

# 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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##### **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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**Hospitality—Prayer—Formation—Service**

# Pastor's Letter

**December 28, 2025—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

Dear Church Family,

*"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation, and saying to Zion, 'Your God is King!'"*

Chances are that if you have children in your home, you were awakened on Christmas Day by them bouncing on your bed at the crack of dawn and yelling Christmas greetings at you before running off to see what Santa brought them.



*"Hark! Your sentinels raise a cry, together they shout for joy, for they see directly, before their eyes, the LORD restoring Zion."*

The joyful anticipation that has been building for the last several weeks has finally come to fulfillment in the arrival of the Nativity of our Lord. All the preparations were complete. The decorations went up. The presents have been given. Family and friends gathered. But the celebration has just begun! With all the joyful activity we might lose sight of the heart of the holiday, which runs through epiphany, that is the reason for all of the festivity. We gather with our families because on Christmas day God moved to bring all humankind into his own family by taking human flesh and being born into the Holy Family. We give each other presents in imitation of the wise men because the Father has given us the gift of his only begotten Son for our salvation. We feast in celebration of the fact that God has satisfied the deepest hunger of our hearts, reconciliation and communion with him.

*"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth."*

I hope that at some point during this happy season you will take a moment to sit down with the people you love and reflect on this great mystery of God's generous love to us. Don't rush to put Christmas to rest. Open your Bible to chapter two of the Gospel of Luke and to chapter two of the Gospel of Matthew and listen again to that beautiful story of Mary and Joseph and angels and shepherds and wise men and let them add depth and meaning to your celebration.

*"In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son."*

In this season of joy, may our hearts be open to hear and receive the Word made flesh.

Blessings,  
Fr. Scott

## **QCES Mass Attendance Cards**

Mass attendance cards are available at the back of church.

### **Holiday Office Hours**

New Year's Eve—8 a.m.-Noon  
New Year's Day—Closed

## **Thanks, Advertisers**

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## Calendar

### Saturday, December 27

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

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

### Sunday, December 28

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

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

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

### Monday, December 29

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

### Tuesday, December 30

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

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

### Wednesday, December 31

**OFFICE OPEN: 8 a.m.—Noon**

NO AM MASS

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

### Thursday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary

**OFFICE CLOSED**

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

### Friday, January 2—First Friday

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

NO ADORATION

### Saturday, January 3

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

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

### Sunday, January 4

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

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

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

Epiphany Play and luncheon

### Monday, January 5

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

### Tuesday, January 6

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

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

### Wednesday, January 7

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, January 8

6:30 p.m. Altar Society Meeting @ St. Joseph

### Friday, January 9

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

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: *For the People of Our Parishes*

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: *+Paul Barry*

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: *+Rose Mary Howell*

*+Don Fessler*

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: *+Alan Hildebrand*

*+Martha Koettters*

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: *+Harold & Joan Siebers*

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: *+John Blickhan*

*+Leonard Niekamp*

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31—New Year's Eve

6:00 pm—St. Joseph: *+Linda Leasman*

*+Connie Boling*

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: *+Mary Jo Obert*

*+Jim & Mary Powell*

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: *+Maurice Koch*

*+John Frese*

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: *For the People of Our Parishes*

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: *+Raymond Maas Sr.*

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: *+Rose Mary Howell*

*+Gregory & Jeanette Knapp*

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: *+John Blickhan*

## **Parish Support: Dec. 21**

St. Brigid \$ 5,657.00

St. Edward \$ 7,666.00

St. Joseph \$ 4,160.25

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

*All Collections included in total this week.*

## **End of Year Donations**

We remind you that the end of the year contributions to the parish, in order to be recorded for the 2025 calendar year for tax purposes, must be received no later than December 31. If you need a statement of contributions please call the office or email to [church@stsbej.org](mailto:church@stsbej.org). We are most grateful for your continuing and regular donations to the parish. May the Lord bless you for your generosity and support.

## **Bulletin Deadline**

All information must be submitted by noon on Tuesday.

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

# Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH						
January 3 & 4	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>Saturday 4:30 p.m.</b>	Owen Potter Grace Potter	Kristin Obert Stacy Clark Robin Mowen	John Zanger Eric Barry Ron Barry	Kristin Obert	John & Stacy Clark	John & Cathy Zanger
<b>Sunday 7:30 a.m.</b>	Kruz Klauser Karlee Obert	Vickie Cramsey Nancy Obert	Ron Cramsey Mike Hummel Kyle Leonard	Justin Mewes	Greg & Nancy Obert	Glen & Sara Obert

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
January 4	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Asher Mock McCoy Mock	Greg White Krista White Jeanne Cramsey	Mike Moore Andy Moore	Dan Frese		Moore Family

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
January 4	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Mark Wellman Jacob Wellman Georgia Zanger	Karen Woodworth Susan York Connie Bealor	Susan York	Becky Cottingham	Frazier Family	Tyler Shaffer Family

\* Please continue passing the basket for collection.

