

# 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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# Pastor's Letter

**January 18, 2026 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday on Ordinary Time**

Dear Church Family,

As we celebrate the great gift of God giving us his Son as our Brother and Savior, born in the flesh so that we might live in the Spirit, it is important for us to remember that the gift we have received will only be the blessing that God intends it to be if we use it for the good of others. In the powerful words of the prophet Isaiah in our first reading we hear how God spoke to Israel through him. We also see how these words foreshadowed how God would speak to the world and change it through Jesus Christ and we also see how we are blessed and called to continue to speak God's word to the world.

Isaiah is challenged by God to see his prophetic ministry as including the whole world, not just Israel. "It is too little, the LORD says, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel; I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." At the same time, Israel itself is called to see beyond the limits of its own national and ethnic borders and recognize that it was chosen and blessed by God so that all peoples could enter into relationship with him.

When we look at this reading through the lens of how it foreshadows the ministry of Christ as the Savior of the world, we see how God has moved to bring his plan to fulfillment by sending his Son to be born of Mary, to become one of us, and as one of us, to open the way for all of us to become sons and daughters of God.

As we receive this gift, the mission of the prophet, of Israel, and of Jesus himself becomes our mission. We can only know the fullness of the gift that we have been given when we share it with the world. It is too little for us to stay where we are, among people and places that we already know and are already part of us. We must go out and invite everyone to come and be part of what God is doing in the world. Each of us is called, like Paul in our second reading to be "an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God." May God help us to take up this great calling so that with the prophet and with Christ we might be made glorious in the sight of the Lord and our God may be our strength.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott



## Contribution Statements

If you need a statement of contributions please call the office or email to [church@stsbej.org](mailto:church@stsbej.org). We are most grateful for your continuing and regular donations to the parish. May the Lord bless you for your generosity and support.



## Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Norman Boone, who died recently. Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord.

## Calendar

### Saturday, January 17

3:45 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Reconciliation @ St. Brigid  
4:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Brigid

### Sunday, January 18

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, January 19

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

### Tuesday, January 20

7:15 a.m.—7:45 am Reconciliation @ St. Edward  
8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward  
7:00 p.m. Bible Study @ St. Joseph

### Wednesday, January 21

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 23

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

### Saturday, January 24

\*Confirmation in Springfield, IL for 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders  
3:45 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Reconciliation @ St. Brigid  
4:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Brigid

### Sunday, January 25

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  
11:30 a.m. Catechist Meeting @ St. Edward

### Monday, January 26

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

### Tuesday, January 27

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 28

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 30

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

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +James Windoffer

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Rose Mary Howell  
+George Barry

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: *For the People of Our Parishes*

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: +Jason Kasparie  
+Howard Niekamp

### MONDAY, JANUARY 19

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Leroy Lentz

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: +Bill Binger  
+Leroy & Bertha Richmiller

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Jim & Betty Brinkman  
+Linda & Michael Hoaglin  
+Don & Rosemary Giesing

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

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

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +David Windoffer

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Loretta Koch  
9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Jason Ohnemus  
+Jack & Irene Bunte  
+Jon & Ann Faubel  
+Viola Klingele

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

## QCES Mass Attendance Cards

Mass attendance cards are available at the back of church.

## Parish Collection: January 11

St. Brigid \$ 4,147.00

St. Edward \$ 2,422.00

St. Joseph \$ 2,260.00

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## Online Giving

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It will walk you through setting up your giving account

## Bulletin Deadline

All information must be submitted by noon on Tuesday.

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

# Ministry Schedules

## ST. BRIGID CHURCH

January 24 & 25	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.	Bryce Mixer Miles Mixer	Norma Neisen Theresa Neisen Angela Obert	Randy Maas Laura Maas Dave Obert	Rich Cramsey	Dave & Angela Obert	Randy & Laura Maas
SUNDAY 7:30 a.m.	Dylan Hocking Mason Hocking	Brandy Hocking Dot Smith	Mike Hummel Kyle Leonard Justin Mewes	Mark Heidbreder	Nancy Noone	Rick & Kris Barry

## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

January 25	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.	Isabella Neisen Andrea Moore	Greg White Krista White Jeanne Cramsey	Jim Brinkman Shane Brinkman	Billie Huebotter		Brinkman Family

## ST. EDWARD CHURCH

January 25	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 10:30 a.m.	Eric Cornwell Wyatt Deder Braylee Brackensick	P.J. Hildebrand Breanne Kelly Margie Kendrick	Margie Kendrick	P.J. Hildebrand	Fred Kientzle Family	Josh Venvertloh Family

\* Please continue passing the basket for collection.

## Please Remember to Pray For:

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

## Stewardship Reflection

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." ISAIAH 49:5

God have given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do, and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.

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

## St. Brigid & St. Joseph Confirmandi

Please be praying for our 3rd Graders from St. Brigid and St. Joseph as they prepare to be Confirmed and make their 1st Holy Communion on January 24. There will be baskets in each church if you'd like to send any of them a card letting them know you're thinking of them.

