

St. Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church and Academy News

June/July 2022

Dear Parishioners,

I pray that your summer finds you faithful and using your time well. Time is a precious gift of God given to work out our eternal salvation. Especially in these times of dizzying events in the world and Church, the soul of man needs eternal considerations. Constant news of political dissatisfaction, financial hardship, social unrest, designs against the Latin Mass and the internal structure of the Catholic Church, has become normal. The effect can be very discouraging. On the one hand it questions whether a continual diet of such news is a good thing for a person, on the other, such things shouldn't be surprising.

Over 100 years ago St. Pius X identified very clearly that the disease of the modern times is the apostasy from God. The farther men distance themselves from God the quicker the order established by God in the world will sink into a churning chaos. The simple answer then is a return to God. The only hope is in God. To hope in anything else is to set oneself up for great disappointment. Politics, finances, social and internet activism will not solve our problems.

A strong spiritual practice becomes vital for one to be grounded in this age. It is a spiritual life united to the cross of Christ. The Carthusian Order's motto is *Stat crux dum volvitur orbis* (the cross stands still while the world turns). The Cross is the steadfast hope of the Catholic. The Cross is the source of the sacramental life, it is the Mass, it is the spirit of prayer and the sacrificial spirit of the Catholic's activity. Further, the Cross should be at the visible center of every family's home; not as a decoration, but the real object of prayer and daily reminder of the Catholic spirit in the home.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is our model of union with the Cross. Go to her each day in your family rosary. She will preserve peace in the home and encourage a supernatural life which is the only answer to our struggle.

In the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Michael Goldade

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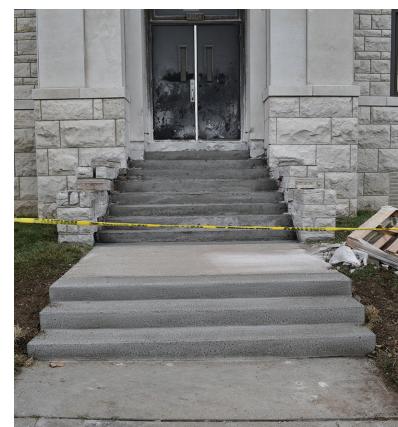
Parish News

Capital Improvements

Concrete and Masonry Restoration crew has nearly completed the work on the rectory porch and Flora campus front stairs. The limestone stairs in front of the school are being replaced. The stonework around the porch has been removed, a new porch

poured. The stone work will be replaced, and tuckpointing is being done on the brick building.

Boys helped on a Thursday work days by removing the plants from the side of the porch. These will be returned once the work is completed.



Sewer Repairs

Work has been completed on the sewer line to the teachers' house, which was found to be in need of major repair.



Cadets

In May the Cadets spent a weekend camping, fishing, playing games, and finished building a grotto for Our Lady. On the second evening they started a rosary procession at the campfire to the



main barn where they picked up the statue of Our Lady and candlelit jars and carried them to the grotto, where they finished the rosary.



Silver Jubilee Celebration

Father Frank A. Kurtz celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the Sacred Priesthood at St. Vincent's on June 29, 2022. The Solemn Tridentine Mass was followed by continental breakfast in the parish hall. In the evening, solemn vespers of the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul were followed by a jubilee banquet in the parish hall.



Lady Windermere's Fan

The parish production of Oscar Wilde's *Lady Windermere's Fan*, was performed at the H. R. Block Theater at Union Station on June 24, 25 and 26. The cast included:

Lord Windermere..... Stephen Sanborn
Lady Windermere..... Grace Blake
Lord Darlington..... Khalid Johnson
Mrs. Erlynne..... Isabella Brauner
Lord Augustus Lorton Charles Drumm
Mr. Cecil Graham Linus Greene
Mr. Dumby..... Benedict Tomac
Mr. Hopper..... Augustine Spencer
Parker..... Charlie Binter
Duchess of Berwick..... Jessica Ostertag
Lady Agatha Carlisle..... Jane Massey

Lady Plymdale..... Celeste Rubio
Lady Stutfield Maura Prather
Lady Jedburgh Anna Prather
Miss Graham Isabella Rubio
Mrs. Cowper-Cowper..... Maggie Drumm
Rosalie Maggie Drumm
Sir James Royston..... Oscar Greene
Mr. Guy Berkley..... Henry Spencer
Lord Paisley George Spencer
Lady Paisley Katie Drumm
Mr. Arthur Bowden..... Max Greene

Mrs. Arthur Bowden Alexis Rubio
Production Staff
Producer and Director Rebecca Heatwole
Assistant Director Charlie Binter
Set Design and Construction William Drumm
Light Board Sam Donnici
Sound Board Tom Hohman



Costume Design and Construction Dianne Davis, Sue Roth, and Grace Blake
Hair Styling/Make-up Andrea Hellberg
Ticketing Attendants Rita Dinkel & Lucy Spencer
Graphic Design Simon & Elizabeth Townshend
Videography & Photography Dan Roth



Academy News

SSPX National Religion Exam Results

SVDPA - 12th grade students (boys and girls combined): 3rd place out of all SSPX schools in the country
SVDPA - 8th grade students (boys and girls combined): 3rd place out of all SSPX schools in the country

TOP GRADE 12 STUDENTS FROM SVDPA IN THE COUNTRY:

Gus Spencer: 1st boy in the country, 3rd overall

Charles Drumm: 6th boy in the country, 13th overall

Celeste Rubio: 8th girl in the country, 16th overall

Abigail Blake: tied for 10th girl in the country

TOP 8TH GRADE STUDENTS FROM SVDPA IN THE COUNTRY:

