



The St. Vincent de Paul Society opened their second thrift store on the corner of State Road 23 and Ironwood.

Mission Statement

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

As a reflection of the whole family of God, Members, who are known as Vincentians, are drawn from every ethnic and cultural background, age group, and economic level. Vincentians are united in an international society of charity by their spirit of poverty, humility and sharing, which is nourished by prayer and reflection, mutually supportive gatherings and adherence to a basic Rule.

Organized locally, Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice. The Society collaborates with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes, making no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ.

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How to Help:

Get involved in your local parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference

Volunteer your time and talent in Direct Assistance, Thrift Store or Pantry.

Donate material goods and funds to support the poor in St. Joseph County.

Attend our Legacy Dinner in the fall.

Pray for our organization and those who need our services.

Visit our website to find news and updates.

Learn about us and how to **transform your life through service to the poor.**

Offering Assistance to those in need in St. Joseph County for 106 years

"In Giving We Receive"

Annual Report

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
SOCIETY

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY

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In Giving We Receive



Our
Christmas program
delivered food, blankets
and toys to
4,366 people
at a cost of
\$30,795

Volunteers delivered our baskets to St. Joseph County families in December.

Food

".. the poor have the image of God imprinted on them."

35,266 people
were served
\$556,000
worth of food

Rent and Utility Assistance

"It is our duty to prefer the service of the poor to everything else and to offer such service as quickly as possible."

1,361 People
helped with more
than
\$72,000
in assistance

Material Goods

"Charity is certainly greater than any rule. Moreover, all rules must lead to charity."

3,629 Clients
were provided with
\$92,743
worth of
clothing and
household goods,
such as couches,
mattresses, tables,
chairs, etc.

Volunteer

"serving the poor is going to God and you should see God in them"

Our volunteer work force is the backbone of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We are organized in small groups at the parish level called Conferences.

In 2009
our generous
volunteers donated
65,930 hours
of their time to
fight the effects of
poverty in
St. Joseph County

Home Visits

Vincentsians visited
10,615 clients
in their home, the hospital, in prison or
a place of our client's choice

"You are therefore intended to present the goodness of God in the eyes of the poor"

- St. Vincent de Paul

Clients requesting Assistance in 2009

51,563

Customers served through our Thrift Store

77,120