

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

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**PARISH WEBSITE: stsbej.org**

**Hospitality—Prayer—Formation—Service**

# Pastor's Letter

**February 9, 2025—5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Dear Church Family,

I always struggled with math in school. Once we got beyond arithmetic it was tough going for me. But I thought I wanted to be a veterinarian so I took all the math and science classes that I could in high school, but it was never easy. The best I ever did in a math class was tenth grade geometry. I think I got a B.

The reason I did better in geometry was because I had an excellent teacher, Mr. Thigpen. What made him a good math teacher was the fact that he himself had struggled with math and he knew how it felt and how to explain it to someone who is not naturally gifted in math. He was one of the best teachers, in any subject, I ever had.

That kind of empathy with others can help us be more effective in sharing the good news of God's love and forgiveness. Our Scripture readings for today remind us that remembering our own struggles with sin and separation from God can make us better missionary disciples. In our first reading, the prophet Isaiah has a vision of God in the temple and he is afraid for his life because he knows that he is not worthy to be in God's presence. But he is purified when a seraph touches a coal from the fire on the altar to his lips. Having received this saving gift of purification from God, he is able to enthusiastically step up when God calls for someone to go and speak his words to the people. Because God has purified us by the sacrificial life, death, and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus we too can go out and invite others to receive the same gift of forgiveness that we have received, confident that the Holy Spirit goes with us.

We have this confidence, not because we are so great and good, but because God is. In our second reading St. Paul recounts how God brought him from being an enemy of Christ's church to being an apostle. He says, "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective. Indeed, I have toiled harder than all of them; not I, however, but the grace of God that is with me." And St. Peter in our Gospel reading, after experiencing a miraculously huge catch of fish is embarrassed to be in the presence of Jesus, says, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." but our Lord says to him, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."

Many saints started out as notorious sinners. They knew what it was like to be failures at holiness. They knew that it was only by God's mercy and grace that they had the hope of heaven. That's what made them effective and compassionate messengers of the gospel. They had been in the shoes of sinners themselves. Our own struggles with the moral and spiritual life can make us better at helping those who face the same challenges. Being a good evangelizer starts with being able to identify with the realities of people's lives and helping them come to know that God loves them no matter what and that God can help them become more than they thought they could be and have richer lives than they thought they could have. May God help us to embrace this truth in our own lives so that we can share this great gift with others.

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)

## Calendar

### Sunday, February 9

7:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Brigid  
7:30 a.m.—St. Edward Whole Hog Breakfast until 12 p.m.  
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 10

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

### Tuesday, February 11

7:15 a.m.—7:45 a.m. Reconciliation @ St. Edward  
8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward

### Wednesday, February 12

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

### Thursday, February 13

6:30 p.m.—St. Joseph Altar Society Meeting

### Friday, February 14

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

### 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

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Herman & Rita Huber

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Kenneth Wiewel

+Carl & Dorothy Mast

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: +Janet Hilgenbrink

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Paul & Dorothy Rossmiller

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: +Leona Shaffer

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Harold & Joan Siebers

### 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

## Parish Support: February 2

St. Brigid \$ 5,240.00

St. Edward \$ 3,128.00

St. Joseph \$ 2,067.00

*Thank you for your generous support!*

*All Collections included in total this week*

## Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Ronald Westhaus and John Blickhan, who died recently. Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord.



## Baptisms

Willow Blair Reichert,

Child of Derek & Maranda Reichert of St. Brigid.



## St. Joseph Holy Name Meeting Change

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

## 2024 Contribution Statements

\*\*If you have received your statement you will probably notice Jan-Feb. 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.

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**March 1, 2025**  
8:30AM - 5:30PM

**Quincy, IL**  
Quincy Notre Dame High School  
1400 S 11th St,  
Quincy, IL 62301

quincyholyfamilyfest@gmail.com  
217-440-8187



Scan for information and registration!

 APOSTOLATE FOR  
FAMILY CONSECRATION

2024/2025-522

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 4:30, 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.

## ST. EDWARD CHURCH

214 S. State Rd.  
Mendon, IL

# FEB. 9, 2025

*Annual Whole Hog*  
Sausage & Pancake Day and  
Biscuits & Gravy



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2:00PM to 4:00PM

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Pork Chops 3 lb package	\$15
Backbones 3 lb package	\$10
Head Cheese per stick	\$8

RAFFLE TO BENEFIT ST. EDWARD CEMETERY

# St. Joseph COOK-OFF Soup Contest

Are you a "souper" 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 web-site under Upcoming Events.

