



# St. Vincent de Paul

## Catholic Church and Academy News

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September/October 2022

Dear Parishioners,

There are many encouraging developments in the life of the parish and especially in the Academy. The student enrollment is at its all-time high and an excellent staff is managing things well. But lest we find pleasure in the sense of prosperity, lest complacency set in, we must continue to work for excellence and more so, to see things supernaturally. We do not spontaneously look at our life and work in a supernatural manner. For example, we do not spontaneously seek happiness in a spirit of poverty even though Our Lord says that such is a happy man in His catalogue of the Beatitudes.

We do not spontaneously see ourselves as children of God by grace, even though that is what we are. Consider the implications of this divine childhood through a contemporary example. Much attention of late has been given to the British Royal family with the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. Article after article has been dedicated to various members, even the little children who are in line for royal titles and distinctions. We are a bit like those little royals. They can enjoy the fancy dress and attention to a certain degree, but don't understand to a great extent the responsibilities and the inherited wealth and property which will be theirs.

In like manner we can be quite blind to the heavenly inheritance to which sanctifying grace gives a claim. Consequently, we act less than royal when it comes to our behavior and motivation in this life.

It is true that Christ has spoken of a childlikeness of those to be saved in the simplicity and confidence of the Christian heart. But there is childlikeness that needs to mature to get to heaven as well. Like the little royals of the earthly family, so the Christian soul must maintain instruction in its responsibilities and practice the ways of the heavenly family.

In conclusion, keep up your instruction. There are more resources than ever for this. I single out one which has helped thousands, the SSPX Podcast with several instructional series. And further, keep a daily and faithful prayer life. Form the soul to live and act supernaturally.

In the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,

*Fr. Michael Goldade*

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# Parish News

## *Requiescet in Pace*

The parish is mourning the loss of Mrs. Cindy Patterson, parish secretary, librarian, bookstore organizer, and friend. A Memorial Fund has been created in memory of Mrs. Patterson in order to



purchase library books from the District's literature list in her name. Books will be purchased for both the Flora and Tracy campuses, and each will be marked as having been donated in her memory.

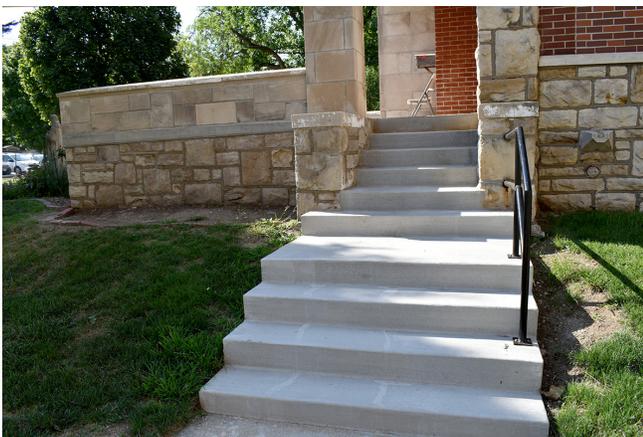


Mr. Michael Wylie passed away the same week as Mrs. Patterson. He was an usher and greeter at Sunday Mass.

Please pray for the repose of their souls.

## Capital Improvements

Work has been completed on the priory porch and steps. This also included tuck pointing the priory building.



## Volunteer Dinner

The dinner was held on August 20 in the Tracy gym. John Roth provided motivational and team building games. Victor Tan was honored for his 30 years of service to St. Vincent's in the choir, and now as sacristan. Many thanks to all of the volunteers at St. Vincent's church and academy. May God bless your continued generosity.



## Kateries Camp

The Kateries' summer camp was held from August 7-13, on the Regina Coeli House property.

The theme was the life of their patron St. Kateri Tekakwitha. Stories were told about her life, and a lot of the activities were Indian-themed. Camp activities included a cooking contest, the aunts inspecting the girls' campsites, an obstacle course, and a Big Game (an extended scavenger hunt).

Two of the Franciscan sisters visited the camp on Friday. The Sisters had prayed all week for good

weather, and God provided with low temperatures and no thunderstorms.

The camp staff was composed mostly of Guides (many of whom are students at St. Vincent's). Several young women from St. Mary's College also helped.

