



St. Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church and Academy News

February/March 2023



Father Gerald Christopher Darby

Requiesce in pace

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Father Darby who passed away on March 17.

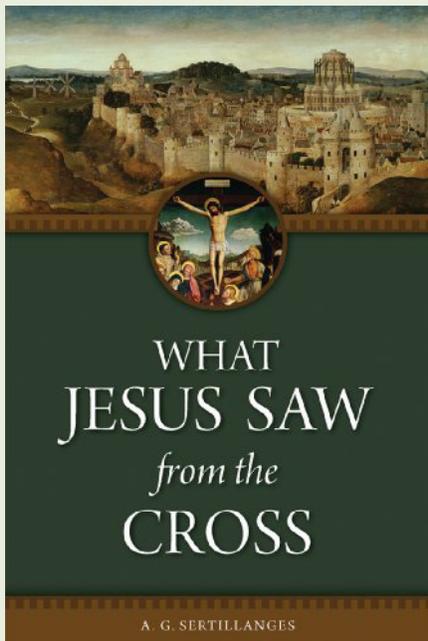
Funeral Rites will be offered at St. Vincent de Paul Church on March 22 & 23, 2023.

Wednesday, March 22

6:30 p.m. Reception of the Body
Sung Vespers of the Dead
Rosary
Viewing

Thursday, March 23

9:30 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Solemn Funeral Mass
Burial will be in St. Mary's, Kansas at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery.



Recommended Reading for Lent

What Jesus Saw from The Cross is an unabashedly devotional work, written largely to deepen the Lenten meditations of the Christian faithful. Yet it relies heavily on findings of archaeologists and historians to refine (and at times correct) the image of Jesus familiar from 2000 years of tradition. If Sertillanges' method contradicts legend and tradition regarding the death of Jesus, it agrees perfectly with biblical accounts. Sertillanges (an acclaimed scholar and Catholic Priest) finds historical precedents for such events as the soldiers dressing Jesus as a mock king and casting lots for his clothes. Originally published in 1930, *What Jesus Saw from The Cross* is a time-lost classic deservedly brought back into print for a new generation of grateful readers. —Midwest Book Review.

Parish News

Holy Name Society

The following new members were enrolled into the Holy Name Society by Fr. Muscha on Sunday, January 8: R. Day, J. Dinkel, B. Gonzalez, S. Hohman, M. Marta, M. Ross, C. Stegall, and M. Wohletz.



New Holy Name Society officers:
Treasurer: M. Weishaar, President: K. Engholm,
Secretary: S. Townshend, Vice President: P. Maney



Sunday Catechism

Thank you to the volunteer teachers, substitute teachers, and hall monitors for their dedication and excellent work in organizing and teaching the Sunday catechism students.

Front Row L to R: Monica Golden, hall monitor, 5th/6th Grades/Confirmation: Mary Jamerson, Kindergarten: Monica Kiel, Greg Myers, hall monitor, 7th/8th Grades/Confirmation: Izabella Miller, 1st Grade/First Communion: Heather Hamtil.

Back Row L to R: 3rd Grade: Rebecca Gilligan, 4th Grade/Confirmation: Miguel and Michele Perez, 2nd Grade: Jacqueline Marlow, coordinator, Khalid Johnson.

Not pictured 9th-12th Grades/Post-Confirmation: Brandon Maffitt



Welcome

We wish to welcome the new parish secretary, Mrs. Kathy Stockard. Kathy and her husband Chris are new parishioners at Saint Vincent's. They have five children and are expecting their seventh grandchild in April. Kathy worked as a parish secretary for the past eight years. She feels blessed to be here and to be a part of this wonderful community. She and Chris have made many new friends here and hope to make more.

