

# St. Vincent de Paul
## Catholic Church and Academy News

February 2025

# Parish News

## Holy Name Society

Fr. Daniel Muscha spoke in his sermon about the necessity for men to work for the reign of Christ the King in our hearts and families, in our churches and schools, and in our countries and government. The Holy Name Society under the direction of their pastor provides guidance, leadership and unity to the men so that they might more effectively serve Christ the King!

Engagements of new members into the Holy Name Society took place after the 9:30 a.m. High Mass on Sunday, January 12.

The new members are:

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| Brad Miller | Danny Rausch | Matthew Buczkowski | Daniel Marta |
| Tom Upman | Joseph Nienaber | Zachary Warren | Tobias Sickler |

Those interested in joining the Holy Name Society can email svdphns@gmail.com for information.



Fr. Muscha and members of the Holy Name Society after the High Mass and engagement ceremony.

# Priors' Corner

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Dear Friends,

"Give me leave to do my utmost." This great cry from the heart of the artist, says Isak Dinesen (Karen Blixen) in her novelette, "Babette's Feast," goes through all the world. An artist would not do less than his best – he is compelled to give his all, to put his whole soul into his art; to do otherwise would be a torment.

"Give me leave to do my utmost!" We might say this is the great cry from the Heart of the Divine Artist of souls, Our Lord Jesus Christ. "Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them unto the end." (Jn. 13:1) Onto the end – to His very utmost. Our Lord's one desire was to pour out His Blood to the last drop, in testimony of His love for His Father, and to win the hearts of men to love His Father as He, the Divine Son. He would give His all, nothing less would do, even though in strict justice the smallest offering would satisfy the justice of God.

Fr. Bede Jarrett explains:

> The least action of our Blessed Lord would have been sufficient to have redeemed all mankind. He was God, and His least action was an action of infinite obedience and love of His Father. His suffering was not imposed on Him by divine justice, but it was deliberately chosen. He chose it, and so fulfilled the richest way of generosity. The justice of God would have been content with the least; that would satisfy it; the generosity of God would be content only with the most it could give: "Greater love than this no man hath, that he lay down his life."

This is the spirit with which we want to enter the sacred season of Lent. We want our Lenten efforts to be motivated by a desire to give our all, to do our utmost. Because Our Lord has given, and gives, His utmost for us. He yet pours out His Divine Heart; His love remains what it was on Calvary:

> On Calvary, God signed His book of love; He put His own initials of indefectibility upon the decision taken, signed with blood shed without a thought of return or regret. He signed it for Easter morning; He signed it for better or for worse. That is love…. For in all love there is valor: the valor, which is not afraid to cry, to offer, to carry, to endure. – Fr. de Chivré

Holy Mother Church in Lent encourages us to do penance, by which we make reparation for our sins, and fortify our soul against future falls. It is charity, our desire to love, that gives value to these efforts.

Let us ask Our Savior for a heart of valor: that we not be afraid to cry, to offer, to endure. Because that is love. And we, with Him, would "love unto the end."

Yours, in the Sacred Heart,

Fr. Gerard Beck

Prior

## Franciscan Sisters of Christ the King - 25th Anniversary

To commemorate the 25th anniversary of their founding, the Franciscan Sisters gave a slide presentation on the history of their order to the parish on Friday, January 24. Sr. Mary Bernard gave a moving account of the beginnings of the order in Eugene, Oregon by Fr. Eugene Heidt and Mother Herlinda, and their move to Kansas City, to a packed parish hall. Refreshments were enjoyed after the presentation and the Sisters were able to visit with the faithful.

The anniversary was celebrated on Sunday, February 2, with the blessing of candles, procession and Solemn High Mass at the convent. The Mass was celebrated by the District Superior Fr. John Fullerton, assisted by Fr. Gerard Beck and Fr. Robert Buchiani.

After the luncheon and words from Mother Mary Joseph and Sr. Mary Clare, Mother was presented with a statue of St. Vincent de Paul on behalf of St. Vincent's parish, in gratitude for the blessings received from the Sisters teaching in the academy, and most especially their continued prayers for St. Vincent's.











# Academy News

## High School Boys Rome Trip

The Junior and Senior boys accompanied by Father Scott Graves, Mr. Joseph Tardiff and Mr. Chris Stegall went on a pilgrimage to Rome during the Christmas break, from December 27 - January 10.

The boys said they gained a new perspective of the world abroad and the timelessness of the Church. They enjoyed seeing things in person that they had only heard or learned about. They were in awe of the majesty of what they saw and wish to express their gratitude to Fr. Graves and the chaperones for the wonderful trip.

The boys gave an enjoyable slide presentation of their trip after both Masses on Sunday, January 26.

The Junior and Senior girls will be going to Rome during Easter break April 22 - May 2.



Near the Church of Sts. John and Paul, which is up against the ancient city walls.



