

# 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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Mon.—Thurs. 7:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

### 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  
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217-645-3546

**PARISH WEBSITE: stsbej.org**

# Pastor's Letter

**March 10, 2024—4th Sunday of Lent**

Dear Church Family

Included in the readings for today is one of the most beautiful of the psalms, Psalm 137:

By the streams of Babylon  
we sat and wept  
when we remembered Zion.  
On the aspens of that land  
we hung up our harps.  
For there our captors asked of us  
the lyrics of our songs,  
And our despoilers urged us to be joyous:  
“Sing for us the songs of Zion!”  
How could we sing a song of the LORD  
in a foreign land?  
If I forget you, Jerusalem,  
may my right hand be forgotten!  
May my tongue cleave to my palate  
if I remember you not,  
If I place not Jerusalem  
ahead of my joy.

This psalm so touchingly conveys the longing of the heart for home. And home is not just a physical locality. In our first reading for today we read in 2 Chronicles how Israel came to be separated from the land promised to them by God because they had separated themselves from God by their sinfulness. The worst part of their homesickness is this alienation from God and the knowledge that they have no one to blame for it but themselves.

God wants nothing more than to be close to us and share himself with us. But we don't always let God come close. Sometimes we prefer to distance ourselves from him by doing things that may give us pleasure for a short time, but ultimately leave us empty, dissatisfied, and damaged. Then we become ashamed, and we try to run from God. As our Gospel reading says, “And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed.” The farther we sink into sin, the more we try to hide in the darkness and the deeper into sin we fall.

But however bad our sins may be, God never gives up on us. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.” God always leaves the light of his love burning for us so that we can find our way back to him. That light is Christ himself who came into the world to seek us out and to bring us home. May God help us to trust his love, leave behind our guilt, and come into the light. Then we will be able to joyfully sing the songs of Zion in the New Jerusalem that is to come.

Blessings,  
Fr. Scott

## Calendar

### Saturday, March 9

3:45 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Reconciliation @ St. Brigid  
4:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Brigid (Children's Mass)

### Sunday, March 10

7:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Brigid  
9:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Joseph  
Stations of the Cross follow Mass @ St. Joseph  
9:00 a.m.—10:15 a.m.—PSR (gr. 5-8) @ St. Edward  
9:55 a.m.—11:15 a.m.—PSR (PK-8) @ St. Joseph  
10:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward (Children's Mass)

### Monday, March 11

6:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Brigid  
7:00 p.m.—RCIA @ St. Brigid

### Tuesday, March 12

7:15 a.m.—7:45 a.m. Reconciliation @ St. Edward  
8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward

### Wednesday, March 13

7:15 a.m.—7:45 a.m. Reconciliation @ St. Joseph  
8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Joseph  
\*After school—4:30 p.m.—PSR (K-4) @ St. Edward  
6:30 p.m.—7:45 p.m.—PSR (gr. 1-8) @ St. Brigid  
6:30 p.m. Tri-Parish Penance Service @ St. Joseph

### Thursday, March 14

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

### Friday, March 15

8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Brigid w/ Stations to follow  
5:00 p.m.—St. Brigid Fish Fry  
7:00 p.m.—Stations of the Cross @ St. Edward

### Saturday, March 16

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

### Sunday, March 17

7:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Brigid  
9:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Joseph (Children's Mass)  
Stations of the Cross (Mary's Version) to follow Mass @ St. Joseph  
9:00 a.m.—10:15 a.m.—PSR (gr. 5-8) @ St. Edward  
9:55 a.m.—11:15 a.m.—PSR (PK-8) @ St. Joseph  
10:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward

### Monday, March 18

6:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Brigid  
7:00 p.m.—RCIA @ St. Brigid

### Tuesday, March 19

7:15 a.m.—7:45 a.m. Reconciliation @ St. Edward  
8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward  
6:00 p.m.—2nd Grade Reconciliation @ St. Joseph