The camp was a very fruitful learning time for all of the girls and for their counselors as well.



## Legion of Mary Centennial Event

Active and auxiliary Legionaries of Mary were invited to attend a day of recollection, given by Father Goldade, and luncheon on Saturday, September 17. The event was to commemorate 100 years since the establishment of this apostolic organization.



## Tracy Campus Projects

The summer saw the completion of numerous projects at the Tracy campus. The parking lot badly damaged surface was removed, resurfaced, and lines painted. Trees were removed from the playground

allowing for more space for the children to play. The first floor was given a fresh coat of paint. The floors at Tracy, Flora parish hall, and the church were all stripped and waxed.



## Back to School

Thank you to all of the parents, students and volunteers who showed their support for the school by helping to clean both campuses on August 20.

On August 22 Fr. Goldade preached a day of

recollection for the teachers and staff. That evening Fr. Trummer spoke with parents and teachers at the back to school night.



## Welcome New and Returning Teachers



**MRS. LISA HELLBERG**

Lisa Hellberg comes to St. Vincent de Paul Academy from Stevens Point, Wisconsin. She has 18 years of experience home schooling her own children. She also helped establish a home school resource center in Wausau, Wisconsin where she was the principal, and taught language arts courses. She has a Bachelors of Arts degree in Business.

Mrs. Hellberg teaches Grammar and History to the grade 7/8 boys & girls, and Literature to grade 7 boys.

**MR. WILHEM HÖJER**

Mr. Höjer was born in Stockholm, Sweden, into a diplomatic family, growing up between America and Europe. He studied philosophy at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, Italy. While in Rome he worked for the Holy See on the News Desk of Vatican News (2008-2015). In America he has appeared in the *Epoch Times* and on *The Proverbial Lawyer* Radio Show. Before he came to the St. Vincent de Paul Academy, he was a professor at Lindisfarne Hall Classical School on Amelia Island, Florida.

Mr. Höjer is teaching History, Latin II, Literature, and Philosophy at the Tracy Campus.

**MISS JENNY HOLLINGER**

Miss Hollinger has been a part of the Academy for many years. She oversaw the home school high school program from 2003-2007. She subsequently acted as Assistant Principal under Fr. Damien Fox from 2007-2011 and in the same role under Fr. Jordan Fahnestock from 2011-2014. She also taught Art History to grades 9/10 girls and boys in 2012/13 and 2014/15 and returns to teach Art History to grades 9/10 girls in the current school year.

**MR. BRANDON MAFFITT**

Brandon converted to Catholicism as a teenager and has been attending St. Vincent de Paul since Spring of 2020. He been teaching Sunday Catechism and helping other converts in learning our Faith. He is a veteran of the U.S. Armed forces and is currently employed at Garmin International as a Software and Electronics Technician. He is excited to help our parish by teaching at the Academy.

Mr. Maffitt is teaching Biology at both campuses.

**MISS ELIZABETH MYERS**

Miss Elizabeth Myers is from a family of 10, and grew up here in St. Vincent's parish. She taught Kindergarten and music for six years at Our Lady of Good Success Academy in Louisiana MO.

She is teaching 2nd grade in the afternoon, and music to grades 2 - 6, and grade 7 boys.



**MR. MAXIMILIAN POTTS**

Mr. Potts is one of six children from a traditional Catholic family. He graduated from Benedictine College in 2018 with a degree in history, and minors in theology and philosophy.

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His favorite children's book is *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, other favorite authors include Dickens, Shakespeare, and Dostoevsky. Hobbies include, chess, Risk, juggling and cinematography.

Teaching is his passion, and a vocation that he feels called to pursue to its fullest, and wants to teach students about the Good, the True, and the Beautiful.

Mr. Potts is teaching the 6th grade boys at the Flora campus.



**MRS. ROBIN QUASTLER**

Mrs. Quastler is originally from Pittsburgh, PA and has been involved in classroom teaching, home schooling, tutoring, after-school programs, and curriculum designs in both

private and public schools in several states. In 2019 she retired from 40 years of teaching, but is returning this year to teach the 5th Grade girls at the Tracy location. She is accredited in Missouri at the elementary level and feels that St. Vincent de Paul Academy is one of the best schools in Kansas City.



