

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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Office Hours

Tues. & Thurs. 8 am to 4 pm

Wednesday by appointment

Friday until Noon

217-645-3444

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Office Hours

Wednesday 8am to 4 pm

217-434-8442

St. Edward Catholic Church

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217-645-3546

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Pastor's Letter

December 14, 2025—3rd Sunday of Advent

Dear Church Family,

The third Sunday of Advent, which we celebrate today, is called Gaudete Sunday. The word gaudete is Latin and means “rejoice.” Our readings today reflect an atmosphere of joyful expectation as we look forward to the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord and his second coming.

In the first two weeks of Advent that air of celebration has been more muted as we have looked at our lives through the lens of the challenge of the prophets and John the Baptist to turn away from sin and turn toward God. This week the theme is more hopeful. We are reminded that everything in life that we find burdensome; the conflict, the injustice, the suffering, even illness and death, is coming to an end as the day of the Lord draws near.

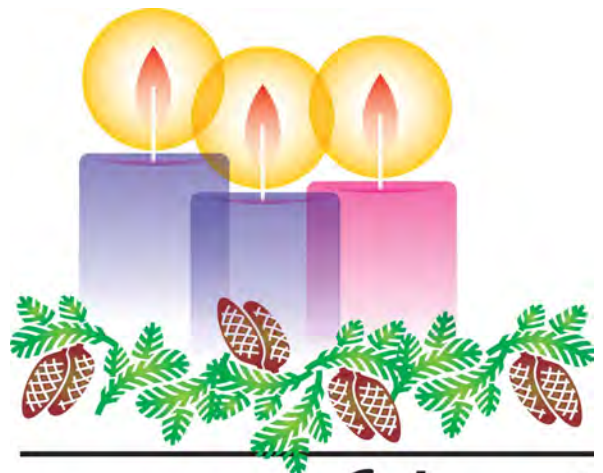
In the midst of the hardships of life we all need this encouragement. Even John the Baptist had his moments when he wondered if hard times would ever end. In our Gospel reading he is sitting in prison and sends his followers to ask Jesus if he really is the hoped-for Messiah. Jesus’ response is for them to tell John what they see happening around Jesus. The blind see. The lame walk. Lepers are cleansed. Even the dead are being raised. And the poor are hearing the good news of God’s long-awaited kingdom of justice and peace.

Sometimes, when we look around us, the big picture might not seem very promising. There is a lot of pain in the world. But if we look closer, we see signs of God’s kingdom breaking in. We see God’s people around the world and in every community working to bring healing to those who suffer physically, emotionally, or spiritually. We see Christians working to make sure that outcasts are welcomed and included. We see new life breathed into hearts where hope had died. We see the truth of the dignity of every human person being proclaimed. All in the name of God through Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit. People like us are spreading the joy of the Lord and making his presence felt even in the midst of the world’s brokenness.

May God help us to carry the joy of this season of hope with us wherever we go to brighten the lives of everyone we meet.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Calendar

Saturday, December 13

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

4:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Brigid

Sunday, December 14

7:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Brigid, Donut Social to follow

9:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Joseph

10:00 a.m. St. Joseph Christmas Program follows Mass, Meal to follow Program

9:15 a.m.—10:15 a.m. PSR @ St. Edward

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

Monday, December 15

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

Tuesday, December 16

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

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

6:30 p.m.—8 p.m. Penance Service @ St. Joseph

Wednesday, December 17

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

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

2:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m. PSR @ St. Edward (Caroling)

6:30 p.m.—7:45 p.m. PSR @ St. Brigid

Friday, December 19

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

Saturday, December 20

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

4:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Brigid

Sunday, December 21

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

9:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Joseph

9:15 a.m.—10:15 a.m. PSR @ St. Edward

10:00 a.m.—11:15 a.m. PSR @ St. Joseph

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

Monday, December 22

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

Tuesday, December 23

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

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

7:00 p.m.—Pastoral/Finance Meeting @ St. Edward

Wednesday, December 24—Christmas Eve

OFFICE OPEN: 8 a.m.—Noon @ St. Brigid

4:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Edward

4:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Joseph

7:00 p.m. Mass @ St. Brigid

10:00 p.m. Mass @ St. Edward

Thursday, December 25—Christmas Day

OFFICE CLOSED

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

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

Friday, December 26

OFFICE CLOSED

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

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Roger Hummel

+Herman & Rita Huber

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Nick Dietrich

+Kenneth Neisen

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

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

+Margaret Utterback

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

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

+Merle Hildebrand

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Alice & Edward Dempsey

+Don Fessler

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Roger Hummel

+Leroy Lentz

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Wayne Warning

+David Windoffer

+Cathy Davidson

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

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

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Jason Ohnemus

+Ron Wiewel

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: +John Blickhan

+Janet Hilgenbrinck

+Ryan Freiburg

QCES Mass Attendance Cards

Mass attendance cards are available at the back of church.

