

# 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**

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

##### **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  
Mendon, IL 62351

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

P.O. Box 228  
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217-645-3546

**PARISH WEBSITE: stsbej.org**

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# Pastor's Letter

**December 8, 2024—2nd Sunday of Advent**

Dear Church Family,

People often ask me, “How can I make a good confession? What should I do to get ready to go to confession?” I usually tell them that they should pray and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to them the things they might be doing that are creating obstacles between them and God. Sinful actions and attitudes like greed, lust, pride, envy, and hatred can block the flow of God’s life and love into our hearts, either partially or completely. Those actions and attitudes need to be cleared away so that the grace of God can fill us and strengthen us and we can perceive the guidance and encouragement of the Holy Spirit.

This is what the ministry of John the Baptist was all about. This Sunday John is identified with a prophecy from Isaiah, “A voice of one crying out in the desert: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every Valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill be made low.’” John’s message of repentance was proclaimed so that we could do our part to be reconciled to God by recognizing our sin, turning away from it, and turning toward him for help and healing.

Forgiveness of sin is possible because God has made the first move. In our first reading for today we hear, “For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God.” For us to be reconciled to him, God first had to destroy the power of sin, death, and the devil. This he has done by sending his Son into the world. Jesus lived and died and rose to set us free so that we could choose to live in the light of God’s love.

This Advent may we celebrate the freedom won for us by Christ by renewing our commitment to make straight the path between our hearts and his so that we can live by his law of love.

Blessings,  
Fr. Scott

As we prepare ourselves to receive Christ when he comes and celebrate his nativity with our whole hearts, There will be an extra opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. Fr. Scott and Fr. Bob Barko will be available to hear confessions on **Tuesday, December 10 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Church**. As a reminder, our regular confession times are Saturdays from 3:45 to 4:15 p.m. at St. Brigid’s, 7:15 to 7:45 a.m. on Tuesdays at St. Edward’s, and 7:15 to 7:45 a.m. on Wednesdays at St. Joseph’s.

## **December 9— Immaculate Conception Mass**

When the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception falls on an Advent Sunday it is transferred to the Monday.

8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Joseph  
6:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Brigid

### *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

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## **Calendar**

### **Saturday, December 7**

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

4:30 p.m.—Mass @ St. Brigid

### **Sunday, December 8**

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

9:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Joseph, **Donut Social** after Mass

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

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

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

### **Monday, December 9—Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

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

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

6:30 p.m. Men's Club Meeting @ St. Edward

### **Tuesday, December 10**

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

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

6:30 p.m. Tri-Parish **Penance Service** @ St. Joseph

### **Wednesday, December 11**

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

### **Thursday, December 12**

6:00 p.m. Altar Society Christmas Party @ St. Joseph

### **Friday, December 13**

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

### **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

## **Mass Intentions**

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7**

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Robert Richmiller

+Trina Logan

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8**

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Mary Jo Obert

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Jeanette & Greg Knapp

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: +Vern Shaffer

+Alvenia Richmiller

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 9**

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Florence Smith

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Marilyn Barry

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10**

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: +Janet & William Higenbrinck

+Martha Koettters

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11**

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

### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12**

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Joan Siebers

### **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 Duesterhaus

+John Frese

## **Parish Support: December 1**

St. Brigid \$ 5,225.00

St. Edward \$ 3,655.00

St. Joseph \$ 5,310.00

*Thank you for your generous support!*

*All Collections included in total this week.*

## **Bulletin Deadline**

All information must be submitted by noon on Tuesday.

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

## **Welcome**

We are pleased to welcome the following individual/families who recently registered as a parishioner at St. Edward. Please make them feel welcome and part of our great parish.

Taylor Speckhart

Jarrix Cameron



## **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 Cimochofski (Edward)

### **Heritage Health – Mt. Sterling, IL**

Maurie Koch (Edward)

## **Stewardship Reflection**

“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...”

(Philippians 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that “gift” truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your “obligation” to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less “stuff” and spend more time with those you love.



## **St. Edward Men's Club**

We are planning a men's club meeting next Monday, December 9 at St Edwards to discuss our upcoming pancake and sausage breakfast. We plan to start at 6:30 with food and drinks provided.

