

St. Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church and Academy News

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Parish News

Starkenburg Pilgrimage

The 26th annual Starkenburg Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Starkenburg, Missouri was held from October 3-5. A record number of 500 pilgrims attended the three day pilgrimage. In addition to parishioners from St. Vincent de Paul, groups came from LaSalette (Georgetown, Illinois); St. Mary's boys and girls (St. Marys, Kansas); Assumption Academy boys and girls (Walton, Kentucky); Immaculate Heart of Mary (Minnesota); Our Lady of Good Success (Louisiana, Missouri); and St. Andrews Academy.

Over 1,000 pilgrims attended the one day pilgrimage on Saturday, October 5.

Temperatures were above normal for the time of year but everyone stayed very upbeat.





New Antependium

You will have noticed an antependium on the front of the altar on Sundays and major feast days.

An antependium was used on the altar in the past, which is liturgically correct, and the common Roman practice. During the liturgy (Mass, Vespers, etc.), the altar is vested like the priest, as it is a symbol of Christ. The altar as an image of Christ is found in the rite for the ordination of a subdeacon, who is given care over the altar and its linens. It is also something implicitly found in the consecration of the altar and church.

The liturgical authors all indicate that on consecrated altars, an antependium should be used, unless the altar is of such particular beauty already (through carvings, or perhaps the entombment of a saint within it), that such vestments would lessen the dignity of the altar.

St. Vincent's altar had remnants of the hardware for the old antependia, showing that these were used after the marble altar was installed in the late 1940s.

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Priors' Corner

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Dear Faithful,

In these days following the Christmas celebration, we naturally turn our gaze to the Holy Family, and consider what life must have been for Mary and Joseph, and the Divine Child.

Surely no family was ever so united, or so happy! It is good for us to reflect why, and to direct our lives accordingly. St. Joseph being the head, and thus taking the lead although he was less worthy than those for whom he was responsible, let us consider especially him.

We see firstly a readiness, on the part of Mary's spouse, to do whatever God might ask. Look at how, without question or hesitation, he obeys the bidding of the angel: taking Mary, mysteriously with child, as his wife… rising in the night, and fleeing from Herod into exile… returning to Nazareth after the evil king died. All was at the bidding of the angelic messenger of God, who spoke quietly in the darkness, asking at times the hard thing. "And Joseph did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him," says the Evangelist, and Mary with equal promptitude followed.

We see also, on the part of both Mary and Joseph, a profound spirit of trust. "Where God led, they did not know. It was enough to be led by God," writes Fr. Thieret. If God asked, God would provide. Much was at stake, the danger and uncertainties were great, and many times they did not see clearly the how or the why of what God requested of them. "They understood not the words that He spoke to them," says St. Luke. But if God asked, God would provide. Their hope was in Him, and they remained at peace, even in the darkest of hours. "We need never be afraid to abandon ourselves to God's will," says Fr. Boylan, "for God's will is God Himself – and God is infinite goodness."

Lastly, we see in Mary and Joseph an admirable spirit of faith, which allowed them to see God with them in the midst of their trails. Beyond the signs that accompanied the birth of the Savior, there was little that was remarkable in His early life. A child like any other, to all appearances… and yet, He was God. Mary and Jospeh were not spared moments of great hardship and suffering – exile, poverty, danger – but these led neither to bitterness, nor even to sadness. The child they carried, by turn, in their arms, the child they held close to their heart, was Jesus. "To have Jesus with one in the struggles of life is the solution of life's problems," writes Fr. Leen. "If a man has to meet them alone, he is overcome by them. If he faces them in company with Jesus, he is formed, purified and perfected by them."

What an example we have in the Holy Family! Let us look to Mary and Joseph, and the Child, for the spirit that will assure the peace and unity and happiness of our own families.

God bless you,

Fr. Beck

New Antependium continued

One of the clips for the bar from which the cloth hangs was missing and we had no actual frontals to use. It seemed especially appropriate that once the main altar was consecrated, that at least on First Class feasts, it should be clothed appropriately.

Father Palko installed brass brackets and a small center hook to hold a steel rod from which the antependium can hang. The week before the consecration ceremony, he constructed the antependium using metallic fabric obtained from Greece (which matches one of our sets of gold vestments), red brocade fabric, and metallic trim. The center gold work piece came from a vestment that was unable to be repaired.

