

# 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 25, 2026 – 3rd Sunday on Ordinary Time

Dear Church Family,

With the arrest of John the Baptist, which we read about in today's Gospel, a chapter in the story of God's relationship with and revelation of himself to his people comes to an end. John is the last in the long line of Old Testament prophets. Many men and women through the centuries had spoken God's word to his people. The prophets called Israel to holiness and justice, challenged them to repent of their sins, and strengthened them with words of hope when times were hard. With the arrest and death of John, the voice of the prophets was silenced.

But that doesn't mean that God was done speaking. The mission of John the Baptist was to prepare a new way for the Word that was coming into the world. God would no longer use the prophets as mediators of his message to the world. John proclaimed that Jesus was himself the living Word of God, God in the flesh and as one of us he would draw us to himself.

We see the drawing power of Jesus in our Gospel reading for today. In the way that Peter, Andrew, James, and John leave everything behind when Jesus invites them to follow him. It's like a light goes on in their hearts and the course of their lives are changed. The author of the letter to the Hebrews begins his letter by writing, "In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he spoke to us through a son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe, who is the fulgence of his glory, the very imprint of his being, and who sustains all things by his mighty word." (Heb. 1:1-3) Over and over again we hear how the people were amazed at how Jesus spoke, "as one with authority." Jesus' words touched people's hearts in a unique way because he wasn't just a messenger, he was the message itself. John proclaimed that the kingdom was coming. Jesus proclaimed that the kingdom was here, because wherever Jesus is, there is the kingdom of God. Jesus is the living Word of God which became flesh and dwelt among us.

The Word continues to dwell in us and speaks to us in the pages of Sacred Scripture. Any time we would like, we can hear God's voice. Today is the Sunday of the Word of God. We remember that the words of the Bible are the written record of the living Word and with the help of the Holy Spirit those words convey God's message of hope and peace for our time. May God's Word be our guide and our strength.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott

### “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, February 3, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church. Bring family members and friends. All are welcome!

### Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Helen Frese, who died recently. Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord.

### Bulletin Deadline

All information must be submitted by noon on Tuesday.  
Submit to: [church@stsbej.org](mailto:church@stsbej.org)

## Calendar

### 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

### Saturday, January 31

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

### Sunday, February 1

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, February 2

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

### Tuesday, February 3

7:15 a.m.—7:45 a.m. Reconciliation @ St. Edward  
8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward  
6:30 p.m. Healing Rosary @ St. Joseph  
7:00 p.m. Bible Study @ St. Joseph

### Wednesday, February 4

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, February 5

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

### Friday, February 6 – First Friday

8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward, Adoration to follow

## Mass Intentions

### 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*

### MONDAY, JANUARY 26

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Berdaine Terstriep

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: +John Blickhan  
+Mary Ellen Woodworth

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Marie Gramke  
+Virgil & Millie Bockhold  
+Connie Boling

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Mary Jo Obert  
+Bernice Mowen

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Bernice Mowen

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: *For the People of Our Parishes*  
9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Virgil & Millie Bockhold  
+Ron Wiewel

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: +Edward Blickhan  
+Bud Wietholder

## **QCES Mass Attendance Cards**

Mass attendance cards are available at the back of

## **Parish Collection: Jan. 18**

St. Brigid	\$ 4,491.00
St. Edward	\$ 2,664.00
St. Joseph	\$ 1,696.00

*Thank you for your generous support!  
All Collections included in total this week*

## **Online Giving**

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

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It will walk you through setting up your giving account

# Ministry Schedules

## ST. BRIGID CHURCH

January 31 February 1	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.</b>	Owen Derhake Kade Klauser	Kristin Obert Stacy Clark Robin Mowen	John Zanger Eric Barry Ron Barry	Katie Ippensen	Jeff & Jody Obert	Norma Neisen
<b>SUNDAY 7:30 a.m.</b>	NEED Karlee Obert	Vickie Cramsey Nancy Obert	Lucy Mewes Greg Obert Michael Obert	Justin Mewes	Greg & Nancy Obert	Gene & Lori Klauser

## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

February 1	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.</b>	Maddy Ohnemus Wyatt Kill	T. Mast NEED Billie Huebotter	Jim Ohnemus Mike Ohnemus	Ben Hugenberg		Ohnemus Family

## ST. EDWARD CHURCH

February 1	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>SUNDAY 10:30 a.m.</b>	Alivia Felde Allie Felde Austin Frese	Donna Voss Emily Wellman Karen Woodworth	Donna Voss	Phil Hildebrand Jr.	Seth Knox Family	Ray Voss 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	Carol Haistings
Linda Windoffer	Connie Dietrich	
Monica Mast	Corey Sheurman	

## Stewardship Reflection

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." MATTHEW 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

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



# 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  
217-653-3962

\$20 per Individual or  
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## 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**

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.

## **St. Joseph - Shrimp Boil**

Unfortunately there will be no Shrimp Boil this year. But please mark your calendars for NEXT year's date, February 6, 2027.



## **Pennies for Life Campaign**

Right to Life of Adams County

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 today. Thank you for helping the Right to Life of Adams County, 109 N. 8th Street, Quincy, IL to spread the respect-life message.

