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CATHOLIC CHURCHES



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ST. BRIGID
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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

706 N. Main St.
Liberty, IL 62347

Office Hours

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

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1435 E. 1500th St.
Quincy, IL 62305

Office Hours

Wednesday 8am to 4 pm
217-434-8442

St. Edward Catholic Church

214 South State Road
Mendon, IL 62351

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217-645-3546

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Pastor's Letter

December 22, 2024—4th Sunday of Advent

Dear Church Family,

The story of salvation history makes it abundantly clear that God's preferred way of working in the world is through small and hidden things. In our Gospel reading for today, the angel Gabriel comes to an unknown young woman in an insignificant place called Nazareth to initiate God's incredible plan for the salvation of the world. And this week we celebrate the birth of the Messiah in another little town called Bethlehem. This little village is an unlikely place to be the location of the fulfillment of "the hopes and fears of all the years," as it says in one of my favorite Christmas carols. But this insignificant place is exactly where the Son of God has entered into his creation.

But when we remember the mission of our Lord, the choosing of a birthplace on the margins of society is not surprising, because Jesus is also the Son of Man, come to redeem all humankind, including and especially the humble of the earth, the poor, the broken, and the marginalized. He came to us, not as one above the Mass of humanity, but as one of us. His plainness was an obstacle for some. They looked for someone more imposing, more glamorous, not someone who worked with his hands and sweated for a living like he did. But at the heart of the apparent ordinariness of Jesus, divinity was revealed. The divine Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. The world has been changed by what happened in the little towns of Nazareth and Bethlehem.

The Word is still alive and active among us today. And it still comes in small and hidden ways in small and out-of-the-way places. Unheralded acts of love and prayers in private are expressions of the Word alive in Christian hearts and they continue to change the world. Many times, these changes are not immediately visible to the eye, but over time the supernatural effect of acts of faith make themselves seen and felt in powerful ways. When we are tempted to think that our small efforts to sow mustard seeds of peace, hope, and love will never amount to much, let's remember that some people thought the same of Jesus and his first disciples. And when we feel like we are being pushed to the edges of society, let's remember that that's where it all started, in little, insignificant, out-of-the-way Nazareth and Bethlehem. May Christ be re-born in us today.

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

Holiday Office Hours

Christmas Eve 24: 8 a.m.—Noon
 Christmas Day 25 & 26: Closed
 New Year's Eve: 8 a.m.—Noon
 New Year's Day: Closed

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Calendar

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

OFFICE OPEN: 8 a.m.—Noon

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

OFFICE CLOSED

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

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

Thursday, December 26—OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, December 27

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

Saturday, December 28

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

4:30 p.m.—Mass @ St. Brigid

Sunday, December 29

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

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

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

Monday, December 30

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 31—New Year's Eve

OFFICE OPEN: 8 a.m.—Noon

NO AM MASS

6:00 p.m. Mass @ St. Edward

Wednesday, January 1—New Year's Day

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

OFFICE CLOSED

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

Friday, January 3—First Friday

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

End of Year Donations

We remind you that the end of the year contributions to the parish, in order to be recorded for the 2024 calendar year for tax purposes, must be received no later than December 31. A statement of contributions will be mailed as soon as possible after the New Year. We are most grateful for your continuing and regular donations to the parish. May the Lord bless you for your generosity and support.

Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Rose Mary Howell

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:30 p.m.—St. Joseph: +Wayne Warning

4:30 p.m.—St. Edward: +Ronnie Duesterhaus

7:00 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Russ & Norma Ellwood

10:00 p.m.—St. Edward: For the People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Mary Jo Obert

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Ron Wiewel

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Florence Smith

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Bernice Mowen

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Marilyn Barry

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Ron Wiewel

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: +Ron Valeu

+Rose Mary Howell

Parish Support: December 15

St. Brigid \$ 3,651.00

St. Edward \$ 2,816.00

St. Joseph \$ 2,795.50

Thank you for your generous support!