Father has acquired additional fabric, and intends to make, or get help in making antependia of each liturgical color (white, red, green, violet, and black), and of different grades of quality to help make a distinction between greater feasts and lesser feasts, simply by visually looking at the altar. Fr. Palko is looking for volunteers to help with this project.

Angelus Press Conference

High school students from St. Vincent's academy attended the Angelus Press Conference on Friday, October 11. The conference continued on Saturday, and ended on Sunday, October 13 with a Pontifical High Mass at St. Vincents, celebrated by Bishop Bernard Fellay.



Mrs. Madge Hanrahan was able to celebrate her 90th birthday at the banquet on Saturday night.

The Feast of Christ the King

There was a Eucharistic procession after the High Mass in honor of the Feast of Christ the King on Sunday, October 27.

A breakfast was served following both of the Masses and was well attended.



Total Consecration to Jesus Through Mary

Those wanting to make or renew their total consecration to Mary made a 33 day preparation, including a day of recollection given by Fathers Beck and Muscha on Saturday, December 7. On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Sunday, December 8, individuals made the total consecration before the Blessed Sacrament after the High Mass. Afterward those desiring to do so signed their commitment before the Fathers at Our Lady's altar.

The prayer for the consecration of our parish to the Immaculate Conception was recited by everyone after each of the Masses.





The All Saints Party

The All Saints party was held at the Tracy Campus on Friday, November 1, after the Mass and rosary at the cemetery. The party was organized by the Franciscan Sisters and high school girls. The judges were Fr. Beck and Fr. Trummer.

The 2nd through 4th Grades were split into four groups with a winner for each group below.

- Andrew Onochie - St. Isaac Jogues
- Aaron Sestak - St. Dismas
- Damian Gonzales - St. Dominic Savio
- Emma Schutzman - St. Catherine Laboure

The winner for the 5th/6th Grade Girls was:

- Charlotte Greene - St. Jane of Valois

The winner for the 5th/6th Grade Boys was:

- Giovanni Puglisi - St. Charles of Sezze





Archconfraternity of St. Stephen

On December 21 altar servers were advanced in the Archconfraternity of St. Stephen at the High Mass.

To Junior Acolyte:
Damian Gonzales
Kristian Gonzales
John Gosoroski
Owen Horak
Nathan Marta
Peter Marta
William Martello
Thomas McMaster
David Parrot
Bernard Spencer
Jordan Stegall

Senior Acolyte
Xavier Dubay

Master of Ceremony
Quintin Dailey
Dominic Dubay
Leo Hodal

Academy News

Field Trips

The Kindergarten class visited Chip's Chocolate Factory at Crown Center on Wednesday, November 20. They took a tour of the factory and each student received a bag of candy.



Tracy Campus Visit

The Isidore String Quartet, sponsored by The Friends of Chamber Music, performed for the students at Tracy on Wednesday, December 4.



2024 Jogathon

This year's Jogathon was held on Thursday, October 31 at the Hy-Vee Arena, 1800 Genessee Street, KC, MO.

The track was on the upper level of the facility. A gymnasium on a lower level was used by the older boys to play basketball while they waited for their turn to run.

Kindergarten - 5th Grade ran first, then the 6th - 12th Grade girls, and finally the 6th - 12th Grade boys. Top runners from those groups are below.

The academy exceeded this year's goal, raising $169,245. Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser.

K - 5th Grade
Johnny Emery 32
Andrew Onochie 30
Joe McMaster 30

6th - 12th Grade Girls
Josie Spencer 34
Ellen Weishaar 28
Gemma Brauner 28

6th - 12th Grade Boys
Charles Greene 43
Joseph Onochie 41
Ivan Tomac 40



Academy Christmas Concerts

The Kindergarten - 6th grade students performed their Christmas concert on Friday, December 13 at the Macedonian Baptist Church auditorium. Those unable to attend the concert can watch it here; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xkk5mBsF8S4. Thank you, Michael Sestak for providing the video.

The 7th - 12th grade Christmas Concert was held in the evening on December 20 at the Tracy gymnasium before a packed house.





