

St. Brigid—St. Joseph—St. Edward Catholic Churches

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



TRI-PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30 pm—St. Brigid

Sunday: 7:30 am—St. Brigid

9:00 am—St. Joseph

10:30 am—St. Edward

Monday: 6:30 pm—St. Brigid

Tuesday: 8:00 am—St. Edward

Wednesday: 8:00 am—St. Joseph

Friday: 8:00 am—St. Brigid

First Friday ONLY: 8:00 am—St. Edward w/ Adoration to follow

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:45 pm—4:15 pm @ St. Brigid

Tuesday: 7:15 am—7:45 am @ St. Edward

Wednesday: 7:15 am—7:45 am @ St. Joseph

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Mon.—Thurs. 7:30 am—3:30 pm

Location of Our Parishes

St. Brigid Catholic Church

706 N. Main St.

Liberty, IL 62347

St. Joseph Catholic Church

1435 E. 1500th St.

Quincy, IL 62305

St. Edward Catholic Church

214 South State Road

Mendon, IL 62351

Tri-Parish Mailing Address

P.O. Box 228

Liberty, IL 62347

Emergency, priest needed:

217-645-3546

Calendar

Saturday, January 20

3:45 pm—4:15 pm Reconciliation @ St. Brigid

4:30 pm Mass @ St. Brigid

Sunday, January 21

7:30 am Mass @St. Brigid

9:00 am Mass @ St. Joseph

9:00 am—10:15 am—PSR (gr. 5-8) @ St. Edward

9:55 am—11:15 am—PSR (PK-8) @St. Joseph

10:30 am Mass @ St. Edward

11:30 am—Catechist Meeting @ St. Edward

Monday, January 22

6:30 pm Mass @St. Brigid

7:00 pm—RCIA @ St. Brigid

Tuesday, January 23

7:15 am—7:45 am Reconciliation @ St. Edward

8:00 am Mass @ St. Edward

7:00 pm—Parish/Finance Meeting @ St. Joseph

Wednesday, January 24

7:15 am—7:45 am Reconciliation @ St. Joseph

8:00 am Mass @ St. Joseph

*After school—4:30 pm—PSR (K-4) @ St. Edward

6:30 pm—7:45 pm—PSR (gr. 1-8) @ St. Brigid

Friday, January 26

8:00 am Mass @ St. Brigid

Saturday, January 27

3:45 pm—4:15 pm Reconciliation @ St. Brigid

4:30 pm Mass @ St. Brigid

Sunday, January 28

7:30 am Mass @St. Brigid

9:00 am Mass @ St. Joseph

9:00 am—10:15 am—PSR (gr. 5-8)@ St. Edward

9:55 am—11:15 am—PSR (PK-8) @St. Joseph

10:30 am Mass @ St. Edward

Monday, January 29

6:30 pm Mass @St. Brigid

7:00 pm—RCIA @ St. Brigid

Tuesday, January 30

7:15 am—7:45 am Reconciliation @ St. Edward

8:00 am Mass @ St. Edward

Wednesday, January 31

7:15 am—7:45 am Reconciliation @ St. Joseph

8:00 am Mass @ St. Joseph

*After school—4:30 pm—PSR (K-4) @ St. Edward

6:30 pm—7:45 pm—PSR (gr. 1-8) @ St. Brigid

Friday, February 2

8:00 am **First Friday** Mass @ St. Edward

Pastor's Letter

Dear Church Family,

Over the course of my life, I have moved between fifteen and twenty times. That doesn't include going away to college or moves to different homes within the same city. While almost every change in location has been a positive experience, it has also meant that I have had to leave some things behind that I would rather have held onto; familiar faces and places that I have become comfortable with. Change requires us to let go of some aspects of the past so that we can embrace the possibilities of the future.

In our first reading for today, the people of the city of Nineveh are warned by God through the prophet Jonah that their city is about to be destroyed because of the evil things they have done. They pay attention to that warning and show that they are willing to change by performing acts of penance. They fast and put on sackcloth. God recognizes their repentance and spares their city. Repentance involves letting go of things that destroy our souls so that we can reconnect with God and receive life from him. That's not as easy as it might sound. Sometimes sin can seem attractive and fun and the damage it causes may not show itself immediately. It takes vision and determination to grow in holiness.

Accepting Jesus' call to discipleship also means letting go of some things, even things that are good, for the sake of other things that are even better and more important. In our Gospel reading, Simon, Andrew, James, and John hear the call of Christ and leave behind their familiar lives of fishing and family to follow Jesus and become messengers of the good news of the coming of the kingdom of God. They did it, not because their old lives were so bad, but because God had a higher purpose for them.

As Christians, all of us are called to be ready to let go of who we are now so that God can remake us into the people he wants us to be. St. Paul reminds us in our second reading that, "the world in its present form is passing away." If we want to be part of the new world that is coming, a world of peace, hope, justice, and love, and if we want to be part of bringing that world into being we need to let go of things that separate us from God by repenting of our sins and we need to be willing to let God lead us into new lives of discipleship and service. Now is the time to make that move.