Quintin Dailey: 1st boy in the country, 3rd overall

Thomas Stegall: 4th boy in the country, 9th overall
(Isabella Tomac, Ethan Sestak, and Jane Weishaar were close to ranking)

Latin Exam Results

GOLD SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Quintin Dailey
Patrick Hamilton
Stephen Fernandes
Ethan Sestak
Thomas Stegall
Marianne Spencer
Augustine Spencer
William Drumm

SILVER MAXIMA CUM LAUDE

Molly Prather
Jane Weishaar
MAGNA CUM LAUDE
Anastasia Onochie
Maura Prather
Philomena Dailey
Rose Wagner
Josie Spencer
Sophia Donnici
Linus Greene
Joseph Hamilton

CUM LAUDE

Mary Wagner
Grace Hamilton
Molly Blake
Isabella Tomac

Fine Arts Festival

The second Annual Fine Arts Festival was held May 14 - 15 at the Tracy Campus. Well over one hundred pieces of original student art were displayed in a gallery, while students provided music on piano, violin, and flute. Emceed by Mr. Joseph Spencer, the Friday Festival Concert showed an expansion of musical talent in many directions, with an increased number of soloists in voice, guitar, piano, and violin, and an increased repertoire by the 7 - 12 choirs and instrumental ensembles.

The Festival continued on Saturday night with humorous drama skits and poetry recitations performed by the 7 - 12 Language Arts classes. Mr.

Michael Sestak's compilation of Concert Highlights can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/-6zG02Y64kE>.

The audience was made aware that the school's choir risers are over 40 years old and in need of replacement. Over seven hundred dollars was collected in donations for this purpose, which is about a third of the needed amount. If you would like to support new risers for the growing choirs, please write "Fine Arts Festival" in the memo of your check to the school.

A big thank you to all those who supported and staffed this big event!

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Untitled - Acrylic on Canvas
Charles Drumm, age 18



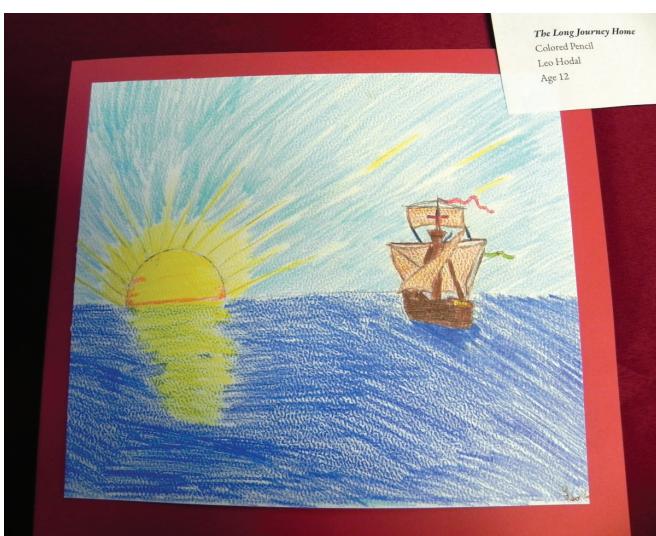
Untitled - Graphite
Alexis Rubio, age 14



Reflection
Marianne Spencer, age 15



Carpenter - Acrylic on Canvas
Alaynna Wohletz, age 18



The Long Journey Home
Colored Pencil
Leo Hodal
Age 12



Lonely Days - Pastel
Monica Hamilton, age 15

Spring Concert

On Friday, May 20 the 1st - 6th grade students performed at the annual Spring Concert at the Tracy campus. Following the concert Mrs. Martha Killion was thanked for her dedication with the music program at St. Vincent's, both choral and band.



Field Day

Due to rain and the possibility of a muddy Rosedale Park, the field day and end of the year award ceremony was held at the North Kansas City YMCA. Fr. Trummer distributed awards to the students, and cards and flowers to the teachers who

will not be returning next year: Mrs. Martha Killion, Miss Gretchen Twaddle, Mrs. Anne Rey, Mr. Stefan Rey, and Mr. Albert Meyers. Many thanks and best wishes go with them.





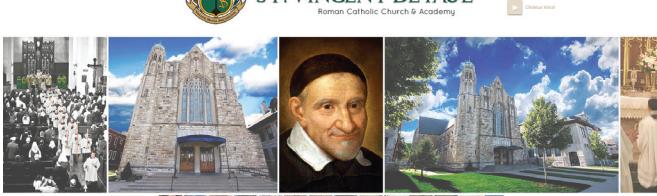
The St. Dominic Savio Intramural Ping Pong Tournament was won by William Drumm.

Class of 2022

The graduation Solemn High Mass and commencement ceremonies were held at St. Vincent's on May 27. The Valedictorian address was given by Augustine Spencer. Fr. John Fullerton gave the commencement address.



Graduates left to right: Claire Gastineau, Abigail Blake, Celeste Rubio, Charles Drumm, Matthew Stegall, Linus Greene, Augustine Spencer, *Valedictorian*.



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Upcoming Events

- July 16 St. Vincent de Paul Festival
- July 17 First Mass of Fr. Joseph Skees
- July 17 Parish Breakfast
- July 19 Basketball Camp begins
- July 25 Cross Country Camp begins
- July 27 SSPX Perpetual Adoration
- July 29 ARS Women's Conference
- Aug. 14 Parish breakfast