

St. Brigid—St. Joseph—St. Edward Catholic Churches

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



TRI-PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30 pm—St. Brigid

Sunday: 7:30 am—St. Brigid

9:00 am—St. Joseph

10:30 am—St. Edward

Monday: 6:30 pm—St. Brigid

Tuesday: 8:00 am—St. Edward

Wednesday: 8:00 am—St. Joseph

Friday: 8:00 am—St. Brigid

First Friday ONLY: 8:00 am—St. Edward w/ Adoration to follow

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:45 pm—4:15 pm @ St. Brigid

Tuesday: 7:15 am—7:45 am @ St. Edward

Wednesday: 7:15 am—7:45 am @ St. Joseph

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Location of Our Parishes

St. Brigid Catholic Church

706 N. Main St.

Liberty, IL 62347

St. Joseph Catholic Church

1435 E. 1500th St.

Quincy, IL 62305

St. Edward Catholic Church

214 South State Road

Mendon, IL 62351

Tri-Parish Mailing Address

P.O. Box 228

Liberty, IL 62347

Emergency, priest needed:

217-645-3546

Calendar

Saturday, January 27

3:45 pm—4:15 pm Reconciliation @ St. Brigid

4:30 pm Mass @ St. Brigid

Sunday, January 28

7:30 am Mass @St. Brigid

9:00 am Mass @ St. Joseph

9:00 am—10:15 am—PSR (gr. 5-8)@ St. Edward

9:55 am—11:15 am—PSR (PK-8) @St. Joseph

10:30 am Mass @ St. Edward

Monday, January 29

6:30 pm Mass @St. Brigid

7:00 pm—RCIA @ St. Brigid

Tuesday, January 30

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

8:00 am Mass @ St. Edward

Wednesday, January 31

7:15 am—7:45 am Reconciliation @ St. Joseph

8:00 am Mass @ St. Joseph

*After school—4:30 pm—PSR (K-4) @ St. Edward

6:30 pm—7:45 pm—PSR (gr. 1-8) @ St. Brigid

Friday, February 2

8:00 am **First Friday** Mass @ St. Edward

Saturday, February 3

3:45 pm—4:15 pm Reconciliation @ St. Brigid

4:30 pm Mass @ St. Brigid

Sunday, February 4

7:30 am Mass @St. Brigid

9:00 am Mass @ St. Joseph

9:00 am—10:15 am—PSR (gr. 5-8) @ St. Edward

9:55 am—11:15 am—PSR (PK-8) @St. Joseph

10:00 am Donut Social @St. Joseph

10:30 am Mass @ St. Edward

Monday, February 5

6:30 pm Mass @St. Brigid

7:00 pm—RCIA @ St. Brigid

Tuesday, February 6

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

8:00 am Mass @ St. Edward

Wednesday, February 7

7:15 am—7:45 am Reconciliation @ St. Joseph

8:00 am Mass @ St. Joseph

*After school—4:30 pm—PSR (K-4) @ St. Edward

6:30 pm—7:45 pm—PSR (gr. 1-8) @ St. Brigid

Friday, February 9

8:00 am Mass @ St. Brigid

Pastor's Letter

Dear Church Family,

In our Gospel reading for today the people are amazed that Jesus' teaches them, not like one of the Scribes or Pharisees but, "as one having authority." What does that mean? It means that Jesus word contained power to change reality, the power to cast out evil. That's exactly what he does for the one possessed by an evil spirit. At one command from Jesus the demon is forced to leave the man. That's authority. Jesus has it because he is the author of all creation.

In the book of Genesis, when God creates everything he does so with his word. He says, let there be light and sun and moon and stars and dry land and fish and birds and plants and animals and human beings and they come into being. The word of God is effective. It makes things happen. Jesus' powerful word shows that he is connected to the power that made everything.

God's creative word still has the power to form reality today. God's word brings healing forgiveness, and strength into being in the hearts of those who hear it. He speaks with authority today through his church. The Spirit of Christ who cast out demons and raised the dead lives and works in his disciples today.

You and I have been given the authority and power to change the world if we will first give our lives over to the authority and power of Christ. We can speak the truth that sets people free from fear and anger if we allow the word of God to be our hope and our peace. When we become new creations in Christ, we become instruments that God can use to make the whole world new. The powers of this world only have the power to destroy. God gives us the power to create when we share the faith that give us hope.

