

The mission of the **St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP)** is to witness God's love by offering person-to-person service to the needy and suffering. Following is a summary of our Ascension Conference accomplishments in 2023. We directly affected lives over **14,000 times** within and outside our parish boundaries.

## Within our Parish boundaries:

- Received 104 assistance requests; Conducted home visits or phone interviews and assisted 186 individuals (67 families) with: Food, Utilities, Rent/Motel, Furniture/Appliances, Clothing, Auto Loan Payments, Auto Fuel, Auto Repairs, Household Repairs, Transportation.
- Ascension Food Pantry served 2,546 individuals (750 families).
- 61 Visits were made to Chesterfield nursing homes affecting 493 elders.
- **1,653 Friendship Cards** were sent to the elderly at Chesterfield Nursing Homes for Valentine's Day, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Halloween, Thanksqiving and Christmas.

## **Outside our Parish boundaries:**

- Over 161,000 pounds of food was provided to 6,252 individuals (2,698 families) at the St Nicholas Food
  Pantry in St Louis City. This accounted for over 107,000 meals. Over 12,000 pounds of food was also
  donated to other food pantries.
- 1,180 meals were prepared and served to the homeless at St Vincent de Paul Church in St Louis City.
- 720 meals were prepared and served to the homeless at Sts. Peter & Paul Men's Shelter in St Louis City.
- Over **2,000 dozen cookies** were donated to St Patrick's Center for their homeless clients.
- Financial support was provided to seven struggling SVdP Conferences and one food pantry.
- Vincentians provided **2,189 hours** of support (in-person and by phone) to three St Louis City Conferences to facilitate Neighbors-in-Need assessment and assistance.
- Over 600 blessing bags were assembled and distributed to the homeless.
- Three parish goods collections were conducted resulting in **345 blankets**, **3,628 pounds of toiletries 620** pairs of shoes, and hundreds of prescription medicine bottles.

Our 64 active Vincentians and Associates volunteered 13,332 service hours.

## Ascension SVdP 2023 Expenses