

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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Office Hours

Wednesday 8am to 4 pm
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St. Edward Catholic Church

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Pastor's Letter

January 11, 2026 – Baptism of the Lord

Dear Church family,

When we watch action movies, we are used to seeing the hero save the day and restore order by beating up the bad guy, often with lots of explosions and general destruction. While it might be entertaining and emotionally satisfying on a superficial level, in the real world that kind of mayhem does not result in real and lasting peace and justice. Violence always creates trauma for both the victim of it and the one who carries it out. Both are damaged psychologically and emotionally as well as physically.

When Jesus came to establish justice on the earth, he didn't come with guns blazing. He came to establish peace and justice by living out a peaceful and just life. As Isaiah says in our first reading foretelling the mission of Our Lord, "He shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. A bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth." Jesus overcame the evil that was in control of the world not by doing violence but by smothering it in love, the divine love of the Father.

Jesus was baptized in the river Jordan by John, not for his own sins, but in order to identify so closely with sinful humanity that he could absorb our sins into himself and wash them away in his infinite goodness and love. In his death on the cross, he bore the burden of our sins and shattered the power of sin, not by force, but by the overwhelming magnitude of his mercy. The kingdom of God has triumphed and now we are invited to make that kingdom more of a reality here and now as we await its fulfillment at the Lord's return.

We do that by living lives of peace in imitation of the Prince of Peace and by pursuing justice, giving to each human being what is due to them according to their dignity as persons created in the image and likeness of God. We make peace and we build justice primarily by being peaceful and just people. That's who Jesus is and that's who we are called to be as members of his mystical body through our own baptism. May God, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, fill us with his peace in our hearts and true respect for the rights of all.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott

St. Edward Decoration Take down

Please join us after mass on Sunday, January 11 to take down all the Christmas decorations. Thank You



Baptism

August John Thompson
Son of Clayton & Madelyn Thompson

Calendar

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

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

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

Wednesday, January 21

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

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

Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: *No Mass*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: *No Mass*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: *No Mass*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: *No Mass*

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

QCES Mass Attendance Cards

Mass attendance cards are available at the back of church.

Parish Collection: January 4

St. Brigid \$ 6,551.25

St. Edward \$ 3,666.00

St. Joseph \$ 2,989.50

Thank you for your generous support!

All Collections included in total this week

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

Bulletin Deadline

All information must be submitted by noon on Tuesday.

Submit to: church@stsbej.org

Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH

January 17 & 18	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.	Gwen Wiemelt Hannah Buss	Kristin Obert Stacy Clark Robin Mowen	Ava Fessler Dave Fessler	John Clark	Randy & Laura Maas	John & Stacy Clark
SUNDAY 7:30 a.m.	NEED Karlee Obert	Vickie Cramsey Nancy Obert	Michael Obert Barb Obert Ron Cramsey	Nancy Boone	Mark & Carol Heidbreder	Michael & Barb Obert

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

January 18	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.	Willow Neisen Erika Althoff	Barb Frese Jolinn Tripp Brenda Siebers	Mark Bockhold Andrew Rangel	Abigail Hildebrand		Bockhold/Rangel Families

ST. EDWARD CHURCH

January 18	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
SUNDAY 10:30 a.m.	Henry Bealor Ben Bealor Lincoln Hoffman	Phil Hildebrand Jr. Lori Hildebrand Jeannie Hildebrand	Cindy Betz	Jeannie Hildebrand	Phil & Lori Hildebrand	Jeff 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

"John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, yet you are coming to me?"
MATTHEW 3:14

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

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.

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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2:00PM to 4:00PM



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Pork Chops	\$15
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Head Cheese	\$8
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
217-653-3962

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St. Joseph Christmas Program



St. Edward Epiphany Play



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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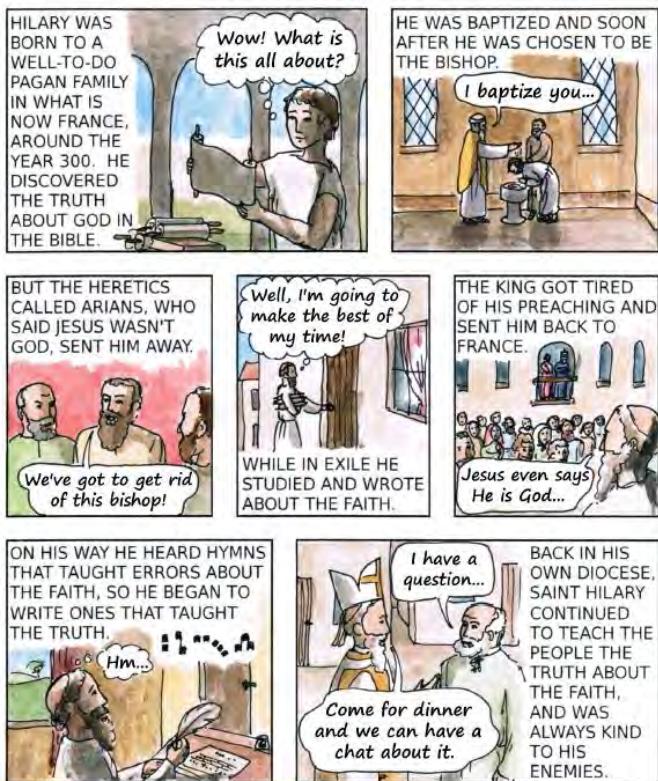
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The next retreat weekend: January 30-31, 2026

Saint Hilary of Poitiers January 13



A Bit About... Baptism

A sacrament is an outward sign of a grace that God gives us in our soul. When we are baptized, water is poured on our head as a symbol of the sin being washed out of our soul.

You might be wondering if babies need to get baptized when they haven't even done any sins yet. But baptism also takes away original sin, which comes to us from Adam and Eve. Baptism also gives us the grace we need to live a good Christian life. Of course babies can't sin when they are very young, but Baptism will give them grace when they need it.

Why do you think that Jesus got baptized, since He didn't have original sin or actual sins? Jesus didn't need to get rid of any sins, but He was baptized to give us an example.





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