

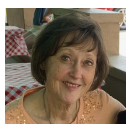
# Society of St. Vincent de Paul

## Quarterly Newsletter

A Vincentians at our Ozanam Sunday Party



Based in the offices of St. Thomas Church, the Ann Arbor SVdP conference collaborates closely with local social workers to pinpoint individuals and families requiring assistance. Once identified, SVdP members assess the most effective aid, be it financial assistance, home visits, resource referrals, or other forms of support. Our members live out their vocation by providing companionship, encouragement, and prayers during challenging times for those in need.



## President's Note

from Sara Carriere, SVdP President

Dear Friends,

In this picture we are celebrating fellowship as we celebrate the Feast Day of our patron saint, St. Vincent de Paul. We prayed for guidance as we shared ideas for the future and told of our wonderful encounters with our neighbors. As you read this Quarterly Newsletter, **we invite you to participate in our Faith Walk**. When the government agencies ran out of funds in August **you** were there to keep the lights on, keep them in their home, and give their children security. When "Beverly" came in asking for gas money because she was fleeing her abusive drug dealer husband **you** listened to her traumatic story. Because of her deep faith in Christ, she ended up praying for **you!!** Truly, what sets us apart from other agencies is listening to the stories of our Neighbors, participating in their suffering and sharing with the the Hope of the Risen Christ.

Sara, Vincentian



*St. Vincent de Paul and the children*

## ADVENT NEWS

Our Advent Canister tradition is a prayerful and joyful way to mark Advent and prepare for Christ's birth. The canisters will be available at the entrances to the Church in late November. Pick one up and each time you add your loose change, or dollar bills or a check think of those in need and how Jesus loved them. Your family can return their Advent canister on Christmas Day.,

We thank you in advance for participating.

**We could really use your help: PLEASE DONATE TODAY** at the St. Thomas the Apostle Church website:

[www.sta2.org/church/giving](http://www.sta2.org/church/giving)

or by mail: 530 Elizabeth St. Ann Arbor, MI 48104

## The Giving Tree

The Knights of Columbus and SVdP will again be partnering to present the Christmas Giving Tree at St. Thomas.

The tree will be set up in the back of the Church at the end of November. The gift tags are asking for gift cards, monetary donations , paper products, blankets, sheets and a variety of other items to be used to help our Neighbors in Need.

Please take a tag and lend your support. You'll be helping a family have a special Christmas.

### AIM OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Our focus is on the practical approach to dealing with poverty by working person-to-person contact through family visits.

### BY THE NUMBERS

In the past quarter, July, August & September we have assisted 218 people with rent, utility and car repair help. We spent \$30,887. We also made 40 Blessing Bag visits.