ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT | MARCH 3, 2024

If you only knew what God gives...you would have asked and would have been given living water...

Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



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THE FIRST APOSTLE

Today we pray with our candidates, Marshall, and Kevin, the first Scrutiny. As they make their way to discipleship, we accompany them on the journey to a deeper relationship with Christ. We spend time with Jesus and the Woman at the Well. She recognizes Jesus'



willingness to risk conversation with her and then responds by seeking to know him more. The unfolding of their encounter is a beautiful example of how we make our unique way to trusting Jesus.

While the woman at the well experiences healing and freedom in relationship with Jesus, the disciples are in her village buying lunch for Jesus. They are getting him food for his body while the Samaritan woman is nourishing Jesus' soul. The disciples have gone into the Samaritan Town without any intention of telling anyone about Jesus because Samaritans, until then, had nothing to do with Jews. When the disciples return with only food the Samaritan woman is sent to the village to bring the villagers to follow Jesus.

In John's Gospel, the Samaritan woman is the first person to be sent on mission, the first person to preach relationship with Jesus; she is the first apostle. We are sent to share our love for Christ with all. We have come to know freedom and peace in Christ Jesus; by our love for one another we share good news of salvation.

St. Joesphine Bakhita, you are with us.

Father Mitch

COMING EVENTS: March 8, FISH FRY, Most Holy Trinity site, noon till 6:00 pm March 8, SPECIAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS,

Most Holy Trinity site 6:30 pm

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF RON JOHNSON

who faithfully served the mission of Sts. Teresa and Bridget Church for many years, including being the Director of Maintenace. We lift up his family and friends as they grieve the loss of Ron. May Ron know the depth of God's loving embrace as he is welcomed home.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY and God's Blessings

MARCH

John Ferguson,

25 Joe Manno

Diane Bowman

29 K-K Oliver

10 Ed Petras 12 Aryn Bostic 30 Ethel Long 30 Edna Grant

21 Bernadette Moonev

22 Ank Ankenbrand

23 S. Jovelle Proot SSND

25 S. Joanne Hanrahan SSND

MASS SCHEDULE

Noon Mass, Monday through Friday, St. Nicholas

March 3: St. Nicholas 9:00 am Mass

First Lector: Kenneth Patterson Second Lector: Tom Nolan

Eucharistic Ministers: Don Elston, William McHugh,

Christine Trudell

Woman at the Well: Aryn Bostic

11:00 am Mass

First Lector: Carlton Prince Second Lector: Kellie Willis

Eucharistic Ministers: Alice O'Bryant, Alice Prince,

Doris Speed

Woman at the Well: Alice Prince

March 10: Most Holy Trinity 10:00 Unity Mass

First Lector: Madonna Buhr Second Lector: Dee White

Eucharistic Ministers: Donna Lindsay, Valerie Howard,

Brenda Tillman

Man born blind: Korky Buhr Parent: Alice O'Bryant Narrator: Mattie Patterson

COLLECTION: 2/18/24: \$3,444.21; 2/25/24: \$3,264.75

CELBRATION OF THE THREE SCRUTINIES: The

Scrutinies are celebrated for the Elect (the unbaptized) on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent. The Scrutinies reveal human areas of growth and strengthen goodness. The celebration of the Scrutinies also remind the parish community of the need to reflect on our own need for God's help.

NORTH DEANERY LENTEN RECONCILIATION

SERVICE: Tuesday, March 12, 6:00 pm. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Alphonsus Liguori "Rock' Church, 1118 North Grand, 63106.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE **INFORMATION AND UPDATES:**

Conference boundries mirror the parish boundaries extending east to the Mississippi River, north to parts of Adelaide Ave, west to a portion of Farigrounds Park, and south to Olive Street & Wahington Ave. SVDP Conference meeting March 10th Immediately after the parish unity Mass.

Get Involved. Share Your time, talent and treasure. Sprituality. Friendship and Service are the pillars of Vincentian life. Contact the Confeence for more details and schedule a shadowing session with a current Vincentian. 314.531.1169.

Do you want help? Contact the Conference for assitance in obtaining assistance related to food, clothing, beds, utilities, and other life necessities.