



St. Mary St. Patrick

February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb. 9, 2025 – St. Josephine Bakhita: from slave to Saint

In 1869 a young seven-year-old girl of Darfur, Sudan was seized by Arab slave traders and treated very harshly by her slave owners. Due to the trauma of her abduction and harsh treatment, she could not remember how own name, so the slavers called her “Bakhita,” which, ironically, means lucky or fortunate.

But after these six years, she eventually ended up with an Italian family who treated her very kindly. Through them she encountered the Canossian Sister in Venice, Italy. It was here that Bakhita learned about Christianity. Bakhita said, “Those holy mothers instructed me with heroic patience and introduced me to God who from my childhood I had felt in my hear without knowing who He was.” At 21 years of age, she gave her life to Christ and, received the Sacraments of Initiation, being baptized with the name “Josephine.” From then on, she was often seen kissing the baptismal font and saying, ‘Here, I became a daughter of God!’

Josephine Bakhita then chose to remain with the Sisters, and to freely give all of her life to Christ. At age 27 she took her final vows as a Canossian Sister, where she lived and served for another 50 years living as a true witness of the love of God. She was kindly with children, and it was said that her amiable voice, which had the inflection and rhythm of the music of her country, was pleasing to the little ones, comforting to the poor and suffering, and encouraging for those who knocked at the door of the Institute.

Her humility, her simplicity and her constant smile won the hearts of all. She was esteemed for her inalterable sweet nature, her exquisite goodness, and her deep desire to make the Lord known. “Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know Him. What a great grace it is to know God!”

A young student once asked 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 Christian and a religious today.”

Saint Josephine Bakhita is venerated as a modern African saint, and as a statement against the brutal history of slavery. She has been adopted as the patron Saint of Sudan and human trafficking survivors.

Pope John Paul II said of her “Bakhita ... The daughter of Sudan sold into slavery as a living piece of merchandise and yet still free. Free with the freedom of the saints.”

Bakhita's legacy is that transformation is possible through suffering. Her story of deliverance from physical slavery also symbolizes all those who find meaning and inspiration in her life for their own deliverance from spiritual slavery. St. Josephine Bakhita's life story is an outstanding example of Christian hope.

Peace
— Fr. Kevin

9 de Feb. 2025 – Santa Josefina Bakhita: from slave to Saint

En 1869, una niña de siete años de Darfur, Sudán, fue capturada por traficantes de esclavos árabes y tratada con mucha dureza por sus dueños. Debido al trauma de su secuestro y al duro trato, no podía recordar su propio nombre, por lo que los esclavistas la llamaron “Bakhita”, que, irónicamente, significa afortunada.

Finalmente, después de esos seis años, acabó con una familia italiana que la trató con mucha amabilidad. Por medio de ellos conoció a las Hermanas Canossianas en Venecia, Italia, y fue ahí donde Bakhita aprendió sobre el cristianismo. Bakhita dijo, “Aquellas santas madres me instruyeron con heroica paciencia y me introdujeron a Dios, que desde niña había sentido en mi corazón sin saber quién era.” A los 21 años le entregó su vida a Cristo y recibió los Sacramentos de Iniciación, siendo bautizada con el nombre de “Josefina”. Desde entonces, se la vio a menudo besando la pila bautismal y diciendo: “¡Aquí me convertí en hija de Dios!”

Josefina Bakhita decidió entonces permanecer con las Hermanas y entregar libremente toda su vida a Cristo. A los 27 años hizo sus votos perpetuos como Hermana Canossiana, donde vivió y sirvió durante otros 50 años como un verdadero testigo del amor de Dios. Era bondadosa con los niños y se decía que su amable voz, que tenía la inflexión y el ritmo de la música de su país, agradaba a los pequeños, consolaba a los pobres y sufrientes y animaba a los que llamaban a la puerta del Instituto.

Su humildad, su sencillez y su sonrisa constante conquistaban el corazón de todos. Era estimada por su inalterable dulzura de carácter, su exquisita bondad y su profundo deseo de dar a conocer al Señor. “Sed buenos, amad al Señor, orad por los que no lo conocen. ¡Qué gracia tan grande es conocer a Dios!”

Una vez, un joven estudiante le preguntó a Bakhita: “¿Qué harías si te encontraras con tus captores?” Sin dudarle, ella respondió: “Si me encontrara con quienes me secuestraron, e incluso con quienes me torturaron, me arrodillaría y les besaría las manos. Ya que, si estas cosas no hubieran sucedido, yo no sería hoy cristiana ni religiosa”.

Santa Josefina Bakhita es venerada como una santa africana moderna y como una declaración contra la brutal historia de la esclavitud. Ha sido adoptada como la santa patrona de Sudán y de los sobrevivientes de la trata de personas.

