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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023
BULLETIN



SAINT MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*first church for
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Mass Schedule:

9:00 a.m. Sunday Service

6:00 p.m. Wednesday

Prayer Service

Main Office Hours:

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Mon, Wed & Thur

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FROM THE PASTOR



Sacred Art, Saint Josephine Bakhita by Tianna Williams

Saint Josephine Bakhita was born in 1869. At the age of seven she was kidnapped and sold into slavery. From the age of seven to 13, Bakhita was bought and sold for more than 10 times and recounted that under one cruel master a day didn't go by that she was not severely beaten, almost to the point of death. She had 114 scars on her body from the lashes alone.

At the age of 13, she was bought by an Italian family. While she was living in Italy, Bakhita learned about the Christian faith. She met Catholics who took their faith very seriously. One day as she was leaving the church, someone gave her a crucifix and explained to her why Jesus chose the cross as the highest form of love. Bakhita was thrilled by the message of the cross and she sought refuge in Christ crucified; finding one who was tortured, scourged and mocked but never stopped to love. It was then that Bakhita realized that even though she had been wounded and treated like she was less than human, she was still called to love in a new way like Jesus.

Bakhita would later be baptized and went on to become a Canossian Sister whose apostolate was the education of children. The children called her "Moretta," meaning "Black Mother." When she shared her story with the children the kids would tug at her sleeves to see some of her scars. One day a young kid asked Sr. Bakhita, "What would you do, if you were to meet your captors?" Without hesitation she responded: "If I were to meet those who kidnapped me, and even those who tortured me, I would kneel and kiss their hands. For, if these things had not happened, I would not have been a Catholic and would not be a sister today."

We can't change our past but we can change how we live today and tomorrow by learning to forgive those who have harmed us and loving them like St. Bakhita did.

St. Bakhita... Pray for us!

Fr. Leonard Gicheru

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Glory of the Divine Way

Today's readings draw us into ageless, vibrant depths. Followers of God's law, we belong to ancient traditions. Children of God, we marvel at the freshness of creation.

The Old Testament readings, from Sirach and the Psalms, celebrate the rich blessings we receive when we observe God's commands—not because we are slaves to the law, but because the law gives life in abundance.

Saint Paul's Letter to the Corinthians confirms the glory of divine law, but warns that God's ways tend to be unpopular and misunderstood in this world. Paul speaks of the ancient wisdom of God, which is mysteriously both "hidden" and "revealed."

God does not have secret codes that we earthly mortals cannot understand; in love, God reveals the glory of the divine way in Jesus. Saint Matthew's Gospel emphasizes the importance of living in God's law, enlivened by a deep and personal relationship with Jesus.

Prayer of the Week

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen



What eye has not seen,
and ear has not heard,
and what has not entered the human
heart,
what God has prepared for those who
love [God],
this God has revealed to us through the
Spirit.

— 1 CORINTHIANS 2:9-10

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Today's Readings

First Reading – God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20)

Psalms – Happy are those who observe God's commands (Psalm 119)

Second Reading – God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10)

Gospel – Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37)



Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; NAACP Founded

Monday: Andrew "Rube" Foster organized baseball's Negro National League

Tuesday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day

Friday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 – 9:1

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48



Offering Reports

Sunday, February 5, 2023

Regular Offering:	\$6,845.25
Food Pantry:	\$340.00
Forward In Faith:	\$3,750.00
Debt Reduction:	\$937.00
Eucharistic Ministry	
Training:	\$120.00
Total	\$11,992.25

