

St. Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church and Academy News

December, 2020

Christmas

"This day is born to you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." St. Luke, 2:11.

For their Christmas program the children were acting out the first Christmas night. On the otherwise empty stage was a tiny cradle. In walked Joseph, a ten-year-old, and Mary, an eight-year-old. In the tiny crib they placed a tiny doll - the Infant Christ. Then came the strains of O COME LET US ADORE HIM, as the shepherds hurried on stage to see this Savior of the world.

When the boy who was reading the story came to the words, "The shepherds returned", the shepherds left the stage, as they were supposed to, Mary and Joseph also left the stage, as they were not supposed to. Why? They knew there was a treat of pop and candy waiting behind the stage for the actors. Being children, they could not wait. They left the Baby Jesus all alone.

We can excuse little boys and girls for walking off and letting the Infant all by Himself, but we cannot excuse grown-up boys and girls if they do that. Yet, all too often that is what we do.

We come here tonight to relive really and truly the birth of Jesus. Then we hurry home to the 'pop and candy' of life, the family joys, the delightful pleasures of this sacred season. That's fine. That's part of Christmas. But we should not leave the Christ Child all alone during the blessed hours and days of this sacred season. We should spend more time with Him. How?

1. Visit the crib. Not only after this Mass, as most of you will, but during this day and during this week. Bring the children, invite you neighbors, especially those not of our faith. Kneel or stand or sit as near as possible to the crib. Think what it means. Drink in the peace and joy and grace of this blessed birthday.
2. Attend Holy Mass and receive Holy Communion often during this sacred week. In every Mass Christ is actually reborn. In every Communion Christ comes into your heart.
3. Gather your family about the crib at home. Gather your loved ones to pray to the Infant. If possible sing a strain or two of some Christmas carol. If nothing else, just hum the tune, or play it on a record.

In many ways this is the happiest day of the year. We want to have that happiness to the full today and in the days to come. These are ways to help you do that: visit the crib; go to Mass and Communion; pray and sing around your crib at home.

Then Christ will give you the rest and joy of this blessed day. Then Christ will be in your hearts and homes. Then He will make you truly merry. That is my prayer and wish and hope for everyone of you as I say from my heart—MERRY CHRISTMAS. Amen

(From: "Five Minute Parish Talks" by Msgr. Arthur J. Tonne)

Parish News



Bell Tower

Mr. Charles Binter took advantage of the warm November days to remove and replace old tuck pointing on the bell tower in an effort to stop the leaks.



Helping Hands

There was a tremendous response to the Holy Name Society and Altar and Rosary Society request for help to move Mrs. Frances Bullock to her new apartment. Thank you to all who assisted.

Covid Restrictions

City of Kansas City imposed new COVID-related restrictions on activities beginning Friday, November 20 through January 16, 2021. These restrictions do not prohibit Masses at St. Vincent, but do necessitate some changes.

The new city order regulating gatherings allows for 50% capacity of the Church to be utilized. Consequently every other pew has once again been taped off. An additional Sunday Mass has been added to accommodate the need for fewer in attendance. The new Mass times are 7:30 a.m. Low Mass, 9:30 a.m. High Mass, and 11:30 a.m. Low Mass.



Academy News

Jogathon

Students had a cold morning to run the Jogathon at the North Kansas City High School Track on Friday, November 13. The boys from the Flora campus, Fr. Bourmaud, and Fr. Trummer ran first, followed by the students from the Tracy campus.

Thank you to those who sponsored Fr. Bourmaud and Fr. Trummer. Fr. Bourmaud ran 20 laps, raising \$2,280, and Fr. Trummer ran 24 laps, raising \$2,688 for the academy.

Top Runners per school were:

Kindergarten - 6th Grade

Vito Ferraro	25
Jonas Moser	25
Julia Tomac	24
Ivan Tomac	24
Joseph Onochie	24
Anastasia Onochie	24

Girls 7 - 12th Grade

Alice Gastinaeu	25
Natalie Tomac	22
Olivia Maney	21

Boys 7 - 12th Grade

Dominic Nienaber	36
Thomas Stegall	33
Joseph Hamilton	32
Gerard Nienaber	32



Students in the K-6 school had the most amount of jog-a-thon sponsorship averaged per student. As promised in the jog-a-thon incentives, they were awarded a pizza luncheon on Tuesday, November 24.



