

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 4, 2026 – Epiphany of the Lord

Dear Church Family,

Fr. Robert Spitzer, PhD is the retired president of Gonzaga University in Spokane Washington. He is the founder and president of the Magis Center of Reason and Faith which promotes understanding of the relatedness between science and faith. I recently listened to a talk given by Fr. Spitzer and he shared a really interesting statistic about the belief of scientists in God. He said that according to the Pew Survey of the American Association for the Advancement of Science 51% of all scientists believe in the existence of God. Even more interesting is the fact that younger scientists under the age of 40 are more likely to believe in God than older ones. 66% of scientists under 40 believe in God. He went on to discuss how recent discoveries in physics and the life sciences are leading more and more scientists to become believers. That came as a surprise to me. The common story is that if you value science and reason you will reject belief in God. But that doesn't seem to be the case. Scientists are involved in the search for truth, and the best scientists will follow the truth wherever it leads them, including, it seems, if it leads them to God.

Today the church celebrates the Epiphany of the Lord. We remember how wise men from the east, the Magi, came to Jerusalem looking for a newborn king because of a phenomenon they observed in the sky, a star. They followed where the evidence led them and came to Bethlehem where their expectations of an earthly king were overturned by their encounter with the Holy Family. A baby born in a place where cattle were kept was not what they were looking for but being seekers after truth they did not allow their notions of how they expected things to be cloud their vision of how things really were. They were acting like good scientists. The star led them to Jesus and they believed.

Fr. Spitzer's statistics and the story of the Magi are good reminders to us that most people really are looking for the truth. Some people have an agenda and will never be convinced, but for the most part people really want to know the meaning of life and how best to live it. This is where you and I come in. Reason can lead people to the doorstep of faith. Conversations with believers who are welcoming and willing to take their questions seriously can help people who are seeking the truth to open their hearts to a personal encounter with the Lord. God has revealed himself to us who believe so that we can help to reveal him to others who need to know him. As the prophet Isaiah says in our first reading, "See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory.

"Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance." May the minds and hearts of all who sincerely seek the truth be enlightened by the one who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Blessings,
Fr. Scott

Angel Remembrance Ornaments

The ornaments on the Angel Remembrance Tree located by the podium are available for you to take one for your home tree as a gift from us to you.

With blessings,
St. Joseph Altar Society



Baptism

Dottie Patricia Bockhold,
Daughter of Michael & Molly Bockhold

Calendar

Saturday, January 3

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

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

Sunday, January 4

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

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

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

Epiphany Play and luncheon

Monday, January 5

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

Tuesday, January 6

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

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

Wednesday, January 7

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, January 8

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

Friday, January 9

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

Saturday, January 10

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

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

Sunday, January 11

7:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Brigid, followed by Donut Social

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 12

NO Mass @ St. Brigid

Tuesday, January 13

NO Mass @ St. Edward

Wednesday, January 14

NO 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, January 15

6:30 p.m. Holy Name mtg @ St. Joseph

Friday, January 16

NO Mass @ St. Brigid

*Fr. Scott will be on Retreat January 12-16

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: *+Raymond Maas Sr.*

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: *+Rose Mary Howell
+Gregory & Jeanette Knapp*

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: *+John Blickhan*

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: *+Jeffrey Graham*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: *+Ronnie Duesterhaus
Connie Bealor*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: *+Ron Wiewel
+Alvin Hildebrand
+Alice & Edward Dempsey*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: *+Leroy Lentz*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: *+Don, Bernie, & Leo Heberlein*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

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

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: *+Kenneth Neisen
+Ron Wiewel*

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: *+Rose Mary Howell*

QCES Mass Attendance Cards

Mass attendance cards are available at the back of church.

Parish Collection: Dec. 25

St. Brigid	\$ 5,107.00
St. Edward	\$ 5,244.00
St. Joseph	\$ 7,215.00

Thank you for your generous support!

