

St. Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church and Academy News

June 2020

Dear Parishioners,

As I write this little letter it is the middle of June and the day before First Holy Communions. It is a month which, for various reasons, lends special attention to the Holy Eucharist in the liturgy. After Our Lord's Ascension and the Descent of the Holy Ghost we are reminded that Christ is still here with us under the Eucharistic species. The reception of Him in the Eucharist is the support of holy, virtuous living.

It's always a beautiful occasion when children receive Our Lord for the first time. We have great hope that the love for Jesus is one which stays with them and grows. But, there is no guarantee of that. Why? Because the development of the spiritual life is more than grace in the soul, it requires the development of the virtuous life. The virtuous life is a protective wall around the treasure of grace.

The cultivation of virtue in children is an important reminder to parents on the occasion of their child's baptism. It's so crucial to a parent to have a child baptized – and it should be. But, is that the end of all obligation to the soul of the child? Is the grace of baptism going to remain intact? We sadly observe that plenty of baptized souls have lost this grace.

So, the family exists in part for the great lessons of virtuous living to be acquired. The little disciplines desired of children: treating their siblings patiently, attending to the desires of parents without complaining, learning their lessons well, praying with attention and love, etc. mean the perseverance in grace and the salvation of that soul in the end.

Dear families, nurture the love of the Holy Eucharist in your children. The schedule of Masses gives great opportunity for daily reception of Holy Communion. As long as the faithful take advantage of the 11:00 a.m. weekday Mass we will continue to offer it in addition to the 7:15 a.m. Mass. We will continue the all-day Adoration on Fridays in the crypt chapel as well. Let us build the fire of love for Our Lord in our hearts, lest it be extinguished.

In the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Michael Goldade

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Parish News

Coronavirus and St. Vincent's

City ordinances loosened restriction on May 6 allowing 110 to attend Mass at any one time. Another change was made May 31 allowing for 50% capacity. Consequently three Masses were celebrated on the Feast for Pentecost allowing for 300 to attend each Mass, and the first High Mass since March was celebrated.

May Crowning

Children between the ages of 5 - 10 were invited to participate in carrying roses to Our Lady's altar on Wednesday, May 20.



Corpus Christi

The Franciscan Sisters and some of the high school girls decorated the side walks outside of church before the high Mass and procession on the feast of Corpus Christi.



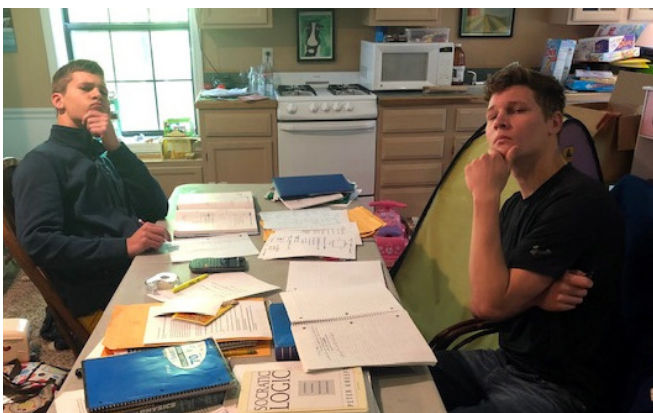


First Holy Communions On June 14 31 children received their first holy Communion.

Academy News

Distance Learning Program Ends

On Friday, May 22, families were invited to the school from 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. to collect personal items, return textbooks and homework assignments, buy the Academy yearbook, and for students to say goodbye to their teachers for the summer.