Tonsure

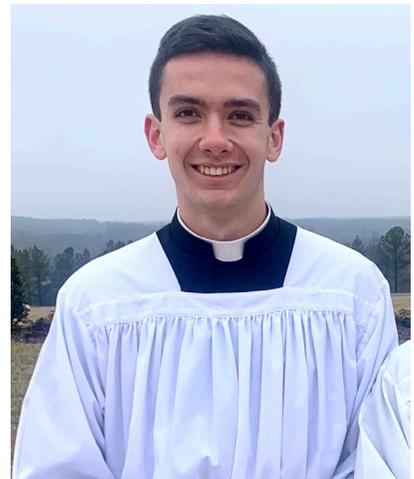
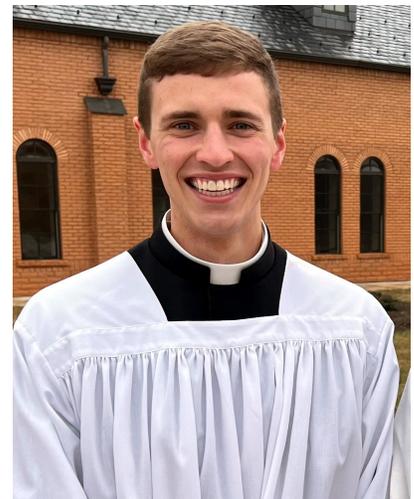
Thomas Brauner and Gabriel King and were Tonsured on Thursday, February 2, Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, at St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Dillwyn, Virginia.

THE TONSURE

The reception of the tonsure is a sacred ceremony by which the seminarian is called by the Church and received into the clerical state. By becoming a cleric, the seminarian becomes a member of the Church's hierarchy and is officially no longer in the ranks of the faithful. The cleric is one who now belongs entirely to God and has been separated from the faithful for His exclusive service. It is a greater and renewed renunciation of the world and dedication to the service of God and the Church. Thus it is a very important step and only those seminarians who wish to become holy priests and are permitted by their superiors can receive the tonsure.

The seminarian receives the tonsure and becomes a cleric through the cutting of his hair. The Bishop cuts five bits of hair in the shape of a cross from the head of the seminarian. This represents Our Lord Jesus Christ's crown of thorns and symbolizes the seminarian's consecration to the Church. The hair is something personal and adds to the appearance of man. The seminarian thus sacrifices his hair, and it is taken by the Bishop to show that the seminarian is giving himself over to be a servant of the Church. The seminarians are then clothed with the surplice. The black cassock symbolizes death, but the white surplice symbolizes a new life of purity and grace. The new clerics are clothed in the surplice to signify their putting on of this new life of purity and grace which they have attained by entering into the ranks of the Church's hierarchy. Lastly they are given a personal crucifix. It once again is a symbol of sacrifice, but more particularly it gives to them an example of the ultimate sacrifice of Christ in which they simply participate. This gift will be a continual reminder of who they are to imitate and what kind of life they will henceforth strive to live.

The seminarians that will receive the tonsure process into the Chapel with a lit candle in one hand and a folded surplice over the other arm. After the reception of the cassock, those who will be tonsured stand up and are called by name—in Latin—by the rector of the seminary. They then kneel before the Bishop who says a brief prayer. They then stand and proceed to kneel, one by one, before the Bishop who cuts five bits of hair from the seminarian's head in the shape of a cross. This is the tonsure and these seminarians are now clerics. After they have all been tonsured they proceed to kneel once again before the altar and the Bishop will intone a hymn and then bless their surplices. The new clerics will again go individually before the Bishop who now clothes them in their surplice. The Bishop will then bless a set of crucifixes and give one to each new cleric. Once this is over, the Bishop will give brief instructions to the new clerics and they will return to their seats. After the Mass has finished, the Bishop will instruct the new clerics one more time and then all will sing a hymn and process out.



St. Vincent's Maintenance

Tony Wohletz, Charles Binter, Jason Greene and Mike McMaster have been busy completing projects started during the Church renovation.

- The vestibule bathroom has a newly tiled floor, a new vanity, the stained glass window was repaired, and plumbing updated.
- The stairwell to the crypt from servers sacristy had the plaster walls scraped, patched and painted, and the stairs scraped and painted.
- The crypt chapel sacristy walls were scraped, patched and painted.
- The sink in the priests' sacristy and the choir bathroom have both been re-plumbed.
- The altar servers' cassocks and surpluses have been relocated to the room behind the altar.
- A cabinet will be made for the area in the servers' sacristy that formerly held the cassocks and surpluses. The cleaning and flower supplies will be housed here. The candelabras will go in the cleaning closet.
- The church chimney was leaking. An aluminum cap, donated by Town & Country Sheet Metal was put on the top of the chimney by Tony Wohletz. The crane was provided by Midwest Crane & Rigging, Brad Miller.