El Papa Juan Pablo II dijo: “Bakhita ... La hija de Sudán vendida como esclava, como mercancía viviente, y, sin embargo, es libre. Libre con la libertad de los santos”.

El legado de Bakhita es que la transformación es posible a través del sufrimiento. Su historia de liberación de la esclavitud física también simboliza a todos aquellos que encuentran significado e inspiración en su vida para su propia liberación de la esclavitud espiritual. La historia de vida de Santa Josefina Bakhita es un ejemplo destacado de esperanza cristiana.

Paz
— Padre Kevin

St. Mary

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Book Club

March 3 at 6 p.m.

The God of the Woods

By Liz Moore

Everyone is welcome to join! Great discussion and fellowship!

Save the dates May 23rd - 25th! National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in the Archdiocese During this extraordinary Jubilee Year of Hope, and picking up where the 10th National Eucharistic Congress left off, the 2025 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will go through the Archdiocese from May 23rd to May 25th. Eight young adult Perpetual Pilgrims will accompany Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, starting in Indianapolis in mid-May and ending on the Feast of Corpus Christi in Los Angeles.

On Friday, May 23rd, we will receive the monstrance from the Diocese of Davenport and process it to the Cathedral to begin a Memorial Day weekend of special activities stretching across the Archdiocese. Save the date and stay tuned for more details on this important series of events!!

Stewardship - Treasure

Sunday, February 2, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$1357
Offertory	\$151
January	
Online	\$980
EFTS	\$1875

Give Online www.FranklinHardinCatholic.org/online-giving

Liturgical Ministers

February 16 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Youth Mass

Lector: Sophie deNeui, Sophia Lazo

Ushers: Sergio Rogel, Caleb Harms, Sam Mausser, Giselle Flores

Eucharistic Ministers: Jaxon Schipper, Diego Lazo

Money Counters: Cindy Richtsmeier, Jo DeVries

Altar Servers: Alex Harms, Lucas Mausser, Finley Johnstone

Sacristan: Jim Wessels

Rosary in Spanish on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!

Lenten Meals

We will be serving Lenten Meals on Friday during Lent following the Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m.. If you would be willing to make and serve a meal, let David Keninger know 515-681-3750. Dates: March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11.

Coffee and Rolls

March 2

Everyone is welcome!

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution Statements will be going out the first part of January. If you think your statement is incorrect or if you did not receive a statement and think you should have, contact Barb Keninger.

No MASS AT GRAND JIVANTE

There will NOT be Mass at Grand Jivante, February 10 due to illness in the building. There will be Mass at the church at 8:30 a.m.

Jesus will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that you believe much more in the love than in your weakness. Only then, his hand will be free with you

Thirsting for God – Mother Teresa

St. Patrick

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Liturgical Ministries

February 16th, 2025 – Febrero 16th, 2025

Mass—February 16th, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Maggie Pearson
Ushers: Greg Cavazos, Elsie Kuper
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ann Patton, Ruth Ann Kelch
Money Counters: Julie Streblov, Liz Carr
Altar Servers: Drew & Cameron Horton, Ruby Alonzo
Sacristan: Sherry Peterson
Linens: Sue Garrett

Spanish Mass—Febrero 16th, 2025 5:30 p.m

Lector: Janeth Valenzuela, Anabel Ramirez
Ministros de Eucarísticos: Margarita Dominguez, Lizbeth Garcia
Contador es de Dinero: Margarita Dominguez, Blaz Gonzalez
Monaguillos: Sergio Dominguez, Justin Guillen, Adan Rodriguez
Sacristan: Anabel Alanis

You are responsible to find your own replacement.
Usted es responsable de encontrar su propio reemplazo.



Do you follow us on
Social Media?
¿Nos sigues en las redes
sociales?

St. Patrick, St. Mary and Franklin-Hardin Catholic Hispanic Ministries all have active Facebook pages. Please “like and “follow us on these pages. This is a great way to get weather announcements, the weekly Homily and stay up to date on what is happening in our parishes.

Los Ministerios Católicos Hispanos de San Patricio, Santa María y Franklin-Hardin tienen páginas activas en Facebook. Por favor, "me gusta" y "síguenos en estas páginas. Esta es una excelente manera de obtener anuncios sobre el clima, la homilía semanal y mantenerse al día sobre lo que está sucediendo en nuestras parroquias.

STEWARDSHIP TREASURY

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2nd, 2025

REGULAR	\$ 2,993.33
OFFERTORY	\$ 416.00
FOOD PANTRY	\$ 75.00
JANUARY ON-LINE & EFT GIFING	\$ 4,004.00

Give On-Line at www.franklinhardincatholic.org online-giving.
Dona en línea para www.franklinhardincatholic.org donaciones en línea.