Tour of the ruins of Herculenaeum, an ancient city near Mount Vesuvius, Pompeii, and modern Naples.



Praying at the relics of St. Paul's at the Basilica of St Paul.




In front of the Church of St. John Lateran (the Lateran Palace).



Enjoying proper Italian pizza near the SSPX chapel in Rome where Fr. Graves offered Mass most days.

## Spelling Bee

On January 16 the Grades 3 - 8 students participated in the Spelling Bee at the Tracy Campus gymnasium. The students who won their class spelling bee for the privilege to participate were:

- 3rd Gr.: Joey McMaster and Jack McMaster
- 4th Gr.: Harper Jacobs and Damian Gonzales
- 5th Gr.: Scarlet Ferraro and Thomas McMaster
- 6th Gr.: Alissia Hammerbacher and Thomas Pince
- 7th Gr.: Natalie McMaster and Larry Reuter
- 8th Gr.: Sofia Lusterio and Felix Thomas



Natalie McMaster won the Spelling Bee with the winning word: Conspiratorial. Scarlet Ferraro took 2nd place, and Larry Reuter 3rd place.

Natalie McMaster went on to score in the top one-third of spellers in the 2025 Semifinal. She represented St. Vincent de Paul Academy in the Mid-Continent Public Library Championship Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 1 and was eliminated on the first round.

## Chess

### Rockhurst Tournament

The chess team competed at the Rockhurst Tournament on February 2. Our high school team took the first place trophy. High school results (number of wins out of 6 games) were:

Ethan Sestak - 4
Ivan Tomac - 3
Flavian Dailey - 3
Quintin Dailey - 3
Jonas Moser - 3
Leo Hodal - 2.5

The middle school team also took first place. Their results were:

Cosmas Dailey - 4.5
James Waliser - 4
Maur Dailey - 3
Gavin Wohletz - 1.5
Jack Sestak - 4
Vito Ferraro - 3.5
Thomas Hodal - 2.5



### Lawrence Tournament

The chess team competed on Saturday, March 1 in the tournament in Lawrence. The high school team came in 6th out of seven teams.

Jonas Moser 2-2-2
Flavian Dailey 2-3-1
Ivan King 3-3-0
Frank Greene 1-6-0

The middle school team received the second place trophy.

Tim Maney 4-2-0
Cosmas Dailey 2-4-0
Becket Greene 1-5-0
Maur Dailey 4-2-0
James Waliser 1-5-0



## *Song at the Scaffold*

The *Song at the Scaffold* was performed by the high school students at the H & R Block Theater at Union Station from February 21-23 and was directed by Miss Rebecca Heatwole.

The play is the story of the 16 Discalced Carmelite Martyrs of Compiègne, who offered their lives as a sacrifice to end the Reign of Terror in Revolutionary France. Tried in the "Courtroom of Freedom" on July 17, 1794, they were convicted as "fanatics" and went to the guillotine that same day. Ten days later, the Terror ended with execution of Robespierre.

The martyrs were beautified by Pope St. Pius X in 1906, and declared saints by Pope Francis in 2024.

















## Basketball

The Hawks Varsity team ended their season with an exciting victory over St. Marys on Wednesday, February 26 at Christ the King.

Their final record was a very respectable 10-11.

The Junior High team finished 3 -10.

Many thanks to our dedicated coaches, Chris Stockard and Matt Deister.









Fans sing the Hawks fight song, *Ave Vincenti.*



The Forty Holy Martyrs Intramural Frisbee Tournament was won by the Hoopla & Ruckus.



First grade at the Kauffman Center KinderKonzert.







## KinderKonzert

The kindergarten class attend a KinderKonzert at the Kauffman Center on Wednesday, February 26. After the concert they went to the Convent of Christ the King for lunch and recess with the Sisters.

AUCTION TO BENEFIT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ACADEMY

*A Spring Soirée*

Saturday, May 10, 2025

4:00 pm Registration & Cocktails
4:00 - 5:30 pm Silent Auction
5:30 - 6:00 pm Dining Room Opens
Hors' d'oeuvres/Cocktails/Ambient Music
6:00 pm Dinner Is Served
7:00 - 8:30 pm LIVE Auction

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## Upcoming Events

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| Mar. 15 | ARS Rosary and Conference |
| Mar. 15 | Servers' Practice |
| Mar. 16 | St. Joseph Table |
| Mar. 19 | Third Order of St. Pius X |
| Mar. 22 | Adult Catechism |
| Mar. 22 | Parent Conference |
| Apr. 3 | Ladies' Book Club |
| Apr. 6 | HNS Meeting |
| Apr. 7 | Kindergarten Roundup |
| Apr.7-9 | Parish Mission |
| Apr. 17-25 | No school - Easter Vacation |
| Apr. 20 | EASTER |

## Lenten Schedule

### Stations of the Cross during Lent

Fridays at 3:30 & 7:00 p.m.
with Confessions at 6:30 p.m.

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