



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 returning to 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 2nd. 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 7:00. Also, volunteers are needed to process toys and stock the store

The toy store will open on Friday, November 23 at 1 pm and be open Wednesdays through Saturdays 1 pm - 5 pm and Thursdays (Nov. 30 and Dec. 6) 1 pm - 7 pm.

The last day for shopping at the toy store will be Thursday, December 13, 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 22 from 9 am to 5 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 29 at Cascades Park. Registration begins at 10 am. Walkers will receive a free t-shirt. The Walk starts at 11 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

Grandparents are a treasure



David Kemler
General Manager

My Dad's parents died before I was born. My Mom's parents passed away when I was very young, however I have some very good memories of my grandmother who passed when I was five years old. I remember her babysitting and taking us to downtown Jackson on the city bus (a very big deal to country children). I remember the special gifts we received on holidays

and the hot chocolate and cookies she served (I have her cookie jar, a prized possession).

My father died before any of his grandchildren were born but my mother and my wife Connie's parents were very special influences on my children. From them my kids received a connection to past generations and a link to a simpler life from years ago.

Grandparents have a special bond with their grandchildren. They teach them songs and stories from their own childhood. They have time to teach them crafts and skills. It is from our grandparents that traditions are passed on. Often they are the ones who introduce their grandchildren to God, prayer and the Church.

Connie and I have been blessed with twelve grandchildren so far. Becky is mother to; Kelsey, Christopher, Matthew and Jasmine. Katie and Marcus' daughters are Emma and Hazel. Alana, Meara and Dane are the children of Betsy and Daniel. Andy and Paige are the proud parents of Chad, Lillian and Amelia. Fortunately all live near-by and we are able to spend time with them. Connie babysits often and they have dinner at our house most Sundays.

Grandparents' day is celebrated on Sunday, September 9th this year. Why not make this an opportunity to thank your grandparents and your parents, if they are grandparents, for the important part they have in their grandchildren's lives.

I would like to thank the wonderful volunteers who helped out with our many events this summer. I would especially like to single out William Nichols, who put in many hours volunteering at the Hot Air Jubilee, Jackson County Fair and the Jackson Civil War Muster. Bill also cooks the community lunch most weeks. Many thanks for all of their hard work!



Here are some grandchildren of our employees. We are very blessed.



Thank you!

St. Vincent de Paul enjoyed seeing everyone at this year's Civil War Muster. Thank you for your support!



Guests had fun with our Photo Booth Props available for rent through Borrowed Blessings.

Borrowed Blessings

Thank you!

Our new Borrowed Blessings rental business is taking off. We have had many inquiries and bookings. We have many themed items available to rent at low prices. Thank you for sharing news about this ministry. We are looking forward to many more customers!



Christmas Parade

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores will be participating in the annual Christmas Parade in downtown Jackson on Friday, November 16. Volunteers are welcome to walk with us.

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 22

Sale-A-Bration

Specials at every store!

Saturday, September 29

Annual Walk for the Poor

Cascades Park

Tuesday, October 2

Toy donations now accepted at all our locations

Saturday, October 13

Second Saturday Sale

25% OFF all donated merchandise at the Furniture Center

Wednesday, October 31

Happy Halloween!

Saturday, November 10

Second Saturday Sale

25% OFF all donated merchandise at the Furniture Center

Friday, November 16

Christmas Parade

Downtown Jackson

Tuesday, November 20

Free Harvest Dinner

at our Spring Arbor Rd. store

Thursday, November 22

Happy Thanksgiving!

Stores closed

Friday, November 23

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!

Second Saturdays - 25% Off Sale at the Furniture Showroom

You are invited to St. Vincent de Paul's

Thanksgiving

'Giving Back'

Harvest Dinner

Tuesday, November 20 from 12 to 2 pm
at our Spring Arbor Road store
1812 Spring Arbor Rd.



We will be serving a complimentary traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings!
All are welcome!

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.
– Psalm 100:4

Spring Arbor Road

1812 Spring Arbor Road
Jackson, Michigan 49203
517-784-0721
Mon.- Fri. 9 - 7, Sat. 9 - 3

East Michigan Avenue

1509 E. Michigan Ave.
Jackson, Michigan 49202
517-784-0609
Mon.- Fri. 9 - 7, Sat. 9 - 3

Furniture Showroom & Bookstore

1501 E. Michigan Ave.
Jackson, Michigan 49202
517-784-8377
Mon.- Fri. 9 - 7, Sat. 9 - 3