

St. Vincent de Paul

Society/Corvallis

Newsletter Spring, 2023

Most Successful Food Pantry Drive since 2014!

St. Mary's Confirmation class participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring in order to collect food for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Fred Meyer on Kings Blvd. and Market of Choice helped sponsor the event. According to George King, coordinator of the effort, the class collected over 2,000 lbs. of food. In addition, St. Mary's and the community donated \$1,300.

Many thanks to community members and parishioners who contributed so generously. And thank you kids!



Thanks also to those who contributed through the Pastega Christmas Light Display. Due to inclement weather, donations were curtailed, but we sincerely give thanks for any and all contributions.

In the past twelve months the number of those seeking food assistance has increased by 25%. We serve approximately 220 households a month either through the Food Pantry, or through home delivery for those who are housebound or who have no transportation. We are also open one Saturday a month to accommodate those who cannot come to the Food Pantry during regular hours.

Outreach Provides Needed Assistance

We assist the St. Mary's Assistance Fund and WE CARE in fulfilling requests for help with rent, utilities, and other bills. These "big ticket" requests are assessed carefully and follow-ups are conducted as time permits.

Our records show that rarely is anyone given assistance more than once a year.

Even so, requests for assistance are up 35%.

Thrift Store Continues Steady Support

The Thrift Store continues to welcome sellable seasonal adult clothing, jewelry, and shoes. Those items that we are unable to sell are donated to Vina Moses, which gives clothing away for free, and to ARC, which has a larger facility. This creates a chain of recycling that benefits us all. [The Thrift Store averages \\$500 per month in sales.](#) This money goes directly to Outreach and to the Food Pantry. We also donate clothing to Outreach as needed.

Needs:

[SVDP Board secretary](#)- for the person who loves writing and sharing innovative ideas.

Hrs. 1 meeting a month.

[Office organizer](#)- for the person who loves making sense out of chaos. Hrs. determined by volunteer.

[Outreach volunteer](#)- for the person who has a practical and compassionate heart. Help us expand our services from two days to three days a week. Hrs. M, W, 1:30-4pm.

[Thrift Store clerk](#)- Hrs.

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[Pantry items](#)- diapers, soups, toilet paper, bath soap.

How You Can Help

Donations to the Thrift Store can be dropped off in the Pastoral Center front hallway during regular business hours or brought into the store during open hours.

Food donations can be dropped off at the back of church or in the Pastoral Center.

Monetary donations can be scheduled through FAITH DIRECT (see svdpcorvallis.org) or mailed to St. Vincent de Paul, 501 NW 25th street, Corvallis, OR 97330

SVDP is staffed 100% by volunteers. Want to help? Contact Barb Anderson or Marian Anderson at svdpcorvallis@gmail.com for more information

Last year volunteers averaged 300+ hours of service per month.

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did to the least of mine, you did to me.”

Matthew 25: 40



