

# 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

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##### **Office Hours**

Tues. & Thurs. 8 am to 4 pm  
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Friday until Noon  
217-645-3444

##### **St. Joseph Catholic Church**

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##### **Office Hours**

Wednesday 8am to 4 pm  
217-434-8442

##### **St. Edward Catholic Church**

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# Pastor's Letter

October 19, 2025—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Church Family,

There is an old saying, “90 percent of success is just showing up.” There is a lot of truth here. To become good at anything requires first and foremost that we put in the time it takes to develop a feeling for whatever it is we are trying to master. This is as true of prayer as it is of anything else. We become people of prayer by praying, not just by studying and reading about prayer, though that can be helpful, not by wishing I was better at prayer, but by doing it, however uncomfortable or fruitless it might seem at first.

When we start out praying it might feel a little funny, like we are just talking to ourselves. It helps if we begin our prayer time with a reminder to ourselves to open our hearts to the presence of God and then to invite God to come and spend time with us and speak with us. Go ahead and say it out loud, “Father, I am trusting the promise of Jesus that when I look for you, you will come to me. I am here to share the things that are going on in my life with you and I am listening to what you want to say to me.” Then share with God whatever is on your mind and heart. After that, be sure to leave plenty of time to listen for his response. Be quiet, be patient, and don’t give up too soon. Some people sense an answer from God right away. Others might need a few tries to get the hang of it. Don’t give up. Remember that even if you don’t succeed at first, God is pleased with your effort.

Sometimes the answers to our prayers don’t come to us in our prayer time but reveal themselves as we go about our day. You might bring something to God in prayer and then have an experience later in the day that sheds light on the situation. A friend might say something, or you might read something that is just what you were looking for.

The main thing is showing up. Put in the time it takes to get comfortable with sharing yourself with God and looking for the signs of his love and guidance. If you keep at it, you are 90 percent of the way there to having a lively relationship with God in prayer.

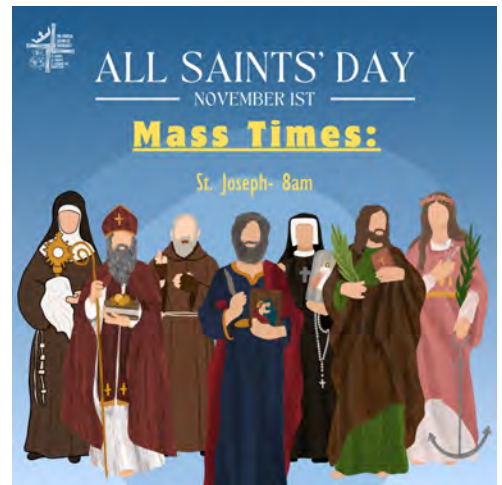
Blessings,

Fr. Scott

## MASS CHANGE

St. Edward Mass  
Sunday, Oct. 26 - 9:30 am

Turkey Dinner to  
follow Mass



## **Calendar**

### **Saturday, October 18**

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

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

### **Sunday, October 19**

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—Children's Mass

### **Monday, October 20**

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

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

### **Tuesday, October 21**

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

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

### **Wednesday, October 22**

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, October 24**

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

### **Saturday, October 25**

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

4:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Brigid—Children's Mass

### **Sunday, October 26**

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

9:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Edward

11:00 a.m. St. Edward Turkey Dinner

4:00 p.m. to 6 p.m. Trunk or Treat @ St. Brigid Parking Lot

### **Monday, October 27**

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

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

### **Tuesday, October 28**

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

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

7:00 p.m. Pastoral/Finance Mtg @ St. Joseph

### **Wednesday, October 29**

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, October 31**

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

## **Mass Intentions**

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18**

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Bertha & Leroy Richmiller  
+David Windoffer

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19**

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Rose Mary Howell  
+Alan Hildebrand

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: For the People of Our Parishes

