



St. Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church and Academy News

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Dear Parishioners,

Many will look at the priesthood or religious life and think that it's very difficult and demanding. But in our day I would venture to guess that the married state has the greater challenge. How is a man to be confident in the work-world when the culture is promoting women in the workplace? How is a nurturing mother to keep strong in the home when fashion wants to pull her out? How do you raise children to love the good and hate the evil in a world where evil masquerades as good? How do you raise children to be in the world, but not of it? It can be discouraging but, not impossible, and the proof is that many of our families are doing it successfully.

We cannot give discouragement a second of our time. Discouragement is the fruit of wrong judgment. Don't give the world, the flesh, and the devil too much credit. They can't completely determine the outcome, although they can certainly exercise an enormous pressure.

There are stories from days of persecution of the Church or stories from tyrannical political regimes in which good, tough characters were ground down and eventually influenced to deny their Faith or right conscience. But, it wasn't always a final defeat. Humbled souls returned to the Faith or made the tough but right choice.

If we believe the doctrine of the Cross of Christ then humiliation, suffering and even failure all have a place. From them are gained a lesson of life and a purification of heart. A good retreat, a renewed program of prayer or even a good book can be the beginnings of a renewal of purpose in life.

My dear parents, you have begun a good work and Christ is there in your marriage to ensure that you receive all the necessary means to bring about wonderful results. Going forward, live your state of life in union with Him and under His guidance. Again, I can't recommend enough the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in your homes. Be assured of my prayers.

In the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Michael Goldade

Parish News

Master Plan Update

Church Interior:

The scaffolding is now in place in the sanctuary, and a temporary altar is being used on Sundays. It is estimated that the work in the sanctuary will be completed by the end of August.



The beautiful transept windows can now once again be seen.

Welcome to Father Matthew Stafki



We would like to extend a warm welcome to Father Matthew Stafki who has been newly assigned to St. Vincent's. Father will be assisting Father Goldade, as well as serving the Oklahoma City chapel on weekends.

Father Stafki is from Minnesota, and attended Immaculate Heart of Mary chapel in St. Paul. He is the fifth of nine children. His older brother, Father Mark Stafki, is currently in St. Mary's awaiting transfer to Australia.

Father Stafki was classmates with Fathers Graves and Polley in the seminary. He was ordained in 2014 by Bishop Fellay, the same year as Father Charles Deister.

After his ordination Father spent one year in Kenya, Africa. His next assignment was in Calgary, Canada where he taught religion to the young children in the school.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish Festival

Thank you to Mary Kiel, Rebecca Heatwole, and all those who assisted in organizing the parish festival. This year the event took place on the feast of St. Vincent de Paul. It started in the crypt chapel with vespers and the veneration of a relic of St. Vincent de Paul, followed by dinner, and Trivia Night with Michael Hatty from St. Mary's.



Academy News

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Work continues on the new school building and includes the following:

- A new fire alarm system has been installed replacing one that was out of date.
- The elevator has been repaired and maintenance has been performed to bring it up to certification level.
- Maintenance and repairs have been done for all six rooftop HVAC systems.
- Research is being done for the best phone/network/security system to be used for the new building.
- Looking at various equipment for summer mowing and winter snow removal.
- The architect is creating time schedules for implementing the

construction of the new chapel and dining hall, as well as suggesting color schemes for the interior walls.

- Scheduling samples of finished concrete to resurface the classroom/hallway floors.

The school is being prepared for use in the 2020 - 2021 school year.



Franciscan Sisters of the Convent of Christ the King

August 2 was a joyous day for the Franciscan Sisters, and those who attended the Mass and vow and investiture ceremonies. Father Mark Stafki, who preached a retreat to the Sisters the week prior, was celebrant and presided over the ceremonies. He was assisted by Fathers Carl Sulzen and Trevor Burfitt. Former parishioner, Miss Katie Sulzen, received the habit, and the name Sister Cecilia Maria of the Holy Angels. Three novices made their first vows, and three Sisters renewed their vows for another year.



Sister Cecilia Marie with her family (parents Ron and Patty Sulzen), and friends including Fathers Violette and Mark Stafki.

Upcoming Events

- Aug. 17 Church and academy campus clean-up day
- Aug. 20 Parents back to school meeting
- Aug. 21 First day of school
- Aug. 25 Farmers' Market
- Aug. 25 Sunday catechism classes begin

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Capital Campaign Update

2015 CC Phase II: \$ 242,982.91

2019 CC School Expansion: \$ 272,399.53