## **ST. EDWARD CHURCH FEB. 8, 2026**

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3lb package	
Pork Chops	\$15
3 lb package	
Backbones	\$10
3 lb package	
Head Cheese	\$8
per stick	

**RAFFLE TO BENEFIT ST. EDWARD CEMETERY**

## **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.



## Diocese Special Collections

### Church in Latin America—February 1

Soon our diocese will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For more than 50 years, this collection has given Catholics in the United States an opportunity to share faith in unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout Latin America and the Caribbean islands.

The year 2025 marked the 60th anniversary of the promulgation of *Dei Verbum*, the document on Divine Revelation issued during the Second Vatican Council. In that document, the Council Fathers call for all the Christian faithful to have "easy access to Sacred Scripture" so that they might more deeply know and love God through understanding and meditating on the Scriptures (no. 22).

To commemorate this important anniversary and help the bishops fulfill their mission to proclaim the Word of God to all people, the Catholic Biblical Federation used funds received through the Collection for the Church in Latin America to gather 130 participants for a Bible conference at the Mexico City headquarters of the Conferencia del Episcopado Mexicano in April 2025. There biblical pastoral ministry leaders from countries throughout Latin America came together for formation in the teachings of *Dei Verbum* and for the opportunity to collaborate with and encourage one another in this critical pastoral ministry.

Your support for the Collection for the Church in Latin America helps church leaders throughout Central and South America and the Caribbean to fulfill their mission to preach the Word of God and to awaken a love of Scripture in the hearts of those they serve.

For more information on the Church in Latin America and the many projects funded by the collection, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

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

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## SDCCW Lenten Retreat

*"Heaven Meets Earth: A Journey through the Holy Mass"*

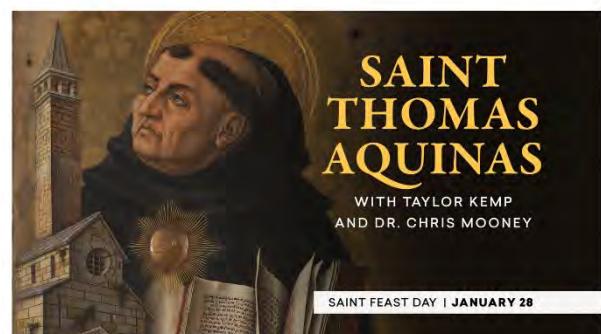
**The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women** invites all women to their annual Lenten Retreat at Villa Maria in Springfield, February 24 – 25 with Retreat Director, Sister Margaret Schreiber OP, PhD.

What a wonderful time for spiritual presentations, prayer, Holy Mass, Confession, fellowship and much more!

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## 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
- February 8 – NO PSR @ St. Edward
- February 18 – Ash Wednesday Mass after School for St. Edward PSR, All are welcome
- February 18 – NO PSR for St. Brigid

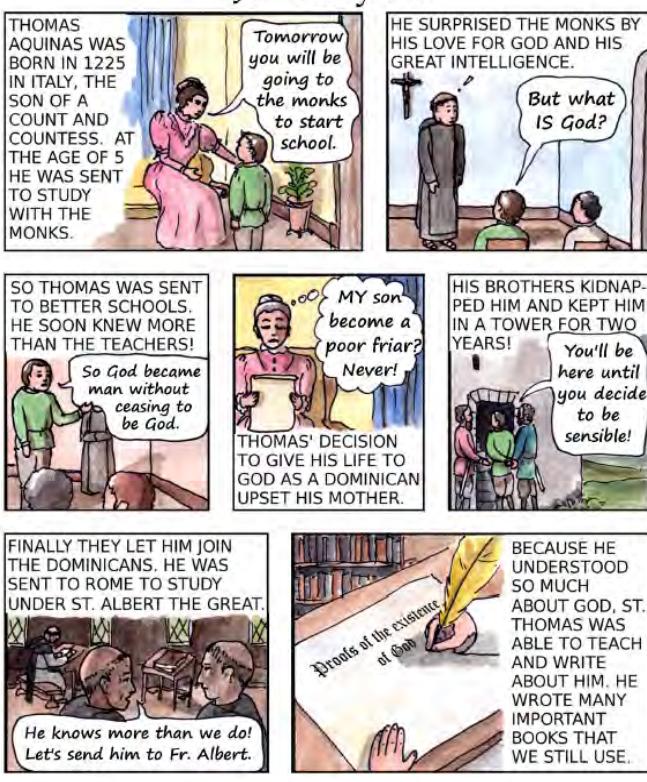
## QUEST

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**

## Saint Thomas Aquinas January 28



SAINT THOMAS WROTE A GREAT WORK CALLED THE SUMMA THEOLOGICA, WHICH EXPLAINS MANY THINGS ABOUT GOD, MAN AND CREATION. HE NEVER FINISHED IT, THOUGH, BECAUSE HE REALIZED HE COULD NOT SHOW IN WRITING HOW AWESOME GOD REALLY IS. SAINT THOMAS DIED AT AGE 49.

## Jesus Tells us to Repent

Today we hear about Jesus beginning His mission of preaching and healing the sick. The very first thing He tells the people is that they should repent from their sins.

Why do we need to repent of our sins? Why don't we just stop thinking about the bad things we did and start trying to be good?

Well, pretend your soul is like a garden. When you sin, it's like making a big hole in the ground. You can't grow flowers in a hole, and someone might trip on it and make the hole bigger. That's what can happen with sins too- little sins can cause bigger ones.

When you are sorry for your sins and go to confession it's like filling in the holes and planting flowers where they used to be. Keep your soul like a good garden and make sure you don't have any holes in it!





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