## **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.

## **Ladies Night Out at St. Joseph Altar Society Annual Christmas Party**

**December 12 at 6 p.m.**

Bring your favorite Christmas dish to share  
ALL ARE WELCOME & BRING A FRIEND!!

- Entrées and drinks will be furnished.
- Entertainment and festive atmosphere
- Sign up sheets are in our vestibule and hall.

## **Job Openings at St. Peter**

Full-time Director of Liturgy and Music—Church

Part-time Cafeteria Manager—School

Part-time Parish Nurse—School

For more information go to: <https://www.cospq.org/jobs/>

# 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!**

<p>St. Brigid Wednesday, December 11 During PSR, 6:30-7:45 p.m. Do not need to bring anything, please be on time!</p>	<p>St. Edward Saturday, January 4 10:00-11:00 a.m. in Hall Do not need to bring anything, please be on time!</p>	<p>St. Joseph Sunday, December 8 During PSR, 10:00-11:15 a.m. 5-8<sup>th</sup> graders bring talent props Please be on time!</p>
<p>St. Brigid NATIVITY PLAY Wednesday, December 18 Play starts at 6 p.m. Students in hall by 5:40 p.m.</p>	<p>St. Edward EPIPHANY PLAY Sunday, January 5 Lunch Directly after 10:30 Mass</p>	<p>St. Joseph CHRISTMAS PROGRAM Sunday, December 15 Directly after 9:00 Mass</p>

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



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

## 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 December 13-14.** 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!

## Sunday, December 8 Readings - FOR YOUTH!

Advent is a time of joy, when we happily look forward to the coming of Jesus. Today's Gospel reading tells about how Saint John the Baptist went around telling everyone to repent and prepare for the coming Messiah.

An Advent wreath is a symbol of the coming of Jesus, our Light, into the world. It has three purple candles and one pink candle. One candle is lit on the first week of Advent, and one more is added every week until Christmas. Every week it gets a little brighter because we are getting closer to Jesus' coming at Christmas.

The purple candles stand for repentance—being sorry and making up for our sins. The pink candle represents joy. It is lit on the third week of Advent because we rejoice that the waiting is half over.

# Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH						
December 14 & 15	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
4:30 p.m.	Kelsey Schutte Ashley Schutte	Mike Maas Debbie Maas Theresa Neisen	Laura Maas Dave Fessler Ava Fessler	John Clark	Pam & Jerry Totsch	Ron & Rose Barry
7:30 a.m.	Ryleigh Powell Karlee Obert	Vickie Cramsey Brandy Hocking	Kyle Leonard David Dodd Lucy Mewes	Greg Obert	Mark & Carol Heidbreder	Lance, Renee & Family

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
December 15	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
9:00 a.m.	Maddy Ohnemus Isabella Neisen Piper Steffen	T. Mast Pat Genenbacher Billie Huebotter	Zachary Hailey Henry Bockhold	Billie Huebotter		Hailey/Bockhold Families

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
December 15	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
10:30 a.m.	Mark Wellman Dax Klusmeyer Need 1	Lori Hildebrand Breanne Kelly Margie Kendrick	Cindy Betz	Becky Cottingham	Seth Knox Family	Greta Frankel Family

\* Please continue passing the basket for collection.

## 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!!!

## 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**



## 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!

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

## St. Anthony Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

St. Anthony Men's Society Pancake & Sausage Breakfast will be Sunday, December 8, 7 a.m.-noon. Adults \$12, Children \$6 (under 5 free). Dine in or carry out.

Advance meat orders:

Link & Bulk Sausage and Chops 5 lbs-\$25  
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Orders will be taken from November 1-December 1 or until 2000 lbs. are sold!

The Ladies Society will be holding a free will offering Bake Sale at the Breakfast.

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## Save the Date!

**THEY THAT HOPE**  
**St. Anthony Parish Mission**

**Advent 2024**  
**December 12th, 6-8 PM**  
**December 13th, 6-8 PM**  
**December 14th, 5:15-6:15 PM**

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Free Will offering

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


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