

# 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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Fr. Scott Snider

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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**

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Liberty, IL 62347

#### **Emergency, priest needed:**

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**PARISH WEBSITE: stsbej.org**

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# Pastor's Letter

January 5, 2025—Epiphany of the Lord

Dear Church Family,

Today is the Epiphany of the Lord. We celebrate the making known of God's salvation outside the boundaries of the people of Israel. This expansion of the kingdom of God was foretold by the prophets and is symbolized by the coming of the Magi from the east to pay homage to the infant Jesus. When God made his covenant with Abraham, he told him that the whole world would be blessed through him, and the prophet Isaiah said that all peoples would be drawn to God; "Nations shall walk by your light and kings by your shining radiance."

This breaking out of the love of God beyond the limits of ethnicity or nationality is a reminder to us that God is always calling us to go beyond the borders of the familiar and into new territory with the message of his love in Jesus Christ. Living the Christian life means always finding new ways to make Christ known in the world and reaching out to new people with the life-changing good news that God wants to fill them with peace, hope, and joy and give new meaning and purpose in their lives.

God is also continually showing himself in new ways, even to those who have followed him their whole lives. Sometimes this happens as a result of our bringing new people into the circle of God's love. We see God in a new, fresh way through their eyes, just like taking a friend to a favorite place and having them point out something new that you never noticed before. Bringing new people into our community of faith refreshes and invigorates the whole church. Sometimes we see God in a new way when we allow him to heal old wounds and restore broken relationships. And God shows himself anew when we open ourselves up to growing in prayer and in study of the faith. We will never know everything there is to know about God or reach the point where we cannot go deeper in prayer. There is always more to God.

The amazing truth of Epiphany is that God wants to be known by us. He has revealed himself to us in Jesus and he invites us into a relationship of love and trust. The wise men in their search for the King of kings traveled far to find him. May all who seek the true, the good, and the beautiful follow his star.

Blessings,  
Fr. Scott

## **Coordinator of Religious Education Needed**

We are in search of a new Coordinator of Religious Education for St. Brigid and St. Joseph parishes. Duties include managing all aspects of our Parish School of Religion and sacramental preparations. This is a part time paid position. For more information contact Fr. Scott at 217-645-3444 or [ssnider0528@gmail.com](mailto:ssnider0528@gmail.com)

## **Bulletin Deadline**

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## Calendar

### Saturday, January 4

10-11:00 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

### Saturday, January 11

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

### Sunday, January 12

7:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Brigid  
 9:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Joseph, Donut Social to follow

→ 10:15 a.m. Salt & Light—Kids Mission @ St. Joseph  
 10:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward

5:30 p.m.—Meal before the Mission @ St. Brigid

→ 7:00 p.m. **Mission** @ St. Brigid—“Luke: Stories on the Road”

### Monday, January 13

**NO MASS**

5:30 p.m.—Meal before the Mission @ St. Brigid

→ 7:00 p.m. **Mission** @ St. Brigid—“Sermon on the Mount”

### Tuesday, January 14

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

5:30 p.m.—Meal before the Mission @ St. Brigid

→ 7:00 p.m. **Mission** @ St. Brigid—“Hollywood vs. Faith”

### Wednesday, January 15

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

St. Joseph Church Cleaning after Mass

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 17

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

## Mass Intentions

### 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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 6

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Jeffrey Graham

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

6:00 p.m.—St. Edward: +Rose Mary Howell

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: Joan Siebers

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

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

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Loren & Helen Welsh  
 +Tom & Mary Allison

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Patricia Koch

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Jason Ohnemus

+Bruce Zanger

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: *For the People of the Parish*

## **Parish Support: December 22**

St. Brigid                   \$ 11,859.00

St. Edward               \$ 2,063.83

St. Joseph               \$ 2,908.00

## **December 24/25**

St. Brigid                   \$ 4,004.00

St. Edward               \$ 2,859.00

St. Joseph               \$ 6,374.25

## **December 29**

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St. Edward               \$ 1,920.00

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Sunday, Jan. 12  
7 pm

Sermon on the Mount



Monday, Jan. 13  
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Tuesday, Jan. 14  
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## Christmas Memorials St. Joseph

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## Men's Cursillo Weekend

There will be a men's Cursillo weekend on **January 23, 24, 25 & 26** 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. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity to help you grow and enrich your faith, there are registration forms in the back of church, or you may contact Tim Bealor at 217-316-3333.

