

# 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

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Liberty, IL 62347

##### **Office Hours**

Tues. & Thurs. 8 am to 4 pm  
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Friday until Noon  
217-645-3444

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Quincy, IL 62305

##### **Office Hours**

Wednesday 8am to 4 pm  
217-434-8442

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Mendon, IL 62351

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# Pastor's Letter

March 9, 2025—1st Sunday of Lent

Dear Church Family,

One of Pam and my favorite TV shows is Finding Your Roots. In each episode two famous people learn about their family histories, sometimes going back many centuries. It's very interesting to see the effect that hearing these family stories has on the show's guests. Very often they respond very emotionally, as if they just happened yesterday, not to someone who lived decades or even hundreds of years ago. And even though they may have never heard of these ancestors of theirs before going on the show, there is often a strong sense of connection.

In our first reading for today, Moses tells the people how to make an offering in thanksgiving to God when they make their first harvest in the Promised Land. When they bring the first fruits of the harvest to the Lord, they are to recite the story of their salvation from slavery. This remembering is intended to help them to maintain a sense of gratitude to God so that they know that everything they have is a gift from him. It is also meant to help them grow in trust of the Lord when they face difficulties in the present. God, who helped them so powerfully in the past is still with them today.

Knowing the salvation story as recorded in Holy Scripture is important to us for the same reasons. Even Jesus, when he faced temptations from the devil in the desert, turned to God's Word for guidance and strength. The Bible contains the wisdom and promises of our Creator. It tells the stories of our spiritual ancestors and how God helped them face the challenges and temptations of their lives and what happened when they did or did not listen to God.

What they went through is not so different from what we face today. We are still looking for answers to the same questions they asked: What is the good life? Why am I here? Where am I going? God has the answers for us and the church presents those answers to us in Scripture and Tradition.

In this season of Lent, we are invited to give our attention to these stories in a fresh way, to step outside the distractions of material pursuits through a season of intensified prayer and fasting so that we can really hear the story of our salvation and recommit ourselves to walking with God on the path that Jesus Christ has opened up for us by his life, death, and resurrection. May these forty days clear our minds, warm out hearts, refresh our souls and help us find our spiritual roots.

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, March 8**

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

4:30 p.m.—Mass @ St. Brigid

### **Sunday, March 9**

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 10**

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

### **Tuesday, March 11**

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

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

### **Wednesday, March 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

### **Thursday, March 13**

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

### **Friday, March 14**

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

5:00 p.m. Fish Fry @ St. Brigid

### **Saturday, March 15**

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

4:30 p.m.—Mass @ St. Brigid

### **Sunday, March 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, March 17**

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

### **Tuesday, March 18**

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

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

### **Wednesday, March 19**

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, March 21**

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

## **Mass Intentions**

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 8**

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +*Iris Schoonover*

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 9**

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +*Roger Hummel*

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +*Nick Dietrich*

+*Mike Frese*

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

### **MONDAY, MARCH 10**

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +*Herman & Rita Huber*

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 11**

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

+*Don Maas*

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12**

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +*Virgil & Millie Bockhold*

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 14**

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: +*Iris Schoonover*

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 15**

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: *For the People of Our Parishes*

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 16**

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +*Evelyn Dietrich*

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +*Rose Mary Howell*

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

## **Parish Support: March 2**

St. Brigid \$ 4,561.00

St. Edward \$ 3,383.25

St. Joseph \$ 2,907.77

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

***All Collections included in total this week***

## **Diocese Special Collections**

### **Catholic Charities —March 16**

Every year, Catholic Charities serves thousands of our brothers and sisters in desperate situations throughout our 28 county diocese. This service comes in the form of meeting basic needs such as food, clothing, housing and medical/ dental assistance as well as providing long term professional services in social work, counseling, guardianship and legal assistance. Everyone who is helped by Catholic Charities is treated with dignity and respect and provided a path to hope and healing.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

## **Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Dan Ormond,  
Linda Howe and Fred Ohnemus, who died recently.  
Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord.



# 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**



Carryouts Available • Wheelchair Accessible

### Desserts Needed for Fish Fry

Please get all donated items to the church or hall by March 2.

Donated desserts needed for the Annual St. Brigid Fish Fry on March 14. Drop off anytime on that day. We appreciate all your support!

### The Way of the Cross

Mark your calendars and plan to attend this special concert to make the Stations of the Cross like you never have before! St. Anthony Ladies Society is bringing Donna Cori to St. Anthony's to help enrichen your Lenten journey.

"The Way of the Cross" – a song for each station", is a concert and video experience offered by internationally known Catholic recording artist, Donna Cori. Be transported directly to the heart of Jesus with a voice and performance that will "blow you away." Sunday, March 30 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 2223 St. Anthony Road, Quincy, IL 62305. For more information 222-5996. Preview and get free music downloads at [www.DonnaCori.com](http://www.DonnaCori.com). You will not want to miss this. Bring your family and friends!

### Lenten Obligation

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

-USCCB.org

### CRS Rice Bowl

One simple way to enhance your Lenten experience is to participate in the [CRS Rice Bowl program](#). During Lent, Catholic families across the United States use a rice bowl—a small cardboard box—to collect alms. Each rice bowl also comes with a calendar that guides families through the 40 days of Lent with activities, reflections, recipes and stories.

