The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 7, 2021

Sat. 2-6  5:00 p.m.  The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St. Francis) + Bill & Lou Spielbusch

Sun. 2-7  9:00 a.m.  The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St. Francis) Thanksgiving for Jerry Winter’s 80th Birthday

Sun. 2-7  11:00 a.m.  The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St. Francis) People of the Parish

Mon. 2-8  7:30 a.m.  (St. Francis) + Jose Crispin Salazar

Tue. 2-9  NO MASS

Wed. 2-10  7:00 p.m.  PSR Mass (St. Francis) + Clarita Bryant

Thu. 2-11  8:30 a.m.  (St. Ambrose) + Sandra Schoenhofer

Fri. 2-12  7:30 a.m.  (St. Francis) + Herb Moses

Sat. 2-13  5:00 p.m.  The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St. Francis) + Henry Brewer

Sun. 2-14  9:00 a.m.  The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St. Francis) People of the Parish

Sun. 2-14  11:00 a.m.  The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St. Francis) Mike & Joan Doherty 50th Anniversary

CONFESSIONS: Confessions will be heard on the west side of the St. Francis Rectory every Saturday from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Follow the signs and cones and remain in your vehicle.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: If you are going to have a significant surgery, please call for Anointing of the Sick before you enter the hospital.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Vence Segraves, Sheri Bell, Billy Brown, Stephanie Thompson, Ron Lalemand, Donna Little, Mary Ann Dougherty, Jane Anne Beauchon, Dalton Noakes, Jerry Beauchon, Isla Taylor, Charline Gottlob, Nina Madl, Diane Davis, Helen George, Phyllis Coomes, Barbara Workman, Peg Brown, Dorothy VanLeuwen, David Lero, Jason Schoenhofer, Fran Dooly, Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Robert Kroenke, Kenny Paisley, Dennis Duling, Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Robert Kroenke, Kenny Paisley, Dennis Duling, Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Robert Kroenke, Kenny Paisley, Dennis Duling, Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Robert Kroenke, Kenny Paisley, Dennis Duling, Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Robert Kroenke, Kenny Paisley, Dennis Duling, Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Robert Kroenke, Kenny Paisley, Dennis Duling, Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Robert Kroenke, Kenny Paisley, Dennis Duling, Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Robert Kroenke, Kenny Paisley, Dennis Duling, Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Robert Kroenke, Kenny Paisley, Dennis Duling, Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Robert Kroenke, Kenny Paisley, Dennis Duling

PARISH MINISTRIES: Saturday, February 13-5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Minister: Donna Bohrer Lector: Jill Coomes Rosary Leader: Mary Jean Zandler Sunday, February 14-9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Minister: Donna Wood Lector: Marcia Gard Rosary Leader: Noemy Brewer Sunday, February 14-11:00 a.m. Eucharistic Minister: Rodney Noe Lector: Seth Born Rosary Leader: Jane Anne Bechner

USHERS for the Month of February: Monday – Saturday: Sue Brown, Mary Jean Zandler, Wendy Bissett, Louis Miller, Virginia Smith, Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Robert Kroenke, Kenny Paisley, Dennis Duling, Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Robert Kroenke, Kenny Paisley, Dennis Duling, Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Robert Kroenke, Kenny Paisley, Dennis Duling, Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Robert Kroenke, Kenny Paisley, Dennis Duling, Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Robert Kroenke, Kenny Paisley, Dennis Duling, Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Robert Kroenke, Kenny Paisley, Dennis Duling

Church Cleaners for February 12: Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Robert Kroenke, Kenny Paisley, Dennis Duling

Ushers for the Month of February: Monday – Saturday: Sue Brown, Mary Jean Zandler, Wendy Bissett, Louis Miller, Virginia Smith, Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Robert Kroenke, Kenny Paisley, Dennis Duling, Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Robert Kroenke, Kenny Paisley, Dennis Duling, Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Robert Kroenke, Kenny Paisley, Dennis Duling, Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Robert Kroenke, Kenny Paisley, Dennis Duling, Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Robert Kroenke, Kenny Paisley, Dennis Duling, Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Robert Kroenke, Kenny Paisley, Dennis Duling, Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Robert Kroenke, Kenny Paisley, Dennis Duling, Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Robert Kroenke, Kenny Paisley, Dennis Duling

Sunday – Monday: Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Robert Kroenke, Kenny Paisley, Dennis Duling

PARISH OFFICE: Due to the Coronavirus, the Parish Office is closed to your physical presence and entrance. To schedule Mass Intentions or such, please call Jackie Harmon, our Parish Secretary, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Monday through Friday at 620-449-2224.

SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA:
Saint Josephine Margaret Bakhita was born around 1869 in the village of Olgoesa in the Darfur region of Sudan. She was a member of the Daju people and her uncle was a tribal chief. Due to her family lineage, she grew up happy and relatively prosperous, saying that as a child, she did not know suffering. Historians believe that sometime in February 1877, Josephine was kidnapped by Arab slave traders. Although she was just a child, she was forced to walk barefoot over 600 miles to a slave market in El Obeid. She was bought and sold at least twice during the grueling journey.

For the next 12 years she would be bought, sold and given away over a dozen times. She spent so much time in captivity that she forgot her original name. As a slave, her experiences varied from fair treatment to cruel. Her first owner, a wealthy Arab, gave her to his daughters as a maid. The assignment was easy until she offended her owner’s son, possibly for the crime of breaking a vase. As punishment, she was beaten so severely she was incapacitated for a month. After that, she was sold. One of her owners was a Turkish general who gave her to his wife and mother-in-law who both beat her daily. Josephine wrote that as soon as one wound would heal, they would inflict another.

She told about how the general’s wife ordered her to be scarred. As her mistress watched, ready with a whip, another woman drew patterns on her skin with flour, then cut into her flesh with a blade. She rubbed the wounds with salt with make the scars permanent. She would suffer a total of 114 scars from this abuse.

In 1883, the Turkish general sold her to the Italian Vice Consul, Callisto Legani. He was a much kinder master and he did not beat her. When it was time for him to return to Italy, she begged to be taken with him, and he agreed.

After a long and dangerous journey across Sudan, the Red Sea, and the Mediterranean, they arrived in Italy. She was given away to another family as a gift and she served them as a nanny. Her new family also had dealings in Sudan. When her mistress decided to travel to Sudan without Josephine, she placed her in the custody of the Canossian Sisters in Venice. While she was in the custody of the sisters, she came to learn about God. According to Josephine, she had always known about God, who created all things, but she did not know who He was. The sisters answered her questions. She was deeply moved by her time with the sisters and discerned a call to follow Christ.