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us to
surpass
our
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goal!

FLORA CAMPUS

Boys' Field Trip to St. Marys, Kansas

The 7 - 12 grade boys went to St. Marys on Friday, November 6 for a day of friendly competition between the 7 - 12 St. Mary's Academy boys. The day began with a solemn High Mass. The boys competed in cross country, and chess tournaments in an attempt to win the first SSPX

Jubilee Cup. St. Mary's won the cup 187 to 33, despite strong performances from Quintin Dailey, Charles Greene, Linus Greene, Dominic Nienaber, Gerard Nienaber, Thomas Stegall, and William Stegall. In addition the boys participated in a trivia contest, and rosary walk to the cemetery.



Chemistry Class

The boys' chemistry class watched the reaction of sodium with water. It is the same reaction, on a smaller scale, as the explosion in the bucket.



Tournament Winners

The winners of the North American Martyrs Intramural Wiffle Ball Tournament are the Squawking Seals, led by Manager of the Year Benedict Tomac, and MVP Linus Greene.



TRACY CAMPUS

Geography Fair

Grades 4 - 12 put on a geography fair for parents, friends, priests, and fellow classmates on Wednesday, November 4. Each class provided food, history, culture, traditions, and characters from their specific region. Represented were Germany, Spain, England, Portugal, Italy, and France.



Covid Restrictions

In response to Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas' 11th Amended Order 20-01, which increased restrictions to deter the spread of COVID, bandanas were ordered to be worn by staff and students. Beginning on Friday, November 20, and until further notice, students will wear the bandanas as part of their uniform. Grades K-6 will wear navy blue, and grades 7-12 will wear grey bandanas. Until the bandanas arrived, students were asked to bring one from home.

This uniform modification due to COVID has been implemented at a number of SSPX schools around the country.





A Valiant Woman

The 7th and 8th grade girls performed a play with Sister Immaculata about Saint Elizabeth of Hungary.

The 6th grade girls and both Miss Anne Marie and Monica Nienaber attended.

Playground Equipment

In addition to swings, children at the Tracy campus are enjoying the new playground equipment which was recently installed.



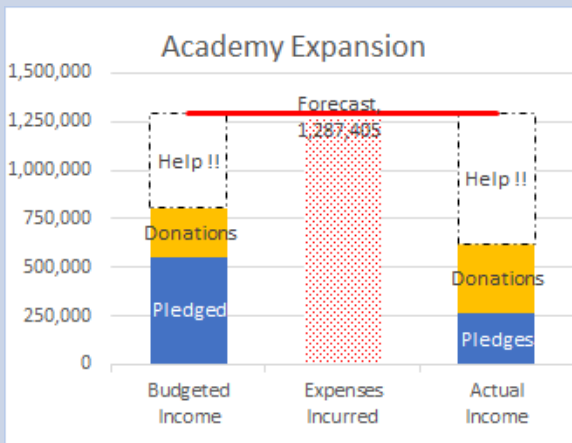
Upcoming Events

Dec.	Classes on apologetics and doctrine will be held on the Wednesdays of Advent at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall
Dec. 3	Book Club
Dec. 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Dec. 12	HNS conference
Dec. 18	Academy Christmas concert
Dec. 19	ARS day of recollection for women
Dec. 22	Decorate the church for Christmas
Dec. 25	Christmas
Dec. 31	New year's eve holy hour

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2020 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 carols

December 25 - The Nativity of Our Lord

Midnight. High Mass
 7:30 a.m. Low Mass
 9:30 a.m. High Mass

December 26 - St. Stephen

8:00 a.m. Mass

December 27 - Sunday within the Octave of Christmas

7:30 a.m. Low Mass
 9:30 a.m. High Mass
 11:30 a.m. Low Mass

December 31 - Day within the Octave of Christmas

7:15 a.m. Mass
 11:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. . . . Holy Hour

January 1, 2021 - Octave Day of the Nativity

7:30 a.m. Low Mass
 9:30 a.m. High Mass
 11:30 a.m. Low Mass



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