### Wednesday, March 20

7:15 a.m.—7:45 a.m. Reconciliation @ St. Joseph  
8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Joseph  
\*After school—4:30 p.m.—PSR (K-4) @ St. Edward  
6:30 p.m.—7:45 p.m.—PSR (gr. 1-8) @ St. Brigid

### Friday, March 22

8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Brigid w/ Stations to follow  
6:00 p.m.—Stations of the Cross w/ PSR @ St. Edward

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, MARCH 9

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: *Ron Zanger*

### SUNDAY, MARCH 10—4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: *Rita Knuffman*

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: *Mike Frese*

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: *Martha Koetters*

### MONDAY, MARCH 11

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: *Harold Siebers*

### TUESDAY, MARCH 12

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: *Sis Calkins*

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: *Richard Venvertloh*

### FRIDAY, MARCH 15

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: *Lindell Johnson*

### SATURDAY, MARCH 16

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: *Patty Lieurance*

### SUNDAY, MARCH 17—5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: *Jim & Mary Powell*

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: *Jason Ohnemus*

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: *Don Maas*

## **Parish Support: March 3**

St. Brigid	\$ 4,118.00
St. Edward	\$ 2,294.00
St. Joseph	\$ WILL ADD WED.

*Thank you for your generous support!*

## **St. Brigid Church**

Hwy. 104, Liberty, IL

# **Fish Fry**

Friday, March 15, 2024

5:00 – 7:30 PM

Adults-\$12 • Ages 6-12-\$8 • 5 & under-Free

**All you can eat**

### **Buffet Style**

Catfish Fillets  
Homemade Potato Chips  
Potato Salad  
Baked Beans  
Applesauce  
Assorted Homemade Desserts  
Beverage

Carryouts Available • Wheelchair Accessible

## **Desserts Needed for Fish Fry**

Donated desserts needed for the Annual St. Brigid Fish Fry on March 15. Drop off anytime on that day. We appreciate all your support!

## St. Edward Easter Choir Invite

Anyone wishing to sing in St. Ed's Easter choir, please let Rich Lask know OR come on up to the choir loft on Sundays from 9:30-10:00. Everyone is encouraged to come and help us "make a joyous sound" to the Lord!

## Advertise In Our Bulletin

If you are a business owner, please consider underwriting the printing of our bulletins by buying an advertisement. Our church family would be happy to know of a fellow parishioner or friend of our parishes whose business we can support. Information on how to buy an ad is on the back of the bulletin. If you know of a business owner who might be interested in advertising with us, please let us know. If we can get 30 advertisers our bulletins will be printed at no charge to our parishes. Thank you for your support.

## Rest in Peace

Please pray for the soul of Curtis Boone who died recently. Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord.

## Please Remember to Pray For:

Daran Knuffman	Margie Steinkamp	Marilyn Obert
Kris Mast	Ginny Brinkman	Leon Lentz
Zoey Obert	Travis Irvin	Jim Wilson
Jennifer Neise	Denny Meyer	Maurie Koch
Julia Winfield	Rosie Miller	Tony Peters
Haddlei Burnett	Joe Rice	Joy Huebotter
Jim Steinkamp	Linda Windoffer	Raleigh Bess
Kayle Sheely	Monica Mast	Karen Woodworth
Darren Neisen	Bonnie Johnson	Doug Woodworth
John Kroner	Leo Bauer	Clari Dees
Marvin Meyer	Elizabeth Leonard	Craig Gramke
Carl Schisler	Ben Venvertloh	John Frese
Rachel Cramsey	Ripken Rangel	

For all undergoing surgery, undergoing cancer tests or therapy, for world peace, mental or difficult issues and for all victims of sexual abuse and violence and for their families, for conversion of hearts, and for all in danger due to acts of violence, *for our own special intentions we hold in our hearts* and for an end to abortions and wars. **Please contact us, if we need to remove your name from our prayer list. Thanks to all for your continued prayers, as they are needed and greatly appreciated.**

## St. Brigid Cemetery Clean Up

We will have a clean up day at St Brigid Cemetery on Saturday morning March 16 at 9 a.m. All help would be greatly appreciated



## Volunteers for Holy Thursday Feet Washing

If you would like to be someone who gets their feet washed on Holy Thursday, please call St. Brigid church office 217-645-3444. All ages are encouraged.

