



St. Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church and Academy News

August 2024

My Fair Lady

An incredibly talented cast performed the Magnificat Theater summer production of *My Fair Lady* at Union Station from June 28 - 30. This year's production was directed by Stephen Sanborn and Oscar Greene.



Priors' Corner

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Dear Parishioners,

We are little more than a month away from the solemn consecration of Saint Vincent de Paul Church by His Excellency Bishop Fellay, planned for Thursday, September 26.

It is a momentous occasion, and Fr. Palko and his dedicated team, as highlighted in this newsletter, are working long hours to prepare the church for the great day. "Nothing," Saint John Vianney reminds us, "is too good for the Good God."

We will be calling on you to do your part as well, since much is involved in preparing for a ceremony and celebration of this magnitude. Nearly fifty seminarians and a good number of priests will join us, not to mention friends and benefactors from around the country. We count on your generosity, and readiness to help out where needed.

Let your contributions not be limited to the material sacrifice of time and financial means. By a magnificent liturgical ceremony, a church will be solemnly consecrated forever to the worship of God. By the beautiful ceremony of our baptism, our souls were consecrated to the same God, and made temples of His Holy Spirit. Cleansing and beautifying the temple of our souls is the very best way to prepare for the solemn day of Saint Vincent's consecration.

Yours, in the Sacred Heart,

Fr. Gerard Beck
Prior

RECEIVING THE HABIT

Isabella Brauner, daughter of Jeff and Anne Brauner, entered the Consoling Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Narni, Italy, in October, 2023. On June 7 she received the habit and the name

Sr. Gertrude, at the clothing ceremony.

Fr. Brauner and his brother Thomas were able to visit the Consoling Sisters in Narni at the beginning of July.



Ordination and First Mass

Fr. Joseph Brauner was ordained by Bishop Alfonso de Galarreta at St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Dillwyn, VA, on Friday, June 21.

Father offered a First Mass at St. Vincent's on Sunday, June 30. The Altar & Rosary Society held a reception for Father following the Mass.



Centennial of St. Vincent's

Preparations are being made for the Centenary celebration and consecration of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church by His Excellency Bishop Bernard Fellay on Thursday, September 26, 2024.

Most visible are the renovations and additions that have been made in the church. The work has been done by Fr. Ian Palko and the maintenance team, principally Tony Wohletz, but also Charlie Binter and Jason Greene.



The front doors of the church have been restrained and sealed.



Fr. Palko has gilded the reredos with new gold leaf which is 24 karat and should be permanent. There are still a few small sections to do before September.



Our Acolyte Candlesticks had been deteriorating for many years. They've been sandblasted and refinished. Various pieces were nickel plated and the whole was lacquered.



Mrs. Kim Walter worked in the art room at Flora this summer to continue the restoration and painting of the Stations of the Cross. She has worked over the past year and done a beautiful job.



The reliquaries for the altar have been regilded. They had been polished but were in dire need of replating. Father Asher donated a large amount of gold plating solution, which has allowed us to replate these. The picture is a before (left) and after (right).

The reliquary chapel has also been reorganized and some new relics added. Now they are hanging from nails, and have a silver-plated central display case. More gold-plated cases will eventually be installed when we get a few more relics.



Making the concrete plinths and the installation of the vitreous mosaics as consecration crosses

A model was made out of pink insulation foam and then two urethane molds were made from this model. These were then cast in concrete to look like the stone around the windows, and installed in the wall. The casting

was installed, touching the brick structure of the wall, then the mosaic was attached.

In the ceremony, these 12 crosses are anointed with Sacred Chrism by the bishop. A candle sconce will be installed at each of the crosses

so that a candle can burn each year on September 26 to celebrate the Feast of the Consecration of the church. This year they will burn from the Consecration itself until September 27.



A new tabernacle was purchased at auction last fall, and has been refinished and refurbished. It required disassembling, manufacturing some parts (The lock was missing, so a replacement was made by hand and installed.), sandblasting, sanding, polishing, lacquering, and reassembling.



