

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

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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217-645-3546

PARISH WEBSITE: stsbej.org

Hospitality—Prayer—Formation—Service

Pastor's Letter

December 7, 2025—2nd Sunday of Advent

Dear Church Family,

In our readings for today we learn what a blessing it is to be rooted in Christ. We see how Jesus himself is rooted in the promise of God to bless the world through a descendant of David, described as a shoot growing from the stump of Jesse. Jesus himself is empowered by the Holy Spirit to bear fruit, the fruit of justice and peace that brings people from all over the world together into the family of God.

All of us who have experienced the love of God in Christ are also called to bear fruit. The Spirit that filled Jesus lives in us also through our baptism into his life, death, and resurrection. The gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, and fear of the Lord that characterized his ministry have been passed on to us so that we can continue to bring others into relationship with God. We have to be careful though not to fall into the trap of thinking that we can keep the gift of faith all to ourselves.

In our Gospel reading John the Baptist criticizes the Pharisees for not using their gifts as God wanted them to. He reminds them that they have been blessed so that they can bless others. They have been saved as God's chosen people so that they can be messengers of the good news that God wants all people everywhere to be part of his family. They forgot that being God's people comes with the responsibility to plant the seeds of faith in the hearts of the next generation of believers.

That is the kind of fruit that God calls us to bear. Just as Christ fulfilled the promises that God made to the patriarchs so that the love of God might go beyond the borders of Israel, we too are called to expand the reach of God's love to an ever-wider audience until the whole world comes to know the joy of living as the planting of the Lord, rooted in faith.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott

Tri-Parish Penance Service

**Tuesday
December 16
6:30 PM @ ST. JOSEPH**



Catholic Heart Work Camp

Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser

**ORDERS CAN BE PLACED BY ANY CHWC CAMPER
OR JEANNE CRAMSEY @ 217-653-3962.**

ORDER SHEETS WILL ALSO BE AT EACH CHURCH.

All orders must be placed by

Friday, Dec., 12

Cost is \$20 per dozen

Rolls can be picked up

Dec. 20, after the 4:30 pm mass at St. Brigid

Dec. 21, after 9 am mass at St. Joseph

Or they will be delivered between Dec. 22-24

Calendar

Saturday, December 6

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

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

Sunday, December 7

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

9:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Joseph, Donut Social to follow
CHWC 50/50 Raffle Drawing

9:15 a.m.—10:15 a.m. PSR @ St. Edward

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

Monday, December 8—Immaculate Conception

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

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

Tuesday, December 9

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

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

Wednesday, December 10

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

6:00 p.m. St. Brigid PSR Christmas Program, meal to follow

Thursday, December 11

5:30 p.m. Altar Society Christmas Party @ St. Joseph

Friday, December 12

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

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

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Leonard & Loretta Klauser

+Rose Mary Howell

+Alan Hildebrand

+Deceased members of Henry Schwartz family

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Jeanette Knapp

+Dale & Rose Mary Zanger & Deceased family

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: +Doris Cornwell

+John, Andrew & Valerie Frese

+Howard Niekamp

+Vern Shaffer

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: +Barb & Tom Kuhn

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +James Windoffer

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: +Ben Kessler

+Terry Frese

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Bob & Rosella Neisen

+Lenny Venvertloh

+Peggy Genenbacher

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

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

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*

QCES Mass Attendance Cards

Mass attendance cards are available at the
back of church.

Parish Collection: Nov. 30

St. Brigid \$ 2,291.00

St. Edward \$ 1,631.00

St. Joseph \$ 1,149.25

Thanksgiving \$ 539.00

Collection For Quincy Catholic Charities

Thank you for your generous support!

All Collections included in total this week

Bulletin Deadline

All information must be submitted by noon on Tuesday.