## Please Remember to Pray For:

Daran Knuffman	Elizabeth Leonard	Lisa Bohan
Zoey Obert	Ben Venvertloh	Rinley Barry
Julia Winfield	Ripken Rangel	Bill Hilgenbrinck
Haddlei Burnett	Tony Peters	Lily Jean Roberts
Jim Steinkamp	Joy Huebotter	Sandra White
Kayle Sheely	Raleigh Bess	Dorothy Mayfield
John Kroner	Karen Woodworth	Phil Freiburg
Marvin Meyer	Doug Woodworth	Jim Brinkman
Carl Schisler	Ryan Wiemelt	Bennett Duesterhaus
Rachel Cramsey	Bernice Dittmer	Bill Ervin
Denny Meyer	Joann Walton	Sophie Shriver
Rosie Miller	Kent Hilgenbrinck	Clayton Thompson
Joe Rice	Jim Wilson	Abram Kelly
Linda Windoffer	Connie Dietrich	
Monica Mast	Corey Sheurman	

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

## Stewardship Reflection

“And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”  
Colossians 3:17

Giving thanks to God and using our words and actions to give all glory to God is the foundation of living a stewardship lifestyle. We were made in God’s image and likeness, gratitude and generosity is in our DNA. As beloved sons and daughters of God, we are all part of God’s family. Using our gifts to help others is our gift back to God and helps grow the Body of Christ here on earth and establishes a pathway to Heaven for each of us.



Don't Forget to Turn in Your Commitment Card, last day is December 31.

## Online Giving

Below are the links:

<https://pushpay.com/g/stbrigidliberty>

<https://pushpay.com/g/stedwardmendon>

<https://pushpay.com/g/stjosephquincy>

It will walk you through setting up your giving account.

## St. Joseph Holy Name Meeting Change

The Holy Name will not meet on Thursday, January 1, 2026. The January meeting will be held on Thursday, January 15 at 6:30 p.m.

## Bible Study

Tri-Parish Bible Study starting on January 6. It will be every other week on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. It will be held at St. Joseph's Parish Hall. Please sign up by going to

<https://stsbrigidewardj.flocknote.com/biblestudy>.

All are welcome to come! Please bring your Bible!

Hope to see you all there!



## St. Edward PSR Caroling



## "Healing" Rosary

Please join us in praying a "Healing" Rosary for all parishioners, family members and friends combating any illnesses at this time. It will be held Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church. Bring family members and friends. All are welcome!

## Annual QND Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

The Annual QND Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be Sunday, January 11 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the QND cafeteria. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. (Children under 5 eat free). All proceeds benefit the Catholic Heart Workcamp trip this summer.

## 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 the office at 217-645-3444 if you are wanting to go on a weekend, and our awesome churches will pay for you to go!

Other TEC Dates for 2025: January 17-19, 2026

# Christmas Memorials

## St. Brigid

Jim Hayden  
 Glenn & Mary Ann Loos  
 Jackie Taylor  
 Maas & Neisen Families  
 Harold & Joan Siebers  
 Mary Jo Obert  
 Paul Barry  
 Beau Barry  
 Stephanie Barry  
 Jamie Barry  
 Austin Leapley  
 Dillion Likes  
 Siebers & Smith Families  
 Everett Ray Barry  
 Aaron Richard Barry  
 George & Marilyn Barry  
 Kenneth Leapley  
 Loren & Helen Welsh

Richard Maas  
 Ray Maas Jr.  
 Raymond Maas Sr.  
 Matthew Ryan  
 Jim & Mary Powell  
 Patricia Klingele  
 Paul Frericks  
 Thomas & Mary Allison  
 Eugene & Josephine Raleigh  
 Isabelle Raleigh  
 Lucille Lippa  
 Robert Dresden  
 Ryan Freiburg  
 Russ & Norma Ellwood  
 Sandy Randall  
 Robert Mowen  
 Matthew Kruse  
 Bernice Mowen  
 Walter Deming

Knuffman & Zanger Families  
 Lentz & Myer Families  
 Maas & Meyer Families  
 Alvin & Agnes Schmelzle  
 Obert & Siebers Families  
 Don and Anne Mae Obert  
 Mary Beth & Mark Obert  
 Doug & Theresa Hocking  
 Alfred Maple Sr.  
 Dwight & Dorothy Harvey  
 Jim Windoffer  
 Rufus & Germaine Schmidt Family  
 Paul & Virginia Windoffer Family  
 All Deceased Family Members  
 All Friends and Loved Ones  
 All Grandparents

