



# St. Vincent de Paul Newsletter



## Tickets are going fast!

Tickets are now on sale for our annual Spring Fashion Show. They are available at our Furniture Center store ONLY. There are only a few seats available. Stop in during regular business hours before they're gone!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S

# FASHION SHOW

*"An Evening at Tiffany's"*

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

KEN DILLON ACTIVITY CENTER  
at St. John's Catholic School (formerly JCMS)  
915 Cooper Street

4:30 P.M. - DOORS OPEN  
6:00 P.M. - DINNER  
7:00 P.M. - FASHION SHOW

\$25 Advanced reserved seating  
Tickets available at the  
St. Vincent de Paul Center  
1501 E. Michigan Ave., Jackson •  
784-8377 • [www.svdpjackson.com](http://www.svdpjackson.com)

*Silent Auction*  
*Raffles*  
*Entertainment*  
*Boutique Shopping*  
*Buffet Dinner*  
*Cash Bar*

## Big Seed

The 11th annual Big Seed Event will take place on Saturday, May 18 and will feature a garden fair, a competition for growing the largest butternut squash plant and a free garden giveaway. Call 784-0721 to reserve your free small or portable garden.



For more information about this event visit [www.togetherdifference.org](http://www.togetherdifference.org) and click on 'Big Seed'.

## Meet our intern



Hello. My name is Cody Wendt. I am a senior undergraduate psychology major at Spring Arbor University. I am currently doing my internship with St. Vincent de Paul. During my internship I am usually helping answer the phone and setting up pick up and

delivery appointments for our truck drivers. I also help out at the front desk. David Kemler, general manager, is my mentor and I have been shadowing him. I've had the opportunity to visit some food pantries that St. Vincent uses to help people. It is easy to see what an impact this ministry has on the people that come in for help. I find it very rewarding to intern at a place where faith, charity and business all come together.

I am a Hooper from the beautiful Upper Peninsula of Michigan. I like to think I am a good cook – that's what my friends and family tell me. I have always enjoyed the culinary arts and cooking, and am looking to find work in that field after I graduate. According to most people psychology and culinary wouldn't seem to blend together, but I have found psychology too fascinating not to study.

## Manager's Corner

# 40-day Season



**David Kemler**  
General Manager

The Church liturgical season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. The season of Lent is forty days. The number forty has great biblical significance. The great flood lasted 40 days, Moses spent 40 days on Mt. Sinai, the Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years and Jesus fasted for 40 days at the beginning of

his ministry. During Lent we engage in the three spiritual practices of prayer, fasting and alms giving. When I was a child in Catholic school we were encouraged to “give up” something for Lent. Usually this meant candy, movies or some other pleasure. Adults often gave up smoking. In my adult years this practice has evolved into giving up bad behaviors or doing charitable acts.

As I was browsing though Pinterest recently I saw that there are many posts that offer suggestions on how to

observe Lent. Several of them suggested kind acts such as encouraging notes or cards to lonely or depressed individuals. Other suggestions were a Lenten reading plan if scripture or spiritual books, praying for different people during Lent or spending 40 days in gratitude for all the blessing you have.

Two posts that struck me as being especially beneficial to our ministry involve the Forty Days - Forty Items and the 40 Days / 40 Bags posts. The Forty Days - Forty Items involves daily removing items of clothing from your closet you no longer wear or use. The 40 Days - 40 Bags is done on a more ambitious scale and involves going through your entire home. This could be a way of combining spring house cleaning with donating unneeded items to people who could use them.

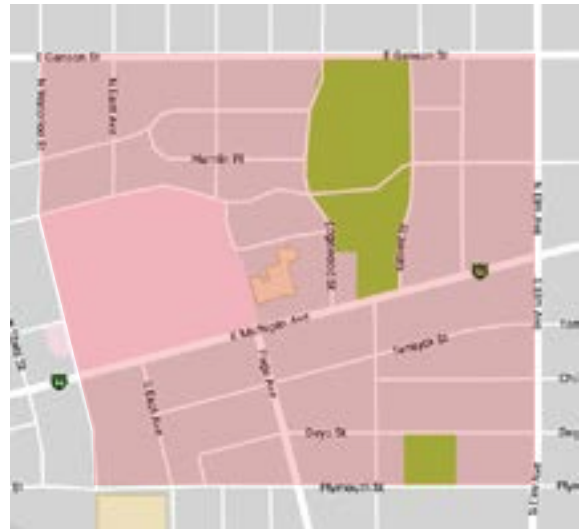
Please consider using the days of Lent to improve your spiritual life and benefit those who are less fortunate.



This year's prayer walk will take place on Sunday, May 5, 2019. The maps shown here indicate the area covered by our staff/ volunteers. If you would like to join us please call any of our locations. Any church is welcome to participate. To sign up for a walk area call Wendy Wight at 740-8444 or visit [togetherdifference.org](http://togetherdifference.org).



**Spring Arbor Rd. store area**



**E. Michigan Ave. store area**



# Borrowed Blessings

**VINTAGE RENTALS & MORE**

*A ministry of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul*

Warm weather is coming and so are warm weather events. Borrowed Blessings has what you need to make your event affordable. Canopies, tables and chairs are rented out long before the scheduled event, so get your reservation in soon! Stop in at the Furniture Center to see our inventory. All proceeds go directly to help the community.



**10' x 10' Canopy - \$25.00**  
**6' or 8' tables - \$5.00**  
**Wooden folding chairs - \$2.00**  
*(Prices are per day/event.)*



## Going 'green'

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

## Organize, organize, organize

We hear it all the time, especially in the spring. Going through our items is a great way to start the season. The items you keep can be stored in a clever, repurposed organizer. Jeans are sturdy and durable and can be used to store heavier items. We have many jeans at our locations to start your project!



**Jean pockets are perfect for storing heavier items. There are also many shapes and sizes available for odd items.**



**A wooden hanger holds a piece of denim with pockets. The arm of a chair is also very practical.**



## What's happening

**Sunday, March 17**

St. Patrick's Day

**Wednesday, March 20**

First day of spring

**Saturday, April 13**

Second Saturday Sale - 25% OFF all furniture and decor at the Furniture Showroom only

**Annual Spring Fashion Show!**



**Sunday, April 21**

HAPPY EASTER!

**Sunday, May 5**

City-wide Prayer Walk

**Saturday, May 11**

Second Saturday Sale - 25% OFF all furniture and decor at the Furniture Showroom only

**Sunday, May 12**

Happy Mother's Day

**Saturday, May 18**

Big Seed and Garden Giveaway

**Monday, May 27**

Memorial Day observed

Stores will be closed

Every month...

**Mondays** - Fill a blue basket with clothing for only \$10.00!

- 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!

(E. Michigan Ave. location only)



Thank you to everyone who stopped to visit us at the 2019 Women's Spring Expo on Saturday, March 9. It was a great success as we raised money to help people in our community.



### 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