Bulletin Deadline

All information must be submitted by noon on Tuesday.

Submit to: church@stsbej.org

Parish Collection: December 7

St. Brigid \$ 5,657.50

St. Edward \$ 2,402.00

St. Joseph \$ 2,981.25

Thank you for your generous support!

All Collections included in total this week

Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH						
December 20 & 21	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.	Bryce Mixer Miles Mixer	Kristin Obert Stacy Clark Robin Mowen	Ava Fessler Dave Fessler Need 1	Dave Fessler	Jeff & Jody Obert	Dave & Angela Obert
SUNDAY 7:30 a.m.	Dylan Hocking Mason Hocking	Brandy Hocking Dot Smith	Barb Obert Ron Cramsey Mike Hummel	Greg Obert	Michael & Barb Obert	Lance & Renee Family

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
December 21	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.	Wyatt Kill Erika Althoff	T. Mast Pat Genenbacher Billie Huebotter	Jim Ohnemus Mike Ohnemus	Abigail Hildebrand		Ohnemus Family

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
December 21	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 10:30 a.m.	X Children's Mass	Connie Bealor Paul Bealor Lindsey Cornwell	Susan York	X Children's Mass	X Children's Mass	X Children's Mass
* Please continue passing the basket for collection.						

Please Remember to Pray For:

Daran Knuffman	Elizabeth Leonard	Corey Sheurman
Zoey Obert	Ben Venvertloh	Lisa Bohan
Julia Winfield	Ripken Rangel	Rinley Barry
Haddlei Burnett	Tony Peters	Bill Hilgenbrinck
Jim Steinkamp	Joy Huebotter	Lily Jean Roberts
Kayle Sheely	Raleigh Bess	Sandra White
John Kroner	Karen Woodworth	Dorothy Mayfield
Marvin Meyer	Doug Woodworth	Phil Freiburg
Carl Schisler	Ryan Wiemelt	Jim Brinkman
Rachel Cramsey	Bernice Dittmer	Bennett Duesterhaus
Denny Meyer	Joann Walton	Bill Ervin
Rosie Miller	Kent Hilgenbrinck	Sophie Shriver
Joe Rice	Jim Wilson	Clayton Thompson
Linda Windoffer	Connie Dietrich	
Monica Mast	Virginia Berhorst	

Stewardship Reflection

"You too must be patient. Make you hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

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

Christmas Cards for Parishioners in Nursing Homes

There will be a bin inside the main entrance to the church to drop off the cards, which will be delivered in for Christmas. Please sign your name in each card and state which parish you are from. Put the resident's name and nursing home on the outside of the envelope. **DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPE.**

The final deadline for submitting cards is Sunday, December 21.

If you know of anyone from our parish who is not on the list, please call the church office 217-645-3444.

Adams Point

Helen Frese (Brigid)
Earl & Sue Rossmiller (Joseph)
Georgia Bunt (Joseph)

Bradford Villa Assisted Living

Virginia Heberlein (Brigid)

Curtis Creek

Norma Emery (Joseph)

Good Samaritan

Pauline Seals (Joseph)
Marcia Cramsey (Joseph)

Kepley House – Pittsfield, IL

Patty Powell (Brigid)

Lewis Co. Nursing Home – Canton, MO

Dorothy Cimochoowski (Edward)

St. Vincent Home

Mary Bauer (Joseph)

Sunset Home

Lois Fessler (Joseph)

Sunset Apts.

Peggy Maas (Brigid)



Don't Forget to Turn in Your Commitment Card, last day is December 31.

St. Edward Church Decorating

Please join us Sunday, December 21 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass to decorate our church for coming of Christmas. All are welcome!

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Fr. Daren J. Zehnle, KCHS and Donald McCleary, who died recently. Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord.

Tri-Parish Penance Service

Tuesday
December 16
6:30 PM @ ST. JOSEPH



Online Giving

Below are the links:

<https://pushpay.com/g/stbrigidliberty>

<https://pushpay.com/g/stedwardmendon>

<https://pushpay.com/g/stjosephquincy>

It will walk you through setting up your giving account.

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Please be sure to patronize the businesses that advertise in our Parish Bulletin. When you're considering purchasing products or services, be sure to look first at our ads in the Bulletin. We thank them for providing our weekly Bulletin.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

4:30 pm - St. Edward
4:30 pm - St. Joseph
7 pm - St. Brigid
10 pm - St. Edward

Christmas Day

8 am - St. Brigid
8 am - St. Joseph



Project Rachel

Help for women and men to heal from the pain of abortion. For assistance call 1-877-RACHEL-5.

