



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

St. Mary of the Annunciation Conference

Helping those in need with basics for human dignity

So, our vocation is to go...to set people's hearts on fire, to do what the Son of God did. He came to set the world on fire in order to inflame it with His love.

- St. Vincent de Paul

Intake Line: 224-522-8863

NO DISTINCTION IN THOSE WE SERVE – IN THEM WE SEE THE FACE OF CHRIST

SINCE MARCH 25, 1993 – 25 YEARS AT ST. MARY

Lord, we ask you to continue to bless the people who came into our lives in fiscal year 2017

We served 85 people (32 home visits & multiple follow up visits/phone calls). There were five occasions to serve clients thru collaboration with other local SVdP Conferences (Santa Maria and St. Bede). Due to the flooding in Mundelein this past July, 8 seniors received direct aid from St. Mary/SVdP. We worked closely with Lake County Community Development, Fremont Township and the SVdP Thrift Store to offer much needed assistance.

Total client aid \$22,154.
- Donations: Pasta Party raised \$4,706. Alms for the Needy box collections in the narthex were \$7,977. 100% of monies were used for client aid and food purchases.

We are grateful to parishioners present and past for making good works of charity possible. We are honored to serve in the name of

Christ, our parish community, and those who have left us enduring gifts so that our works may be generous and benefit those in need for many, many years to come.

Witness to the Love of God

The Society is an international non-profit, charitable organization. Vincentian members are called by God to improve the lives of people facing homelessness, economic adversity, and emergency-need situations

- putting faith into action
- motivated by love
- serving personally with sympathy, humility, compassion and respect

Volunteer Vincentians

Members traveled almost 2,100 miles and combined served 1,575 hours. We meet the first and third Tuesdays each month in the parish meeting rooms.

Please email svdpkda@gmail.com if you're interested in volunteering or knowing more.

Impact on our Local Community

Vincentians extend the good deeds of other human concerns ministries at St. Mary and bring the love of our parish to those in need. Serving Fremont Township, parts of Avon Township, areas in Mundelein, and alongside other local area St. Vincent de Paul Conferences when they ask us to help support an extraordinary need. **When there is someone in need outside our area, not covered by another SVdP Conference, we do our best to step in and offer aid, resources and friendship. St. Mary is a steadfast partner to Holy Family Food Pantry in Waukegan which provides continual nourishment and care for the poor and suffering. In 2017, we offered a meal to feed the hungry at our campus PADS shelter, as well as fed over 140 at Emmaus House of Hospitality in Lake Zurich.**



Youth and Adult Volunteers are Needed – Are you called to serve in this ministry?

Email svdpkda@gmail.com if you're interested in volunteering or knowing more.

SPECIAL EVENTS THAT SERVE THE POOR & THE SUFFERING

Food Collections: Easter, Thanksgiving & Christmas. St. Mary Parishioners generously donate food for families served by SVdP and families who utilize Holy Family Food Pantry in Waukegan.

We coordinate the food collection, organize donations, and distribute food to families and the pantry.

School Supply Collection: It's hard to imagine, but families served by SVdP, Catholic Charities and families at our local schools can't afford the basics for back to school. SVdP coordinates the collection, organizes donations and distributes supplies to families and local school partners.

Pasta Party: This event is our single annual fundraiser; 100% of the proceeds go to serving the poor in our local area. It takes many hands and hearts to ensure a joyful event that draws our parish community together in the mission of serving the poor and suffering.

Bundle Weekend: A new annual/semi-annual event where we collect clothing, small furniture and household items at St. Mary. We bring the convenience of donating to the SVdP Thrift Store right to our parish campus.

Professional Services Volunteer:

People who call us benefit from specific services that improve their lives. We try to work with people that are like-hearted about helping the poor and suffering. Services commonly needed: home repair, auto repair, or computer literacy.

HOME VISITS, PERSON TO PERSON

Pass Along Our Intake Line to those in need: 224-522-8863

People in need of help reach out to us or are referred to us by another agency. Our teams of two Vincentians travel to visit with the family in their home to share support & friendship, collect information, and determine resources to help.

In them we see the face of Christ.

THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEER

The SVdP Thrift Store is in need of volunteers for various areas of store operations. The store plays an important role in our ability to serve the poor. The voucher program provides those in need with clothes, furniture, and household items. To inquire about volunteering, call the Libertyville store at 847-367-4700.

ADMINISTRATIVE

With every meeting, every event, and every home visit, there are administrative responsibilities. If you're inclined to this type of work, we need you to assist our conference under the guidance of the president and secretary.

Prayer Before a Home Visit

Father, we ask You to provide all that we need as we do the work You have given us. Fill our hearts with Your love, help us to listen with compassion and to speak with kindness and confidence. Clear the way before us, so that those we visit

will be able to receive not only the material goods, but also Your love and blessing.

Jesus, we are going out in obedience to Your command to love. We pray for the grace to love with purity and strength, not mindful of our own comfort or honor, but seeking to comfort and honor those who have called out to us. We ask Your peace on their household and Your help in being peacemakers.

Holy Spirit, inspire us with joy and patience. Be at work in us to bring good news to the downcast, to heal the broken hearted, to be witnesses of the love of Christ. Stir in us the fire of Your love, and guide us with discernment, wisdom, generosity and kindness.

Prayer of the Vincentian Family

Lord Jesus, you who willed to become poor, give us eyes and a heart directed toward the poor; help us to recognize you in them – in their thirst, their hunger, their loneliness, and their misfortune. Enkindle within our Vincentian Family unity, simplicity, humility and the fire of love that burned in St. Vincent de Paul. Strengthen us, so that, faithful to the practice of these virtues, we may contemplate you and serve you in the person of the poor, and may one day be united with you and them in your Kingdom. Amen

Diapers Make a Difference

We participate in Diaper Depot, a diaper bank program of Catholic Charities. When a family in need is facing hardship and struggling with bills, it's helpful that SVdP can provide diapers for a few months, allowing a family some relief as they use their income to pay for rent, utilities, gasoline or food.

