



# St. Vincent de Paul Newsletter

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## New Discount

We now offer a Military discount on Thursdays to all active service people or veterans and their immediate families. ID is required.



## Stores closed

All St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores will be closed on Monday, July 4 in honor of Independence Day.

## Garden Tour



Come celebrate the growing number of community gardens in our city. The 2nd Annual Community Garden Tour will take place on Friday, July 22. See more info at [www.svdpjackson.com](http://www.svdpjackson.com).

## Did you know?

26, 582 people were served by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Jackson in 2010. This would not be possible without your support. Thank you.

## Garden of blessings



Our community garden next to the St. Vincent de Paul Center.

Thanks to a generous donor we are now growing many vegetables in a new garden. The lot next to our rear parking lot at the St. Vincent de Paul Center was purchased and will be used to provide many kinds of vegetables. They will be used for our community lunches and also to share with others who may need some help with food. Our garden will be a part of the Community Garden Tour on Friday, July 22, and be open from 9 am -7 pm with rain barrel and composter demonstrations at 12:00 and 3:00 pm. Stop by and see it!



Above, laundry is loaded into washers. Right, homemade laundry detergent is mixed and poured into jugs. At far right, a client loads laundry into a washer.



## Laundry angels

Families that need help doing laundry have been blessed by our own 'Laundry Angels'. Wendy Wight, of Together We Can Make A Difference, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, provide transportation, money for machines, detergent and volunteers who wash and dry clothing and linens. We could not do this without your support. Thank you!





*David's corner*

# Lazy summer?



**David Kemler**  
General Manager

What are you doing this summer? I don't know about you, but I have never experienced those 'lazy, hazy, crazy, days of summer'. Summer is filled with almost

continuous activities. Most of us will be taking a summer vacation that may or may not be relaxing. Sometimes we return to work to rest up from vacation. How about family reunions? Will you be attending local fairs and/or festivals? Are you going to the lake, attending baseball games or going on picnics? Is your family involved with your church's summer vacation Bible school?

St. Vincent de Paul has all of the things you need for summer activities. Check out sports equipment and summer toys. Look for lawn and garden items and picnic supplies. Why spend more shopping for new merchandise when you can get excellent values at St. Vincent de Paul!

Whatever your schedule this summer, make sure you schedule some down time for yourself. Take time to read a good book (see the suggestion in this month's book review). Our stores are also having special sales on books. Take walks or go bike riding. Do something that you enjoy! Remember also to spend time with family and friends. These are the times when our children's and grandchildren's memories are made. We can never relive the time we've missed to be

with our family.

Remember to spend time with God this summer. The season shows us all of the spender of God's creation. Our pastor, Fr. Spitzley commented recently that God gives us one hundred and sixty-eight hours each week, can we not give back one hour to thank Him for all of the blessings we have received?

My family and I would like to thank everyone who sent expressions of sympathy, thoughts and PRAYERS, for the loss of our grandson, Andrew David Kemler II. It really has made a difference knowing that we are a part of such a warm caring community. God Bless you all, David and Connie Kemler, Andrew and Samantha Kemler and families.

*Book review*

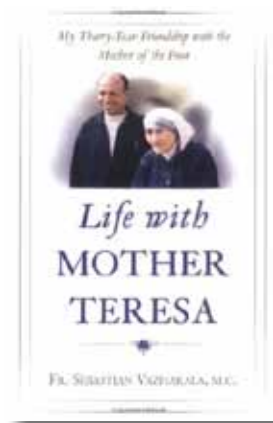
# Life with a saint

*Available at our St. Vincent de Paul Center library.*

**Life with Mother Teresa,**  
My Thirty-Year Friendship with the Mother of the Poor  
By Father Sebastian Vazhakala, M.C.

Mother Teresa was declared "Blessed" on October 19, 2003. The beatification is the first step in the canonization process by which the Church declares someone a saint. For those who loved and admired Mother Teresa during her life no one was surprised at the rapid first step (the shortest in modern history) in what is typically long process.

**Life with Mother Teresa** was written by a priest who



was one of the founding members of Mother Teresa's Brothers of Charity. Fr. Vazhakala shares reflections of his close relationship with the woman who ministered to the poorest of the poor for over forty years. Fr. Vazhakala also shares numerous letters written to him or to the brothers.

