



# St. Vincent de Paul

## Catholic Church and Academy News

January/February 2024

### Society of St. Pius X Foreign Missions



#### Fr. Peter Scott - Nigeria

Father Peter Scott made a visit to Kansas City on December 17 following the priests' retreat in Winona, MN. Father Scott is the former Society of St. Pius X district superior of the United States and a former pastor of St. Vincent's. He has been stationed in Nigeria for the past four years.

Donated books were collected for the mission in Nigeria.

#### Fr. Agustin Rovagnati - South America

Fr. Agustin Rovagnati gave an entertaining and informative presentation to the parish on the South American apostolate of the SSPX on Friday, January 26. Father had an opportunity to meet the faithful

who attended a reception following the talk. Earlier in the day Father visited students at the Flora and Tracy campuses.



#### How to Donate to the Foreign Missions:

- Donate Online: <https://spx.gifts/collections/frontpage/products/foreign-missions-trust>
- Please make out checks or money orders in US dollars only to "Society of Saint Pius X Foreign Mission Trust," and mail to:

Society of Saint Pius X Foreign Mission Trust  
PO Box 206  
Farley, MO 64028.

# Priors' Corner

Dear Friends,

We find ourselves but a few days away from the holy season of Lent, the season of mercy par excellence, a time of precious opportunity and of grace.

*“Behold! Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation!”* – Epistle, 1st Sunday of Lent

*“Thus saith the Lord: Be converted to me with all your heart, in fasting, and in weeping, and in mourning. And rend your hearts and not your garments, and turn to the Lord your God: for He is gracious and merciful, patient and rich in mercy.”* – Epistle, Ash Wednesday

Mother Church with these words calls us to conversion. By sin we have turned our backs on God; She would that by our Lenten effort we turn back to Him. Fully confident in the Merciful Heart of Jesus, Lent is for the Church a time of sorrow for sin, but also of joyful hope:

*“Lo! The gate of penance is thrown open, O ye that love God! Come, then, let us joyfully go in, before Christ shut it against us as being unworthy to enter.”*

*“This day, O ye that love God! begins the fast, which is to prepare our souls and bodies by expiation, and infuse into our hearts the generous light of the sacred and venerable Passion of Christ.”*

*“Let us, O ye people! enter on our fast with a glad heart; for lo! the spiritual combat begins.”*

Ancient hymn proclaiming the beginning of Lent (Dom Gueranger's Liturgical Year)

Spiritual combat. A combat against the Enemy of God, and against the selfishness that leaves the soul vulnerable in the battle for the Kingdom of Heaven.

*“The soul of each Christian is a veritable battleground in which every inch of territory is fought for by contending forces. Each deliberate act represents these portions of terrain that are fought for. The issue sways to and fro, according as the will throws itself on the side of Christ or on the side of self. The issue hangs in the balance to the end, though the course of one's life can allow a fairly trustworthy conjecture as to the outcome of the struggle.”* – Father Edward Leen

Lent is a time of renewed commitment to Christ and to a Christ-like life. We step back from the world, and the things that draw us into the world and its blindness, its fascination and love for the unreal. We mortify our passions, our appetites, by penance. We fortify our hearts by sacrifice. And all of that is out of love: we would serve God with an undivided heart, with a truly Christian heart. We would stand with Him in the battle against the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Let us be generous, as Our Lord is generous. Let us show real gratitude for the Cross He embraced on our behalf, and let our Lent be one of solidarity with Him on Calvary.

Yours, in the Suffering Christ,

Fr. Gerard Beck  
Prior

## Altar & Rosary Society

Fr. Daniel Muscha preached a day of recollection to nearly 65 women of the parish on December 9. Father preached on the spirituality of St. Therese.

The ladies raised \$810 at their bake sale on December 10. This money will help in replacing linens for the altars.

A 2024 schedule of conferences for women will be forthcoming.

