

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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Office Hours

Wednesday 8am to 4 pm
217-434-8442

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217-645-3546

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Pastor's Letter

December 21, 2025—4th Sunday of Advent

Dear Church Family,

Today we celebrate the last Sunday in Advent and we hear the angel Gabriel tell Joseph not to be afraid to take Mary, his betrothed into his house. We are reminded of how Gabriel said the same thing to Mary, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son." It seems that angels always have to reassure us when they come with a message from God.

I get it. When God comes into our lives, he usually shakes things up. God comes to us, loves us and accepts us as we are, but he never let's us stay as we are. God is always calling us to be better, be more than we are, to grow in faith, hope, and love. And he also comes with an invitation to participate in his plan for renewing the world.

Just as Mary and Joseph had a part to play in God's plan by bringing his Son into the world and protecting and caring for him as he grew, so each of us is invited to play a part in spreading the good news that Christ has come and he is coming again, and through him the whole world is being reconciled to the Father. It takes courage to take up this calling from God. Not everyone is ready to hear this message. It is not welcome news to the spiritual and worldly powers that be.

But the world is full of people looking for truth, beauty, and goodness, who know that the world is not what it should be and are ready to welcome a new way of being in the world. Are we ready to help them find what they are looking for? Are we ready to say yes to God, as Mary and Joseph did, so that others can have the chance to receive that healing that comes through faith in Jesus? Don't be afraid to let him come into your heart more deeply this Christmas.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott



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

Holiday Office Hours

Christmas Eve 24 : 8 a.m.—Noon @ St. Brigid
Christmas Day 25 & 26: Closed
New Year's Eve—8 a.m.—Noon @ St. Brigid
New Year's Day—Closed

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. We are most grateful for your continuing and regular donations to the parish. May the Lord bless you for your generosity and support.



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

No Adoration at St. Edward on January 2, 2026



Calendar

Saturday, December 20

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

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

Sunday, December 21

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

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

9:15 a.m.—10:15 a.m. PSR @ St. Edward

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

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

Monday, December 22

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

Tuesday, December 23

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

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

CANCELLED—Pastoral/Finance Meeting @ St. Edward

Wednesday, December 24—Christmas Eve

OFFICE OPEN: 8 a.m.—Noon @ St. Brigid

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

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

7:00 p.m. Mass @ St. Brigid

10:00 p.m. Mass @ St. Edward

Thursday, December 25—Christmas Day

OFFICE CLOSED

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

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

Friday, December 26

OFFICE CLOSED

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

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 @ St. Brigid

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

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Wayne Warning

+David Windoffer

+Cathy Davidson

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: *For the People of Our Parishes*

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Jason Ohnemus

+Ron Wiewel

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: +John Blickhan

+Janet Hilgenbrinck

+Ryan Freiburg

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Russ & Norma Ellwood

+Beau Avery Barry

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: +Greg Howe

+Jason Kasparie

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24—Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m.—St. Joseph: +Arlene Goehl

+Tom Mast

4:30 p.m.—St. Edward: +Michael Heming

+Glen Walton

+Cathy Owen

+Caroline Ellerman

+Janet & William Hilgenbrinck

7:00 p.m.—St. Brigid: +George & Marilyn Barry

10:00 p.m.—St. Edward: *For the People of the Parish*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25—Christmas Day

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: +George Barry

+David Windoffer

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Jack & Irene Bunte

+Don & Rosemary Giesing

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Raymond Maas Sr.

+Mark Sherwood

+Julie Maas

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

Bulletin Deadline

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

QCES Mass Attendance Cards

Mass attendance cards are available at the back of church.

Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH						
December	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
Christmas Eve 7 p.m.	NEED	Norma Neisen Theresa Neisen Angela Obert	Mara Ippensen Dan Kramer Mike Maas	Angela Obert	Stan & Marilyn Obert	Landon & Hannah Obert
Christmas Day 8 a.m.	Ashley Schutte Kelsey Schutte	Vickie Cramsey Nancy Obert	Kyle Leonard Justin Mewes Lucy Mewes	Nancy Boone	Nancy Boone	Kyle & Elizabeth Leonard
Saturday, December 27 4:30 p.m.	Kade Klauser Harper Obert	Norma Neisen Theresa Neisen Angela Obert	Randy Maas Laura Maas Dave Obert	Jeff Obert	Jerry & Pam Totsch	Jerry & Pam Totsch
Sunday, December 28 7:30 a.m.	Dylan Hocking Mason Hocking	Brandy Hocking Dot Smith	Greg Obert Michael Obert Barb Obert	Mark Heidbreder	Mark & Carol Heidbreder	Justin & Lucy Mewes

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
December	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
Christmas Eve 4:30 p.m.	Makayla Drebes Myra Drebes Warren Drebes	Barb Frese Jolinn Tripp Brenda Siebers	Ted Mast Kenny Mast	Billie Huebotter		Mast Family
Christmas Day 8 a.m.	Isabella Neisen	Greg White Krista White Jeanne Cramsey	Kevin Walker Kenny Mock	Ben Hugenberg		Walker/Mock Families
Sunday, December 28 9:00 a.m.	Riggins Mock Pieper Steffen Luke Bockhold	T. Mast Pat Genenbacher Billie Huebotter	Dan Mock Paul Mock	Dennis Neisen		Mock Family

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
December	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
Christmas Eve 4:30 p.m.	Danika Shaffer Jillian Shaffer Merideth Shaffer	Tracy Cornwell Phil Hildebrand Jr. Lori Hildebrand	Cindy Betz	Lisa Thompson	Kasey Cornwell Family	Fred Kientzle Family
Christmas Eve 10 p.m.	Olivia Shaffer Willow Shaffer Devin Shupe	Jeannie Hildebrand P.J. Hildebrand Breanne Kelly	Margie Kendrick	Rita Blickhan	Felde Family	Lucas Likes Family
Sunday, December 28 10:30 a.m.	Jaxson Tuter Josie Venvertloh Alexis Voss	Margie Kendrick Donna Voss Emily Wellman	Donna Voss	Austin Cornwell	Greta Frankel	Curtis 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.



