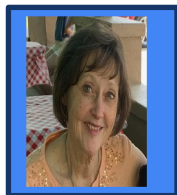


Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Quarterly Newsletter

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President's Note

Sara Carriere, SVdP President

Dear Friends,

What a joy it is to serve Christ with one's hands and feet! We have helped 270 neighbors with rent and utilities in the first quarter of this year. Our Home Visits have grown from 8 a month to 16. It is YOUR prayers and donations which allow Christ to touch the hearts of so many. Thank you from the bottom of our heart for your generosity through the Lenten dinner and the Lenten Cross.

For Blessed Frederic Ozanam co-founder of SVdP and St. Vincent de Paul our patron saint **charity was inseparable from spiritual friendship and mutual transformation**, challenging members to continual conversion and growth in holiness. In these times we are being challenged to give even more. Give until it feels good, really good! God Bless you!

See you in church,
Sara, Vincentian

Fellowship

April 26 – Ozanam Sunday – Honoring our Founder Blessed Frederick Ozanam

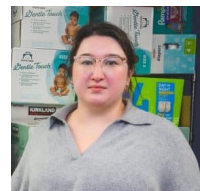
May 3 - Detroit Council Annual Meeting

May 9 - 9:00am Mass celebrated for our deceased Neighbors in Need

May 9 - Feast of St. Louise de Marillac, do-founder with St. Vincent de Paul of the Daughters of Charity. The Daughters of Charity are devoted to serving the poorest and most abandoned individuals in today's society.

Service to our Neighbors

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul partners with many of our local nonprofits to help our Neighbors in Need. One of those is SOS Community Services in Ypsilanti. Here is a letter we received from Nesli Erisgen, Development Manager at SOS:



Dear Friends at St. Vincent de Paul,

Thank you for your kind message and for the incredible partnership between SOS Community Services and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. We are deeply grateful for your compassion and commitment to serving our community.

At SOS, we support individuals and families facing housing instability and financial hardship. While our team provides case management and housing support, partners like St. Vincent de Paul are essential in meeting urgent needs that can make the difference between stability and crisis. Your Assistance Ministry helps fill critical gaps—whether covering rent, security deposits, or utility bills—often preventing homelessness before it occurs.

One recent example highlights this impact. A client in our Rapid Rehousing program had secured housing and was ready to move in, but a \$300 DTE bill stood in the way of turning on utilities. Because of partners like you, we were able to resolve the bill that Friday, and the client moved into their home that Monday. What could have been a delay became a moment of stability and hope.

This partnership reflects the power of a coordinated community response. Together, we can provide both immediate relief and long-term support to our neighbors in need.

Thank you for standing alongside SOS in this work.



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.



Why am I a Vincentian

Some may wonder why I am a Vincentian and why my husband, Dennis, and I were drawn to St. Vincent de Paul. My husband was looking for a volunteer opportunity when Bernadine “selected” him for SVDP. I was curious about what SVDP does so my husband and I became a home visit team. This is a unique opportunity as SVDP advocates for visiting people in their homes to bring assistance rather than having them come to us. It is truly a humbling and enriching experience. Dennis and I met so many amazing, courageous, and holy people during almost 4 years of home visits and have been brought even closer to Christ as a result. We now consider our visits “date night” as we go out to eat after our visit!



Yours in Christ, Dennis and Noel Wys

Be a G.E.M. (Gives Every Month)

Every day families in our area and our Parish need help. Every day families turn to Vincentian volunteers for aid - aid that you can help deliver by giving monthly. When you become a GEM (Gives Every Month) you extend a hand of hope directly into the homes of those in need.

A GEM is committed to helping each and every day by making an online donation once a month. If you'd like to become an SVDP GEM please see the link below:

sta2.org/church/.giving

If you'd like to discuss becoming a GEM with a Vincentian, please contact:

Carol Dick at tdcd40@comcast.net

By the Numbers

ASSISTED	3 rd QTR 2025	4 th QTR 2025	1 st QTR 2026
Households	126	106	105
Adults	157	131	135
Children	196	141	122
Home Visits	40	37	45
\$ Provided	\$39,843	\$33,033	\$28,792

Quote of the Quarter

Charity is the cement which binds Communities to God and persons to one another . . .



St. Vincent de Paul

Vincentian Home Visit



Our Vincentians visited Roxanne who suffers from Lupus as well as several other ailments that cause her to be in

constant pain. She was grateful that we could pay her DTE bill as her only income source is Social Security Disability. Through all this Roxanne is working with Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists to find a job that can be worked remotely. The visit concluded with personal prayer and the Lord's Prayer. Roxanne was pleased with the visit and expressed that she felt our Vincentians listened to her and understood her plight. Please pray for Roxanne.

We could really use your help: PLEASE DONATE TODAY

We are experiencing a surge in requests for assistance and are currently running low on funds and are appealing, once again, to your generosity. Please prayerfully consider a donation to SVDP so we can continue

to help our Neighbors in Need. The link below will take you to our Parish website area for donations or use the QR code to donate.

www.sta2.org/church/giving

or by mail:

530 Elizabeth St.

Ann Arbor, MI 48104.



Are you being called to serve Christ as a volunteer for St. Vincent DePaul Society?

Contact us at barbleenorman@gmail.com or 734 761-8606 extension #8."