Submit to: church@stsbej.org

Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH						
December 13 & 14	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.	Gwen Wiemelt Owen Derhake	Norma Neisen Theresa Neisen Angela Obert	John Zanger Eric Barry Ron Barry	Katie Ippensen	Dave & Angela Obert	Jeff & Jody Obert
SUNDAY 7:30 a.m.	NEED Karlee Obert	Nancy Obert Dot Smith	Lucy Mewes Greg Obert Michael Obert	Justin Mewes	Greg & Nancy Obert	Gene & Lori Klauser

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
December 14	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.	Andrea Moore Willow Neisen	Greg White Krista White Jeanne Cramsey	Jim Brinkman Shane Brinkman	Stan Frese		Brinkman Family

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
December 14	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 10:30 a.m.	Alivia Feld Allie Felde Lincoln Hoffman	Breanne Kelly Margie Kendrick Donna Voss	Margie Kendrick	Julie Logan	Tyler Wellman Family	Joe Hoening Family
* Please continue passing the basket for collection.						

Please Remember to Pray For:

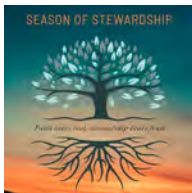
Daran Knuffman	Monica Mast	Connie Dietrich
Zoey Obert	Elizabeth Leonard	Virginia Berhorst
Julia Winfield	Ben Venvertloh	Corey Sheurman
Haddlei Burnett	Ripken Rangel	Lisa Bohan
Jim Steinkamp	Tony Peters	Rinley Barry
Kayle Sheely	Joy Huebotter	Bill Hilgenbrinck
John Kroner	Raleigh Bess	Lily Jean Roberts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

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

Stewardship Reflection

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."
Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?



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

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Lawrence Wietholder and Bernadine Terstriep, who died recently. Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord.

St. Brigid's Nativity Play

Wednesday, December 10 at **6:00 p.m.** (Please have PSR students at church at **5:40** to have time to get into costumes). The play will be in St. Brigid's Church, meal directly to follow in the hall!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Please bring a salad or dessert to share!
FREE-WILL donation to help with main dish!

ST. JOSEPH'S PSR CHRISTMAS Program!

Please join us on Sunday, December 14 after 9 a.m. Mass for our St. Joseph PSR Christmas Program. To honor Jesus' birthday, please bring an unwrapped baby gift (diapers, wipes, etc.) or a monetary donation that will be donated to Birthright in honor of our Blessed Savior!

After the program, we will enjoy a meal together donated by the Altar Society!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!

St Joseph's Altar Society Christmas Party

"Our Cup is Full" - December 11 @ 5:30

Come join us for a night of food, fun and friends.
Bring: a covered dish, a wrapped white elephant gift and a guest.

RSVP at the sign up sheets located at both entrances of church.

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!

Thanks, Advertisers

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.



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_qcc@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@cospq.org.

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.



Project Rachel

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

St. Anthony Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

The Pancake & Sausage Breakfast sponsored by the St. Anthony Men's Society will be Sunday, December 14, 7 a.m.-noon. Adults \$14, Children \$7 (under 5 free). Dine in or carry out.

Advance meat orders:

Link & Bulk Sausage, Ribs and Chops 5lbs-\$25

Cooked links (Precooked weight) 5lbs-\$30

Call orders to 217-257-2108.

Orders will be taken from November 1-December 1 or until 2000 lbs. are sold!

Diocese Special Collections

Retirement Fund For Religious—December 14

Your contributions to the Retirement Fund for Religious play a vital role in providing necessary financial support. This support enables religious communities to care for their aging members while ensuring that the younger generation can carry forward the invaluable work of their elders.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki

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:

- **December 12-13**
- **January 30-31, 2026**



SAVE THE DATE

December 7, 8, & 9TH

SPEAKER
PATTY SCHNEIER

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9 AM - 2 PM

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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