10:30 a.m.—St. Edward: +John Frese  
+Bill Binger

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 20**

6:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Jim & Mary Powell

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21**

8:00 a.m.—St. Edward: +Alan Hildebrand  
+Leroy & Bertha Richmiller

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22**

8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: +Kenneth Neisen  
+Ron Wiewel

### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24**

8:00 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Don Heberlein  
+Bernie Heberlein  
+Leo Heberlein  
+George Barry

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25**

4:30 p.m.—St. Brigid: +Paul & Virginia Windoffer  
+Rufus & Germaine Schmidt  
+James Windoffer  
+Everett Barry

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26**

7:30 a.m.—St. Brigid: +Roer Hummel  
+Herman & Rita Huber

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph: For the People of Our Parishes

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

## **Bulletin Deadline**

All information must be submitted by noon on Tuesday.

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

## **Project Rachel**

Help for women and men to heal from the pain of abortion. For assistance call 1-877-RACHEL-5.

## **Parish Collection: October 12**

St. Brigid \$ 3,851.50

St. Edward \$ 2,227.00

St. Joseph \$ 2,220.00

*Thank you for your generous support!*

*All Collections included in total this week*

## **QCES Mass Attendance Cards**

Mass attendance cards are available at the back of church.

# Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH						
October 25 & 26	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.</b>	Ashley Schutte Kelsey Schutte	Debbie Maas Mike Maas Robin Mowen	John Zanger Eric Barry Ron Barry	6th grade	Dave & Angela Obert	3rd grade
<b>SUNDAY 7:30 a.m.</b>	Dylan Hocking Mason Hocking	Brandy Hocking Dot Smith	Barb Obert Ron Cramsey Mike Hummel	Greg Obert	Michael & Barb Obert	Lance & Renee Family

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
October 26	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.</b>	Asher Mock McCoy Mock	Barb Frese Jolinn Tripp Brenda Siebers	Ted Mast Kenny Mast	Abigail Hildebrand		Brinkman Families

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
October 26	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>SUNDAY 10:30 a.m.</b>	Jillian Shaffer Merideth Shaffer Olivia Shaffer	Tracy Cornwell Phil Hildebrand Jr. Lori Hildebrand	Connie Bealor	Phil Hildebrand Jr.	Judy Heming	Jared & Ashley Weeks Family
<b>* Please continue passing the basket for collection.</b>						

## Please Remember to Pray For:

## Stewardship Reflection

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

"...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." 2 Timothy 4:2

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He never said that we would have an easy life. Rather, He called us to be faithful!

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





The Mass of Remembrance will be November 1 & 2. Tables will set up in the vestibules of the churches starting October 25 for you to bring a picture of your deceased loved ones. All are welcome to participate. Picture pick up will be November 29 & 30.

### Diocese Special Collections

#### World Mission Sunday — October 26

October is *Mission Month* and World Mission Sunday is October 26. On that day, every parish globally unites in prayer and generosity for the Holy Father's missions in 1,100+ territories where the Church is poor, young, and persecuted. Your gift helps train seminarians, support vowed religious men and women, and provides schools and clinics in the world's most vulnerable places. Be part of this global mission of hope—pray and give generously!

## BLOOD DRIVE

**Monday, October 27**  
**Unity High School - Mendon, IL**  
**9am - 2 pm**

Sponsored by  
**St. Edward 7th & 8th grade PSR Classes**



## trunk or TREAT

Join us  
 Oct. 26, from 4-6 pm  
 at  
 St. Brigid Catholic Church.

