

# 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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#### Location of Our Parishes

##### **St. Brigid Catholic Church**

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Liberty, IL 62347

##### **Office Hours**

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

##### **St. Joseph Catholic Church**

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  
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#### **Tri-Parish Mailing Address**

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**PARISH WEBSITE: stsbej.org**

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# Pastor's Letter

**December 29, 2024—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

Dear Church Family,

Today as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, our readings from Sacred Scripture remind us of an old-fashioned value that has fallen out of favor: duty. There are people in our lives to whom we owe a certain amount of respect and honor just by virtue of the kind of relationship we have with them. Our first reading from the book of Sirach talks about the esteem in which children should hold their parents. This duty to parents exists simply because of who they are, not because of any power they may hold over us to punish or reward but simply because of the fact of our relationship to them as the ones who brought us into the world. Our Gospel reading tells us how Jesus, the Son of God, was obedient to his mother, Mary, and his foster father, Joseph.



This recognition of our duty to those with whom we share bonds of kinship, the ties that bind our families together, has been steadily eroding. We live in an age that encourages us to put our own desires above just about any other claim that may be made on us. Thankfully, there are still lots of examples of those who put others ahead of themselves; children caring for parents weakened by old age, members of the armed forces who sacrifice their own freedoms and place themselves in harm's way to defend our country, doctors, nurses, teachers and more who give themselves in service to others. These models of selfless service inspire us and encourage us with the hope that the ideal of duty is not dead. But we also know that more and more we are being tempted by marketing tactics that tell us we should indulge ourselves and not allow obligations to others to stand between us and what we want.

The message of the gospel stands against that temptation to selfishness and egotism. The obligations we have to our families is something that would be recognized in most cultures, but Christianity goes beyond that basic norm. Our Lord calls us to see every human being as a brother or sister, mother or father, not just those with whom we share ties of blood. All of us have one heavenly Father who created us in his image and likeness. And so, St. Paul in his letter to the Colossians tells us to, "Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you." As Christians, we recognize that every human life is sacred and precious to God. And if they are precious to God, that makes them precious to us. We have a duty to God to do what we can to encourage the full flourishing of all our fellow human beings. That means showing respect, sharing the gift of our faith, which is true fullness of life, and sharing the good things of this world with those in need.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott

## **Bulletin Deadline**

All information must be submitted by noon on Tuesday.

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

## **Holiday Office Hours**

New Year's Eve—8 a.m.—Noon

New Year's Day—Closed

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## Calendar

### 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

### Saturday, January 4

10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Play Practice for St. Edward PSR

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

4:30 p.m.—Mass @ St. Brigid

### Sunday, January 5

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

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

10:00 a.m.—11:15 a.m. PSR @ St. Joseph

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

Epiphany Play and luncheon

### Monday, January 6

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

### Tuesday, January 7

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

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

### Wednesday, January 8

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

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 10

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

## **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 ready 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 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*

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 30**

NO MASS

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31**

6:00 p.m.—St. Edward: *+Janet & William Higenbrinck*

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1**

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

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 3—First Friday**

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: *+Alvenia Richmiller*

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 4**

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: *+Rufus Germaine,*

*Randy Schmidt & Jeff Graham*

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 5**

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: *+George Schneider*

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: *+Lloyd Goehl*

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: *+Leo Bauer*

## **Parish Support: December 22 & 29**

St. Brigid                   \$ Will be reported in

St. Edward                \$ the January 5 bulletin

St. Joseph                 \$ Merry Christmas!!

***Thank you for your generous support!***

*All Collections included in total this week.*

## **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.



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



## 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](http://stsbej.org)**



**Sunday, Jan. 12  
10:15 am, St. Joseph**

## Sunday, December 25 & 29 Readings - FOR YOUTH!

Today we celebrate Jesus' Birthday!

For Many years people had been waiting for God to send them a Messiah who would save them from their sins. When the time was right God Himself became a Baby and was born of the beautiful and holy virgin Mary. His name was Jesus, and today is His birthday!

What do you do on Christmas? Is it a big celebration? Do you think about whose birthday it is? Jesus gave Himself to us because He loved us. What can you do to show your family that you love them?

## 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](http://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						
January 4 & 5	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>Saturday 4:30 p.m.</b>	Hannah Buss Bryce Mixer Miles Mixer	Stacy Clark Debbie Maas Mike Maas	Eric Barry Ron Barry Mara Ippensen	John Clark	John & Stacy Clark	Ron & Rose Barry
<b>Sunday 7:30 a.m.</b>	Karlee Obert Kooper Powell Ryleigh Powell	Vickie Cramsey Brandy Hocking	Ron Cramsey David Dodd Mike Hummel	Mark Heidbreder	Greg & Nancy Obert	Rick & Kris Barry

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
January 5	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Andrea Moore James Bockhold Erica Althoff	Greg White Krista White Jeanne Cramsey	Kevin Walker Kenny Mock	Florence Dietrich		Walker/Mock Families

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
January 5	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Alexis Voss Mark Wellman Abel Zimmerman	Susan York Connie Bealor Paul Bealor	Cindy Betz	Breanne Kelly	Ginny Maas	Curtis Shaffer Family
<b>* Please continue passing the basket for collection.</b>						

## 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

## Stewardship Reflection

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” (1 John 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God’s children, it’s in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

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

# Christmas Memorials

## St. Brigid

Maas & Meyer Families  
Harold & Joan Siebers  
Mary Jo Obert  
Paul & Kay Smith  
Schmidt & Windoffer Families  
Knuffman & Lentz Families  
Everett Ray Barry  
Aaron Richard Barry  
Marilyn Barry  
Schneider & Ostdiek Families  
Loren & Helen Welsh  
Richard Maas  
Ray Maas Jr.  
Matthew Powell  
Jim & Mary Powell  
Imogene & Kenneth Barry  
Patricia Klingele  
Paul Frericks  
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Matthew Kruse  
Bernice Mowen  
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Harvey Family  
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Jackie Taylor  
Don and Anne Mae Obert  
Mary Beth & Mark Obert  
Paul & Helen Gerding  
Edward & Rose Mary Benz  
Ralph Cummings  
Theresa Hocking

Doug Hocking  
Oliver & Carol Taube  
Brenda Rice  
Carlene Crawford  
Alfred & Anna Krupps  
Otha, Regina, Bob & Ann Howell  
Leon Poynter Family  
Paul & Selma Edwards Family  
Hugh & Carrie Morrison Family  
Paul Barry  
Beau Avery Barry  
Stephanie Barry  
Jamie Barry  
Austin Leapley  
Dillion Likes  
Souls in Purgatory  
All Deceased Family Members  
All Friends and Loved Ones  
All Grandparents



## St. Joseph

George Dietrich Family  
Terry Dietrich  
Deceased Members of Koettters Family  
Deceased Members of Dietrich Family  
Earl & Rosemary Neisen  
Jason Ohnemus  
Mabel & Leonard Ohnemus  
Dale & Rose Mary Zanger  
Tom Mast  
Carl & Dorothy Mast  
Ferd Steinkamp Family  
Alois, Marguerite & Fr. Vic Kaltenbach  
Louis & Alta & Dale & Don Fessler  
Jim Stupavsky  
Mary Elizabeth Davidson  
Mary Jo Terry  
Kaltenbach & Fessler Families  
Russ Jansen  
Louis Holtschlag Family  
Marilyn Barry  
Henry & Rita Bockhold  
Richard & Betty Wilson  
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