## Archconfraternity of St. Stephen

The Archconfraternity of St. Stephen advancement ceremony was held on Saturday, December 16 during the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Altar servers who were advanced are:

<b>JUNIOR ACOLYTE:</b>	James Waliser	Aidan Klingerman	<b>SENIOR</b>	Jack Sestak
Christopher	Stephen Wagner	Benjamin	<b>ACOLYTE:</b>	Ivan King
Weishaar	Cosmos Dailey	McMaster	Stephen Fernandes	
Thomas Pince	Theodore Greene		Felix Thomas	
Raphael Hamtil	Joshua Carlisle		Nick Drumm	
Xavior Dubay	Louis Tofari		Maur Dailey	

## Holy Name Society

New members were enrolled following the High Mass on Sunday, January 14. New officers for 2024 are:

President: Kenny Engholm • Vice President: Steve Hohman  
Secretary: John Dinkel • Treasurer: John Emery



# Academy News

## Flora Campus

### Pickleball Tournament

The 5-7 grade pickleball tournament was won by Lawrence Reuter.



### Basketball

The season is drawing to a close with final games being played:

- Monday February 5: Home vs Whitefield Academy 5:00 p.m. Junior High & 6:15 p.m. Junior Varsity at Christ the King Gym.
- Tuesday February 13: Chesterton Academy vs the Hawks at 5:00 p.m. Junior Varsity at HyVee Arena.

### Chess Tournaments

The Rockhurst Chess tournament was held on January 20.

K-5 won first place as a team despite being one man short of the full team. K-8 was second place in their division.





## Linda Hall Library

Mrs. Leslie Carlise took the 10 and 11/12 grade boys to the Linda Hall Library for Science, Engineering and Technology.

They received a brief history and tour of the library. Since 1946, it has been collecting documents relating to science and engineering. The library has over 42 miles of books on its shelves in 86 languages.

The curators pulled books relevant to the classes' study of physics and automobile design and testing. The boys were able to touch and turn the pages of some books over 500 years old: original books by Copernicus, Galileo, and Sir Isaac Newton. Also an academic notebook by a 13 year old girl studying under the tutelage of a priest in France after the French Revolution, containing diagrams and calculations for geometry and star charts and physics.

## Tracy Campus

### St. Nicholas Day

Miss Grace Blake and Miss Parisa Taheri arrived early to prepare pancakes, sausage and eggs for the 7 - 12th grade girls, in appreciation for all the work

they do for the school throughout the year. The High school Girls placed stockings outside of the K-8 Grade classroom during the 2nd period.



### Christmas Break

The Christmas break was extended by five days due to snow and ice. The students at the Tracy campus took advantage of snow when classes resumed.

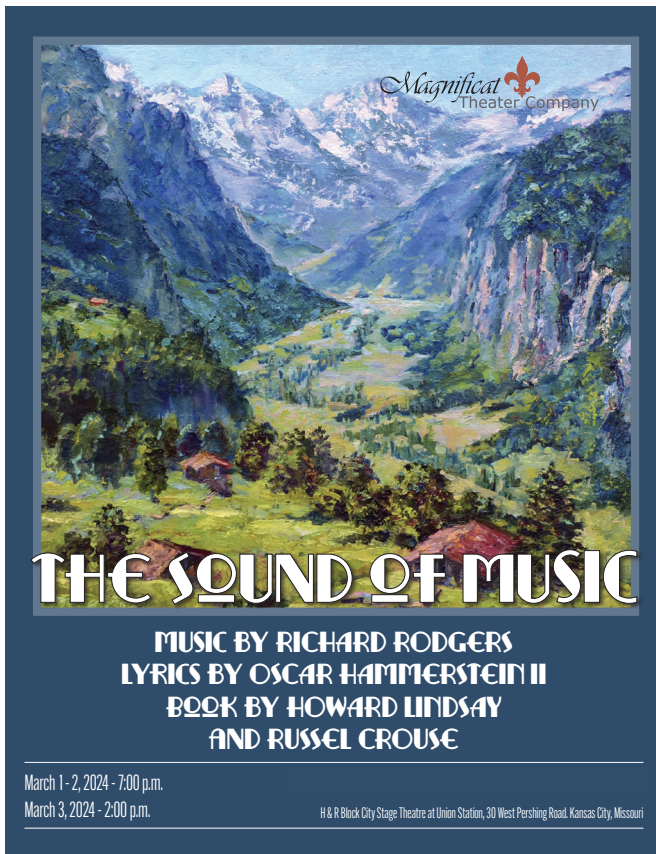


## Academy Christmas Concert

On Friday, December 15 the academy Christmas Concert was held at the Mohart Center. Students of the domestic arts classes had baked Christmas cookies which were served after the concert.