ST. EDWARD


# TURKEY DINNER

MENDON, IL


<p><b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26</b>  <b>11 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.</b>  <b>DINE IN</b></p>	<p><b>\$14 - ADULTS</b>  <b>\$10 - KIDS 10 &amp; UNDER</b></p>
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**CARRY-OUTS AVAILABLE** | **\$14 EACH**  
(NO KIDS CARRY-OUT MEALS AVAILABLE)

**MASS TIME: 9:30 A.M.**



**JOIN US FOR A  
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 DELICIOUS  
 MEAL!**



St. Edward Catholic Church  
 214 South State Road  
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ST. JOSEPH ANNUAL

# HOLY NAME TRAP SHOOT & CARD PLAYING



**Ready,  
 Aim,  
 Fire!**

**Think you've  
 got the best  
 shot?**



**SUNDAY, NOV. 2, 2025**

- All are Welcome!
- Two Traps
- Prizes
- Food & Drinks Available

**STARTS AT NOON**

St. Joseph Church  
 1435 East 1500<sup>th</sup> Street  
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 217-434-8442

Trapshooting has been a sport since the late 18<sup>th</sup> century!



## Saint John Paul II | Lukas Storyteller

Lukas, tired of seeing the same bored look on his friends' faces, decides to tell them a captivating story. Not just any story, but a tale of a young Karol Wojtyła, who would one day become Pope John Paul III! The kids wouldn't believe the adventures young Karol had, and how they would inspire them to create their own unforgettable day.

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## 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](https://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: November 8-10**

## Victims Assistance & Child Abuse Reporting

To report Child Sexual Abuse by Church Personnel or to inquire about the Safe Environment Program in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, please call 217-321-1155.



St. Edward's 5-8 grade PSR met with their parish pals this past Sunday to paint pumpkins and enjoy each other's company! The pumpkins will be delivered to various parishioners to give a little fall cheer! Thank you to our parish pals for joining us!

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



## DATES TO KNOW

- October 19—St. Edward Children’s Mass (NO PSR)
- October 25—St. Brigid Children’s Mass
- October 26—St. Edward NO PSR
- November 9—St. Joseph Children’s Mass
- November 22—St. Brigid - Children’s Mass
- November 23—St. Joseph 3rd-8th Reconciliation
- November 26—NO PSR—Edward & Brigid



## Saint Richard Gwyn October 25

RICHARD GWYN WAS BORN IN WALES IN 1547. HE WAS RAISED ANGLICAN, BUT CONVERTED TO CATHOLICISM. HE STARTED A SCHOOL AND GOT MARRIED. HE AND HIS WIFE HAD SIX CHILDREN.

AT THAT TIME THE QUEEN WAS TRYING TO GET RID OF CATHOLICS. RICHARD WAS FOUND AND ARRESTED.

ONCE HE ESCAPED BUT HE WAS CAUGHT A YEAR LATER.

HE WAS FORCED TO GO TO AN ANGLICAN CHURCH.

MEN WERE PAID TO LIE ABOUT RICHARD AT HIS TRIAL.

THEY TRIED TO MAKE HIM GIVE UP HIS FAITH BY BRINGING HIS WIFE AND BABY TO COURT.

RICHARD WROTE MANY RELIGIOUS POEMS WHILE HE WAS IN PRISON. AFTER FOUR YEARS HE WAS KILLED FOR HIS FAITH, AT THE AGE OF 46.

SAINT RICHARD WAS THE FIRST WELSH MARTYR IN THE REFORMATION. HE WAS CANONIZED BY POPE PAUL VI IN 1970. HE IS AN EXAMPLE TO US FOR KEEPING THE FAITH IN SPITE OF GREAT PERSECUTION. PEOPLE TODAY ARE STILL DYING FOR THE FAITH. CAN YOU PRAY THAT GOD WILL GIVE THEM STRENGTH TOO?

## Never Give Up!

Have you ever felt like giving up on praying because it seemed like God wasn't listening?

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the disciples a parable about a widow who kept bothering a bad judge to help her. Finally he did what she asked so that she would stop bothering him. Jesus said if someone like that will do what a person asks, God will certainly listen to everything we ask him.



But does God always do what we ask when we ask Him to? God always hears what we say to Him, but He has a few ways of answering our prayers. Sometimes He gives us what we ask for tight away, but sometimes He lets us wait a while before we get it.

And sometimes He doesn't give us what we are asking for because He has a better plan for us.




So always persevere when you're praying for something. God hears you and you can trust Him to do what is the very best for you!

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