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Saint Vincent de Paul Conference, Saint John Neumann Parish, Canton, Michigan.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a worldwide Catholic organization of laypersons, open to all who wish to live their faith by loving and serving their neighbor in the name of Christ. Generally on a person-to-person basis, members of the Society help those in need, regardless of creed, race, or religious affiliation.

Mission Statement of the Saint Vincent DePaul Society.

2st Quarterly Report Update, - April 1, 2012.- June 30, 2012

Hello Fellow Parishioners,

We, the newly formed Saint Vincent de Paul Conference as part of the Christian Service efforts at SJN have just finished our second quarter in 2012. We have had a very active group thus far with 18 members joining as full or associate members. We are an all volunteer group supported by the church with meeting space and endorsement from the parish priest, Fr. Ron Richards. The committee has been lead since Sept. 2011 by Lorraine and Don Zaksek, (President and Treasure), and Gerry Gutkowski. (Vice President), and Daniel Faoro (Secretary). We have been blessed to be lead in Prayer by Deacon Pat (Spiritual advisor) at the start and close of our meetings.

We serve the poor after providing a thorough background check, a review of personal finances and financial budgeting, and assist them in procuring the social service benefits they are entitled to. Since April 1, 2012 we have provided \$8,040.00 in support to respond to 53 requests for assistance from families/individuals to prevent evictions, termination of utility services, meet medical needs, and provide emergency car repair, and food / household needs. In addition to the clothes and other donations to the SVdP store we receive the generous support from parishioners and outreach efforts, "Top Hat Sundays", and other parish fund raisers. Remember to sign up and support us for the SVdP Friends of the Poor Walk/Run, **Saturday, September 29, 2012**, see <http://www.svdpusa.net/pledgathon/public/index.php>. Look for the event and registration information table soon at the church. We recently registered SVdP for the Meijers scrip program as well – see the Bulletin and SVdP website below for registration information.

On March 13, 2012 we applied for a Consumes Power community assistance grant. We hosted an Ozanam training for new SVdP members this April 14. We held our Bundle Days collection is on 4-21/22-2012. On May 1st we had a sign up registration after mass to enroll parish members in the scrip programs with Holiday Market and Kroger Stores. Our members have attended numerous training sessions in the Detroit area to become familiar with skills to serve area residents, learn how to help families apply for social service programs, and state and federal assistance programs for the poor.

Our information and web site is managed by Matt Dame, it can be found at our web site http://www.stjohnneumann.us/st_vincent_depaul.html. We meet at 7.00PM on the second Tuesday evening of the month in the SJN Conference room. We look forward to new members at varying levels and ability, full, associate, and our youth group. Thank you for your continued support. Those interested in being members call the Parish office (734) 455-5910 and leave a message for Lorraine Zaksek with your name and phone number.

Thank you for your support of the poor in the name of Christ,

Daniel Faoro,
Secretary