

St. Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church and Academy News

December, 2019

Dear Parishioners,

An observation: Christmas seems to be the time of the year of all times of the year when the enemies of Christ double their efforts to deny Him. From atheist sponsored billboards to secular shams of Christmas celebration, the Christian sense is offended by the deliberate denial of God made man. We celebrate Christmas because heaven has come to save earth, not because we can make a heaven upon earth.

I think of the rebuke of St. Paul to the Galatians: "O senseless Galatians, who hath bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been set forth, crucified among you?" It is the height of senselessness: to presume merriment while banishing the One who alone can bring happiness, to speak of peace with all men when denying the Prince of Peace.

Peace is promised by God, but only to men who are of good will. Good will seeks and lives by the Truth. Good will is shown in virtuous action. It demonstrates itself in fidelity to the small duties of each day. It shows itself in long-suffering. So keep up your fidelity dear faithful; a fidelity to the spiritual preparation. There is a great Mercy to souls demonstrated at this time.

Be assured of my prayers.

In Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

Fr. Michael Goldade

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Parish News

All Saints Party

The Franciscan Sisters, assisted by the high school girls, hosted an All Saints party for children in grades Kindergarten - 6 on November 1.

Father Graves judged Kindergarten - 2nd grade. The winners were:

- Madelyn Maney as St. Appollonia
- Nicholas Drumm as St. Dominic Savio



Father Goldade judged grades 3 - 6, and the winners were:

- Gianna Maney as St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
- Josephine Spencer as St. Mechtilde
- Jack Sestak as St. Jerome
- Christopher D. as St. Christopher



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As an update on the new school building,

- asbestos is being removed from the chapel area
- the carpet has been removed, the glue is being

scraped off, and the concrete sanded and polished

- walls have been torn down for the new library



Library space before and after walls removed.



Academy News



9/10 grade tea party October 31.



The second annual North American Martyrs Intramural Wiffle Ball Tournament Championship was won by the Honky Tonky Donkeys.



Now the seniors are running the St. Francis Xavier Decathlon: Ten events to test the boys' strength, skill, intelligence, and luck.



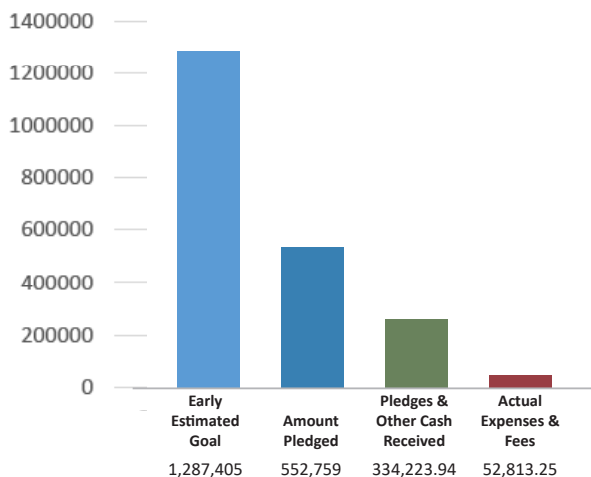
Academy band members practice for the Christmas concert scheduled for December 20.





6th grade boys during their shop class

2018 School Expansion Capital Campaign



Upcoming Events

- Dec. 11 Adult Catechism: Visibility of the Church - Fr. Matthew Staffki
- Dec. 14 Altar and Rosary Society day of recollection for the women of the parish.
- Dec. 18 Adult Catechism: Infallibility of the Church - Fr. Christopher Polley
- Dec. 20 Academy Christmas Concert
- Dec. 23 Decorating the church for Christmas
- Dec. 25 Christmas



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2019 Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24 - Vigil of the Nativity

- 7:15 a.m. Mass
- 10:00 - 11:50 p.m. Confessions
- 11:15 p.m. ... Christmas concert and carol sing

December 25 - The Nativity of Our Lord

- Midnight High Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Confessions
- 9:30 a.m. High Mass

December 26 - St. Stephen

- 9:00 a.m. Mass