A new reliquary box will be used in the consecration ceremony to transport the relics of the martyrs from their resting place to the altar by four deacons.

Open you can see the copper box that the relics and three grains of incense go into, sealed with red ribbon and the bishop's wax seal.

The relics are of the three martyrs, St. Fourtunatus, St. Restituta, and St. Vincent Liem de la Paz which will be entombed in the altars.

The first two relics came from Our Lady's altar, the top of which needs to be replaced due to damage.

There were several large relics of these saints in that altar we are reusing.

The relics are sealed in paper and linen pouches and sewn shut with red thread. A certificate signed by the bishop is also enclosed in the copper box, testifying to the consecration of the altar.

All three altars in the main church will be consecrated.

St. Vincent de Paul Festival

The St. Vincent de Paul Festival was held at the Tracy campus on Saturday, July 20. This fun event was well attended. There were activities for all ages ending with the always anticipated Trivia contest with Michal Hatty from St. Mary's. The cooler than normal temperatures made the outdoor events more

enjoyable.

Thank you to Rebecca Heatwole, Khalid Johnson, Grace Blake, Dianne Davis, David and Brenda Blake and all who helped to organize and run the festival.

This year festival attendees had the pleasure of eating the meat from the barbecue contest.

BARBECUE CONTEST WINNERS

Brisket:

- 1st Place Fr. Muscha with Tom Hohman's help
- 2nd Place Phillipps Myers

Chicken:

- 1st Place Gavin Wohletz
- 2nd Place Mike Wohletz

Pork Ribs:

- 1st Place Mike Wohletz
- 2nd Place Steve and Nick Hohman

Mike Wiley Smorgasbord (Any animal meat):

- 1st Place Joe Donnici - Pork sausage
- 2nd Place Chris Stegall - Beef ribs

BAKERY CONTEST WINNERS

Cookies/Bars Category:

- 1st Place Sofia Lusterio
- 2nd Place Bridget Sestak
- 3rd Place Christina Sestak

Cake Category:

- 1st Place Emily and Natalie Waliser
- 2nd Place Sofia Lusterio
- 3rd Place MaryAnne Mahurin

TRIVIA CONTEST WINNERS

Those on the winning team were Robert, Emily, and William Drumm, Charlie Binter, Natalie Tomac, and Nick Lanholt.



Academy News

Welcome New Teachers and Staff

Mrs. Kathleen Bennett is pleased to be the new Registrar for St. Vincent's Academy. She spent 10 years in the classroom as a teacher and 10 years as a full time stay-at-home mom to three children, all of whom now attend the Academy. She and her husband relocated here two years ago from their home state of Virginia so their children could benefit both spiritually and academically from St. Vincent's. She has a special devotion to the Miraculous Medal and St. Catherine Laboure.

Mrs. Adrianna Dailey has been parishioner of St. Vincent's since 2000. She's a wife and mother of eight. She enjoys learning new skills, gardening and sewing. She is returning to teach music after a 12-year sabbatical, using the Ward methodology with grades 2-5. The Ward system builds upon sight reading, so that every student can eventually sing the Propers at Mass without the aid of any instruments. The Ward method was inspired by Pope St. Pius X's *Motto Proprio* on Sacred music. She is grateful for this opportunity.



Mr. Sebastian Dvorak is a cradle traditional Catholic and Minnesota native. He was born number 7 of 16 children, and attended St. Robert Bellarmine Academy in St. Cloud, MN. One year after completing the two year liberal arts program at St. Mary's College, he entered Our Lady of Guadalupe Monastery in New Mexico, but left after a few months determined to become a music teacher. He received his Music Teaching License in June 2024 from the University of Minnesota. He is very excited to become a part of the St. Vincent Academy and Church community along with his wife Martina and three month old daughter Agnes!

Mr. Wilhelm Höjer was born in Stockholm, Sweden. He grew up between America and Europe and studied philosophy and journalism at the Pontifical "Angelicum University" in Rome, Italy. While employed at the Vatican City he was an editor on the International News Desk of Vatican News. He



is a husband and a father of three children. He is a returning high school humanities teacher.



