

St. Brigid - St. Joseph - St. Edward

CATHOLIC CHURCHES



**TRI-PARISH
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CHURCHES**

**ST. BRIGID
ST. JOSEPH
ST. EDWARD THE
CONFESSOR**

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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Location of Our Parishes

St. Brigid Catholic Church

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Office Hours

Tues. & Thurs. 8 am to 4 pm
Wednesday by appointment
Friday until Noon
217-645-3444

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Quincy, IL 62305

Office Hours

Wednesday 8am to 4 pm
217-434-8442

St. Edward Catholic Church

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Mendon, IL 62351

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Pastor's Letter

December 15, 2024—3rd Sunday of Advent

Dear Church Family,

When the people were wondering if John the Baptist might be the Messiah that they were waiting for, it's interesting to see that he compared the way he was baptizing people with the way that our Lord would baptize people when he came. John's baptism is a baptism of repentance. That baptism was intended to show sorrow for sin and a firm intention to turn away from doing evil. This is a necessary first step, but it's not the whole story. The best part is coming.

The baptism into Christ lifts us out of sorrow and into joy, the deepest and truest joy any human can experience, the filling up of one's life with the presence and power of God. As John says, Jesus baptizes us with the Holy Spirit and with fire. We are immersed in God and receive from him, as St. Paul says, peace that surpasses all understanding. Paul exhorts the people to be filled with joy and gratitude. When we think of all the suffering and persecution that Paul faced in carrying out his mission to share the gospel, his joyful tone is amazing. It reminds us that our joy comes from a place that is deeper than our circumstances. Even when we are facing tough times, the gift of the Holy Spirit and the fire of his power strengthen us to get through them.

Today the church celebrates Gaudete Sunday, Rejoice Sunday, and we remember that the whole point of our faith is to experience the good news of great joy that is for all people, the good news that Christ is coming to put an end to evil. It may not always look that way and we may not always feel like jumping up and down, but however things look and however we feel, the goodness of God has been poured into the hearts of his people. May that fact fill us with peace, hope, and joy.

Blessings,
Fr. Scott

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve
 4:30 pm - St. Edward
 4:30 pm - St. Joseph
 7 pm - St. Brigid
 10 pm - St. Edward

Christmas Day
 8 am - St. Brigid
 8 am - St. Joseph

ST. MARY'S
CATHOLIC
CHURCHES

Please Remember to Pray For:

Daran Knuffman	Rosie Miller	Raleigh Bess
Zoey Obert	Joe Rice	Karen Woodworth
Julia Winfield	Linda Windoffer	Doug Woodworth
Haddlei Burnett	Monica Mast	John Blickhan
Jim Steinkamp	Bonnie Johnson	Ryan Wiemelt
Kayle Sheely	Elizabeth Leonard	Scottie Bastert
John Kroner	Ben Venvertloh	Bernice Dittmer
Marvin Meyer	Ripken Rangel	Linda Howe
Carl Schisler	Jim Wilson	Joann Walton
Rachel Cramsey	Maurie Koch	Amy Ohnemus
Ginny Brinkman	Tony Peters	Stephen Sorrells
Denny Meyer	Joy Huebotter	Kent Hilgenbrinck

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

Calendar

Saturday, December 14

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

4:30 p.m.—Mass @ St. Brigid

Sunday, December 15

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

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

9:15 a.m.—10:15 a.m. PSR (5-8) @ St. Edward

10:15 a.m. St. Joseph PSR **Christmas Program** & lunch

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

Monday, December 16

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

Tuesday, December 17

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

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

Wednesday, December 18

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

8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Joseph, **Cleaning** after Mass

3:10 p.m.—4:30 p.m. PSR (K-4) @ St. Edward

6:00 p.m. St. Brigid PSR **Nativity Play**, dinner to follow

Friday, December 20

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

Saturday, December 21

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

4:30 p.m.—Mass @ St. Brigid

Sunday, December 22

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

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

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

Monday, December 23

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

Tuesday, December 24—Christmas Eve

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

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

7:00 p.m. Mass @ St. Brigid

10:00 p.m. Mass @ St. Edward

Wednesday, December 25—Christmas Day

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

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

Friday, December 27

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

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Richard & Ray Jr. Maas and
Matthew Ryan