The people were amazed when Jesus set the possessed man free. Today, we who have been brought into the light of Christ are called to be signs to the world that God is still speaking powerfully, with authority, and is still setting people free.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott

Mass Intentions

SAT. JAN. 27

4:30 pm—St. Brigid: *Ray Maas Sr.*

SUN. JAN. 28—4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

7:30 am—St. Brigid: *For the Sexually Abused & their families*

9:00 am—St. Joseph: *Rita Terstriep*

10:30 am—St. Edward: *Betty Nichols*

MON. JAN. 29

6:30 pm—St. Brigid: *Beau Avery Barry*

TUES. JAN. 30

8:00 am—St. Edward: *For the People of Our Parishes*

WED. JAN. 31

8:00 am—St. Joseph: *Jason Ohnemus*

FRI. FEB. 2—First Friday

8:00 am—St. Edward: *Merle Hildebrand*

SAT. FEB. 3

4:30 pm—St. Brigid: *Bob Howell*

SUN. FEB. 4—5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

7:30 am—St. Brigid: *Betty Maas*

9:00 am—St. Joseph: *Viola Klingele*

10:30 am—St. Edward: *Janet Hildebrinck*

Parish Support: Jan. 21

St. Brigid \$ 3,479.00

St. Edward \$ 1,821.00

St. Joseph \$ 1,797.00

Thank you for your generous support!

2023 Contribution Statements

It is time for us to send out your annual contribution statement for your tax purposes. If you have received them in the past, we will be sending them to you in January. If you have not requested in the past, please let the offices know you would like one.

St. Joseph Donut Social

Please come have a donut and socialize with your church family after mass on February 4 in the church hall! Thanks, the Alter Society Ladies of St Joseph

SAVE THE DATE

LENTEN PARISH MISSION

FEBRUARY 24-26, 2024

- Begins during all Weekend Masses on 2/24 and 2/25
- Continues with Parish Mission Conferences on 2/25 and 2/26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church
- A reception will follow on 2/26 in the Cafeteria
- Childcare available for children age 1 and older

Call 217.222.3155 for more information

ST. PETER CHURCH



Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB is excited to return to St. Peter for his second Lenten Parish Mission. He will offer a series of presentations on the Eucharist and how this relates to the Lenten season.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of Timothy Schmelzle, nephew of Alicia Blewett and Bernice Mowen who died recently. Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord.



Baptisms

Bellamy Brock Brackensick & Bracey Kay Brackensick
Daughters of Brock & Kesi Brackensick

Bulletin Deadline

All information must be submitted by noon on Tuesday. Submit to: church@stsbej.org

St. Joseph Annual Shrimp Boil

Saturday, February 10th, Mass will once again be at 4PM with the feast following ALL YOU CAN EAT SHRIMP BOIL AND FISH FRY. See Facebook for flyer.

St. Edward Annual Whole Hog Sausage & Pancake Day

Sunday, February 11th, 8 am—12 pm
ALL YOU CAN EAT SAUSAGE, PANCAKE, & BISCUITS & GRAVY. To Place a meat order call: Lindsey 217-430-7437. See flyer at the back of church.

Welcome

We are pleased to welcome Spencer & Abbie Herman who recently registered as parishioners with St. Edward Church. Please make them feel welcome and part of our great parish.

St. Edward Adoration

Adoration follows the 8 am, First Friday Mass every month and goes until 12:30 pm. Please call Margie Kendrick to sign up 217-936-2365. Would like at least 2 people an hour.

Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Scholarship

The Springfield in Illinois SDCCW, an Affiliate of the National Council of Catholic Women, has instituted a Diocesan Scholarship Program to recognize 4 outstanding Catholic, female high school seniors who exemplify SDCCW's mission, values of leadership, faith and service with a \$2000 scholarship. Applications are at the back of church.



PSR News!

BIG THANK YOU

St. Joseph would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to the PSR parents and OTHER parishioners for their generous donations of snacks and drinks!! We received a ton of goodies this week from both people who have children and grandchildren in our group, but also ones who do not! We are beyond grateful for the support our church community gives to our PSR program!! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



St. Brigid

St. Brigid - Caption for the pictures - Our fourth graders teamed up with our 6-8 grade class to learn all about Jacob and Esau during PSR a couple weeks ago. They acted out the parts of the Narrator, Isaac, Rebecca, Jacob, and Esau. In this picture we see Miles dressed up in animal fur like Jacob pretending to be Esau to get the blessing from his father Isaac, who is played by James.

Thank You

St. Edward PSR Sunday students who collected "Pennies For Life", they collected \$104.36.

Fourth graders working hard this past week!



St. Edward



St. Brigid



St. Brigid

After a lot of hard work, our St. Brigid first graders celebrated by having a dance party with summer church camp songs!

St. Joseph Christmas Program



St. Joseph



St. Joseph