**MRS. SUSAN ROZANSKI**

Her background is in electrical engineering. From 2002-2006 she taught many levels of math when the high school was in the priory building. She is excited to return to teach at St. Vincent's.

She is teaching Algebra I - grade 9 boys

Algebra II - grade 11 boys. She is married and has three children.



**MRS. MEGAN SPENCER**

Mrs. Spencer has a degree in Physical Therapy from Rockhurst University, practiced Physical therapy in RI, Florida, Virginia and Missouri. She has been married for 30 years and is the mother of 11 children. All of whom attended school at St. Vincent's. She has been a volunteer at the school and parish through the years. Most significant is the coordination of the Starkenburg pilgrimage. She was registrar for the Kansas City East Lions sporting club from 2019-2022.

She is now Vice Principal at the Tracy Campus.



From left to right: Mr. Wilhem Höjer, Miss Jenny Hollinger, Miss Andrea Hellberg, Miss Elizabeth Myers, and Mr. Brandon Maffitt

## Cross Country Team

St. Vincent de Paul Academy cross country team practices weekly. A list of their meets can be found on the parish calendar.



The boys are holding medals from the St. Mary's Invitational race.

The Varsity Cross Country team took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place individually and 2nd place as a team at the St. Pius X Invitational on September 24.



# First Days of School

## Flora Campus



## Tracy Campus

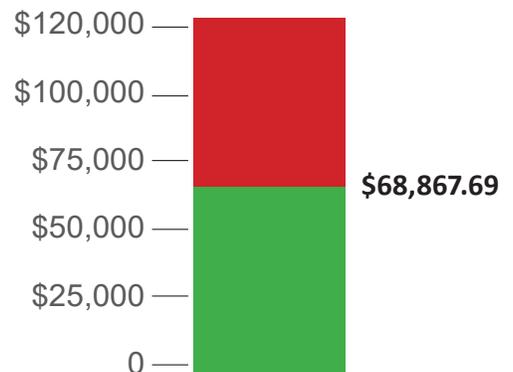


## Jogathon

The Jogathon is scheduled for Monday, October 31.

Fundraisers are a necessary means by which to provide the Academy's students with a classical and virtues based education. Without successful fundraisers there is not enough funding brought in by tuition alone to pay our faculty and keep the utilities available and at comfortable levels. We also hope to develop the music, art, and sport programs.

This year's goal is \$120,000. Please consider sponsoring one of the students and/or Fathers Goldade and Trummer. Sponsor sheets can be found in the vestibule. Thank you for your support!





Fr. Trummer was given a lovely send off, and Fr. Samuel Fabula a welcoming party, by the parishioners in the chapels he served in Texas (Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Fort Worth and Our Lady of Fatima, Sanger). The canoe was part of the parish theme for the party "Fishers-of-men" at the Sanger chapel. Father's new mission is Las Vegas, Nevada.



### 2022 ANGELUS PRESS CONFERENCE

The conference will take place October 21-23, at the DoubleTree Hotel, in Overland Park, Kansas. This year's theme is *Restoring All Things In Christ: Our Hope For a Dying Age*. For more information and to register, visit <https://angeluspress.org/pages/conferences>.

### Upcoming Events

- Oct. 15 Adult catechism
- Oct. 21 No school - Teacher in-service
- Oct. 21-23 Angelus Press Conference
- Oct. 28 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 28 ARS Women's Conference - Fr. Beck
- Oct. 31 Jogathon
- Nov. 1 All Saints Day - No school
- Nov. 4 Jubilee Cup
- Nov. 11 ARS Women's Conference - Sister Mary Clare
- Nov. 14 Parent Conference
- Nov. 23-25 Thanksgiving Vacation
- Nov. 28 High School Day of Reflection

### FATHER GERARD BECK CATHOLIC WOMANHOOD IN TODAY'S WORLD

**Friday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**St. Vincent's Parish Hall**

Fr. Gerard Beck was ordained in 1996. Father has served as District Bursar and Assistant to the District Superior, Rector of Saint Mary's Academy and College for four years, and Prior of Immaculate Conception Church in Post Falls, Idaho for three years. He was called back to the District office a year ago, and currently serves as First Assistant to the District Superior, and Superintendent for the SSPX schools in America. You won't want to miss this talk!



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