Mrs. Christina Maney is the mother of 5 St. Vincent's Academy students. Originally from New England, she has been a member of the St. Vincent community for five years. Before having children she worked as a nurse. She is excited to accept the parish secretary position!

Sr. Michaela Marie will be assisting with teaching Kindergarten.

Dr. Ronald & Mrs. Frances Occhiogrosso: (Dr. O) has been a science teacher for over 30 years. He has taught at the college, high school and middle school levels. He received his PhD in Chemical Engineering at Johns Hopkins University and



a masters at the University of Notre Dame. Dr. O has been married to his wife, Frances, for over 40 years and they have six children and 12 grandchildren.

Frances (Mrs. O) will be substitute teaching this year. She's been in the education field as well, substitute teaching and as a teacher's aide, for many years. They reside in Mission where they enjoy taking walks, spending time with family (especially the grandchildren) and tending to their gardens and chickens. They are both very pleased to be joining the St. Vincent de Paul community.

Miss Lucy Spencer is a graduate of St. Vincent's academy. She will be a teaching assistant to 4th grade and PE teacher for 6th grade girls.



Miss Isabella Zanger comes from eastern Missouri and graduated from The Holy Name of Jesus Academy in Massena, New York. She has taught both the second and third grades in SSPX schools over the past seven years.

Academy Summer Projects

At the Flora campus Tony Wohletz sanded and sealed the classroom floors and landing of the southeast stairs. He removed the plaster from the behind the statue of our lady and replastered and painted the wall. A new floor was laid outside Fr. Trummer's office.

The exterior of the building at the Tracy campus was painted.



Jogathon Kick Off

The 2024 Jogathon is using the RallyUp website to streamline donations again this year. Donations can be made directly to individual students or classrooms by going to <https://go.rallyup.com/svdp2024> or by using the QR code below. The Jogathon will be run on October 31.



Upcoming Events

- Aug. 20 First day of school
8:15 am Solemn High Mass
Picture Day
- Aug. 31 Holy Name Society Golf Tournament
- Sept. 1 Sunday Catechism for non-academy children begins
- Sept. 2 No school - Labor Day
- Sept. 3 8:15 am High Mass - Feast of St. Pius X
- Sept. 5 Book Club
- Sept. 8 HNS meeting
- Sept. 14 ARS meeting
- Sept. 26 No school - Consecration of St. Vincent de Paul Church
- Sept. 27 No school - Solemn High Mass followed by parish picnic
- Oct. 2-4 No school - Starkenburg Pilgrimage
- Oct. 3-5 Starkenburg Pilgrimage

Cross Country Meet Schedule

- Sat. Sep. 7:** St. Mary's Invitational (HS only)
St. Michael's HS - 2901 NW Lees Summit Rd,
Lee's Summit, MO
- Sat. Sep. 14:** Knob Noster Invitational
Royal Oaks Golf Course - 985 SE 130 Rd., Knob Noster,
MO
- Thu. Sep. 19:** Chris Stubbs Invitational
Platte Ridge Park - 17130 MO-371, Platte City, MO
- Sat. Sep. 21:** Bonner Springs Invitational
Wyandotte County Park - Leavenworth Rd, Kansas
City, KS
- Sat. Sep. 28:** Bishop LeBlond Invitational
MWSU campus - South 50th St. and Mitchell,
St. Joseph, MO
- Tue. Oct. 8:** Richard Samuels Invitational
Swope Park Starlight Theatre Course - 4040 Starlight
Rd, Kansas City, MO
- Sat. Oct. 12:** Battle of Lexington
Lexington HS - 2309 Aull Ln., Lexington, MO
- Sat. Oct. 19:** West Platte Invitational
Platte Ridge Park - 17130 MO-371, Platte City, MO
- Sat. Oct. 26:** St. Michael's Fall Classic (HS only)
St. Michael's HS - 2901 NW Lees Summit Rd.,
Lee's Summit, MO