

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
Mendon, IL 62351

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217-645-3546

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Pastor's Letter

February 16, 2025—6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Church Family,

One of the defining characteristics of the time in which we live is a sense of dissatisfaction with the way things are in the world. The roots of our frustration go much deeper than any current circumstances we might find ourselves facing, as our Scripture readings for today remind us. At base, our problem comes from not knowing who we are, why we are here, or where we are going. Without this basic knowledge about ourselves, we don't know who we can trust to help us get where we need to go. Without the proper goals for our lives we will never be happy. And without the right help we will never achieve those goals.

St. Paul, in our second reading for today tells us that, "If for this life only we have hoped in Christ we are the most pitiable people of all." If we are only trying to "make it" in this world, according to this world's standards, we are wasting our lives. We were made for a better life, the resurrected life that Jesus now lives, life without pain or sorrow, life without end. The world can't give us this kind of life. We can't buy it and no human being can give it to us. We can only receive it from God when we walk the path of discipleship that Jesus showed us. When we live lives of faith in Christ, hope for the future the Father has promised us, and love for God and neighbor that is the mark of the kingdom of God, then we will find the peace and joy that comes from having a life that is going somewhere worthwhile. Life lived only in pursuit of what this world calls success is just another trip around the hamster wheel.

The restlessness we feel with this present way of things is not just a symptom of life without meaning. It is also a motivation to do something different, to give ourselves to something more. That's why Jesus says that the ones who are poor, hungry, weeping and persecuted now are the lucky ones. Our suffering in this life is pushing us to strive for something better. It's a sign to us from God that we deserve more than this. We were made for eternity, and nothing less than God is ever going to satisfy us. May we never settle just for what this life has to offer. May all our trust be placed in God alone.

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.

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

Calendar

Saturday, February 15

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

4:30 p.m.—Mass @ St. Brigid

Sunday, February 16

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 17

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

Tuesday, February 18

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

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

Wednesday, February 19

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

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

Church cleaning following 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 21

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

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 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, 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

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Wayne Warning

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Jason Ohnemus

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: +John, Andrew, & Valerie Frese

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Buzzy & Shirley McLaughlin

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: +Patty Lieurance

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Thomas Shade

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Anne Snider

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Marilyn Barry

+Roger Hummel

+Paul Rossmiller

SUN. 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

Parish Support: February 9

St. Brigid \$ 3,870.00

St. Edward \$ 1,347.00

St. Joseph \$ 2,985.00

Thank you for your generous support!

All Collections included in total this week



Baptisms

Cora Marie Clark and Sybil Grace Clark,
Children of Quentin & Emily Clark at St. Edward.



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.

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.

Job Openings at St. Dominic

Preschool 4-Year-Old Classroom Teacher Aide
Please call the school office at 217-224-0041 to inquire about this opening.

Job Openings at St. Francis

Part-time Administrative Assistant—Church
Call the parish office, 217-222-2898, if you have questions.

Job Openings at St. Peter

Part-time Cafeteria Manager—School
For more information go to: <https://www.cospq.org/jobs/>

Job Openings at QND

Full-Time Spanish Teacher
Full-Time Administrative Assistant
For more information go to:
<https://www.quincynotredame.org/qnd-job-openings/>

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
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: March 9-10



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HOLY FAMILY FESTSM
2025

Reconnect with God. Have fun as a family.

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March 1, 2025
8:30AM - 5:30PM
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Quincy, IL 62301

quincyholyfamilyfest@gmail.com
217-440-8187

Scan for information and registration!

APOSTOLATE FOR
FAMILY CONSECRATION

2024/325-522

This one day event will feature speakers from The Apostolate for Family Consecration, Deacon Dennis and Pat Holbrook, and Megan Murphy. We will also have the Sacrament of Reconciliation, children's activities, coffee and donuts, lunch, Celebrate Mass at 430, and plenty of time to have recreation with your family! This faith filled fun day will take place on March 1, 2025 at Quincy Notre Dame.



SAT., MARCH 1ST

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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ATTENTION
2025 CATHOLIC FEMALE
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!



The SDCCW (Springfield in IL Diocesan Council of Catholic Women) is pleased to give \$2,000 for education beyond high school to four 2025 female high school graduates from the Springfield Diocese in IL who exemplify the SDCCW's MISSION.

The MISSION of the SDCCW is to support and empower all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. The SDCCW is affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW).

To apply for a SDCCW 2025 SCHOLARSHIP, mail the following three documents by April 1 (postmarked by at least April 1, 2025) to:

Rita Devore

Coordinator of the SDCCW Scholarship Program
1006 Shenandoah Ave., Effingham, IL 62401
r_devore01@hotmail.com 217-821-7517

1. The **SDCCW Scholarship Application**: Completed-- including your signature and the signature of your pastor.
2. A **TYPED ESSAY** (two pages maximum) signed by you indicating **how you have shown during your high school years and how you plan to continue** embodying the values of leadership, faith and service to your family, parish, school and/or community.
3. A **LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION** from an adult that is familiar with how you have demonstrated values of leadership, faith and service to family, parish, school and/or community.

