

ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER | APRIL 21, 2024

*I am the good shepherd...
I know my sheep and mine know me.*

John 10:28



BE LIGHT

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FOLLOWING THE GOOD SHEPHERD

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we rejoice in the promise of the Risen Christ to care for us as a shepherd cares for the flock. Jesus teaches that as the good shepherd, "I will lay down my life for all." Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, is once and for all. Jesus sends us now to share this good news of salvation with all, for "these also I lead. They will hear my voice. There will be one flock and one shepherd." As we partake of Christ in this one communion of love, we become the very Presence of Christ, life for the world.



When we say, "amen," we commit to follow Christ and to lay down our lives so that all God's children will share in this communion. It is a long road. We accompany one another and Christ accompanies all of us. We rejoice in following the Good Shepherd.

Saint Josephine Bakhita, you are with us.

– Father Mitch

BLACK CATHOLIC WOMEN ...CALLED, BLESSED AND SENT:

The 5th National Black Catholic Women's Gathering will be held Friday, July 26 through Sunday, July 28, 2024, in Louisville, Kentucky. The event is sponsored by the National Black Sisters Conference. The cost of attending, which includes registration, two nights' hotel stay, and dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday is \$636.00. This price does not include transportation. For more information, please refer to the flyers on the rack in the vestibule of church. A few scholarships are available, if interested please contact S. Janice or Pam White.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS: If you are willing to share your time on a Monday, for an hour or two between 9 – 12 noon, to deliver food from our St. Nicholas Site Food Pantry to homebound neighbors within the city limits, please call 314.289.6101 ext.1171

FAITH FORMATION SERIES: "PRESENCE: The Mystery of the Eucharist." Part three of this four-part series is offered after the 11:00 Mass this morning and ending next Sunday after the Unity Mass. This reflective time graces us with the opportunity to deepen our own understanding of the Eucharist. Come this week. Be a part of the life-giving discussion on the Eucharist.

COLLECTION: 4/14/24 - \$6,262.01 THANK YOU!

MASS SCHEDULE

NEW WEEK-DAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Nicholas Site: Noon Mass on Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Most Holy Trinity Site: Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.

After the Tuesday evening Mass, all are invited to stay, enjoy a light supper, and Bible study in the rectory garden. Supper and books provided.

April 21

9:00 a.m. Mass - Sts. Teresa and Bridget site

First Lector: Harold Bailey

Second Lector: Korky Buhr

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Freymuth, Kenneth Patterson, Valerie Dowdy

11:00 a.m. Mass

First Lector: Alice O'Bryant

Second Lector: Dee White

Eucharistic Ministers: Don Eltson, Valerie Howard, Rochelle Jones, Toni Elston

April 28 – Sts. Teresa and Bridget site

10:00 a.m. Unity Mass

First Lector: Pam White

Second Lector: Vola Washington-Harper

Eucharistic Ministers: Darlene Elston, Doris Speed, Ella Scott, S. Georgene

CHURCH ENVELOPES: Any one who does not have church envelopes, please email Kenneth Patterson at krpatter402@gmail.com

IN THE FOOTSEPS OF JESUS: A vibrant Church of Missionary Disciples. The Seeds of Justice Network and JustFaith Ministries bring an opportunity to hear and be inspired by Jack Jezreel, who founded Just Faith Ministries in 1989. Jack will highlight how the Gospels invite us to a life of compassion, a life that changes us and the world. He will describe a way for parishes to nurture and empower their members to be vessels of God's healing love in the world. The result? Transformed people, transformed churches, and a transformed world. The way is simple and courageous. May 2, St. Pius V Church Hall, 3310 S. Grand, 63118. Doors open at 6:15pm and the program starts at 7:00 pm. Register: <https://bit.ly/JackJezreel2024>.

ROBO CALLS: The weekly calls about the news of the Parish will look like this on your phone: Call Multiplier, Oklahoma City, OK, (405) 548-2251, St. Josephine Bakhita Parish. If you do not receive this call and would like to please notify Sister Janice.

BOXES OF MERCY is a service initiative of the National Eucharistic Revival. The Pilgrims arriving in St. Louis from the West Coast will deliver these Boxes, filled with non-perishable items, to refugees in the St. Louis areas. We at St. Josephine Bakhita are a giving community opening wide our doors and hearts to serving all. The boxes, with a list of non-perishable items suggested, are in the back of church.

MONTH OF THE EUCHARIST: The month of April is dedicated to devotion to Jesus in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The bishops expressed at Vatican Council II, "The celebration of the Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian life and all are encouraged to full, conscience and active participation."

Earth Day

APRIL 22, 2024

Planet vs. Plastics

Earth Day is a reminder of the importance of environmental conservation and sustainability, encouraging us to together take action for a healthier planet and a hope-filled future.

