

St. Vincent de Paul

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Consecration of the Church & Centenary Celebrations

Preparations

There were months of preparation leading up to the consecration of St. Vincent's, and in the days before there was a flood of activity to make the final preparations.

Fr. Michael Goldade, two priests and 46 seminarians from St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Dillwyn, Virginia arrived in Kansas City on Tuesday night.

On Wednesday the seminarians were busy with setting up the sacristy, practicing the ceremonies, schola practice, setting up for the audio and visual recording of the event, and final cleaning inside and outside of the church and property.

Mrs. Jamerson had been preparing food weeks in advance. She and her volunteer kitchen staff were ready for the meals they would serve to the priests and seminarians over the four days they were in Kansas City.

Sarah Tomac and her crew arranged the flowers for all of the altars and for the tables at the banquet.

Organist Ethan Sestak practiced all summer for the event, and the choir practiced for more than a month which included learning new music.









Priors' Corner

November 2024

Dear Faithful,

In this edition of our parish newsletter we look back with gratitude on the beautiful days of celebration surrounding the consecration of our church, and the celebration of our centenary.

One hundred years of graces, one hundred years of God looking after Saint Vincent's and all her faithful! We are here today because Catholic souls have been generous, invested… but especially because God has been good to us. The world has seen a lot in those hundred years, much if it heartbreaking: two world wars, the rise of communism, the decline of our dear country, a terrible crisis in our Church… But God has been faithful, and never ceased for a moment to care for Saint Vincent's. By His grace she is a vibrant testimony of His Wisdom and Benevolence today.

We have, in the consecration of Saint Vincents, a crowning moment in Saint Vincent's history, and an extraordinary proof of God's love for us.

"*This place is none other than the House of God, and the gate of heaven*" – the refrain was repeated again and again in the ceremony of consecration. Mother Church wants to assure us of a special presence of God among us, a special readiness on His part to hear our prayers when we go to our knees in the house that He has chosen to be His own.

> "*My eyes shall be open, and My ears attentive to the prayer of him that shall pray in this place. For I have chosen, and have sanctified this place, that My name may be there forever, and My eyes and My heart may remain there perpetually.*" – Office of Dedication (Paralipomenon 7:3)
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> "*Here is God's tabernacle among men. He will dwell with them, they will be His people, He will be among them, their God.*" – Mass of the Dedication

"*God has not done thus to every nation.*" (Psalm 147:20) Whatever is wrong in our world, whatever the difficulties of the path we tread, God's special goodness to us can never be taken away from us.

We can only be grateful. And be resolved to show our gratitude, and the love it ignites anew in our hearts – love for Saint Vincent's, love for our Catholic Faith, love for our God – in any way we can.

God bless you.

Fr. Gerard Beck







Vigil of the Dedication - Wednesday, September 25

The vigil of the dedication was held at the Convent of Christ the King. Bishop Bernard Fellay gave a thorough description of the ceremony and each of the blessings, all of which can be found in the *Centenary Celebrations and Consecration* book, still available in the vestibule.

- Blessing of Gregorian Water - a mixture of water, wine, salt, and ash as prescribed by Pope St. Gregory the Great
- Blessing of the Repositories for the Relics
- Blessing of the altar linens
- Blessing of the crucifix that now hangs above the main altar

The blessings were followed by recitation of Matins of the Martyrs.











The Consecration Ceremony - Thursday, September 26

The Consecration of the church by Bishop Fellay began with the:

Purification of the Building

The bishop circled the outside of the building and sprinkled it with the Gregorian Water, he then entered the church and sprinkled the interior with the blessed water.

A cross of ash was made in the center of the nave. The bishop, using the tip of the pastoral staff, wrote the alphabets of the Greek and Latin languages, beginning with the Greek.





Transfer of the Relics

After the Purification of the church building and a sermon by the bishop, the relics were transferred from the crypt chapel into the church. They were carried on the pier by Fr. Daniel Muscha, pastor, and Fr. Carl Sulzen, Fr. Daniel Dailey and Fr. Joseph Brauner all of whom attended St. Vincent de Paul.

The relics, three grains of incense and a certificate testifying to the consecration of the church and altar (prepared at the Vigil) were placed into the sepulcher of each altar to be consecrated.