## St. Joseph's Stations of the Cross

St. Joseph's PSR Students will be leading a "Mary's Version" of the Stations of the Cross directly after Mass on Sunday, March 17. EVERYONE IS WELCOME! Please plan to stay after Mass and pray this unique version of the Stations of the Cross from Our Most Holy Mother, Mary's perspective.

## St. Joseph Cemetery Clean Up

All items must be removed from graves by March 15 and not replaced before March 24. Thanks

## Stations of the Cross

Please plan to join us for Stations of The Cross this Lent. Everyone is welcome!

**St. Joseph** will have stations following Sunday 9 a.m. mass with the PSR classes. Everyone welcome.

**St. Brigid** stations will follow the 8 a.m. mass on March 8 & 15.

**St. Edward** stations are Fridays at 7 p.m. If you would be willing to lead the stations, please sign up for a time at the back of church.

## Bulletin Deadline

All information must be submitted by noon on Tuesday.

Submit to: [church@stsbej.org](mailto:church@stsbej.org)



## Quincy Deanery DCCW

**For All Women:** The flyer and sign-up sheet for the next Quincy Deanery DCCW for our Spring gathering Wednesday, April 3, 2024, in Pittsfield can be found in your church lobby.

Our theme for this gathering is Confession: Mercy, Justice, and Forgiveness. We learn, pray, and gather new information and ideas to take back to our parishes and families and in the process make new friends and further our Faith. Bring along a friend to spend the day with us in Historic Pittsfield. The sign-up sheet gives our host church an idea on how many to plan for lunch.

Our Lady of Good Counsel is our Spiritual Director and has led us in all our gatherings. Please come and find out what Our Lady is calling you to. Please call 217-653-6716 with any questions you might have. Claudia Coggeshall-President of Quincy DCCW

## Women's Cursillo Weekend

There will be a women's Cursillo weekend on April 11 - 14 at the Quincy University Retreat center. It is an opportunity to renew and refresh your faith and to broaden your appreciation of our church. The weekend begins on Thursday evening and continues with fellowship, good food, singing, worship, prayer and meditation through Sunday afternoon. There are registration forms in the back of church or you may contact Connie Bealor for more information. 217-440-6886.

## St. Edward Adoration

Adoration follows the 8 a.m., First Friday Mass every month and goes until 12:30 p.m.

Please call Margie Kendrick to sign up 217-936-2365. We would like at least 2 people each hour.

## St. Patrick's Day Dinner

St. Rose Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner **Sunday, March 17, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.** Drive Thru Only. Serving Corned Beef & Cabbage OR German Sausage & Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, and Apple or Cherry Pie. Can also have ½ beef & ½ pork. \$13 per Meal. St. Rose of Lima Parish Hall, 715 Chestnut, Quincy IL. Enter through alley off of 8th Street. Order from your car!



## Murder Mystery on a Train

Join Quincy Catholic Charities for a Murder Mystery Dinner at The Holiday Inn, 4821 Oak St, Quincy. Tickets include dinner and entertainment. In addition, a silent auction and cash bar will be available. We hope to see you there!

Tickets: <https://cc.dio.org/events/quincy-annual-fundraiser-2024?fbclid=IwAR0wHgLyS9ulmF4wmEeDDDFubnyg9nOyx8r6A1vG4uenG-4-lt7atwvMRgE>

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**3/15/2024 - 3/17/2024, Cape Girardeau, MO**  
**4/5/2024 - 4/7/2024, St. Peters, MO**





# PSR News!

## St. Joseph Children's Masses

Please look at the March PSR Newsletter for your child's ministry role in our upcoming PSR Children's Masses! If you are unable to attend your PSR Parish Mass, please let Emily know ASAP so we are able to find coverage for your child's assigned role.