All Collections included in total this week

Parish Collection: Dec. 28

St. Brigid	\$ 3,965.50
St. Edward	\$ 1,899.00
St. Joseph	\$ 1,561.00

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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

January 10 & 11	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.	Ashley Schutte Kelsey Schutte	Norma Neisen Theresa Neisen Angela Obert	Mara Ippensen Dan Kramer Mike Maas	Cheryl Schutte	Dan Kramer	Ron & Rose Barry
SUNDAY 7:30 a.m.	Dylan Hocking Mason Hocking	Brandy Hocking Dot Smith	Justin Mewes Lucy Mewes Greg Obert	Greg Obert	Michael & Barb Obert	Greg & Nancy Obert

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

January 11	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.	Quinn Luaders Jack Luaders	T. Mast Pat Genenbacher Billie Huebotter	Zachary Hailey Henry Bockhold	Stan Frese		Hailey/Bockhold Families

ST. EDWARD CHURCH

January 11	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 10:30 a.m.	Abel Zimmerman Brynlee Zimmerman Malia Zimmerman	Paul Bealor Lindsey Cornwell Tracy Cornwell	Connie Bealor	Emilie Hildebrand	Judy Heming	Tom Shaffer Family

* Please continue passing the basket for collection.

Please Remember to Pray For:

Daran Knuffman	Monica Mast	Jim Wilson
Zoey Obert	Elizabeth Leonard	Connie Dietrich
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 Duesterahus
Joe Rice	Kent Hilgenbrinck	Bill Ervin
Linda Windoffer	Clayton Thompson	Sophie Shriver

Stewardship Reflection

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

MATTHEW 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

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



CHANGE THE DATE

St. Joseph Holy Name Meeting Change

The Holy Name will not meet on Thursday, January 1, 2026. The January meeting will be held on Thursday, January 15 at 6:30 p.m.



“Healing” Rosary

Please join us in praying a “Healing” Rosary for all parishioners, family members and friends combating any illnesses at this time. It will be held Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Church. Bring family members and friends. All are welcome!

Thank You

We would like to thank all those who sent Christmas cards to those of us in Senior Living. We appreciate it. Thank you from Earl & Sue Rossmiller.

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. Please sign up by going to <https://stsbrigidedwardj.flocknote.com/biblestudy>. All are welcome to come! Please bring your Bible! Hope to see you all there!

Annual QND Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

The Annual QND Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be Sunday, January 11 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the QND cafeteria. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. (Children under 5 eat free). All proceeds benefit the Catholic Heart Workcamp trip this summer.

Christmas Memorials St. Edward

Caroline Wietholder

Lawrence Wietholder Sr.

Chris Trent



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**

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

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 on the second Sunday every month.

Thank You for your generosity!

St. Edward Children's Mass



Catholic Heart Work Camp

Thank to all of those who ordered and support CHWC.



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

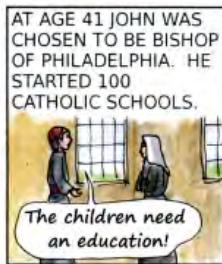
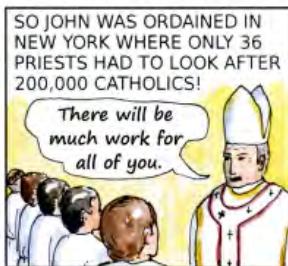
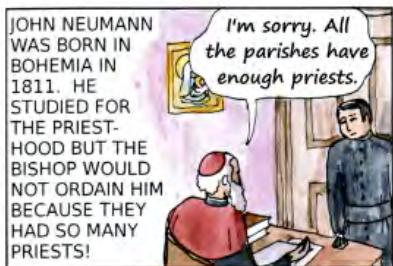


DATES TO KNOW

- January 4—Epiphany Play and Luncheon following 10:30 a.m. Mass
- 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



Saint John Neumann January 5



SAIN T JOHN NEUMANN WORKED TIRELESSLY TO HELP THE POOR PEOPLE WHO WERE SETTLING IN AMERICA. HE DID NOT LET HIS OWN POVERTY SLOW HIM DOWN. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIS EXAMPLE TO USE OUR TALENTS TO BRING GOD TO THE WORLD NO MATTER HOW MUCH OR HOW LITTLE WE HAVE.

The Epiphany

At the beginning of the new year we celebrate both Mary, the Mother of God and the Epiphany, which is when the wise men came from far away to worship baby Jesus.



Imagine that you are living a long time ago in Bethlehem and your parents have invited a poor family to stay at your house: a mother, a father and a new baby.

One day something amazing happens: some rich men from a far away country come to see the baby and bring expensive treasures for him! Do you know who the family is now? Who is the baby?

The baby is Jesus, of course, and the mother is Mary. She holds Jesus on her lap so the wise men can bow down to Him and worship Him.

Mary cooperated with God to bring Jesus into the world so that we could all see and love and worship Him.

Can you thank Mary today for bringing Jesus to us?





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