



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

April 27, 2022

Hello Fellow Parishioners,

As I am sure most of you know, St. Mark's has had a very active conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP) for many years. Our mission is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy. As Vincentians, we see Christ in anyone who suffers, come together as a family, have personal contact with the poor, and help in all possible ways.

We assist those who need our support by giving food vouchers that they can spend at grocery stores, as well as vouchers they can use at the SSVP store. We have a Feed-a-Child program where we give financial assistance once a month to parents of school-aged children to help with the cost of lunches. Other projects include annual financial support for post-secondary students in families in need of assistance and sponsoring a number of children for summer camp.

Like many other charities, our revenue has decreased significantly over the last couple of years, since the Covid-19 pandemic began, and I am circulating this message in the hope of increasing that revenue.

We are most grateful for the support you have given us, using the monthly SSVP donation envelopes. Many parishioners do not use these envelopes, however, and you may be unaware of our work in the community. I ask that you please consider donating, perhaps monthly, for this purpose. All donations, large and small, are put to good use, helping our friends in need.

We are always pleased to welcome new members as well, and to share this opportunity to live our faith. By working together, and with the generous donations of our parishioners, we can make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

Sincerely,

Mary Baskin
Secretary
St. Mark's Conference
Society of Saint Vincent de Paul