

## All about St. Vincent De Paul Society

- 1) It was a Sunday in December. The SVdP Needs line was ringing. Teresa, a member of the community was calling. Her family was about to be homeless. Her twin girls were in Children's Hospital with Pneumonia. Despite the fact that Teresa has lung cancer and going to Chemo, she had made arrangements with the owner of a hotel to give her family a room in exchange for her cleaning other rooms. On the day she called us, the owner told her he didn't need her any longer. Without some help Teresa and her other two children would be on the street. St Vincent de Paul stepped in and paid for a weeks stay for the family, provided some food cards, and offer prayerful support. ***To ease the suffering of others is the job of SVdP.***
- 2) Mark a middle aged man that had been laid off from his Middle Management Sales Position called looking for rent assistance. He was working again, but making only minimum wage. As part of the new "under-employed" he didn't know where to turn. Referred to SVdP by one of the organizations in Delaware, we were able to assist him with part of his rent and referred him on to the job assistance program here at St. Mary's. ***To work with other organizations to help the needy of Delaware County is the job of SVdP.***
- 3) A St. Mary Parishioner on a fixed income had sewer problems at her house. The city was taking care of their portion, but the parishioner was unable to afford the other part, leaving the senior vulnerable. SVdP not only took care of the bill, but negotiated a lower cost and had the SVdP billed directly. The senior did not have to worry any longer. ***It is the job of SVdP to take care of the needs of our Parishioners.***
- 4) Tim an unemployed father of 5 called. He had no food in the house, they needed diapers for their 3 month old and their water had been turned off. Because SVdP has arrangements with the utilities, with one phone call, we were able to guarantee his payment and have the water restored that day. The Needs Committee meets with Tim the next day, and was able to

provide him with some food cards to help his family get by.  
***Taking care of those needs, large and small to help ease someone's burden is the job of SVdP.***

- 5) Did you know...? Family Promise, the outreach program for homeless families is a part of St. Vincent DePaul?
- 6) Did you know The Christmas Clearing House Giving Tree is a St. Vincent de Paul Project? SVdP also supplies funds for the Easter Basket Project.
- 7) Did you know...? St. Vincent DePaul sends holiday cards to all of our Nursing Home and Homebound Parishioners? We also visit these individuals on their birthdays.
- 8) Did you know...? St Vincent de Paul does two clothing drives a year? The items collected are taken down by SVdP members to Vinton County Ohio, home of the poorest of the poor in our state.