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



DATES TO KNOW

- December 7—St. Joseph **Practice** for Christmas Program
- December 10—St. Brigid Christmas Program @ 6:30 p.m.
- 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>A voice of one crying out in the desert, "Prepare the way of the Lord" <i>Mat 3:3</i></p> <p>7</p> <p>Tell the Christmas story to a friend!</p>	<p>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception</p> <p>8</p> <p>Say a Hail Mary to Our Blessed Mother!</p>	<p>Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. <i>Isaiah 40:1</i></p> <p>9</p> <p>Remind someone who is sad that God loves them!</p>	<p>Lift up your eyes on high and see who has created these things... <i>Isaiah 40:26</i></p> <p>10</p> <p>Look at the sky and thank God for the sun, moon and stars!</p>	<p>Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD <i>Psalms 145:10</i></p> <p>11</p> <p>Go outside and thank God for nature!</p>	<p>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe</p> <p>12</p> <p>Thank Mary for being our mother!</p>	<p>Feast of Saint Lucy</p> <p>13</p> <p>Thank God for the Christmas decorations you see!</p>
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SAINT AMBROSE DECEMBER 7

The Immaculate Conception

Tomorrow we will be celebrating the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Mother. The words "Immaculate Conception" mean that she had no sin on her soul, not even original sin, from the first moment her life began!

Why do you think God saved Mary from all sin? He wanted her to be the perfect mother for His Son Jesus. If you could make your own mother wouldn't you make her perfect too?



Mary is also a model to all people of how to live a good Christian life and to serve God as best we can. We should thank God for giving us such a beautiful example in His holy Mother. We should pray to Mary every day and ask her to help us love her Son Jesus more. Can you say an extra 'Hail Mary' on Our Lady's feast day?

<p>AMBROSE WAS BORN AROUND THE YEAR 340 TO A VERY IMPORTANT ROMAN FAMILY. HE RECEIVED A GOOD EDUCATION.</p> <p>Ambrose, this man is going to be your tutor.</p>	<p>HE BECAME A LAWYER AND WAS LIKED BY BOTH THE CHRISTIANS AND THE HERETICS.</p> <p>Sir, this man refuses to pay...</p>
<p>WHEN THE HERETIC BISHOP DIED EVERYONE CALLED FOR AMBROSE TO BE THE NEW BISHOP.</p> <p>I think Ambrose would be a great bishop!</p>	<p>HE DIDN'T WANT TO BE CHOSEN BUT THE EMPEROR INSISTED THAT HE ACCEPT.</p>
<p>WHEN THE EMPEROR KILLED MANY HERETICS AMBROSE WOULD NOT LET HIM INTO THE CHURCH UNTIL HE REPENTED.</p> <p>You will not enter until you repent!</p>	<p>ONCE THE HERETICS WERE TRYING TO SEIZE THE CHURCH BUT AMBROSE WOULDN'T GIVE IT UP. FINALLY THE SOLDIERS WENT INSIDE TO PRAY!</p>

SAINT AMBROSE WAS ALSO THE TEACHER OF SAINT AUGUSTINE. HE WAS VERY GOOD AT KEEPING PEOPLE AT PEACE WITH EACH OTHER. HE STOPPED ARMIES FROM ATTACKING, AND KEPT THE CHRISTIANS AND HERETICS FROM FIGHTING AS WELL. WHAT CAN YOU DO TO KEEP PEACE IN YOUR FAMILY AND SCHOOL?

 <p>Duker & Haugh FUNERAL HOME</p>	<p>823 Broadway Quincy, IL 217.222.1011 dukerandhaugh.com</p>	 <p>Knights of Columbus COUNCIL #583 700 SOUTH 36TH • 222-1000 Join Us Today! Pray For Pro-Life and Vocations</p>	<p>BILL WIEWEL INSURANCE Box 72 • Golden, IL 62339  Office Phone 217-696-4813 Office Phone 217-696-2514 bwinsur@adams.net</p>	<p>Six Locations ONE FAMILY</p>  <p>Liberty • Barry Payson • Quincy Ursa • Camp Point</p> <p>www.liberty.bank Member FDIC</p> <p>100% LOCAL and Catholic Owned!</p>
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