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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.

4th Quarterly Report Update, - October1, 2012.- December 31, 2012

Hello Fellow Parishioners,

We, the members of the Saint Vincent de Paul Conference are part of the Christian Service efforts at SJN have just finished our third quarter of service in 2012. We have had a very active group expanding to 26 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 Oct 1, 2012 we have provided \$15,482 in support to respond to 84 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.

We received notice that we again were a recipient of a \$8,000 grant award form United Way of Western Wayne County .This Christmas season we supported seven families in the Jesse tree program. We were again gratefully supported with proceeds from the "No Room at the Inn" nativity set display.

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. We will hold our Home Visitor Training Sessions at SJN on 1/26/13 and 2/2/2013 at 10.00AM.

Look for the script program registration information handouts on the tables in the entry hall of the church. We are registered for the Kroger Community Rewards Program, Holiday Market eScript and for the Meijer's scrip program.

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 Monday evening of the month in the SJN Elizabeth Seaton 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,

Saint Vincent de Paul Conference Members.

