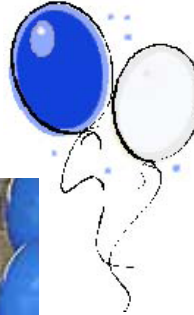




# St. Vincent de Paul Newsletter

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## St. Vincent de Paul 3rd Annual Sale-A-Bration!



Stop in to take advantage of great savings and have lunch on us!

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores will be hosting the 3rd Annual **Sale-A-Bration & Cookout** on Saturday, September 17 from 9 am - 5 pm. This event gives us an opportunity to say thank you to our customers, donors and supporters. We will be having food, entertainment, games and surprises for the kids. Each store will also be having a **HALF OFF SALE** on all donated merchandise.



Our event will take place at both locations.

## Walking for the poor



### Make it a family event!

The fourth annual Friends of the Poor Walk will take place on Saturday, September 24 at Cascades Park.

The pavilion will be our starting and ending points. Registration begins at 10 am. Walkers will receive a free t-shirt. The Walk starts at 11 am. There are two courses to choose from – one is 1.3 miles long and the other is 1.8 miles long. A free luncheon will follow at noon.

Our St. Vincent de Paul truck will also be at the park to collect donations for our stores.

Registration forms, pledge forms and donation receipts are available on the next pages of this newsletter or at any of our stores. More information is available at our website, [www.svdpjackson.com](http://www.svdpjackson.com).



## Toy Store on the way

Beginning October 1, St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores will begin accepting new and gently-used toys for this year's Priceless Gift Toy Store. This annual ministry event provides FREE toys to children in the Jackson community. The toy store this season will be located at the St. Vincent de Paul Center at 1501 E. Michigan Ave. More news to come!



*David's corner*

# Are you ready for the end?



**David Kemler**  
General Manager

I recently watched a television show titled "The People Who Live for Armageddon". The show centered on people who were preparing to survive at the end of the world. They had stockpiled enough food and other supplies to last several years. Some had built or purchased bomb shelters. Others had prepared alternate shelters miles from their city.

While I believe in prudent preparedness, and am myself prepared for our occasional power outages, I feel that the people featured had taken preparedness to the extreme.

I wondered about the preparedness of those millions of people who do not survive the end of the world. The Bible tells us that no one knows the hour or the day. Have you prepared for your own end of the world? While no one may know when our world will end, we do know that it ends for many every day. Before we begin to prepare for an event we may never see, it would be better to prepare for our own eventual ending by keeping our spiritual house in order.

*Book review*

## Drastic changes – an inside look

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

**She said yes, The unlikely martyrdom of Cassie Bernall**  
by Misty Bernall

While I have occasionally found books on our shelves from the current year, most of our book selections are from the best seller's list of a few years ago. Such is the case of this month's book selection. Most of us vividly remember the horrific shootings that occurred on April 20, 1999, at the Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado.



The book I chose to review this month is **she said yes, The unlikely martyrdom of Cassie Bernall**. The book is authored by her mother, Misty Bernall. The title, "she said yes" is in regards to Cassie's response to the Columbine gunman when he asked her if she was Christian. I expected a story of a young girl who courageously responded to that question from a lifelong devotion to Christ. Surprisingly

however the story is told of a very ordinary young woman who struggled with doubt and addictions; one who had difficulties with parents and school officials. Cassie was not always accepted by her peers. In other words, a girl not unlike many you would encounter every day. Perhaps this description might apply to your daughter, niece, sister, or even yourself.

Cassie Bernall's conviction as a Christian had been a recent event in her life. She still had doubts and fears (and who of us doesn't?). Yet when asked if she believed in Christ she courageously answered "Yes". It was the last statement of her young life.

While it is unlikely that we will ever be asked at gunpoint if we profess Christianity, we have an opportunity every day to say "yes" by showing we are Christians, in how we speak, act and treat others. Let us also like young Cassie Bernall show the world that we are Christians by taking some risks in our lives – being Christian even when it may be difficult to do so.

*Please turn in or mail completed form to one of our locations.*



## Friends of the Poor® Walker/Runner Registration

Jackson District Council  
1812 Spring Arbor Rd.  
Jackson, MI 49203  
517-784-0721

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female Age \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Adult T-Shirt Sizes \_\_\_\_\_ Small \_\_\_\_\_ Medium

\_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ X-Large

Youth T-Shirt Sizes \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ X-Large





# Society of St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor® Walk/Run



## *Walker Pledge Sheet*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Walker's Name

















\_\_\_\_\_  
Conference/Council Name

**Make all checks payable to (Local Conference/Council Name).**

Sponsor's Name	Address	Pledge Amount	Collected
Example: Bob Smith	1212 Main Street, Anytown, MO 12345	25.00	√
YOUR OWN PLEDGE			
<b>Total</b>			

**Retain pledge sheet at Conference/Council for your records.**

Use if a Pledger needs a receipt for a donation made by cash or check.

 <p><b>DONOR RECEIPT</b> </p> Date _____ Donor Name _____ Amount _____ Solicitor Name _____ <b>Friends of the Poor® Walk/Run</b> All donations are fully tax deductible. <b>Thank you for your generous donation!</b>	 <p><b>DONOR RECEIPT</b> </p> Date _____ Donor Name _____ Amount _____ Solicitor Name _____ <b>Friends of the Poor® Walk/Run</b> All donations are fully tax deductible. <b>Thank you for your generous donation!</b>
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## St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store Employee of the Month

### September 2011

### Lily Loucks

Employee Extraordinaire



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, Lily, we love ya!!!

## Toward a fresh community

When it comes to fruits and veggies, more matters! With local fresh food movements happening across the country, farmers' markets are gaining in popularity.

Farmers' markets are a great way to get more fresh fruits and vegetables into the community. Not only are prices lower, but local farmers are always there to answer questions and give advice.

Talking with farmers about their products lets you know where the food comes from, and how it is taken care of. Plus, produce from farmers' markets is always fresh and full of flavor!



In Jackson, there are many opportunities to visit a local farmers' market. Check out the Step by Step website, [mystepbystep.org](http://mystepbystep.org), for more information.

Excerpt courtesy of Health Improvement Organization at Allegiance Health

## Going 'green'

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

## Seasonal art – the green way!



A great way to 'celebrate' the fall season is to create a lasting piece of art using 'recycled' materials. This original apple art is made of buttons, yarn and pieces of fabric. It is just one example of turning unwanted items into something cool. Any motif can be created. Items to make your own 'green art' are available at either St. Vincent de Paul thrift Store. We also have many frames to show off your art.





# St. Vincent de Paul Newsletter



## What's happening

### Saturday, September 17

Third annual

**Sale-A-Brations!**

at both St. Vincent de Paul locations

### Saturday, September 24

Fourth annual

**Friends of the Poor Walk**

Cascades Park, Jackson

### 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

**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

*This newsletter is created monthly by Karen Steiner, marketing manager, for the benefit of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores. Questions? Comments? Email Karen at [ksteiner@svdpjackson.com](mailto:ksteiner@svdpjackson.com)*

## 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. See daily event and sale updates. 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'.

### 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