? Hands? Feet? Brain?


Now think about the Church. It has a pope, bishops and priests, teachers, doctors, musicians, mothers and fathers, and even children. What do each of these people do for the Church?

What is your job in the Church right now? What do you think it will be when you are grown up?

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