



Society of St. Vincent de Paul Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church

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"No work of charity is foreign to the society"

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Upcoming SVDP Events

Lenten Toiletries Collection for the Homeless

Feb. 14 thru 25

Monthly SVDP Black Box Collections:

Jan. 27/28

Feb. 24/25

Mar. 31/31

Apr. 27/28

May 25/26

Jun. 29/30

Baby Shower Collection

May 4 thru May 12



Fall Coat & Sweater Drive

Thanks to all who donated your gently used coats, sweaters, and men's shoes/clothing this past November —the most donations ever! Our SVDP members sorted and delivered the items to St. Ann SVDP and St. Alphonsus SVDP — a most welcome delivery as the cooler weather was setting in.



Atonement parishioner selecting a special angel gift to give.

240 Angel Tree Gifts Delivered to Happy Families in Need!

Hours of planning, organization, coordination, and selfless efforts go into the annual SVDP **Angel Tree project**. We are so grateful to our parishioners who made this another successful year, with 240 gifts delivered to families with much need. Here are a few responses from several of the gift recipients.

"Thank you so much for all the help; the kids had such a good Christmas because of it."

"Omg me and my son are speechless. The gifts were more than we expected. Thank you so much!"

"Thank you!! ... got out of the hospital yesterday. Living in my car. I greatly appreciate everything!! More than I can say."

"I just wanted to say thank you so much for such beautiful gift. It brought so much joy to my heart and a smile to my face which is something I haven't had lately. Praise God and may He bless all of you!"

"Thank you so much again! We are truly thankful. Merry Christmas."

This year, thanks to our Atonement Catholic Academy National Honor Society, we were blessed with an abundance of "surplus" gifts! These were donated to the Holy Family SVDP organization, which had a shortage of gifts that could be supplied in their parish. We were very glad to be able to assist them in their need, thanks to the generosity of our students. The ladies were thrilled and so grateful that many more children were going to have an extra special Christmas!



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Mission Statement

"A network of friends, inspired by Gospel Values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with, and service to, people in need."

2023 Atonement SVDP Financial Update

- Our parishioners donated **\$35,882** in cash for our mission of charity.
- Our parishioners gave in-kind donations of **\$26,500** for our annual projects: weekly sack lunch program, pro-life baby shower gifts, school supplies, coats, sweaters, shoes, Angel Tree gifts, and toiletries.
- We distributed **\$18,743** in food, rent, and utility assistance to our own OLA families and those in our geographic area.
- We sent **\$1,000** in disaster contributions to our National SVDP to help with national and international disasters.
- We sent **\$4,779** to SVDP organizations in our district to assist their specific families in need.
- Received **\$4,825** from SVDP organizations in our district to assist with specific families in need.
- We sent **\$10,550** to SVDP organizations serving in the following poorer communities:

International Twinning – SVDP organizations:

San Justino de Jacobis - Peru and St. Gozaga Goza - Njeru Town, Uganda

Local & Area Twinning – SVDP organizations:

San Antonio, TX - St. Agnes, St. Alphonsus, Christ the King, St. Ann; and Natalia, TX - St. John Bosco

We are most grateful to our parishioners for your continued monthly support!

Some of the ways your monthly “Black Box” donations are helping:

- Mother and teenage son, who have suffered emotional and physical abuse from spouse/father, needed food, help with CPS bill, and AT&T phone bill.
- Son (unemployed and applying for disability) who cares for his disabled mother full time, needed help with food and their CPS bill.
- Husband and wife on limited income, caregivers for disabled daughter with spina bifida, needed help with CPS bill and food.
- Mother with three small children (2, 4, 6) needed help with CPS and SAWS bills.



Update: Sack Lunches for the Homeless

In addition to many of the families in our parish community who signed up to make sack lunches for the homeless, about six “new” families have been added. We now have about 25 families who each prepare the lunches about every six months. The sack lunches are delivered by our SVDP members to St. Ann parish (SVDP) in San Antonio, which serves the homeless weekly as part of their mission.

Thanks to all who contribute!

The Vision of Founder Bl. Fredric Ozanam

The SVDP founder, Bl. Fredric Ozanam, had two visions that he spoke about. His personal vision: *“In my life I want to become better and do a little good.”* And *“I would like to embrace the whole world in a network of charity.”* But at a much earlier time of his life, he spoke about a vision for an organization that didn’t even exist yet – but that he knew he wanted to see brought to life: *“I will be delighted if some friends gather around me! Then, if we join our efforts, we could create something together, and others would join us, and perhaps one day all society will join under this protective shade: Catholicism, full of youth and strength, will rise up suddenly upon the world.”*

Frederic’s organizational vision was written in 1831 when he was just 18 years old, two years before the founding of the Society! From that Vision, one of the largest and most impactful organizations on the face of this earth – The Society of St. Vincent de Paul – was born.

— Extracted from SVDP December newsletter message by National President, John Berry

Society of St. Vincent de Paul provides assistance to those in need with rent, food, utilities, and other basic necessities in times of crisis. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance or a home visit, please call us at (210) 370-7203.

Have you thought about becoming a member of our St. Vincent de Paul conference? Call (210) 370-7203.



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