If you were unable to attend the concert, Michael Sestak has kindly made a video which can be viewed here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hi\\_TnQol7TQ&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hi_TnQol7TQ&feature=youtu.be)





## *The Sound of Music*

The students will perform *The Sound of Music* from March 1 - 3 at Union Station. Email [magnificattheater@gmail.com](mailto:magnificattheater@gmail.com) for tickets: 10 pack for \$70; \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door.



## Spelling Bee

The Spelling Bee was held in the Tracy gymnasium on Friday, January 12.

Congratulations to Lily Pince for achieving first place, Bridget Pince for second place, and Jonas Moser for third place.

Lily will be representing St. Vincent's Academy at the regional spelling bee in March.

The spelling bee classroom winners were :

Damian Gonzales	3rd grade
Liam Miller	3rd grade
Scarlet Ferraro	4th grade
Benjamin McMaster	4th grade
Thomas Pince	5th grade
Catherine Onochie	5th grade
Bridget Pince	6th grade
Averton Gonzalas	6th grade
Christian Hamilton	6th grade
Lilly Pince	7th grade
Becket Greene	7th grade
Emily Waliser	7th grade
Jonas Moser	8th grade

## 40 HOURS DEVOTIONS

### Sunday, February 11, 2024

7:30 a.m. Low Mass

9:30 a.m. High Mass, followed by procession of the Blessed Sacrament, and all day Exposition ending at 9:00 p.m.

### Monday, February 12

8:00 a.m. Exposition ending at 9:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, February 13

8:00 a.m. Exposition

10:30 a.m. High Mass, procession and reposition

Please visit <https://www.stvincentkc.org/events> to sign up for holy hours on these dates to ensure all hours are covered.

## LENTEN SCHEDULE

### Ash Wednesday - February 14, 2024

Mass times:

7:00 a.m. Low Mass (ashes blessed and distributed at beginning of Mass)

8:15 a.m. High Mass (ashes blessed and distributed at the beginning of Mass.)

6:30 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. Low Mass (ashes distributed at the end of Mass.)

### Stations of the Cross during Lent

Fridays at 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.

## Save the Date

St. Vincent de Paul Academy

## BENEFIT AUCTION

Saturday April 27, 2024

*Goin' to Kansas City*

Mark One Electric  
1414 Genessee, Kansas City, MO

Catered by Zarda BBQ

To make a donation, purchase raffle tickets or advertise as a patron, visit <https://go.rallyup.com/svdpauction2024/Campaign/Details>.

For auction forms and information visit <https://sites.google.com/view/svdpauction2024/home>.

## Upcoming Events

Feb. 8	Book Club
Feb. 9	No school - Parent/Teacher conferences
Feb. 10	Adult Catechism
Feb. 11	HNS meeting
Feb. 11	Super Bowl Chili
Feb. 11-13	40 Hours Devotions
Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday
Feb. 17	Men's day of recollection
Feb. 19	Academy Parent meeting
Feb. 21	Third Order meeting
Feb. 22	SSPX Perpetual Adoration
Feb. 24	Adult Catechism
Feb. 26 - Mar. 1	Academy Winter break
Feb. 28	Third Order of St. Pius X meeting
Mar. 1-3	The Sound of Music
Mar. 10-14	Lenten Parish Mission
Mar. 17	St. Joseph Table
Mar. 24	Palm Sunday
Mar. 25-30	Holy Week
Mar. 28 - Apr. 5	Easter vacation
Mar. 31	EASTER
Apr. 27	Academy Auction