### St Brigid:

Isaac Charlton  
Lilly Charlton  
KoDee Klauser  
Gregor Knuffman  
Hayes Knuffman  
Raymond Leonard  
Jerome Mewes  
Memphis Mowen  
Adley Neisen  
Addison Young

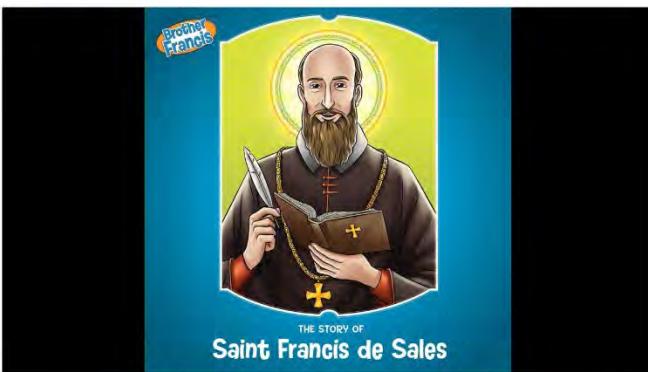
### St Joseph:

Wesson Kill  
Graham Neisen  
Violet Steffan

## Men's Cursillo

Men's Cursillo #381 will be held January 22-25 at the Quincy University Retreat Center. On a Cursillo you will be guided by a priest, deacon and trained laity, in a prayerful and sacramental environment, to evaluate yourself, your relationship with God, to discern how God is calling you to influence your family, your work environment, your neighborhood and the world. There are registration forms in the back of church, for more information please contact Connie Bealor 217-440-6886.

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## The Story of Saint Francis de Sales

St. Francis de Sales is the patron saint of writers and we celebrate his feast on January 24. Enjoy this short audio reflection for kids.

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per stick	

RAFFLE TO BENEFIT ST. EDWARD CEMETERY

# Trivia Night

**Saturday, February 28**  
**St. Brigid Catholic Church**  
**Food Served Starting at 4pm**  
**Trivia at 6:30 pm**

All proceeds go to sending our youth to Catholic Heart Work Camp this summer. Not into Trivia? Come and enjoy a meal anyway!

For more information and registration contact:  
Jeanne Cramsey  
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## Birthright Gift

St. Joseph collected \$179 and some unwrapped baby gifts after its Christmas program to give to Birthright. Thank you to Ann Ohnemus who collected and delivered it on December 30!



## Food Pantry Donations

Collection of nonperishable items are being donated to Quincy Catholic Charities and Liberty Food Pantry. You may drop your items in the church vestibule. Items will be taken every month.

Thank You for your generosity!



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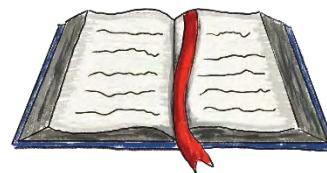
Make an active contribution to the pro-life cause. Dig into your pockets, purses and piggy banks to contribute to the Right to Life of Adams County "Pennies for Life" campaign. Each church member (children included) is encouraged to donate at least 1 cent for each year of his or her life, in gratitude to God for the gift of life. A collection will be taken next Sunday. Thank you for helping the Right to Life of Adams County, 109 N. 8th Street, Quincy, IL to spread the respect-life

## Save the Date

Deacon Dennis Holbrook once again will be coming to St. Thomas Parish Hall, Camp Point on Monday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m. This time he will be speaking on "The Sign of the Cross". All are welcome.

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If you are a business owner, please consider underwriting the printing of our bulletins by buying an advertisement. Our church family would be happy to know of a fellow parishioner or friend of our parishes whose business we can support. Information on how to buy an ad is on the back of the bulletin. If you know of a business owner who might be interested in advertising with us, please let us know. If we can get 30 advertisers our bulletins will be printed at no charge to our parishes. Thank you for your support.



## Bible Study

Tri-Parish Bible Study starting on January 6. It will be every other week on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. It will be held at St. Joseph's Parish Hall and run through March 3. All are welcome to come! Please bring your Bible! Hope to see you all there!

## Victims Assistance & Child Abuse Reporting

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**6/12/2026 – 6/14/2026, St. Peters, MO**

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



## DATES TO KNOW

- January 24—St. Brigid & St. Joseph 1st Communion & Confirmation @ Springfield, IL
- January 25—Holy Solemn Communion for St. Joseph 3rd Graders, NO PSR
- January 31—Holy Solemn Communion for St. Brigid 3rd Graders

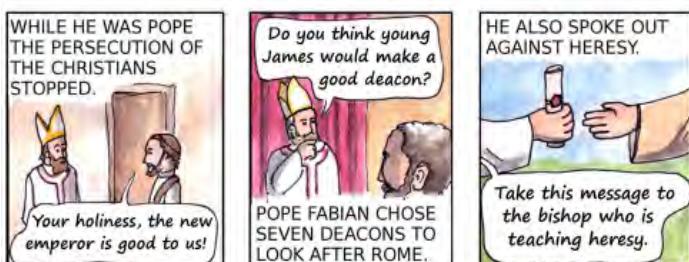
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**The next retreat weekend: January 30-31, 2026**

## POPE SAINT FABIAN JANUARY 20



WE CAN LEARN FROM THE STORY OF SAINT FABIAN THAT GOD CAN DO GREAT WORK WITH ORDINARY PEOPLE. SAINT FABIAN DID NOT EXPECT TO BECOME POPE, BUT WHEN HE DID HE WORKED HARD FOR THE CHURCH. IF YOU EVER GET CHOSEN TO DO A BIG JOB REMEMBER THAT GOD WILL HELP YOU DO IT.

## John the Baptist: Was He the Messiah?

Everybody thought that John the Baptist was a great preacher and prophet. Some people thought that he might even be the Messiah who would save their people. But John knew that was not his job. When Jesus came to him at the river to be baptized, John pointed at Him and told the people, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" He told the people that he was not the great one; Jesus was.

Saint John the Baptist is an example to all of us. If we are really good then our lives will show other people the way to Jesus.



John the Baptist taught the people by telling them to repent of their sins and be baptized. God wants some people to teach about Him by teaching and preaching to the people. But for most of us, the best way to teach others about God is by living a good life and loving

God. If you really do your best to love God then your life will be like St. John the Baptist's and point the way to Jesus.



What is something that you can do today to lead someone to Jesus?



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