Consecration of the Church and Altars

The bishop anointed each of the twelve crosses inscribed on the walls with Holy Chrism. He then anointed the altars and laid blessed incense upon the center and four corners of each of the altars, and it was set alight.







Mass of the Consecration

Mass was offered after the consecration of the church, and was followed by a light reception on the lawn in front of the church.

The ceremony was live streamed for those unable to attend and the video is available on the parish website or on the SSPX News - English YouTube Channel with the various SSPX Podcasts.

I Vespers of the Dedication of Churches was sung later in the day.



Thank you to photographers Michael Cerny, Daniel Roth, and seminarians for the beautiful pictures of the ceremonies.

Celebration Banquet

A large number of parishioners attended the banquet that was held at The View at Briarcliff Event Space. They enjoyed a slideshow of the history of St. Vincent's, speeches by Bishop Fellay, Frs. Beck, Muscha and Goldade, and had an opportunity to talk with the visiting priests and seminarians, including former pastors Fr. Steven Soos and Fr. Jean Violette.





The Feast of the Consecration - Friday, September 27

A Solemn High Mass in honor of St. Vincent de Paul was offered on Friday morning. The seminarians severed and sang the chant. St. Vincent's choir did a magnificent job on sacred polyphonic pieces. The procession and recession were beautifully played by Ethan Sestak and accompanied by a trumpeter.

In the evening II Vespers of the Dedication of Churches was sung, with Fr. Muscha presiding.









Parish Picnic

The picnic was held at the English Landing Park in Parkville, Missouri, a beautiful location near the river. It provided the space for the large group that attended, including parishioners, the bishop, priests and seminarians.

The weather was perfect and everyone enjoyed the food, games and visiting.

The Holy Name Society did an incredible job of organizing the picnic, as well as cooking and serving the food.









ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS DAY SCHEDULE

Nov. 1	5:45 a.m.	Low Mass
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	High Mass
	10:00 a.m.	Rosary* (following Mass, approximate time)
	7:00 p.m.	Low Mass
Nov. 2	8:00 a.m.	Low Mass
Sat.	9:00 a.m.	Solemn High Mass for all deceased Friends and Benefactors
	11:00 a.m.	Rosary* (following Mass, approximate time)
Nov. 3	7:30 a.m.	Low Mass
Sun.	9:30 a.m.	High Mass
	11:30 a.m.	Rosary* (following Mass, approximate time)
Nov. 4	7:15 a.m.	Low Mass
Mon.	10:55 a.m.	Low Mass
	3:30 p.m.	Rosary*
Nov. 5	7:15 a.m.	Low Mass
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and all day adoration
	6:00 p.m.	Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	3:30 p.m.	Rosary*
Nov. 6	7:15 a.m.	Low Mass
Wed.	3:30 p.m.	Rosary*
Nov. 7	7:15 a.m.	Low Mass
Thurs.	10:55 a.m.	Low Mass
	3:30 p.m.	Rosary*
Nov. 8	7:15 a.m.	Low Mass
Fri.	3:30 p.m.	Rosary*

*Rosary at Mount St. Mary's Cemetery, 2201 Cleveland Avenue, Kansas City, MO

Plenary Indulgences for the Poor Souls

Six general rules for obtaining a plenary indulgence

1. State of grace at least when performing the indulgenced act
2. Complete detachment from sin, even venial sin
3. Confession (20 days before or after the indulgenced act)
4. Communion (20 days before or after the indulgenced act)
5. Prayers for the Supreme Pontiff (20 days before or after the indulgenced act)
6. Indulgenced act: a special good work with special conditions of place and time

Indulgenced acts to be performed for obtaining a plenary indulgence

- From November 1 to 8: visit of a cemetery with mental prayer for the poor souls.
- On November 2: visit of a church or an oratory with one Our Father and one Creed being recited.

A partial indulgence can be obtained any time by visiting a cemetery and praying for the Poor Souls.

The following prayer is especially recommended:

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 5	All day Adoration
Nov. 7	Book Club
Nov. 9	Adult Catechism
Nov. 10	HNS meeting
Nov. 17	ARS Bake Sale
Nov. 20	Third Order of St. Pius X
Nov. 23	Adult Catechism
Nov. 27-29	No school - Thanksgiving