



St. Vincent de Paul Newsletter



Toy drive begins

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, in partnership with Together We Can Make A Difference, will once again be hosting the Priceless Gift Toy Store. We will be at the Maker's Space at Tomlinson School this year. The store offers free new and pre-owned toys to over 4000 children each year. Donations of new and gently-used toys, as well as personal hygiene products will be accepted at the toy store location Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 9 am to 5 pm beginning Tuesday, October 1st. Items may also be dropped off at our Jackson thrift stores, Monday through Friday, 9:00 to 7:00 and on Saturdays 9:00 to 3:00. Also, volunteers are needed to process toys and stock the store

The toy store will open on Friday, November 29 at 1 pm and be open Wednesdays through Saturdays 1 pm - 5 pm and Thursdays (Dec. 5 & 12) 1 pm - 7 pm.

The last day for shopping at the toy store will be Thursday, December 14, and will be designated for grandparents to shop. For more information please contact David at 784-8377 or Wendy at 740-8444 or visit our website at www.svdpjackson.com.



St. Vincent de Paul Annual Sale-A-Bration!



Our thrift stores will be holding our annual customer appreciation 'Sale-A-Bration' on Saturday, September 28 from 9 am to 3 pm at both locations. This event gives us an opportunity to show appreciation for our great customers, donors, volunteers and supporters. We'll

be having food, entertainment, and surprises for the kids. Each store will also be having a **HALF OFF SALE** on all donated merchandise. There will also be a **15% OFF** sale on our mattresses. Stop in for fun and savings!

Walk for the poor



The annual Friends of the Poor Walk will take place on Saturday, September 28 at Cascades Park. Registration begins at 9 am. Walkers will receive a free t-shirt. The Walk starts at 10 am and a free luncheon will follow at noon.

Why not make this a fun family event and benefit others at the same time!





Manager's Corner

Settling In



Mary Laughlin
General Manager

I've enjoyed becoming acquainted with all the processes and systems here within the St Vincent DePaul community. We have some new faces on board and this staff is nothing short of amazing. They are a dedicated and hardworking team with a genuine passion to serve this ministry which is very comforting to me as the new general manager.

Our St. Vincent de Paul Council is considered our Board of Directors. It oversees our mission in Jackson County, including home visits, issuing vouchers and other administrative items. I've found our Council to be a very welcoming and compassionate group, for which I'm very appreciative. We've had a couple sensitive situations before us recently and the Council has provided guidance and actionable decisions that are consistent, steadfast and in the best interest of the society. Working with them has been, and will continue to be, my pleasure.

Today, we are preparing to open our "Priceless Gift Toy Store" for the 14th consecutive year. The toys we provide in collaboration with Together We Can Make A Difference create a wonderful Christmas for over 4000 children in our local community.

As we gear up for our 2019 Sale-Abraction on Saturday, Sept. 28th, we will launch huge sales, lunch and refreshments at both stores and live music at our East Michigan store. Be sure to drop by to shop and visit!

As we celebrate our 60th Anniversary in Jackson, we also embark on the twilight of 2019. Autumn is just around the corner and, as the temperatures cool, the community lunches will be moved indoors, our community garden will be harvested, and we will put a new roof on one of our stores. We'll continue to provide much needed services to those in need and offer housewares, clothing and furniture at affordable pricing, thanks to the generosity of our donors and the grace of God.

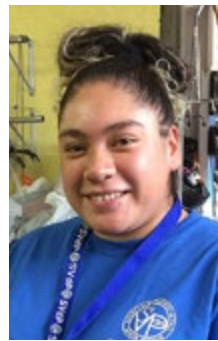
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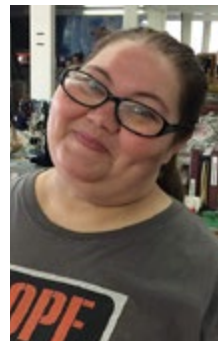
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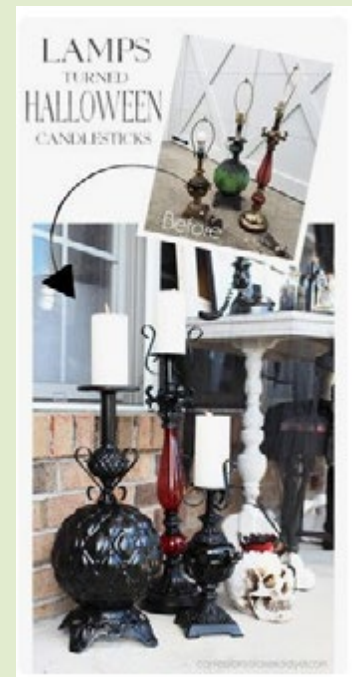
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Here are some of the new faces you will see at our three stores. We welcome them and what they bring to our mission.



Borrowed Blessings

Our Borrowed Blessings rental business has been very successful. We have many themed items as well as tables, chairs, canopies and other food service items. Money has been raised for the community while providing a service at a low price. Thank you for your continued support.



Going 'green'

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

Fall fun



Fall is a great time to start crafting! With the weather getting cooler it's good to have a fun, productive activity indoors. Here are some ideas for crafts using items available at our stores.

All ideas are from Pinterest.com.





What's happening

Saturday, September 28

Sale-A-Bration

Specials at every store!

Annual Walk for the Poor

Cascades Park

Tuesday, October 1

Toy donations now accepted at all our locations

Thursday, October 31

Happy Halloween!

Thursday, November 28

Happy Thanksgiving!

Stores closed

Friday, November 29

Priceless Gift Toy Store opens

1 pm at the Maker's Center (Tomlinson School)

Every month...

Mondays - Fill a blue basket with clothing for \$10.

- Clergy discount day – 25% Off with ID

Tuesdays - Student and teacher 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

Fridays - Fill a blue basket with books for only \$5.00!



Yard Sale vs Donation

Before you decide to hold a yard sale... think about this:

You'll spend days gathering, sorting, pricing and displaying items that you no longer

need, no longer fit or no longer serve a purpose in your life.

You'll have to pick a date... probably a Saturday. You might begin to pray for good weather.

You'll want to place ads online or print signs and place them around your neighborhood... maybe even print and distribute flyers.

Then the day arrives and which would you rather do? Spend a day "negotiating" with yard sale shoppers over a juice glass? Or would you rather spend two hours gathering items and help support a local charity that helps others in need?

Think about it... is all of the effort of a yard sale worth the \$30 you might make? Or think about all of the folks you will be helping by donating to St. Vincent de Paul instead.



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East Michigan Avenue



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Furniture Showroom & Bookstore



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