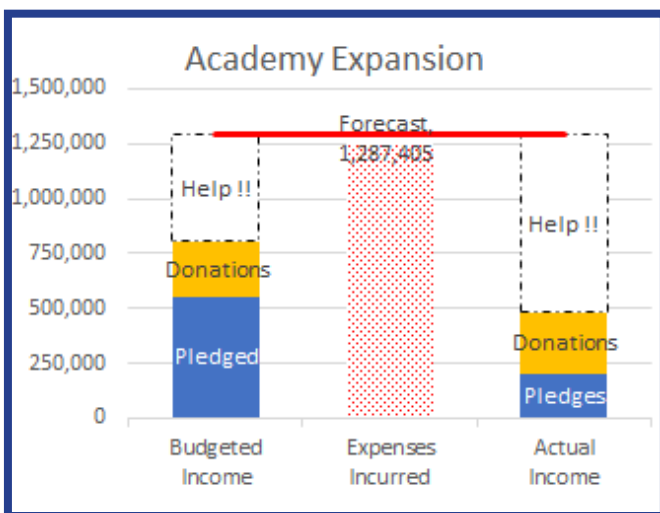


Teachers waited in their empty classrooms for families to arrive on the 22nd.

Academy Update

As of this date, the following work has been completed or is underway:

- **Chapel:** The chapel has been completed, and pews installed. Steve Patterson will restore the altar over the summer. The wall for the sacristy has been erected.
- **Library:** Nearly complete thanks to Steve Patterson and Tony Wohletz. The high school boys will help to move books from the existing library at Flora to the gymnasium at Tracy, and then onto the shelves in the new library. Cindy Patterson has worked unceasingly these last few months digitally cataloging all of the library books, and with the help of Julie McMaster, getting them organized for the move.
- **Painting:** The upstairs classrooms are being painted yellow and the baseboards are being installed. A crew of St. Vincent parishioners painted the ceilings on the 2nd floor. On May 30, a crew from St. Mary's painted the hallways and atrium.
- **Phones:** Jason Greene and Mike McMaster installed the phone system.
- **Doors:** Tony Wohletz cut an access door into the mechanical room on the 2nd floor. He also added a door between the secretary's office and the infirmary.
- **Classrooms:** During the month of June, Charles Binter and Jason Greene will start installing cubbies into all of the classrooms, and cut windows into the Principal and Vice Principal's office walls.



Flora Campus



Cindy Patterson and Julie McMaster work to get the library books ready to move to Tracy.



Teachers are preparing for the move.

Tracy Campus



Tony Wohletz and Steve Patterson have been busy preparing the library space for the books from Flora.



Beautiful doors and the pews have been installed in the chapel.



Books were stored in the gym until shelves were ready in the library.



Volunteers from St. Mary's painted the atrium and halls.

Academy News continued

Physics Project

The 11/12 grade boys' fourth quarter physics project was to design and build a boat using only cardboard and tape. The boys were able to use the pool at the District House to test their boats. Five

boats successfully completed the race. The other five succeeded in carrying the designer at least part of the way before sinking.



Congratulations 2020 Graduates

The Academy's first outdoor graduation, to comply with city ordinances, was held Friday, May 29.



Row 1 L-R: M. Drumm - Valedictorian, M. DeMarco - Salutatorian, I. Donnici, K. Blake. Row 2 L-R: G. Spencer - Valedictorian, V. Tomac, O. Greene, G. King - Salutatorian

CLASS OF 2020

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

Katelyn Blake

Will attend two years of community college, then transfer to KU for a visual arts degree.

Mary DeMarco *Salutatorian*

She has been accepted to Benedictine College but is considering other options as well.

Isabella Donnici

Plans to take a gap year and then attend nursing school.

Margaret Drumm *Valedictorian*

Plans to attend St. Mary's College.

BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

Oscar Greene

Plans to attend community college and would like to eventually get a degree in musical performance (piano).

Gabriel King *Salutatorian*

Plans to enter St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary

Gabriel Spencer *Valedictorian*

Will attend one year at The Kiski School, and then enter the United States Naval Academy.

Vincent Tomac

Deciding between Benedictine College and South Dakota School of Mines and Technology to study engineering.



Farewell to Teachers



Dr. Michael King

Due to his increasing responsibilities at Benedictine College, Dr. King regrettably is no longer able to teach the logic, philosophy and rhetoric courses in the High School.



Miss Annabel King

Miss King, who taught 3rd grade, will be leaving to enter the Benedictine Monastery of St. Joseph in Silver City, New Mexico on September 15, 2020.



Mr. John Kaiser

Mr. Kaiser taught 7-12th boys PE, 9-10th boys Physical Science, and directed the 11/12 boys in the yearbook class. He has moved back to St. Marys, Kansas to pursue a job opportunity.