# St. Brigid Church

Hwy. 104, Liberty, IL

## Fish Fry

Friday, March 14, 2025

5:00 – 7:30 PM

Adults-\$12 • Ages 6-12-\$8 • 5 & under-Free

**All you can eat**



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## Bulletin Deadline

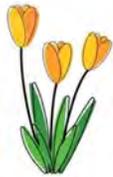
All information must be submitted by noon on Tuesday.

Submit to: [church@stsbej.org](mailto:church@stsbej.org)

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](http://stpaulhighland.org). For more information, email: [womensbreakfast2025@gmail.com](mailto:womensbreakfast2025@gmail.com) or text Rose Wascher at 847-274-3916.

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.stsbej.org)

## QCES Mass Attendance Cards

Mass attendance cards are available at the back of church.

## 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: March 9-10**

# Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH						
February 15 & 16	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>Saturday 4:30 p.m.</b>	Harper Obert Owen Potter	Robin Mowen Norma Neisen Theresa Neisen	Ava Fessler Dave Fessler Randy Maas	Jeff Obert	Stan & Marilyn Obert	Jeff & Jody Obert
<b>Sunday 7:30 a.m.</b>	*Karlee Obert Kooper Powell Ryleigh Powell	Vickie Cramsey Brandy Hocking	Justin Mewes Lucy Mewes Greg Obert	Greg Obert	Greg & Nancy Obert	Greg & Nancy Obert

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
February 16	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Caleb Bockhold Isabella Neisen Erica Althoff	Greg White Krista White Jeanne Cramsey	Jim Brinkman Shane Brinkman	Dennis Neisen		Brinkman Families

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
February 16	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Willow Shaffer Devin Shupe Jaxson Tuter	Jeannie Hildebrand Breanne Kelly Margie Kendrick	Margie Kendrick	Andrea Schaffnit	Greta Frankel	Rusty Voss Family
<b>* Please continue passing the basket for collection.</b>						

## 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	

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

## Stewardship Reflection

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?’ ‘Here I am,’ I said, ‘send me!’” – Isaiah 6:8

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, “Whom shall I send?” Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say, “Here I am, Lord.”

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



## PSR DATES TO REMEMBER:

**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**

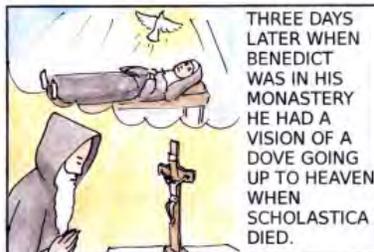
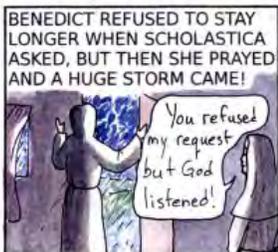
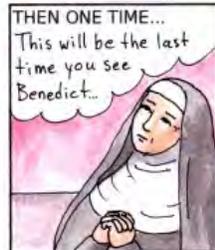
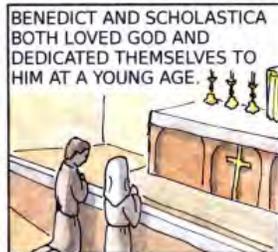
## ALL PSR SECOND GRADERS

First Reconciliation is on Tuesday, March 18 at St. Joseph at 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 Scholastica February 10



SAINT SCHOLASTICA AND HER BROTHER SAINT BENEDICT ARE A GREAT EXAMPLE TO US OF HOW BROTHERS AND SISTERS CAN HELP EACH OTHER TO BECOME HOLY. DO YOU EVER PRAY WITH YOUR BROTHERS OR SISTERS OR FRIENDS? YOU CAN HELP EACH OTHER BECOME SAINTS!

thekidsbulletin@gmail.com

## Sunday, February 9 Readings - FOR YOUTH!

In today's gospel reading Peter had been out fishing all night and hadn't been able to catch any fish. When Jesus told him to let down the nets again he did it anyway. He was very surprised when the nets filled up with fish right away. And there were so many the boat started to sink!

Jesus told Peter and his friends James and John that he was going to make them "fishers of men." But He didn't mean that they would catch people in nets! He was showing them that they had to bring people into the Church.

Who are the "fishers of men" today? Priests! They help people to come to the Faith by giving them the sacraments and teaching them the truth about God.



## St. Josephine Bakhita: A Story of God's Rescue

Join Sister Imelda as she shares the amazing story of St. Josephine Bakhita, who, after being taken captive and made a slave, finds freedom by giving her life to God.



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