Happenings Week of February 9th, 2025

Tuesday/ Martes February 11th/ Febrero 11th, 2025

8:30 AM Mass
7:00 PM AA/Al-Anon (RE Center)

Wednesday/ Miercoles –February 12th / Febrero 12th

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Food Pantry/Despensa de Alimentos
(Social Hall)
6:30 – Faith Formation

Thursday/ Jueves – February 13th / Febrero 13th

8:30 AM Mass
1:00 – 3:00 PM Crafts (Social Hall)
6:00-8:00 PM Adoration/Adoración

Sunday/ Domingo February 16th/ Febrero 16th

10:30 AM – Mass
5:30 PM – Mass- Spanish

MEN'S GRIEF GROUP

If you are a male who is experiencing grief over the death of a loved one. St. Patrick will be hosting a men's grief group meeting

The next meeting will be

March 3rd at 6:00 PM

St. Patrick Church Parish Library

For More Information

Contact Steve Pearson at 641-425-1662 or contact the Parish Office at 641-456-4857

Catholic Charities Annual Appeal Weekend

2025: Pilgrims of Hope /

Fin de semana de la campaña anual de

Caridades Católicas 2025:

Peregrinos de Esperanza

The Catholic Charities Annual Appeal kicked off on February 8-9, 2025. This appeal provides over 50% of Catholic Charities' annual operating budget and directly impacts the lives of at least 78 people in Northeast Iowa every single day! In February, all parishes will receive more information, including a mailed package from Catholic Charities. This will include specific materials to promote the appeal, including a letter from Archbishop Zinkula to be read at Masses, parish bulletin announcements and inserts, social media, prayers, and petitions. More information is included in this bulletin. Spanish version available in the back of the church.

La Campaña Anual de Caridades Católicas comenzó el 8 y 9 de febrero de 2025. ¡Este llamamiento proporciona más del 50% del presupuesto operativo anual de Caridades Católicas y tiene un impacto directo en las vidas de al menos 78 personas en el noreste de Iowa todos los días! En febrero, todas las parroquias recibirán más información, incluyendo un paquete enviado por correo de Caridades Católicas. Esto incluirá materiales específicos para promover el llamado, incluida una carta del Arzobispo Zinkula para leer en las Misas, anuncios e inserciones en boletines parroquiales, redes sociales, oraciones y peticiones. Más información se incluye en este boletín. Versión en español disponible en la parte trasera de la iglesia.

Disability Awareness

February is Low-Vision Awareness Month. The Archdiocese of Dubuque works with the Xavier Society for the Blind to provide resources *free-of-charge* for persons with blindness and sight-impairments. If someone in your parish would like to learn about their services, please [contact](#) the Xavier Society for the Blind or click xaviersocietyfortheblind.org

Don't Miss the 2025 Archdiocese of Dubuque Men's Conference!

Join other men from throughout the Archdiocese of Dubuque to be inspired in your faith at the 29th Annual Catholic Men's Conference on **Saturday, March 29, 2025 at St. Pius X Church in Cedar Rapids.**

This year's conference will feature Michael "Gomer" Gormley as the keynote speaker. The day will also include Mass with Archbishop Thomas Zinkula, breakout sessions, Eucharistic Adoration, and more. For details and to register, visit www.ArchMensConference.org.

Pray for...

Cathy Kuper, Darwin Wikert,
Megan (Keninger) Hesnard,
Jacob Sudtelgte



Please make use of your parish's prayer chain:
St. Mary, Ackley:
Jolene Harms at stmarystpatrick@gmail.com
St. Patrick, Hampton:
Mary Ann Patton at thepattons4@gmail.com



National Marriage Week and World Marriage Day

Qui The annual observances of National Marriage Week (February 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 9) are an opportunity to focus on supporting and promoting the vocation of marriage and family life. The USCCB's theme for 2025 is "Marriage: Source of Hope, Spring of Renewal. Pursue a Lasting Love!" For resources from the USCCB go to <https://www.foryourmarriage.org/celebrate-national-marriage-week/>.

Thank you

Thank you to Donna Speedy, Madonna Weiland and Sherry Peterson for painting dioramas for the atrium. Thank you so much for your help!

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, February 10	8:30 a.m.	Fr. Paul Peters	St. Mary
Tuesday, February 11	8:30 a.m.	Fr. Dennis Conway	St. Patrick
Wednesday, February 12	8:30 a.m.	Fr. Phil Recker	St. Mary
Thursday, February 13	8:30 a.m.	Msgr. Russ Bleich	St. Patrick
Sunday, February 16	8:00 a.m.	Jake Brandt	St. Mary
	10:30 a.m.	Fr. Ed Lechtenberg	St. Patrick
	5:30 p.m.	For the people	St. Patrick Spanish

Live stream of Mass
www.franklinhardincatholic.org/livestream
YouTube Channel: Franklin Hardin Catholic