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

Liturgical Assignments

Sunday, February 19, 2023

Lectors: Jim Newland and Rita Womack

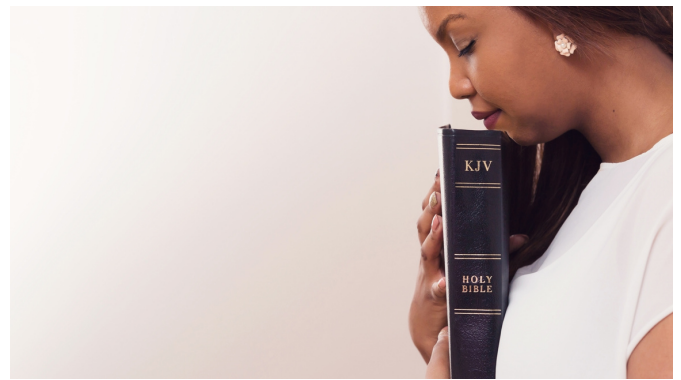
Servers: All Servers

Welcome: Kim Urenda

Ushers: Team 4

Eucharistic Ministers: Angela Curry and Arimeta Dupree

Counters: Team 4



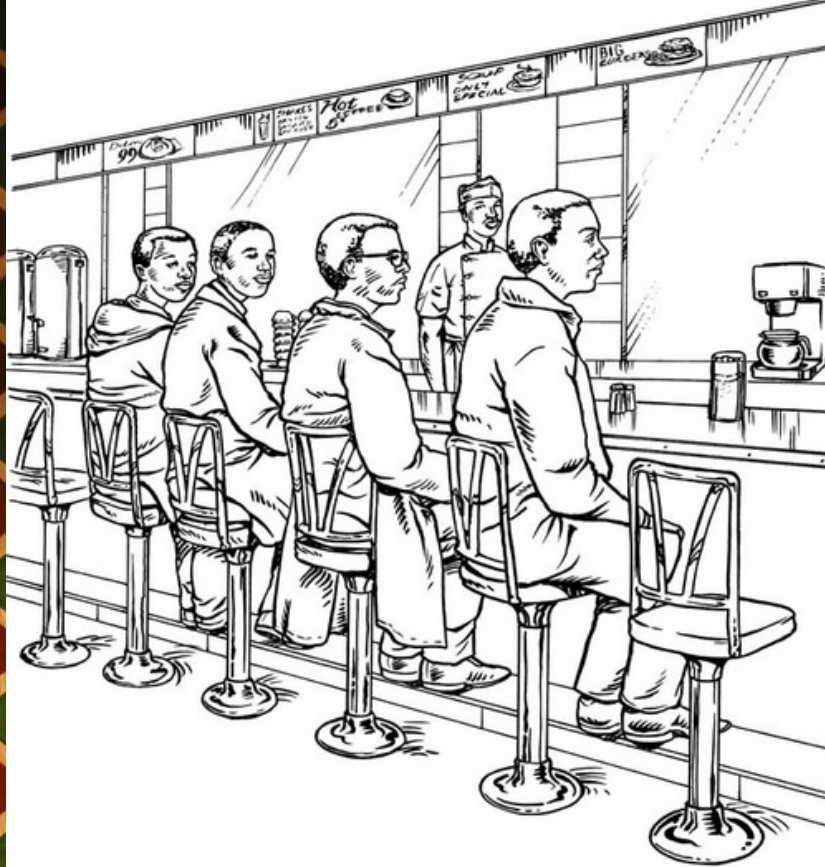
THE DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY- ST. JOSEPH - is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse or suspect sexual abuse,

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline, at 1-800-392-3728 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18)
2. Contact your local Law Enforcement Agency, or call 911,
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, crayon@ombudsmankc.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City- St. Joseph.
4. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families.

Prayer List

Jeanette Hamilton, Vera Brown, Kevin Brown, Bernadette Cook, Ray Myers, Vauncille Bartlett, Mary Ann Grayson, Donald and Mable Parson, Sergio Mendoza, Earl Greene, Jr., Frances Thomas, Flora Waddell, Elaine Lomax, Donna Dupree, Cheryl Warren, Chaunceyette Mize, Rhea Holloman, Clara Mays, Melva McClellan, Carlos Nix, Velma Jennings, Brenda A. Martin, Margaret Sams, John and Debra Johnson, Carrie Miller, Deacon Ken Greene, Marcella Vaughn, Paris Harrington, Maxine Harvey, Lorna Lewis, Michael Lucas, Lola Jacobs, James and Evalena Davidson (parents of Dan Davidson)

Please notify Father Leonard when you or a family member have become homebound or admitted to the hospital. Please call the parish office at (816) 471-3696 or email frleonard@stmonicakc.org.



Four black students from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical College were refused service at a segregated Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina, in February 1960. They began a sit-in—a protest during which those involved in the sit-in refuse to move. Student sit-ins were increasingly effective ways of integrating parks, swimming pools, theaters, libraries, and other public places in the South.



God's Word for Children

Jesus wants something to happen between people.
Do you know what it is?
Write the first letter of each item
to find the answer!

1. 2. 3. 4. 5.

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
It is good and right to do what God wants. Find what the first verse of Psalm 119 has to say about this!
First, solve the subtraction problems, then use the code.

1: who **2:** Lord
3: the **5:** of **4:** are

"Blessed _____ they
 11-7
_____ follow _____
 9-8 7-4
law _____ the
 10-5
_____!" Psalm 119:1
 8-6

Announcements

➔ Prayers & Condolences



Please keep the family and friends of Parish Council member Damon Hillman in your prayers as they prepare the funeral service for Damon's brother Raymond Hillman.

➔ Women's Bible Study



The Women's Bible Study group will meet on Saturday, February 18, 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. in the St. Monica Room.

For more information, contact the Parish Office or call Paula Nix at (816) 721-8731.

➔ HBCU Sunday



Save the date for our second annual HBCU Sunday on February 26. Represent your favorite HBCU by wearing your school apparel on #STMHBCUSunday.

➔ Senior Youth Group



The Senior Youth Group will meet on Sunday, February 26 immediately following the 9 a.m. mass. The group will meet upstairs in the St. Monica Building upstairs classroom. For questions, please contact the Parish Office at (816) 471-3696.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES BEFORE SERVICE BEGINS

Thanks!!

SHHH...

CONTACT US

Please help us keep our records current. Let us know if you **move**, get a **new phone number**, change your **email address** or have a different way you wish to be contacted. We would also like to keep our records up-to-date concerning the members of your household; if you have a baby, or if the baby grows up and leaves home, please let us know.

Any significant changes to your household or status (single, married, widowed, divorced etc.) let us know. We do try to keep up, but sometimes the only person to tell us about these changes is you.

Call the church office at (816) 471-3696 or email kmcgee@stmonicakc.org.

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