“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!



CHWC 50/50 & Cinnamon Rolls

The winner of the CHWC 50/50 raffle was Sara Guyman of Bowen. Sara won \$1983.50 and donated \$500 back to our mission trip. We now have raised 2/3 of what we need. We still need \$6221. We are baking cinnamon rolls on December 20. They may be picked up at St. Brigid Hall before 4:30 mass on December 20 or after 9:00 mass at St. Joseph or 10:30 mass at St. Edward on December 21. If none of those times work out, contact us to arrange delivery. Thank you so much for ordering!

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Parish Collection: December 14

St. Brigid	\$ 4,937.00
St. Edward	\$ 3,728.00
St. Joseph	\$ 4,626.00

Thank you for your generous support!
All Collections included in total this week

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Stewardship Reflection

“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.” MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

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.

Diocese Special Collections

Catholic Children’s Home—December 25

The Christmas special collection helps support the ministry of the Catholic Children’s Home, Alton, which provides a special education school and a residential program (which offers emergency shelter care, long-term residential care, supervised independent living, and special programs for abused and abandoned children). (Other sources of support come from federal and state grants/subsidies, and other donations and bequests.)

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki

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



DATES TO KNOW

- December 21—Joseph—Christmas Program after Mass
- December 21—NO PSR— St. Edward
St. Edward Children's Christmas Mass @ 10:30
- December 24—NO PSR—Edward & Brigid
- December 28—NO PSR—Edward & Joseph
- December 31—NO PSR—Edward & Joseph



<p>21</p> <p>O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.</p> <p><i>Jesus' coming is like the dawn after a dark cold night.</i></p>	<p>22</p> <p>O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!</p> <p><i>Jesus is the kindest king. Serve Him with joy!</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p>O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!</p> <p><i>Emmanuel means God is with us. His birthday is in two more days!</i></p>	<p>24</p> <p>The dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness...</p> <p><i>One more day to prepare your heart and home for Jesus!</i></p>	<p>25</p> <p><i>Christmas Day!</i></p> <p><i>Glory to God in the highest!</i></p>	
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Saint John of Kanty

December 23

SAINT JOHN OF KANTY WAS A POLISH COUNTRY BOY, BORN AROUND THE YEAR 1390. HE WENT TO THE CITY OF KRAKOW WHERE HE DID VERY WELL IN HIS STUDIES.

Well, well! Off to the big city!

HE WAS ORDAINED A PRIEST AND BECAME A PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY. (THE STUDY OF GOD)

Today we will talk about the Holy Trinity.

BUT OTHER PROFESSORS WERE ENVIUS SO HE WAS SENT AWAY TO A SMALL PARISH.

Who is this Fr. John? Let's get him fired.

He's probably no good.

FR. JOHN WAS NERVOUS AND THE PEOPLE DIDN'T LIKE HIM, BUT HE WAS KIND TO THEM ANYWAY.

BY THE TIME HE WAS CALLED BACK TO TEACH, THE PEOPLE WANTED HIM TO STAY!

Please don't leave us, Father!

Oh! A beggar! How can I eat this while another man starves?

SAINT JOHN WAS SO GENEROUS THAT HE HARDLY HAD ENOUGH TO EAT OR TO WEAR. HE EVEN SLEPT ON THE FLOOR.

The city where Our Lord was crucified...

SEVERAL TIMES HE WENT TO JERUSALEM, HOPING THAT HE WOULD BE MARTYRED BY THE TURKS. HE DIED WHEN HE WAS AN OLD MAN, IN HIS 80'S.

SAINT JOHN TOLD PEOPLE TO FIGHT AGAINST ERROR WITH LOVE. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIS LIFE THAT WE SHOULD BE GENEROUS AND KIND TO DRAW PEOPLE TO JESUS. SOMETIMES THE PEOPLE WON'T LISTEN RIGHT AWAY, BUT IF WE PERSEVERE IN BEING KIND TO THEM, THEY WILL EVENTUALLY CHANGE.

Jesus' Birthday is almost here!



Now there is less than a week left until Christmas!

In today's Gospel reading God gave St. Joseph a special job. He told him to take care of Mary and the baby Jesus. St. Joseph thought he was just an ordinary person and didn't expect to have such an important responsibility, but he did what God asked.



God has given us a responsibility too. We have to love Jesus as much as we can. How can you love and honour Jesus at Christmas time? If your family has a nativity scene you can pray to Jesus while you look at it. Right now you have a few days left to get ready for Jesus' birthday. Ask St. Joseph to help you prepare for Jesus' coming.



St. Brigid Christmas Play



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