Blessings,
Fr. Scott

Mass Intentions

SAT. JAN. 20

4:30 pm—St. Brigid: *Tina Logan*

SUN. JAN. 21—3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

7:30 am—St. Brigid: *Mass for the People*

9:00 am—St. Joseph: *Bruce Zanger*

10:30 am—St. Edward: *Howard Niekamp*

MON. JAN. 22

6:30 pm—St. Brigid: *Kenny & Imogene Barry*

TUES. JAN. 23

8:00 am—St. Edward: *Kent & Nancy Crow*

WED. JAN. 24

8:00 am—St. Joseph: *Ron Wiewel*

FRI. JAN. 26

8:00 am—St. Brigid: *Otha & Regina Howell*

SAT. JAN. 27

4:30 pm—St. Brigid: *Ray Maas Sr.*

SUN. JAN. 28—4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

7:30 am—St. Brigid: *For the Sexually Abused & their families*

9:00 am—St. Joseph: *Rita Terstriep*

10:30 am—St. Edward: *Betty Nichols*

Parish Support: Jan. 14

St. Brigid \$ 2,451.99

St. Edward \$ 841.00

St. Joseph \$ 1,493.00

Thank you for your generous support!

Diocese Special Collections

Church in Latin America—Jan. 28

Bishop's letter in last weeks bulletin

2023 Contribution Statements

It is time for us to send out your annual contribution statement for your tax purposes. If you have received them in the past, we will be sending them to you in January. If you have not requested in the past, please let the offices know you would like one.

St. Joseph Annual Shrimp Boil

Saturday, February 10th, Mass will once again be at 4PM with the feast following ALL YOU CAN EAT

St. Edward Adoration

Adoration follows the 8 am, First Friday Mass every month and goes until 5 pm. Please call Margie Kendrick to sign up 217-936-2365. Would like at least 2 people an hour.

Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Scholarship

The Springfield in Illinois SDCCW, an Affiliate of the National Council of Catholic Women, has instituted a Diocesan Scholarship Program to recognize 4 outstanding Catholic, female high school seniors who exemplify SDCCW's mission, values of leadership, faith and service with a \$2000 scholarship. Applications are at the back of church.

Adoration for Priests

There will be an hour of Adoration for Priests followed by Benediction at St. Peter Church, 2600 Maine St. in Quincy on January 21, 2024 from 3:00 to 4:00 P.M. all are invited to come and pray for your priests.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of Connie Boling and Verna Jean Sill, who died recently. Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord.



Baptisms

Lucas Felde,
Son of Alex and Alycia Felde

Bulletin Deadline

All information must be submitted by noon on Tuesday. Submit to: church@stsbej.org

St. Edward Annual Whole Hog Sausage & Pancake Day

Sunday, February 11th, 8 am—12 pm

ALL YOU CAN EAT SAUSAGE, PANCAKE, & BISCUITS & GRAVY. See Facebook for flyer.

SAVE THE DATE

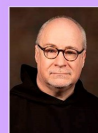
LENTEN PARISH MISSION

FEBRUARY 24-26, 2024

- Begins during all Weekend Masses on 2/24 and 2/25
- Continues with Parish Mission Conferences on 2/25 and 2/26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church
- A reception will follow on 2/26 in the Cafeteria
- Childcare available for children age 1 and older



Call 217.222.3155
for more information



Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB is excited to return to St. Peter for his second Lenten Parish Mission. He will offer a series of presentations on the Eucharist and how this relates to the Lenten season.



PSR News!



****SECOND GRADERS****

Reconciliation is coming up! Parents, please be talking to your children about the Sacrament. Share with them what it means to you! Please plan to receive the Sacrament with your child, it is important for children to see their parents taking advantage of the wonderful gifts God gives us through the Sacraments.

First Reconciliation for ALL PSR second graders will be on Tuesday, March 19 at 6PM at St. Joseph's Church. There will be an ice cream party in the hall afterward to celebrate!

****THIRD GRADERS****

Please remind sponsors to get their sponsor form signed by their priest and have their parish seal on it. These need to be returned to Emily by the April 2nd meeting at the LATEST.

All third graders should have their Confirmation Saint picked out and their Confirmandi form about their saint filled out by February 1st. Please have your child send these to PSR to give to their catechist, email it to Emily at ewellman.bej@gmail.com or text a picture of it to Emily at 217-257-3536

Sponsor/Candidate Service Projects are due on the April 2nd meeting. Please use the tri-fold poster-board supplied by the church. Contact Emily if you have any questions!

St. Edwards:

There will be a meeting with all Catechists today after 10:30AM Mass. Please come if you are able to attend!

****ALL GRADES****

Empowering God's Children Safe Environment Program opt-out forms have been sent home and are on our PSR facebook pages. Please read these over and decide if you would like your child(ren) to participate in these lessons. Emily Wellman will be teaching all the lessons, with the grade level catechists present. This is a program for children to know their safety rights, recognize their boundaries, and to empower them to protect themselves when safe adults are not immediately available - and ultimately be safer from people who might want to harm them. This year our lessons will focus on boundaries and secrets, surprises, and promises. These lessons will take place the last week of January and the first week of February. Please sign this form if you DO NOT want your child to participate, and return it to Emily ASAP. If you have any questions, concerns, or would like a copy of the lesson for yourself, please let Emily know.

