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Parish & Academy Announcements

<https://www.stvincentkc.org/bulletins>

Sermons and Conferences

youtube.com/StVincentKC

Schedules

Confessions this week:

Sunday (5/5)	7:00 a.m.	Fr. Muscha
	9:00 a.m.	Fr. Beck
Thursday (5/9)	8:15 p.m.	Fr. Trummer
	6:30 p.m.	Fr. Graves
Saturday (5/11)	7:15 a.m.	Fr. Graves
	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Muscha
Sunday (5/12)	7:00 a.m.	Fr. Muscha
	9:00 a.m.	Fr. Trummer

Rosary & Benediction

Thursdays: 6:00 p.m.

Sunday Rosary Leaders

Today: 7:10 a.m. I. Acosta 9:10 a.m. J. Massey

May 5: 7:10 a.m. K. Johnson 9:10 a.m. G. Goode, Sr.

Usher Schedule

	7:30 am	9:30 am
Today Usher/Communion	(H) Henry B-M, Gavin B-M	(H) J Holtsclaw, D Rausch, C Stegall
Collection	Ben Montg'y, D Murphy, Goode Jr., G Myers	A Starr, K Johnson, J McMaster, J DeLuca
May 12 Usher/Communion		
Collection		

Sunday Coffee and Donuts

Cancelled today due to the celebration for First Communion.

Blessing of Expectant Mothers

Second Sunday every third month at Our Lady's altar. (June 16, Sept. 15, Dec. 15, 2024)

Blessing of Religious Articles

Third Sunday of the month at the communion rail after Masses.

Bulletin Announcements

Submit text to e.townshend@svdpkc.org no later than 3:00 p.m. Wednesdays for the next Sunday's bulletin. Submissions are subject to the pastor's approval.

General Announcements

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION: There will be a celebration for First Communion following the 9:30am Mass in the church hall. Cake and punch will be served and we especially welcome the families of First Communicants to come and celebrate, but everyone is welcome.

COFFEE AND DONUTS ARE CANCELLED today due to the celebration for First Communion which will take place after the 9:30am Mass.

THURSDAY, MAY 9TH IS ASCENSION THURSDAY a traditional Holy Day of Obligation. Although, in most states, including Missouri and Kansas, the new rules transfer the feast to the Sunday and no longer oblige Catholics to attend Mass on the Thursday, nonetheless, we encourage Catholics to follow the traditional practice and attend Mass as we do for other Holy Days.

CONFIRMATION TEST DATES: The test dates for all non-academy children are May 11th and May 18th following the 8am Mass in the Flora school. For any questions please contact the school or parish office.

MAY CROWNING will take place on Mother's Day, May 12, at the High Mass. First Communicants are welcome to wear their dresses

and suits. Line-up will be at 9:20am outside the church.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY members will meet in Room 311 (first floor) of the Flora school building at 8:50 a.m. on Sunday, May 12. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

THIRD ORDER OF ST. PIUS X: There will be a meeting of the Third Order on Wednesday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m. in room 311 of the Flora campus.

THE 4TH ANNUAL ACADEMY FINE ARTS FESTIVAL: This year the Festival will be held at the Mohart Center one block south of the church (3200 Wayne Ave.) in order to welcome guests more comfortably. Parking is in the rear of the building. Please come join us for two days of inspiring art and performances. Free admission (donations gratefully accepted to the school, but not permitted on site.)

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 6:00 pm

6:00 pm Gallery viewing

7:00 pm Festival Concert of soloists, string ensemble, and school choirs.

Art awards will be presented by Fr. Trummer during the event.

SUNDAY, MAY 12, noon

Group Poetry Recitations, including Robert Frost, Hilaire Belloc, and Chesterton's *Lepanto* recited and dramatized by the 7-8th grade boys.



Centennial of St. Vincent's

The blessing and dedication of St. Vincent de Paul Church took place 100 years ago on Ascension Thursday, May 29, 1924, by His Excellency Bishop Lillis. We will celebrate this important milestone throughout the centennial year, as is traditional. Since, however, our church was blessed but never consecrated, we have asked and received permission from Fr. Fullerton, the District Superior, for permission to solemnly consecrate St. Vincent's Church. His Excellency Bishop Fellay will do the ceremony, which will take place on September 26, 2024, feast of the North American Martyrs. The day following will likewise be one of great celebration and a First Class feast for our parish, as on that day the Solemn Mass of Dedication will take place. Mark your calendars for these two great events, which will include a formal banquet the evening after the consecration, and a parish picnic following the Dedication Mass on September 27th. A truly fitting way to mark the centennial of our church! St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us!

PRAYER

Meditation

The basis of prayer is our status as creatures. We were created by God. Consequently, everything that we have, everything that we are comes from Him. All of our natural faculties, our intelligence, our will, our sensibility, our body, our soul, all of our natural qualities, all of our gifts, all come from God.

That is why St. Paul could rightfully say, “What hast thou that thou hast not received? And if thou hast received it, why dost thou boast as if thou hadst not received it?” (I Cor. 4:7).

And not only did God create us, but He maintains us in existence. God would only have to leave us to ourselves for a fraction of a second for us to fall instantly back into nothingness. This simple reflection shows us that we are radically dependent beings. As dependent beings, we ought to recognize that dependence and we ought to live in consequence.

This dependence, therefore, explains our duties toward God, and especially our duties of prayer. If already we should thank our benefactors here on earth, should we not thank all the more this God who has given us everything?

How then can we manifest our dependence on God? Essentially by prayer. Indeed, as St. Thomas Aquinas says, “Man shows reverence to God by means of prayer, in so far as he subjects himself to Him, and by praying confesses that he needs Him as the author of his goods.”¹

The difficulty is that, unfortunately, we have a tendency to live as though we were owners of the goods received from God, whereas we are only the renters. One day or another we will have to give the keys back, we will have to render the capital and the interest, as Jesus taught us in the parable of the talents. And Jesus said specifically that He would come to ask for these things without warning, like a thief in the night, at a time when we least expect it (Lk. 12:39-40).

And so let us ask God for the grace not to live as though we were on this earth forever, but to recognize that we are only passing through, and let us therefore learn how to adore, praise, and thank God for all that we owe Him.

Eastertide Day by Day by Fr. Patrick Troadec, SSPX

¹ St. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologica*, IIa-IIae, q. 83, a. 3.

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, April 28, 2024

1st Collection (Main Fund): \$4,548.54

2nd Collection (Franciscan Sisters): \$2,323.52

Upcoming second collections:

May 5 Academy Special Need May 12 Maintenance

May 19 Guardian Angel May 26 Franciscan Srs.

(Please make all 2nd collection checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul in order to streamline your help to the Sisters and ensure a comprehensive itemized year-end donation list from SVDP accounting department.)

SANTA FE PILGRIMAGE

MEN AND BOYS - SAVE THE DATE

Friday - Saturday, July 19 - 20. Join us for the Santa Fe Pilgrimage to the Padilla Cross in Lyons, KS. For more info go to:

<https://sspx.org/en/events/santa-fe-pilgrimage-kansas-44411>

or contact SantaFePilgrimage@gmx.com.



The priests of St. Vincent de Paul Church are members of the Society of St. Pius X