St. Joseph's PSR Children's Mass will be on Sunday, March 17 at 9:00 a.m. Mass.

## Special Guest

The past couple of weeks we have had Fr. Scott and Fr. James Wheeler attend our PSR classes to give our students 3-8 the sacrament of Reconciliation! We still have our fourth graders from St. Brigid to go, but don't worry, we won't forget them! A BIG THANK YOU TO FR. SCOTT AND FR. JAMES for donating their time to this beautiful Sacrament!



## 2nd Graders

All of our second graders will be receiving the Sacrament of their First Reconciliation on Tuesday, March 19 at St. Joseph's Church at 6 p.m. Please see the March PSR Newsletter and parent letter that is attached for more information! Check out Emily's video on Facebook for a short tour/tutorial on the Sacrament at St. Joseph's Church – this might help your child with nerves, especially if he/she has never been to St. Joseph's Church before!



## 3rd Graders

The next Sponsor/Candidate meeting will be on Tuesday, April 2 from 6-7 p.m. at St. Joseph's Hall for all three Parish PSR third graders. IF your child's sponsor is unable to attend, please send a parent/guardian in his/her place! Confirmation and First Communion will take place at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield on Saturday, May 4.

## 4th Graders at St. Edward

Our fourth grade class from St. Edward had a guest teacher a couple weeks ago – Father Scott! The students enjoyed learning about vestments, the meaning of what Fr. Scott (and all priests) wear for Mass & how it dates back to Roman times, the liturgical year, and what each color means. THANK YOU FR. SCOTT!!

## Virtue of the Month—FORTITUDE

At times, we may all experience timidity, which are moments where we avoid doing what is right because we are afraid. On the other hand, there may be times that we do not feel scared and act foolishly by doing things that are unnecessary, dangerous, and not very smart. The virtue of fortitude helps us overcome being timid and foolish. Acts of fortitude will require overcoming some obstacle or difficulty. Many times making sacrifices are necessary to do what God wants you to do. You may have to sacrifice your time, effort, comfort, or popularity to do God's will. Using patience and perseverance will help you master the virtue of fortitude. Remember to pray to the Holy Spirit for fortitude when facing a difficult situation/decision!

# Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH						
March 16 & 17	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
4:30 p.m.	Harper Obert Jonah Obert	Mike Maas Debbie Maas	John Zanger Dave Fessler Ava Fessler	Dave Fessler	Katie & Dennis Ippensen	Theresa Neisen
7:30 a.m.	Dylan Hocking Mason Hocking	Vickie Cramsey Brandy Hocking	David Dodd Lucy Mewes Greg Obert	Justin Mewes	Mark & Carol Heidbreder	Rick & Kris Barry

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
March 17	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
9:00 a.m.	Children's Mass	Jeanne Cramsey Billie Huebotter				

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
March 17	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
10:30 a.m.	Alexis Voss Devin Shupe Willow Shaffer	Breanne Kelly Margie Kendrick	Donna Voss	Jennifer Knox	Ginny Maas	Josh Venvertloh Family
* Please continue passing the basket for collection.						

## Lenten Obligation

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

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2024

### FISH FRIES

- ON THE MENU -

Catfish Plate (Whole or Fillet).....\$14.00  
(includes 3 sides, drink & dessert)









Walleye Plate.....\$14.00  
(includes 3 sides, drink & dessert)

Child's Plate.....\$8.00  
(includes 1 pc. of walleye, 2 sides, drink & dessert)

Fish Sandwich, Fries & Drink.....\$8.00

• HOMEMADE DESSERT •

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