## St. Edward

Doris Cornwell  
 Lyle Cornwell  
 Barb & John Blickhan  
 Jason Kasparie  
 Valeu Family  
 Ryan Freiburg  
 Don and Anne Mae Obert  
 Mary Beth & Mark Obert  
 Louis & Florence Freiburg  
 Mark Wellman  
 Allie O'Donnell  
 Robin Hoing

John & Margaret Allison  
 Glen Walton  
 Cathy Owen  
 Leona Shaffer  
 Howard Niekamp  
 Vern Shaffer  
 Bob Orr  
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 Weaser Kays  
 Linda "Gigi" Liston  
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 Victor Hirsh  
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Len & Elisie Hildebrand  
 Norb & Viola Klingele  
 Merle Hildebrand  
 All Friends & Families



## St. Joseph

Jackie Taylor  
 Glenn & Mary Ann Loos  
 Mary Haistings  
 George & Ruth Dietrich  
 Terry Dietrich  
 Steinkamp Family  
 Nick Dietrich  
 Ralph & Angela Dietrich  
 Herb & Bertha Peters  
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 Mabel & Leonard Ohnemus  
 Alvin Hildebrand  
 Hildebrand Family  
 Mettemeyer Family

Dale & Rose Mary Zanger  
 Bruce Zanger  
 Tom Mast  
 Carl & Dorothy Mast  
 Steinkamp Family  
 Mary Jo Terry  
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 Earl & Rosemary Neisen  
 Koetters Family  
 Dietrich Family  
 Dale Fessler  
 Ken Lohman  
 Poor Souls in Purgatory



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



## DATES TO KNOW

- December 28—NO PSR—Edward & Joseph
- December 31—NO PSR—Edward & Joseph
- January 3—Dress Rehearsal for St. Edward Epiphany play 10-11 a.m.
- January 4—Epiphany Play and Luncheon following 10:30 a.m. Mass
- January 24—St. Brigid & St. Joseph 1st Communion & Confirmation @ Springfield, IL
- January 25—Holy Solemn Communion for St. Joseph 3rd Graders, NO PSR
- January 31—Holy Solemn Communion for St. Brigid 3rd Graders

## Saint Thomas Becket December 29

THOMAS BECKET WAS BORN IN 1120 IN LONDON, ENGLAND, TO A FAIRLY WEALTHY FAMILY. HE RECEIVED A GOOD EDUCATION.

Translate this sentence...

HE WAS SENT TO PARIS TO STUDY, AND BEGAN WORKING FOR THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

Thomas, the archbishop here needs a clerk.

BECAUSE HE GOT ALONG WELL WITH KING HENRY II, HE WAS MADE CHANCELLOR.

Tell the pope I want Thomas to be the archbishop.

THOMAS TOOK HIS JOB SERIOUSLY, INSISTING ON THE CHURCH'S RIGHTS.

I'll serve you to the best of my ability!

WHEN THE ARCHBISHOP DIED, THOMAS TOOK HIS PLACE.

Your Highness, you are not in charge of the monasteries.

THE KING BECAME ANNOYED AND GRUMBLED ABOUT ARCHBISHOP THOMAS.

For the name of Jesus and the protection of the Church!

FOUR KNIGHTS WHO WANTED TO PLEASE THE KING WENT TO THE CATHEDRAL WHERE SAINT THOMAS WAS OFFERING MASS AND KILLED HIM.

Who will rid me of this troublesome priest?

SAINT THOMAS HAD LIVED A SECULAR (NOT VERY RELIGIOUS) LIFESTYLE UNTIL HE BECAME AN ARCHBISHOP. THEN HE UNDERSTOOD THAT HIS JOB WAS TO CARE OF SOULS, AND HE DIDN'T LET HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH THE KING GET IN THE WAY. GOD WANTS US TO HAVE GOOD FRIENDS. BUT REMEMBER HE IS OUR BEST FRIEND!

## The Holy Family

Here. Dad!

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph. When God sent His Son Jesus into the world He wanted Him to come in a humble and quiet way. He wanted Jesus to have a mother and an earthly father and be raised in a happy home.

Can you open the door for me?

Sure, Dad!

God brings us into the world in families too. He wants us to have good and loving mothers and fathers to look after us and teach us. Our Lady and Saint Joseph are great examples for parents. They loved Jesus and kept Him safe and let Him grow and learn.

I can help, Mom!


Jesus is an example to children, too! Love your father and mother, obey them and pray for them. Today is a good time to think of how your family can become more like the Holy Family, living in peace, joy and love. Can you think of a way to be more obedient, loving or generous with your family?



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