The book is written in four parts. Part one, "Remembering Mother Teresa" shares the memories of those who knew Mother best. The chapter chronicles the earlier years as well as detailing the development of the five branches of her order – the Missionaries of Charity (the sisters), the Missionaries of Charities Brothers, the Contemplative sisters, the Contemplative brothers and the lay coworkers of Mother Teresa. Part two contains the letters from Mother Teresa. Part three has photographs and part four holds the Guiding Principles of the Missionaries of Charity.

I think that you will enjoy this book as much as I did.



**St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store  
“Employee” of the Month**

**July 2011**

**Brian Cook**

**Assistant Manager – Stores 1 & 5**



Each month we’ve decided to celebrate our employees and regular volunteers as Employee of the Month, not so much for their performance as much as to say “thank you” and to let you know them a little better.

**Thanks, Brian, we love ya!!!**

**St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store  
Team Member of the Month**

**July, 2011**

**Pam Holbrook**

**Store #2**



Each month we’ve decided to celebrate our employees and regular volunteers as Team Member of the Month to say ‘Thank You’ and to let you know them a little better.

**Thanks, Pam, we love ya!!!**

**Going ‘green’**

*A regular feature on ‘green’ living to help you live a more earth-friendly life!*

**Boutique finds at bargain prices**

Many ‘boutique’ items can be created at a fraction of the cost by using items found at St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores. The trendy clutch purse at the right was made from a straw placemat. It is easy to make and will save a lot of money in your fashion budget.

**Items needed:**

- Rectangular straw placemat
- 1-inch wide decorative fabric ribbon in contrasting or complimentary color

**Instructions:**

With the wrong side up turn 2/3 of the length of the placemat over on itself and pin at the sides. Pin ribbon around the edges and stitch the front and back and ribbons together. Continue to trim the rest of the outside edges. Add a little ribbon twist to the top flap and a corresponding bead or button to the bottom portion. The open weave lends itself to embroidery or ribbon weaving. Have some fun mixing and matching ribbons, placemats and trimmings.





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## What's happening

**Monday, July 4**  
**Independence Day**  
Stores closed



**Friday, July 15 - Sunday, July 17**  
**St. Vincent de Paul at the Hot Air Jubilee**  
Ella Sharp Park, Jackson



**Friday, July 22**  
**Community Garden Tour**  
5 - 7 pm

**Every month...**

- Mondays** - Fill a blue basket with clothing for only \$7.00!
- Tuesdays** - Student discount day – 25% Off with ID
- Wednesdays** - Senior citizen discount day – 25% Off with ID
- NEW Thursdays** - Military (active or veterans) discount day for service people and their immediate families – 25% Off with ID
- Saturdays** - 25% Off Furniture Sale at the Furniture Showroom

## Did you know...

All greeting cards at our stores are only 25¢. Best prices in town!



## Would you like to help?

Volunteering at St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores in Jackson is both fun and rewarding. There are many opportunities available to help us help others, including:

- Retail store
- Merchandise donations
- Merchandise refurbishing
- Furniture repair
- Store improvement
- Toy store
- Special event promotion
- Fashion show
- Fundraising
- Marketing team
- Donation drives
- Office/computer/technical

Contact any of our locations for more information.  
Thank you!

## Visit St. Vinny on Facebook



St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores of Jackson has a Facebook page online. Join us and ask all your friends to become fans! Visit our website at [www.svdpjackson.com](http://www.svdpjackson.com) and click on 'Facebook'.

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### Spring Arbor Road



1812 Spring Arbor Road  
Jackson, Michigan 49203  
517-784-0721  
Mon.- Fri. 9 - 6, **Sat. 9 - 5**

### East Michigan Avenue



1509 E. Michigan Ave.  
Jackson, Michigan 49202  
517-784-0609  
Mon.- Fri. 9 - 6, **Sat. 9 - 5**

### St. Vincent de Paul Furniture Showroom



1501 E. Michigan Ave.  
Jackson, Michigan 49202  
517-784-8377  
Mon.- Fri. 10 - 5, **Sat. 9 - 5**