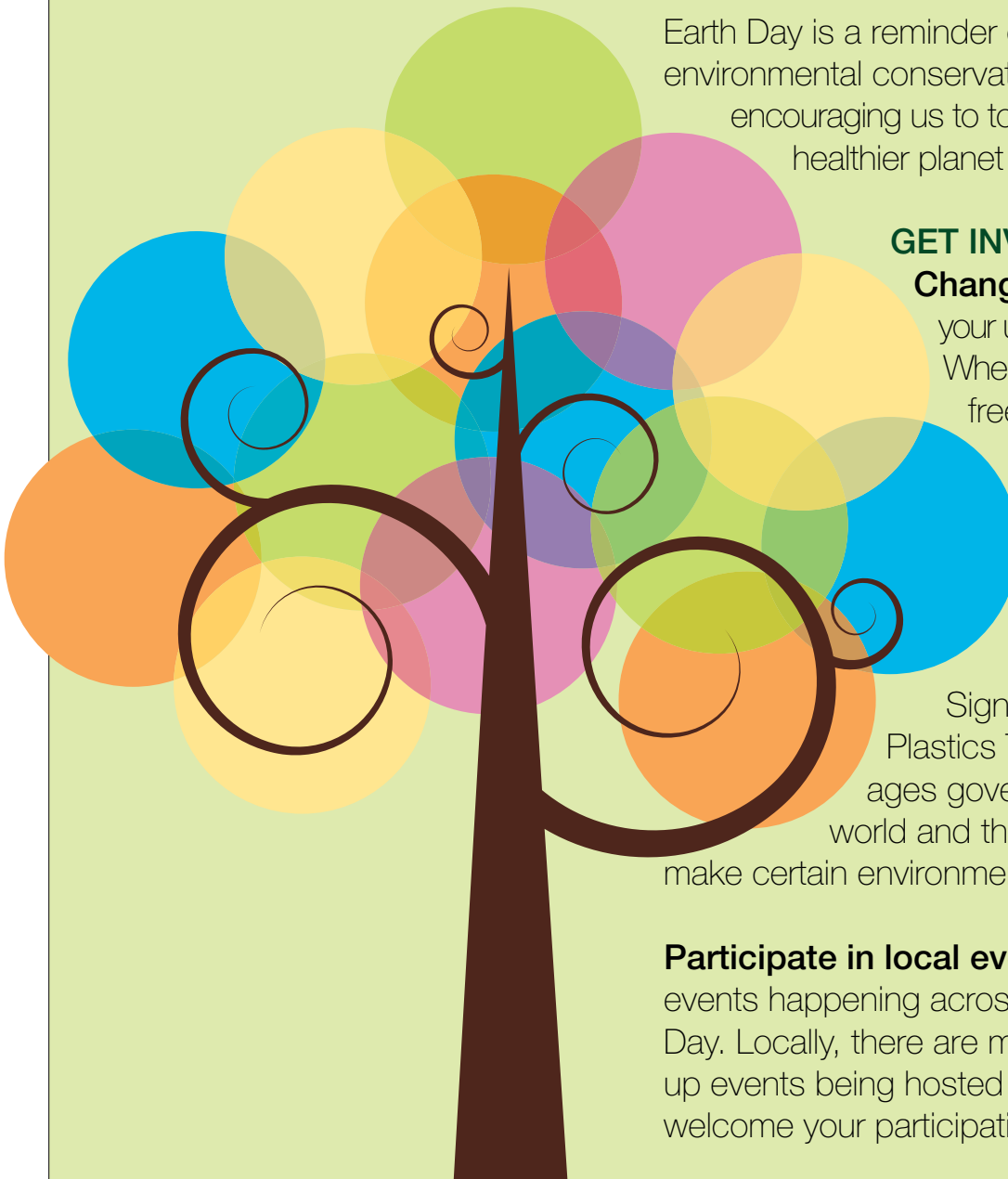
GET INVOLVED

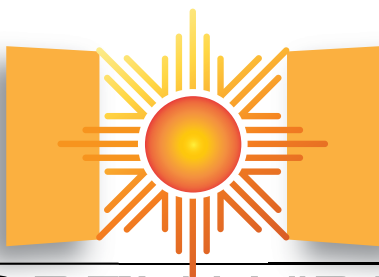
Change habits: consider your use of single-use plastics. When possible, make plastic-free swaps to reusable plastics (a reusable water bottle is a place to start). Recycle as much as possible.

Sign the petition:

Sign the Earth Day Global Plastics Treaty, which encourages governments around the world and the United Nations to make certain environmental promises, ASAP

Participate in local events: There are many events happening across the globe for Earth Day. Locally, there are many community clean-up events being hosted in neighborhoods that welcome your participation.





OPEN WIDE OUR DOORS

St. Josephine Bakhita Parish
Most Holy Trinity, St. Nicholas,
Sts. Teresa & Bridget sites

OUR MISSION:

*We open wide our doors and
our hearts to worship, evangelize,
and serve all God's people.*

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ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SERVICES

Most Holy Trinity Site

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food/Utility
Assistance
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 9:00 – 12:00
4335 Warne Ave, 63107
314-535-9794 (during operating hours)

St. Nicholas Site

Food Pantry sponsored by Ascension SVDP
Mondays (except holidays): 10 – noon
701 N 18th St., 63103
314.289.6101 ext. 1171

St. Nicholas (Off-site)

Food Pantry sponsored by Immacolata SVDP
First and Second Tuesdays: 9:00 – 11:00
Hot meal, snacks, fellowship; Dine in or carry-out
1414 N. Taylor Ave, 63110
314.289.6101 ext. 1171

Sts. Teresa & Bridget Site

Food Pantry/Utility Assistance/Store Vouchers
Tuesday, Thursday 9 – noon
Bag Lunches for homeless
Sts. Teresa & Bridget Hall
2431 N. Grand Blvd., 63106
314.531.1169

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