Welcome New Teachers

Mrs. Lisa Brown

Girls: 7th Grade Math, Algebra II
Boys: Algebra II, Biology

Mrs. Eleanor Lenhard

6th Grade Science, History and Art

Unplanned is a book as well as a movie. It is a well crafted narrative showing first hand the horrible reality of abortion. Even a convinced Catholic who isn't questioning the evil of abortion needs to remember that there is an intense religious and moral fight in the world. This story brings that to light. Older teens and young adults especially need to preserve the sense of the battle. I recommend parents viewing the movie first and using discretion as to whether their teenager is ready to view it. - Fr. Michael Goldade

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by Abby Johnson
• reviewed by
Mary Rose Kelly

Unplanned
is the true
story about Abby

Johnson and the dramatic events that forever changed her life. The author takes the reader through the inspiring, eye-opening journey through the life of Abby and her awakening to the truth. The reader travels with Abby as she goes from being a naïve college student looking to help women in distress, to director of Planned Parenthood, to becoming a pro-lifer advocating for the unborn. Abby's story begins at a college fair, where the bright pink colors of the Planned Parenthood stand catches her eye. She is immediately captivated by this organization telling her that as a volunteer she would be helping women in crisis and working to decrease the number of abortions. Although she came from a pro-life family, Abby never considered herself

pro-life, and she believed that abortion was a right, although it should be avoided whenever possible. She was a person who was always looking to help others and found herself believing this was the perfect fit for her. So her first day of volunteering became eight years of dedicated work and rising through the company till she got to be director in charge of her own clinic. Throughout her time there, Abby maintained her views on abortion and kept her goal to decrease the number of them and truly believed Planned Parenthood wanted that too. However, as Abby got further involved in the organization she learned more about their real motives and found herself struggling to match them to her beliefs. Nevertheless she continued to tell herself that her work at Planned Parenthood was for the good of women and pushed away the nagging until one fateful day when she was called to help with an abortion. For the first time Abby took part in an ultrasound-guided abortion which forever changed her life. Abby reveals to the readers the horrors

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of abortion and how it truly is a cruel robbing of innocent life. For the first time Abby witnessed the horror that for so many years she counseled women to do. She immediately felt the guilt and from then on she knew that what she was doing was wrong and gave up her job. After that incident the reader will hear of Abby's emotional conversion to the prolife side, her struggles of guilt, rejection, and betrayal and ultimately the peace she received from following God's plan. Abby's story not only helped her to find her way to God but also helped many others realize God's plan for them. After her story became known she received many calls from women telling her about how her story inspired them to not abort their child and it continues to inspire others that, even in the face of difficulty, there is always a way to choose life.

Mary Rose Kelly is one of twelve children. She is currently a freshman at the Immaculate Heart Academy in New Jersey.

Annual Midwest Retreats - St. Louis

St. Mary's Assumption Parish is offering two Ignatian retreats this summer:

Women's Retreat: July 6 - 11th

Men's Retreat: July 16 - 18th

The retreats will be held at La Salle Retreat Center in Wildwood Area, located at 2101 Rue De LaSalle, Glencoe, MO 63038, approximately 30 miles from downtown St. Louis. For more information, their website is <http://lasalleretreat.org>.

Reservation

To reserve your spot for the retreat send a \$100.00 non-refundable deposit to SMA 2020 Retreat, 393 West Old Watson Road, St. Louis, Mo 63119. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's Assumption.

For more information or questions please contact retreatcoord@qhra.org.

25TH ANNUAL ACADEMY AUCTION

Saturday, June 27

Tracy Campus

2727 Tracy Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri

5:00 pm Doors Open - Silent Auction

6:00 pm Food is served - catered by Dominic's

7:00 - 8:00 pm LIVE Auction

Tickets are \$35.00 each, and available through:

- Advanced purchase through PayPal
- Reserve tickets through Signup to pay at the door

(Contact svdpchapel@gmail.com to receive a link to purchase or reserve tickets.)

Upcoming Events

June 19	All Day Exposition
June 27	Academy Auction