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Herbert & Mildred Lentz
+Leroy Lentz

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Dale & Rose Mary Zanger and
Family

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: +Ron Dueterhaus
+John Frese

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Loretta Koch

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: +David Kendrick

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Jason Ohnemus

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: For the People of the Parish

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Harold Siebers
+Wayne Warning

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Paul Barry

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Tom Mast

+Rose Mary Howell

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: +Carolyn Ellerman

+Dick & Helen Fessler

Parish Support: December 8

St. Brigid \$ 4,471.00

St. Edward \$ 3,007.00

St. Joseph \$ 6,231.00

Thank you for your generous support!

All Collections included in total this week.

Diocese Special Collections

Catholic Children's Home—December 15

The Christmas season can be a particularly difficult time for these youths as many of them are without a family. Those who have a family often lack the special care they need. Please keep these children in your prayers throughout this holy season of Advent and Christmas. With your help, the Catholic Children's Home can continue to serve the special needs of these children in the name of Jesus Christ, as it has since 1879.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki

Bulletin Deadline

All information must be submitted by noon on Tuesday.

Submit to: church@stsbej.org

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Paul Decker, who died recently. Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord.

Christmas Cards for Parishioners in Nursing Homes

There will be a bin inside the main entrance to the church to drop off the cards, which will be delivered in time for Christmas. Please sign your name in each card and state which parish you are from. Put the resident's name and nursing home on the outside of the envelope. **DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPE.**

The final deadline for submitting cards is Wednesday, December 18.

If you know of anyone from our parish who is not on the list, please call the church office 217-645-3444.

Bradford Villa Assisted Living

Virginia Heberlein (Brigid)

George Barry (Brigid)

Sunset Apts.

Peggy Maas (Brigid)

Adams Point

Helen Frese (Brigid)

Kepley House – Pittsfield, IL

Patty Powell (Brigid)

Curtis Creek

Norma Emery (Joseph)

Marcia Cramsey (Joseph)

St. Vincent Home

Mary Bauer (Joseph)

Good Samaritan

Pauline Seals (Joseph)

Sunset Home

Lois Fessler (Joseph)

Lewis Co. Nursing Home – Canton, MO

Dorothy Cimochoowski (Edward)

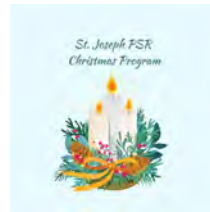
Heritage Health – Mt. Sterling, IL

Maurie Koch (Edward)

Stewardship Reflection

“For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.”
(Luke 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you “leap for joy?” If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.



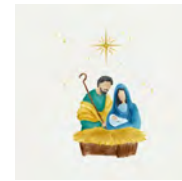
ST. JOSEPH'S PSR CHRISTMAS Program!

Please join us on Sunday, December 15 after 9 a.m. Mass for our St. Joseph PSR Christmas Program. To honor Jesus' birthday, please bring an unwrapped

baby gift (diapers, wipes, etc.) or a monetary donation that will be donated to families in need in honor of our Blessed Savior!

After the program, we will enjoy a meal together donated by the Altar Society!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!



St. Brigid's Nativity Play

Wednesday, December 18 at 6:00 p.m. (Please have PSR students at church at 5:40 to have time to get into costumes). The play will be in St. Brigid's Church, meal directly to follow in the hall!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Please bring a salad or dessert to share!
FREE-WILL donation to help with main dish!

Last Call—Stewardship Packets Deadline December 22

We are wrapping up the 2024 Stewardship Season so, don't forget to fill out your Stewardship sheets and mail to the office or drop in the collection plate. I want to thank all the families who have already sent theirs in. This helps us to update our database, find out who is still active, or those who want to become more active in their parish. This is also a great opportunity to make suggestions about things you like or would like to see happen in our parishes.