Pick up your rice bowl at the back of church and return it on Easter Sunday.

### St. Joseph Shrimp Boil & Fish Fry

Thanks to all who helped out and came out to enjoy a some good food. Thank you and we will be looking forward to next year!



# Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH						
March 15 & 16	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
4:30 p.m.	Ashley Schutte Kelsey Schutte Gwen Wiemelt	Theresa Neisen Angela Obert Stacy Clark	Ave Fessler Dave Fessler NEED 1	Dave Fessler	Randy & Laura Maas	Dennis & Katie Ippensen
7:30 a.m.	Kruz Klauser Karlee Obert	Vickie Cramsey Brandy Hocking	Ron Cramsey David Dodd Mike Hummel	Greg Obert	Michael & Barb Obert	Lance & Renee Family

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
March 16	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
9:00 a.m.	Maddy Ohnemus Lane Ohnemus Willow Neisen	Barb Frese NEED 1 Brenda Siebers	Kerwin Cramsey Frank Siebers	Ben Hugenberg		Cramsey/Siebers Families

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
March 16	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
10:30 a.m.	Dax Klusmeyer Liam Logan Danika Shaffer	Emily Wellman Karen Woodworth Susan York	Margie Kendrick	Austin Cornwell	Seth Knox Family	Greta Frankel
* 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	Joann Walton
Jim Steinkamp	Elizabeth Leonard	Kent Hilgenbrinck
Kayle Sheely	Ben Venvertloh	Alicia Blewett
John Kroner	Ripken Rangel	Jim Wilson
Marvin Meyer	Maurie Koch	Connie Dietrich
Carl Schisler	Tony Peters	Virginia Berhorst
Rachel Cramsey	Joy Huebotter	Corey Sheurman
Ginny Brinkman	Raleigh Bess	Kenneth Neisen
Denny Meyer	Karen Woodworth	
Rosie Miller	Doug Woodworth	

## Stewardship Reflection

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me."

– Deuteronomy 26:10

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" – the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren't owners of anything, we are merely stewards of God's gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

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)



## 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!

## St. Brigid PSR

**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. Edward PSR

**March 30:** St. Edward's Children's Mass. Please make sure your child(ren) arrive 10-15 minutes before 10:30 Mass! Let Emily know if you are unable to attend!

## St. Joseph PSR

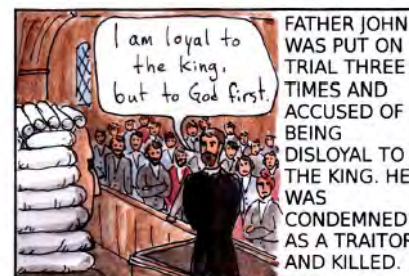
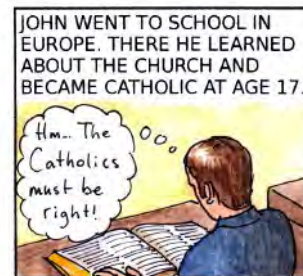
**March 23**—Mass Practice

**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!

## Saint John Ogilvie March 10



SAINT JOHN OGILVIE SPENT MUCH OF HIS LIFE STUDYING TO LEARN THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD. ONCE HE KNEW WHAT WAS RIGHT HE KNEW HE HAD TO SHARE IT WITH OTHERS, SO HE BECAME A MISSIONARY IN HIS OWN COUNTRY. CAN YOU BE DARING ENOUGH TO TELL THE TRUTH NO MATTER WHAT?

## March 9 - Lent: Getting Ready for Jesus' death and resurrection

Lent is the special time when we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. We get our souls ready by doing prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Prayer is talking with God. We need to talk with God even more than we need to talk to our family and friends. Lent is a good time to get into a habit of talking with God every day.

Fasting is eating less than you normally would. It's a good idea to give up a little something you like for Lent. Giving things up helps us remember we need God, not just food.

Almsgiving means giving to those who are in need. It helps us to be generous like God. Maybe you have a bit of money you can give to poor or to the Church.





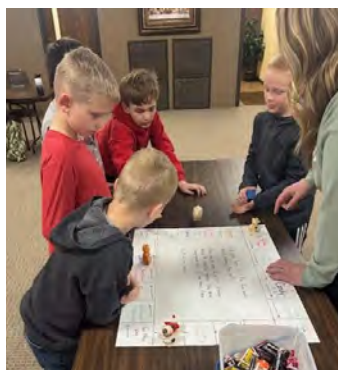
## St. Brigid PSR Mardi Gras Party

We've got some kids with quick hands! At our Mardi Gras parties these 2 had the fastest cup stacking times:  
St Brigid - Wil 22 seconds, Elle 21 seconds  
There were lots of others who came close.  
Good job kids!



## St. Joseph PSR Mardi Gras Party

We've got some kids with quick hands! At our Mardi Gras parties these 2 had the fastest cup stacking times:  
St Joseph - Caleb 18 seconds, Michaela 18 seconds  
There were lots of others who came close. Good job kids!





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