## QCES Mass Attendance Cards

Mass attendance cards are available at the back of church.

## 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!

## Rest in Peace

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

## St. Edward Decoration Take down

Please join us after mass on Sunday, January 12 to take down all the Christmas decorations. Thank You

## TEC (Teens Encounter Christ!)

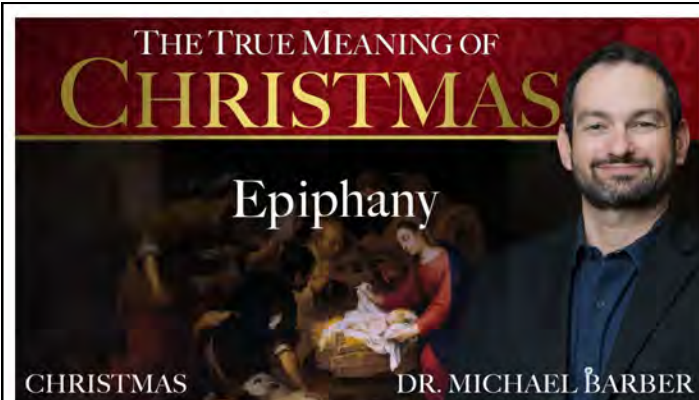
In the three-day weekend of TEC, you can experience being part of a vibrant, loving, and supportive faith community in which the friendship of Jesus Christ becomes a real possibility that makes sense. For more information go to [greatrivertec.org](http://greatrivertec.org)  
TEC weekends are held at 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**

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**January 12, 2025**



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# Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH						
January 11 & 12	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>Saturday 4:30 p.m.</b>	*Kade Klauser Jenna Obert Jonah Obert	Robin Mowen Norma Neisen Theresa Neisen	Dan Kramer Laura Maas Mike Maas	Rich Cramsey	Katie & Dennis Ippensen	John & Stacy Clark
<b>Sunday 7:30 a.m.</b>	Dylan Hocking Mason Hocking *Kruz Klauser	Nancy Obert Dot Smith	Kyle Leonard Justin Mewes Lucy Mewes	Justin Mewes	Nancy Boone	Gene & Loris Klauser

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
January 12	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Riggins Mock Asher Mock McCoy Mock	T. Mast Pat Genenbacher Billie Huebotter	Dan Mock Paul Mock	Dan Frese		Mock Families

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
January 12	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Henry Bealor Ben Bealor Braylee Brackensick	Lindsey Cornwell Tracy Cornwell Phil Hildebrand Jr.	Margie Kendrick	Dax Klusmeyer	Josh & Jill Venvertloh	Tyler 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
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Marvin Meyer	Ripken Rangel	Linda Howe
Carl Schisler	Jim Wilson	Joann Walton
Rachel Cramsey	Maurie Koch	Stephen Sorrells
Ginny Brinkman	Tony Peters	Kent Hilgenbrinck
Denny Meyer	Joy Huebotter	Alicia Blewett

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

## Stewardship Reflection

“...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” – Matthew 2:11

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ’s wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.



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



## 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

**January 5**—PSR resumes for St. Joseph

**January 8**—PSR Resumes for St. Brigid & St. Edward

**February 9**—St. Edward, NO PSR

**March 5**—ASH WEDNESDAY, NO PSR

**March 18**—2nd Graders, 1st Reconciliation Mtg at  
St. Joseph

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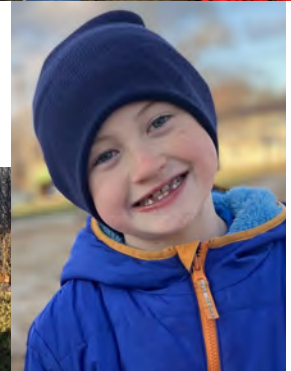
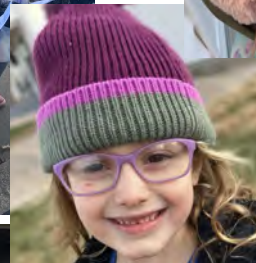
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**10:15 am, St. Joseph**



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