Flora Campus

Jubilee Cup

The high school boys attended the 5th annual SSPX Jubilee Cup held at St. Marys, Kansas on Friday, November 8. They went to celebrate the 54th anniversary of the founding of the SSPX along with boys from St. Mary's Academy and Our Lady Help of Christians Academy in Denver. Unfortunately, due to weather the Denver boys were not able to attend.

The day began with a Solemn Mass, followed by friendly competition in cross country, basketball, chess, ping pong, ultimate frisbee, wiffle ball, speech contest, skits and trivia.

St. Mary's took the Cup again this year despite wins from the Ultimate Frisbee team, Dominic Dubay in chess, Thomas Stegall in speech, and Ethan Sestak fighting his way to the championship in ping pong.





Cordley Chess Tournament

On December 14 our high school chess team (missing four players) competed at the Cordley tournament in Lawrence. The five students who played won first place. At the completion of the sixth round, St. Vincent's was tied at 12 wins with Washburn Rural. St. Vincent's won on tiebreaks to win their first ever first place trophy in the K-12 category.

The individual scores were:

Jonas Moser - 4
Flavian Dailey - 2
Ivan Tomac - 3
Frank Greene - 1
Ivan King - 3

The K-8 players won the third place trophy in their category, which included only three full middle school teams. Their scores were:

Becket Greene - 3.5
James Waliser - 2
Victor Vargas - 2
Maur Dailey - 2
Cosmas Dailey - 2







Basketball

St. Vincent's Academy is fielding a junior high team for boys in grades 7-8, and a varsity team for boys in grades 9-12. Mr. Chris Stockard and Mr. Matt Deister are coaching again this year. Below is this year's schedule.

Mon Jan 13 -
JrH 4:00pm & Var. 5:00pm | Red Bridge Methodist (636 E 117th St, KC MO)
Wed Jan 15 -
Var. 5:00pm & JrH 6:30pm | Guadalupe Centers HS (1524 The Paseo, KC MO)
Fri Jan 17 -
Var. 5:00pm | Frontier STEM High School (6455 E Commerce Ave, KC MO)
Mon Jan 20 -
JrH 4:30pm & Var. 5:30pm | Midland Adventist (6915 Maurer Rd. Shawnee KS)
Tue Jan 21 -
Var. 4:30pm | Christ the King (8510 Wornall Rd, KC MO)
Thu Jan 23 -
JrH 4:15pm & Var. 5:30pm | Christ the King (8510 Wornall Rd, KC MO)
Mon Jan 27 -
JrH 4:30pm & Var. 6:30pm | City Center Fitness (17450 W 87th St, Lenexa KS)
Thu Jan 30 -
Var. 5:00pm | New Covenant Fellowship (30815 State Hwy F, Garden City, MO)
Fri Jan 31 -
Var. 5:00pm | Elm Grove Baptist Church (15774 Linwood Rd, Bonner Springs, KS)
Mon Feb 3 -
Var. 5:00pm & JrH 6:30pm | Christ the King (8510 Wornall Rd, KC MO)
Wed Feb 5 -
Var. - 4:30pm | Hy-Vee Arena (1800 Genessee St, KC MO)
Thu Feb 6 -
JrH 4:45pm & Var. 6:00pm | Christ the King (8510 Wornall Rd, KC MO)
Tue Feb 11 -
Var. 6:00pm | Frontier School of Excellence (5605 Troost Ave, KC MO)
Wed Feb 12 -
Var. 4:30pm | Christ the King (8510 Wornall Rd, KC MO)
Mon Feb 17 -
JrH 5:30pm & Var. 6:45pm | Christ the King (8510 Wornall Rd, KC MO)



The St. Francis Xavier Tri-sport intramural tournament was won by the Rochester Jeffersons.

Snow Days

The resuming of classes after the Christmas vacation was postponed for two days due to the ice and snow that hit the area on January 4-5.





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Upcoming Events

Jan. 24	Franciscan Sisters' slide presentation
Jan. 25	Adult Catechism
Feb. 6	Book Club
Feb. 7	Parent/Teacher meetings
Feb. 8	Adult catechism
Feb. 19	Third Order St. Pius X
Feb. 19-25	No School - mid winter vacation
Feb. 21	SSPX perpetual adoration
Feb. 21-23	Song at the Scaffold
Feb. 22	Adult catechism
Mar. 5	Ash Wednesday

Song at the Scaffold



February 21 - 23, 2025

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