

St. Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church and Academy News

April, 2021

Dear Parishioners,

I wish you a Blessed Easter and hope that there were a number of good fruits from your Lent. Which fruits essentially? First, conquering the vice of egoism and secondly, increasing the virtue of Charity. In a certain sense all sin can be reduced to egoism and all virtue to Charity. In our prayers and duties of life a hidden fire of Charity should burn. If this is not the case, egoism is inserting itself and the work of Lent is unfinished.

In the first years of Christianity there was a touching practice of the Christians called the Agape. This was a perfected form of parish gatherings and was usually held around the time of the Eucharistic Sacrifice. It was an opportunity for charity among the faithful. Food was shared, the poor received from those who had more. Very soon however, it became corrupted as can be seen by St. Paul's harsh correction to the Corinthians in chapter 11 of his First Epistle to them.

What went wrong? Egoism. The Agape was becoming a place for cliques to form; people were favoring some over others. The more unfortunate were shamed. It was also becoming a place for excesses in eating and drinking. Egoism takes something good and makes it something detestable. A little leaven corrupteth the whole lump.

It doesn't take much for a little egoism to spoil our best families, our best schools, and our personal best efforts. And so Our Lord puts St. Peter through a little trial after the Resurrection. Simon, son of John, lovest thou Me more than these? Unless the work be motivated by the love of Christ it carries with it the seed of destruction.

Be assured of my prayers for your increased fervor. Serve Almighty God in everything and serve each other for the love of Him.

In Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

Fr. Michael Goldade

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Parish News

Solemn High Masses

Solemn High Masses were offered on the Feast of St. Joseph, March 19, and Our Lady of Compassion, March 26. The Feast of St. Joseph was an all school Mass. The 7 - 12 grade boys and girls attended the Mass on the Feast of Our Lady of Compassion. Students from the Tracy campus walked back to school after the Masses.



Adult Baptisms

Fr. Bourmaud baptized two adults, who were later confirmed by Bishop Fellay.

Confirmations

Bishop Bernard Fellay conferred the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, March 21.



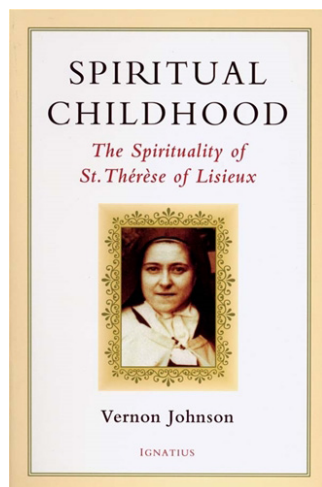
Parish Mission

Fr. Alphonsus Maria, C.S.S.R. gave the parish mission, March 21 - 25.



Rosary Procession

The Legion of Mary organized a Marian Rosary Procession at Planned Parenthood March 27. Faithful who attended marched around the block of Planned Parenthood.



Suggested Reading

...Msgr. Vernon Johnson, a famous convert and apostle of St. Thérèse, presents in this book the most clear, practical and yet profound explanation of this "little way", a way to perfection that changed his life and the lives of countless others. Johnson summarizes the spiritual approach of St. Thérèse in these three words: Love, Humility, Confidence.

Spiritual Childhood is the product of some 20 years of meditation on the subject of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, whose spiritual legacy inspired Johnson's conversion from Anglicanism to Catholicism.

Available through Ignatius Press

Holy Week Ceremonies



Holy Thursday



Good Friday



Easter Vigil

Academy News

St. Mary's Fine Arts Festival

St. Vincent Academy students participated in a Fine Arts Festival at St. Marys, Kansas on March 19 and 25.

- March 19 the 6 - 8th grade girls, Ethan Sestak, and Thomas Stegall attended.
- March 25 the 7 - 12th grade girls and 9 - 12 grade boys attended.

The Festival was similar to Cair Paravel with the following categories, however these were not judged.

Musical - Choirs and instrumental solos (i.e. piano, flute, trumpet, etc.)

Speech - Speeches, poetry recitation, humorous interpretations, duet acting, choric speaking

Art - Oil, pastels, water color, graphite, color pencils, photography, and sculpture.



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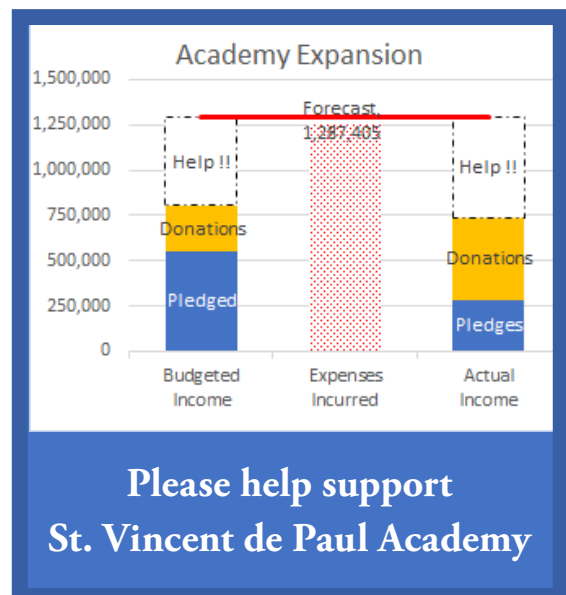
The Forty Holy Martyrs Ultimate Frisbee Intermural Tournament was won by the Sophomores.

TRACY CAMPUS



St. Joseph Table

Mrs. Susan Roth's 1st grade class made a table in honor of St. Joseph for his feast day. The money they raised through donations to the table was given to the parish poor fund.



ST. VINCENT'S ACADEMY AUCTION

Saturday, April 24, 2021

St. Vincent de Paul Academy - Tracy Campus

2727 Tracy Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64109

5:00 pm Doors Open - Silent Auction

6:00 pm Food is served (Catered by Dominic's)

7:00 - 8:00 pm LIVE Auction

Don't miss out on all of the fun! Auction tickets are still available through academy families, or from the Tracy office, Office@svdpacademy.org.

2021-2022 Academy Enrollment

St. Vincent de Paul Academy is now accepting Enrollment Applications for the 2021-2022 academic school year. Enrollment will remain open until April 30, 2021. Applications submitted after April 30, 2021 will be subject to a \$100 late fee per family.

LEARNING QUEST

To fund your private school education while receiving a state tax deduction contact Teresa Stewart, Learning Quest representative, 816-340-8329 or Teresa_Stewart@americancentury.com.



Academy Fundraiser

Spring is here! Please support St. Vincent de Paul Academy by purchasing beautiful flowers or garden assortments! Orders need to be in by May 1, 2021. Shipping begins at the end of March.

<https://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/index.php/marketplace/seller/profile/shop/stvincents>

Upcoming Events

April 18	Visit by Fr. Davide Pagliarani
April 24	Academy Auction
May 1	Day of recollection for 1st holy communicants
May 2	1st Holy Communion
May 9	May Crowning
May 23	Pentecost
May 28	Academy Graduation
May 30	Trinity Sunday
May 31	Memorial Day

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2021 Kansas City Ignatian Retreats for Men & Women

Men's Retreat

Wednesday, June 23 - 6:00 p.m. to
Sunday, June 27 - 5:00 p.m.

Women's Retreat

Wednesday, June 23 - 6:00 p.m. to
Sunday, June 27 - 5:00 p.m.

Full - Waiting List Only

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