



# St. Vincent de Paul

## Catholic Church and Academy News

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Dear Parishioners,

There are times when we need to check our own thinking. It's very easy to accept saccharine and sentimental slogans without any analysis of their truth. So here is one for you which deals with the deepest purpose and meaning of life. Is the following true or false? "If you want meaning in your life, then find something you do well that you enjoy doing, do it to the best of your ability, and you'll have a meaningful life. There is ultimately nothing more that can be said about the meaning of life." Incidentally, this was advice by one professor of psychology at a major university and I'm sure it has been echoed countless times in our public institutions of learning.

The answer to the above question, of course, is an absolute negative. The statement is completely false and furthermore leads to dangerous conclusions. In summary it is the position of relativism. It holds that meaning is imposed upon things by the mind of the individual. But, to reduce this position to the absurdity that it is, what if someone really enjoys robbing and is really good at it, then relativism would have to conclude that it is "meaningful" (whatever that means). Unfortunately we are seeing awful consequences being lived out broadly in society and in the Church itself from generations of relativistic indoctrination.

The opening of a new school year is days away and it is a good moment to remember how important and even sacred is the work of good education. Our children need to think rightly. It has eternal consequences. There is truth which is objective and absolute. This truth forms the thought, desires and passions of the person and is not in turn generated from the wayward desires of a fallen nature. Sentimentalists will end up believing and thinking the craziest things. So we can understand that it's not just the mind which is formed, but all of the man, body and soul.

The encyclical *Divini Illius Magistri* by Pope Pius XI is the most important papal document on Catholic education. Consider this passage from the encyclical: "In fact it must never be forgotten that the subject of Christian education is man whole and entire, soul united to body in unity of nature, with all his faculties natural and supernatural, such as right reason and revelation show him to be; man, therefore, fallen from his original estate, but redeemed by Christ and restored to the supernatural condition of adopted son of God... There remain therefore, in human nature the effects of original sin, the chief of which are weakness of will and disorderly inclinations." There is much to digest here, but we see that education must be understood within the salvific plan of God. Anything else will lead man away from the ultimate Truth and Good.

In the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,

*Fr. Michael Goldade*

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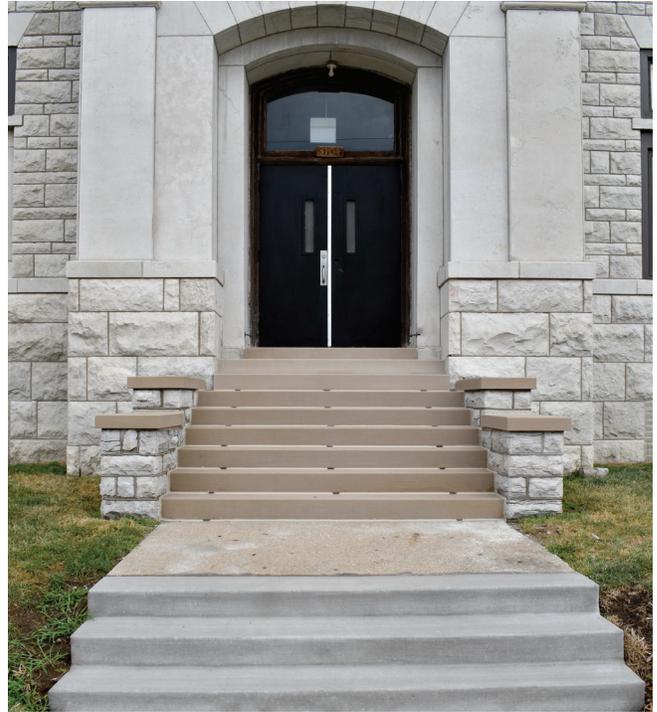
# Parish News

## Capital Improvements

The boys at the Flora campus will have a smoother exit at dismissal as the front stairs have been completed.