Bathroom



Sacristy stairs



Crypt sacristy



New home for cassocks and surpluses



Future home of flower and cleaning supplies



Church chimney



Academy News

Rome Trip

Fr. Scott Graves and two chaperones accompanied the Junior and Senior boys on a pilgrimage to Rome during the Christmas break, from December 26 - January 7. The Junior and Senior girls trip was March 8 - 17. The girls were accompanied by Mrs. Meg Spencer, Fr. Goldade, Mr. Patterson, and a number of former graduates of the girls' school.



St. Mary Major - The Papal Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore



Throwing coins in Trevi fountain



Waiting in line in St. Peter's Square to pay their respects to Pope Benedict.



The group ascends the Holy Stairs, as is tradition, on their knees. These are the stairs that Jesus walked up to Pontius Pilate. They were brought to Rome by St. Helen.

Spelling Bee

The Spelling Bee was held on Friday, January 13. The moderator was former Spelling Bee champion Connor Spencer.

The students went 33 rounds to the finish. Congratulations to Flavian Dailey, St. Vincent's 2023 Spelling Bee Champion, second place was Lucia Hall, third place, Ava Horak.

Flavian Dailey participated in the semi-final phase of the Regional Spelling Bee, and finished in the top 1/3. He progressed to the Regional Champion Spelling Bee held on March 11. Flavian tied for 10th out of 37 in the bee, making it to the 6th round.



Alice in Wonderland

The high school students, under the direction of Rebecca Heatwole, performed *Alice in Wonderland*. The script was adapted by Grace Blake from Lewis Carroll's book. The amazing costumes were created by Susan Roth, Dianne Davis and many volunteers. Sets were designed and created by Charles Binter and helpers. Photos were taken by Daniel Roth.



Rocket Presentation

The 5 - 6 grade boys at Flora, and students at the Tracy school thoroughly enjoyed a presentation given by Mr. Jason Quiroga, a rocket scientist for Blue Origin (one of the top private Rocket companies). Mr. Quiroga talked about rockets and space. The students were each given postcards to fill out, which will travel to space and then back to the students.



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100% of your donation of **\$250** will go directly to the classroom of your choice. This will provide teachers and students with helpful items (*i.e.*, illustrated books, pull down projector screen, *etc.*) to enrich their classrooms and further their learning experience.

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Upcoming Events

Mar. 23 & 24	Othello Auditions
March 24	3:00 & 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Mar. 25	Adult Catechism
Mar. 26	Chili Sunday
Mar. 27 - 31	Parish Mission
March 31	3:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Apr. 22	Spring Auction
Apr. 30	First Holy Communions
May 7	Confirmations
May 14	May Crowning

Magnificate Theater Co.

Auditions for

Othello

March 23 and 24

Flora Campus in room 311
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

If you are interested in auditioning, please
contact Rebecca Heatwole
magnificattheater@gmail.com
for audition packet and further details.

**Performance dates:
June 23 - 25, 2023**

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BENEFIT AUCTION

Saturday, April 22, 2023

Tickets

- **RESERVED SEATING: 8 seats/table**
12 tables available @ \$1,000 - first
come first serve. Includes wine on the
tables.
To purchase a reserved table, name and
payment are needed. Contact Elizabeth
Townshend, 816-923-6411 ext. 310 or
etownshend.svdp@gmail.com.
- **OPEN SEATING: \$75/ person**
For open seating tickets contact
Anne Brauner
jammjib@aol.com or 816.916.0369

Academy Benefit Auction

RAFFLE

**Prize: HIBOY P7 COMMUTER
ELECTRIC BIKE**

Tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100

Drawing to be held at the Academy
Auction on April 22, 2023

For Tickets Contact:

Mrs. Katie Miller
katmcmiller31@gmail.com or
913.563.8603

One need NOT be present to win.
Winner must be 18 years of age or older.