Applications in back of church or on our website
www.stsbej.org

St. Joseph
COOK-OFF
Soup Contest

Are you a "super" cook?
Do you love to cook for others?
Would you like to support a great cause?
We are seeking 15 individuals or teams to create a crockpot (6-8 qt) of their favorite soup to serve at our Cook-Off Soup Contest.
Our parishioners and guests will be our judges by sampling all the soups and voting for the best Homemade Comfy Soup!
Are you ready for the challenge?

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.

APPLICATION ON BACK SIDE

Flyer with application in back of church or on the website under Upcoming Events.

2025

Catholic Women's
Prayer Breakfast



Saturday, March 22, 2025

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 stpaulhighland.org. For more information, email: womensbreakfast2025@gmail.com or text Rose Wascher at 847-274-3916.

Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH						
February 22 & 23	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Ashley Schutte Kelsey Schutte *Gwen Wiemelt	Stacy Clark Debbie Maas Mike Maas	Dave Obert Kristin Obert John Zanger	Kristin Obert	Jerry & Pam Totsch	Jerry & Pam Totsch
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Dylan Hocking Mason Hocking *Kruz Klauser	Nancy Obert Dot Smith	Ron Cramsey David Dodd Mike Hummel	Nancy Boone	Nancy Boone	Michael & Barb Obert

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
February 23	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
9:00 a.m.	Maddy Ohnemus Lane Ohnemus Piper Steffen	T. Mast Pat Genenbacher Billie Huebotter	Jim Ohnemus Mike Ohnemus	Florence Dietrich		Ohnemus Families

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
February 23	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
10:30 a.m.	Josie Venvertloh Alexis Voss Mark Wellman	Donna Voss Susan York Connie Bealor	Donna Voss	Ashley Shaffer	Fraizer Family	Jared Weeks Family
* 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	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	
Rosie Miller	Doug Woodworth	

Stewardship Reflection

“Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man.” – LUKE 6:22

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

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:

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 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!

Saint Bernadette Soubirous February 18



BERNADETTE WAS THE OLDEST CHILD OF A POOR FAMILY IN FRANCE. SHE WORKED AS A MAID AND SHEPHERDESS BUT COULD NOT READ OR WRITE.



ONE DAY SHE WAS NEAR THE RIVER WITH HER FRIENDS AND SAW A LADY STANDING IN A HOLLOW IN THE HILL.



THE THIRD TIME SHE CAME THE LADY ASKED HER TO COME AGAIN FOR 15 DAYS.



Drink the water!
 Hm... Well it's a bit wet here...



MIRACLES BEGAN TO HAPPEN TO PEOPLE TO DRINK OR WASHED IN THE WATER. My baby was dying! Now look! My hand is cured!



PEOPLE IN THE GOVERNMENT WERE HARD ON BERNADETTE BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T BELIEVE HER, BUT A CHURCH WAS BUILT ANYWAY!



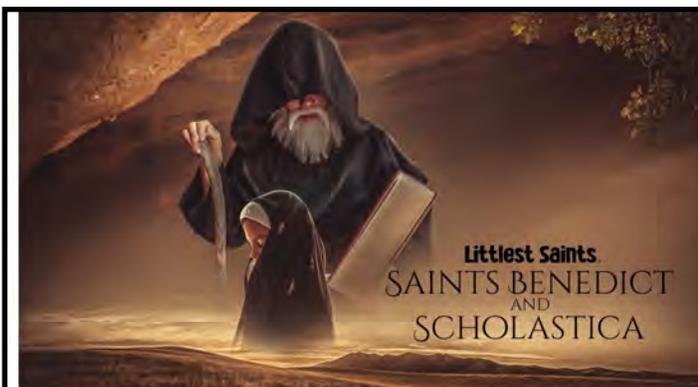
So now you are 'curing' people!
 I never cured anyone!

SHE ENTERED A CONVENT WHEN SHE WAS 22. AT FIRST OTHERS WERE HARSH TO HER, BUT SHE WAS QUITE SICK. SHE LIVED A HIDDEN LIFE THERE AND DIED AT AGE 35.
 My God, I love You with all my heart!

BECAUSE BERNADETTE WAS HONEST, SHE WAS ABLE TO BRING OUR LADY'S MESSAGES TO THE WORLD. THROUGH HER OUR BLESSED MOTHER TOLD THE WORLD THAT SHE WAS THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION-THAT SHE NEVER HAD ORIGINAL SIN. ARE YOU HONEST ENOUGH TO SHARE THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD?

Sunday, February 16 Readings - FOR YOUTH!

In today's gospel reading Jesus tells us that people who are poor, hungry, or sad are blessed! Do they sound blessed to you? Bad things that happen to us have hidden blessings in them. If you are poor then your family and friends are more important to you than money and things. If you are hungry then you appreciate food more. If you are sad then sometimes it's easier to remember to pray. But things that seem bad have another hidden blessing in them—when you are suffering, you can give you sadness or hurt to Jesus. Tell Him you are offering it up along with Him on the cross. He will give you grace to make your soul stronger. You can offer things up for other people too, and God will use your gift to help them! Next time you feel unhappy about something, try to find the hidden blessing!



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