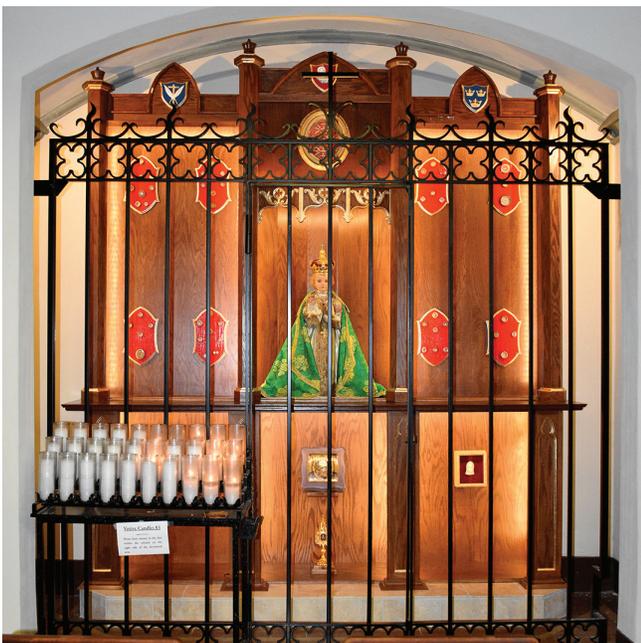


Work is continuing on the rectory porch and tuck pointing. This week the Tracy campus parking lot will be paved with new asphalt.



## Relic Chapel

The many relics owned by the parish now have a permanent home in the beautiful new relic chapel. The case was designed by Fr. Goldade and Steve Patterson. Mr. Patterson built the case and put his carving skills to use in the designs at the top.



The beautiful wrought iron gates in front were designed and built by Mike Wohletz.

The relics include a piece of Our Lady's veil, and St. Joseph's mantel. Also a relic of St. Pius X, and collar and rosary that belonged to him.



# St. Vincent de Paul Festival

An incredible amount of work went into making this year's festival a fun event for everyone. Thank you to Rebecca Heatwole, Khalid Johnson and the 42 volunteers who organized and helped make

this a special event in honor of our patron. Held for first time at the Tracy campus, well over 200 parishioners attended and enjoyed games, contests, and fellowship.

## Congratulations to the Contest Winners

### BAKING COMPETITION:

#### Pie Category

- 1st Place - Sue Roth
- 2nd Place - Rita Dinkel

#### Cookie Category

- 1st Place - Jessica Pince
- 2nd Place - Loretta Nienaber

### BBQ COMPETITION:

#### Chicken Category

- 1st Place - Loretta Nienaber
- 2nd Place - Joe Donnici

#### Pork Rib Category

- 1st Place - John Roth
- 2nd Place - Mike Wylie

### FAMILY OLYMPICS:

#### Older Families

- 1st Place - Steve Nienaber Family

2nd Place - Dan Prather Family

#### Younger Families

- 1st Place - Kenny Engholm Family
- 2nd Place - Mark Hammerbacher Family

### TRIVIA WINNERS:

#### 1st Place Team

Tom Spencer, Robert Drumm, Emily Drumm, Maggie Drumm, Dan Roth, and Michael Janacaro

#### 2nd Place Team

Andy Dailey, Anna Dailey, Flavian Dailey, Greg Dailey, Mr. and Mrs. Lopez

#### 3rd Place Team

Steve and Cindy Patterson, Mike Brigg, Ell Squires, Robert Day, and

Dan Murphy

### RAFFLE

Ell Squires won the statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel from the Legion of Mary hosted raffle.





**FRANCISCAN SISTERS' CEREMONY**

The ceremony took place on Tuesday, August 2. Sr. Mary Anthony took final vows, and other Sisters renovated their vows.

**Welcome New Teachers**

**MR. WILHEM HÖJER**

History - grade 11/12 and 9/10 girls, Latin II - grade 10 girls  
Literature - grade 11/12 girls  
Philosophy - grade 11/12 girls

**MISS JENNY HOLLINGER**

Art Appreciation - grade 9/10 girls (returning teacher)

**MRS. LISA HELLBERG**

Grammar and History - grade 7/8 boys & girls  
Literature - grade 7 boys

**MISS ANDREA HELLBERG**

4th grade TA

**MRS. SHERYL JANACARO**

5th grade boys (returning teacher)

**MR. MAXIMILIAN POTTS**

6th grade boys

**MISS ELIZABETH MYERS**

2nd grade in the afternoon  
Music - grades 2 - 6 and grade 7 boys

**MRS. ROBIN QUASTLER**

5th grade girls (returning teacher)

**MRS. SUSAN ROZANSKI**

Algebra I - grade 9 boys  
Algebra II - grade 11 boys

**MRS. MEGAN SPENCER**

**Tracy Campus:** Vice Principal

**MISS PARISA TAHERI**

Biology - grade 9/10 boys & girls

**Upcoming Events**

Aug. 14	Parish breakfast	Aug. 22	Teacher's day of recollection
	Holy Name Society meeting		
Aug. 15	Feast of the Assumption	Aug. 22	Parents' back to school night
Aug. 16-19	Staff in-service	Aug. 23	First day of school
Aug. 20	All Campus clean up		