Job Opportunity

Quincy Catholic Charities is seeking a part-time Office Assistant. The hours for this position are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30-4:30, with some flexibility to determine the set schedule. Interested candidates can apply on Indeed. For additional information you may reach out to Kevin Williams, Area Director at Williams_gcc@cc.dio.org.

St. Peter Job Opening - Director of Liturgy and Music

St. Peter's Church is looking for a Full Time or Part time - Director of Liturgy and Music. This person will oversee all aspects of the parish's liturgical life. Qualifications requested are a professional who holds specialized credentials in music and has a thorough understanding of Roman Catholic liturgy, serves the parish as principal musician, organist/pianist, and choir director. This person of faith is responsible for the technology in the church and effective planning, coordination, and execution of both the rituals and music for the parish liturgies. Salary ranges from \$20,000 to \$40,000. Please send resume along with 2 references to St. Peter Parish Office, 2600 Maine Street, Quincy IL, 62301 or email k.smith@cospg.org.

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. There is a fee for this retreat, but St. Brigid, St. Edward, and St. Joseph have funds available to cover this cost! Please contact the office at 217-645-3444 if you are wanting to go on a weekend, and our awesome churches will pay for you to go!

The next retreat weekend:

• **January 30-31, 2026**

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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.

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 the office at 217-645-3444 if you are wanting to go on a weekend, and our awesome churches will pay for you to go!

Other TEC Dates for 2025: January 17-19, 2026

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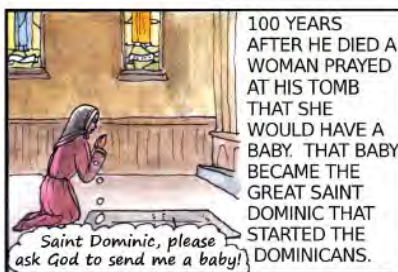
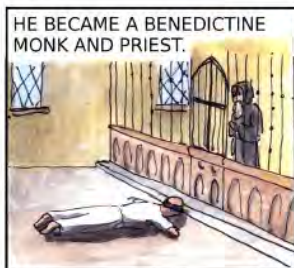


DATES TO KNOW

- December 14—Joseph—Christmas Program after Mass
- December 17—St. Edward (K– 4TH) Christmas Caroling
- December 21—NO PSR— St. Edward
St. Edward Children's Christmas Mass @ 10:30
- December 24—NO PSR—Edward & Brigid
- December 28—NO PSR—Edward & Joseph
- December 31—NO PSR—Edward & Joseph

<p>Be strong, fear not! Here is your God... <i>Isaiah 35:4</i></p> <p>14</p> <p>What are you afraid of? Trust in God to protect you!</p>	<p>A star shall advance from Jacob, and a scepter shall rise from Israel... <i>Nahum 1:17</i></p> <p>15</p> <p>Pray for the leaders of your country!</p>	<p>I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall be ever in my mouth. <i>Psalms 34:2</i></p> <p>16</p> <p>Sing an Advent hymn!</p>	<p>O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!</p> <p>17</p> <p>Consider the order of the universe God has created!</p>	<p>O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!</p> <p>18</p> <p>Read or recite God's Ten Commandments.</p>	<p>O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!</p> <p>19</p> <p>Thank Jesus for coming to save us!</p>	<p>O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!</p> <p>20</p> <p>Read the story of David and Goliath!</p>
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Saint Dominic of Silos December 20



SAINT DOMINIC SHOWED HIS LOVE FOR GOD BY PROTECTING WHAT BELONGED TO THE CHURCH. HE ALSO WORKED TO RE-BUILD WHAT HAD BEEN BEAUTIFUL BUT WAS FALLING APART. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM TO RESPECT WHAT BELONGS TO THE CHURCH AND HELP MAKE THE CHURCH BEAUTIFUL FOR GOD.

Advent is Half Over!

Today is the third Sunday of Advent. That means that half the wait is over! If you have an advent wreath, this is the week to light the pink candle. Pink is a symbol the joy we have because we're half-way to Christmas.



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the people that John the Baptist was a prophet and messenger. A prophet is someone who tells the truth. In the Old Testament the prophets told God's people the truth about God. Saint John was a prophet because he told the people that the Messiah, or saviour, was coming soon, and that they needed to repent of their sins.

Saint John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus by calling people to repentance. You can help prepare for Christmas by thinking and talking about how Jesus came to earth on the first Christmas. Can you tell somebody the story of the first Christmas today?



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