

ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY | DECEMBER 31, 2023

*The child grows, becomes strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon the child.*

Luke 2:40

FAMILY



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FAMILY IS HOLY

Holy Family, Joseph, Mary and Jesus, enter the Temple; Simeon rejoices. In this moment Simeon knows the answer to his prayer: “my eyes have seen your salvation...” While standing in the presence of the Word made flesh, Simeon offers a blessing and wise counsel, “this child is destined...and you yourself a sword shall pierce...” Simeon knows well the suffering experienced by all God’s people in the sacred journey of becoming a human person, of growing as disciples of Christ.



We are all members of a holy family; we follow Joseph, Mary, and Jesus in the practice of virtue, the forgiveness of failings, and the decision to love our family, our neighbor. All of this requires courageous perseverance; the work of becoming human is the path of holiness. God’s grace fills and strengthens us for the journey.

As the holy faith community of St. Josephine Bakhita, we open wide our doors and our hearts to worship, evangelize, and serve all God’s people. God blesses us.

St. Josephine Bakhita, you are with us.

– Father Mitch

THANK YOU FOR AN INSPIRING CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION.

We appreciate those who cleaned and decorated our churches for our Christmas celebration. Thanks to our musicians, choirs, and all liturgical ministers who enhanced our celebration of the birth of Christ. We are blessed by everyone, who by their presence, made the celebration of Eucharist a transforming experience of Emmanuel, God with us.

COLLECTION: 12/17/23 - \$ 2460.00

BEGINNING OUR NEW YEAR: In this new calendar year, we pause to consecrate 2024, ourselves and our Common Home anew to our loving God. We begin our year with this blessing from Scripture:

***May God bless you and keep you.
May God’s face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace.***

– Numbers 6:24-26

MASS SCHEDULE

**Noon Mass, Monday through Friday
St. Nicholas**

December 31, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9:00am Mass, Most Holy Trinity

First Lector: Sister Luanne

Second Lector: Doris Speed

Eucharistic Ministers: Rochelle Jones, S. Janice, Brenda Tillman

11:00am Mass, Sts. Teresa and Bridget

First Lector: Michael Freymuth

Second Lector: Val Dowdy

Eucharistic Ministers: William McHugh, Doris Speed, Toni Elston

JANUARY MASS SCHEDULE

January 1: 9:00am Mass, Sts. Teresa and Bridget, Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

January 7: 9:00am Mass, St. Nicholas
11:00am Mass, Most Holy Trinity

January 14: 9:00am Mass, St. Nicholas
11:00am Mass, Most Holy Trinity

January 15: 9:00am Mass, Sts. Teresa and Bridget, Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Day

January 21: 9:00am Mass, St. Nicholas
11:00am Mass, Most Holy Trinity

January 28: 10:00am Unity Mass, Sts. Teresa and Bridget, Celebrating the feast of St. Bridget of Erin

NIGHT OF ADORATION: SEEK24 CONFERENCE, January 1-5, at America’s Center in St. Louis is a collaboration with Focus missionary group which helps form missionary disciples. Everyone from the Archdiocese of St. Louis is invited to a Night of Adoration during the SEEK Conference on Wednesday, January 3. Keynote Speakers are Father Mike Schmitz and Edward Sri. See **free shuttle** information in the back of church.

JANUARY 7, SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY:

The feast of Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of God’s love to all. The visitors from the East will witness God’s salvation as it unfolds for peoples of every land. All will experience the love of our God.

JANUARY 7 OPEN HOUSE, MOST HOLY TRINITY RECTORY:

After the 11:00 am Mass, we travel with the Magi, on foot to the Rectory for coffee, doughnuts, and time to visit and share our Christmas stories. Come and enjoy these Epiphany moments together.