St. Edward Church Decorating

Please join us Sunday, December 22 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass to decorate our church for coming of Christmas.

All are welcome!

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



Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal Schedules & Program Dates ALL ARE WELCOME! Please sign up in the church vestibule so we have an accurate head-count for food!	
St. Brigid Wednesday, December 11 During PSR, 6:30-7:45 Do not need to bring anything, please be on time!	St. Edward Saturday, January 4 10:00-11:00 a.m. in Hall Do not need to bring anything, please be on time!
St. Brigid NATIVITY PLAY Wednesday, December 18 Play starts at 6 p.m. Students in hall by 5:40 p.m.	St. Edward EPIPHANY PLAY Sunday, January 5 Lunch Directly after 10:30 Mass



PSR DATES TO REMEMBER:

December 15: St. Joseph Christmas PSR Program
December 18: St. Edward PSR Christmas Caroling
December 18: St. Brigid PSR Nativity Play
December 22-January 1: NO PSR, Christmas Break
January 4: St. Edward Epiphany Play Dress Rehearsal, 10-11 a.m.
January 5: St. Edward Epiphany Play
For PSR Newsletters go to: stsbej.org

Sunday, December 15 Readings - FOR YOUTH!

In today's Gospel reading we hear about people being filled with expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Saint John the Baptist told the people how to prepare for his coming—by doing good and repenting of their sins.

At first the people thought that John the Baptist might be the Messiah. But Saint John was only a messenger. We can think of him as a sign-post pointing the way to Jesus. People came to see and hear him, and he showed them the way to God. How can you be like Saint John the Baptist and show other people the way to Jesus?

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 Emily Wellman at 217-257-3536 if you are wanting to go on a weekend, and our awesome churches will pay for you to go!

Other TEC Dates for 2024: January 18-20



St. Joseph is blessed having ALL who Serve. This was a special day having the 3 Mock brothers Serving together recently. A big thank you to ALL our Servers.

Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH						
December 21 & 22	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
4:30 p.m.	Bryce Mixer Miles Mixer	Norma Neisen Theresa Neisen Robin Neisen	Eric Barry Dave Obert Kristin Obert	Laura Maas	Dan Kramer	John & Stacy Clark
7:30 a.m.	Dylan Hocking Mason Hocking	Nancy Obert NEED 1	Greg Obert Ron Cramsey Mike Hummel	Justin Mewes	Norm & Nancy Boone	Greg & Nancy Obert

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
December 22	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
9:00 a.m.	Quinn Luaders Jack Luaders Lane Ohnemus	Barb Frese Cheryl Mock Brenda Siebers	Mark Bockhold Andrew Rangel	Florence Dietrich		Bockhold/Rangel Families

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
December 22	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
10:30 a.m.	Henry Bealor Liam Logan Mark Wellman	Donna Voss Susan York Connie Bealor	Margie Kendrick	Abby Hagedorn	Ginny Maas	Erin Frazier Family
* Please continue passing the basket for collection.						



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Thank You

A huge thank you to the many ladies who came to St. Joseph with cookies that were shared with many of our parishioners. The tree is decorated and is perfect. Thank you to all who participated and made this day special for many!



St. Peter Adoration

OPEN Hours that are available are:

Wednesday: 2 a.m., 3 a.m.

Thursday: Midnight (week 2, 4, 5), 1 am (weeks 2, 4, 5)

Friday: 1 a.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m. (weeks 1,3), 1 a.m., 2 a.m. (starting in January)

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<p>Luke: Stories on the Road</p> <p>Sunday, Jan. 12 7 pm</p>	<p>Sermon on the Mount</p> <p>Monday, Jan. 13 7 pm</p>	<p>Hollywood vs. Faith</p> <p>Tuesday, Jan. 14 7 pm</p>
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