All Collections included in total this week.

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 and help members 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!

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 lector 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 Altar Society Christmas Party



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Sunday, Jan. 12

10:15 am, St. Joseph

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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

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Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal Schedules & Program Dates ALL ARE WELCOME!

St. Edward
Saturday, January 4
10:00-11:00 a.m. in Hall
Do not need to bring anything, please be on time!

St. Edward EPIPHANY PLAY
Sunday, January 5
Lunch Directly after 10:30 Mass

PSR DATES TO REMEMBER:

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 22 Readings - FOR YOUTH!

Now it's only a few days until Jesus' birthday! Are you all ready for it? If you have an Advent wreath then this is the week that all the candles will be lit. Jesus is coming soon, so the light should be getting very bright.

Do you have a Christmas tree? Do you know what it represents? A long time ago people used to have plays at Christmas time about how Adam and Eve sinned when they ate the fruit from the tree, and how Jesus was born to save us from that sin. So a Christmas tree is there to remind us why Jesus came.

Does your family have a nativity scene? It should be all ready for Christmas, but the Baby Jesus doesn't get put in the manger until Christmas Eve!



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

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. **The next retreat weekend is January 31– February 1.** 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!

Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH						
December	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
Christmas Eve 7 p.m.	Owen Potter Harper Obert	Robin Mowen Stacy Clark Mike Maas	John Zanger Mara Ippensen Mike Maas	Rich Cramsey	Katie & Dennis Ippensen	Norma Neisen
Christmas Day 8 a.m.	Ryleigh Powell Karlee Obert	Dot Smith Vickie Cramsey	Justin Mewes Kyle Leonard David Dodd	Mark Heidbrder	Greg & Nancy Obert	Glen & Sara Obert
Saturday, December 28 4:30 p.m.	Jonah Obert Jenna Obert	Mike Maas Debbie Maas Theresa Neisen	Ron Barry Dan Kramer Randy Maas	Cheryl Schutte	Jeff & Jody Obert	Cathy & John Zanger
Sunday, December 29 7:30 a.m.	Dylan Hocking Mason Hocking	Brandy Hocking Need 1	Lucy Mewes Greg Obert Ron Cramsey	Nancy Boone	Mark & Carol Heidbreder	Rick & Kris Barry
ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
December	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
Christmas Eve 4:30 p.m.	Makayla Drebes Myra Drebes Andrea Moore	Greg White Krista White Jeanne Cramsey	Jim Brinkman Shane Brinkman	Stan Frese		Brinkman Families
Christmas Day 8 a.m.	Isabella Neisen	T. Mast Pat Genenbacher Billie Huebotter	Jim Ohnemus Mike Ohnemus	Abigail Hildebrand		Ohnemus Families
Sunday, December 29 9:00 a.m.	Lane Ohnemus Caleb Bockhold Isabella Neisen	Barb Frese Cheryl Mock Brenda Siebers	Ted Mast Kenny Mast	Dan Drese		Mast Families
ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
December 22	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
Christmas Eve 4:30 p.m.	Danika Shaffer Jillian Shaffer Merideth Shaffer	Lori Hildebrand Lindsey Cornwell Tracy Cornwell	Donna Voss	Jeannie Hildebrand	Josh Venvertloh Family	Joe Hoeing Family
Christmas Eve 10 p.m.	Olivia Shaffer Willow Shaffer Devin Shupe	Paul Bealor Connie Bealor Margie Kendrick	Susan York	Holly Klutmeyer	Klutmeyer Family	Kientzle Family
Sunday, December 29 10:30 a.m.	Jaxson Tuter Josie Venvertloh Austin Frese	Breanne Kelly Margie Kendrick Donna Voss	Connie Bealor	Phil Hildebrand Jr.	Susan York	Seth Knox Family
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St. Joseph Christmas Play




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