



To: St. Joseph Parishioners
From: St. Joseph St. Vincent de Paul Society
Re: Work of the St. Joseph St. Vincent Society
Date: September 2021

Dear Parishioners from St. Joseph Church:

Thank you to all of St. Joseph's parishioners for your prayers and continued support as we fulfill our mission to feed the hungry.

So where does your money go? In June, July, and August of this year we contributed \$750.00 to the Food Pantry located near Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Youngstown. We also provided \$750.00 to the Soup Kitchen located at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church.

The Kitchen provides meals for approximately 150 people each day. During the weeks that our parish volunteers to serve at the Kitchen we contribute an additional \$500.00 to cover the costs of those meals. St. Joseph parishioners give their time and energy to help out three or four times each year.

Every month our parish provides 14 to 25 food vouchers for anyone living within our parish boundaries who is in need. In addition our parish provides 15 vouchers to be used for emergency requests that come into the Pantry. Each voucher provides a box of groceries worth at least \$50.00. Our parish pays \$20 per voucher which helps to restock the pantry.

Four times a year we provide a food give away. At this give away we also provide paper and cleaning products. We do this at Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and in August right before school starts. We just completed our August give away which provided help to 40 local families. At this time we provided school supplies and backpacks to 22 children from our area. Additionally, we donated \$500.00 for school supplies to the St. Vincent de Paul Society distribution in Mahoning County. During our Thanksgiving give away we will compile a gift list for our Giving Tree.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society also helps out in some emergency situations such as providing furnishings from the Thrift Store. The Thrift Store is located at St. Stanislaus Church on South Avenue.

This is just a three month glimpse of the work that the St. Joseph St. Vincent de Paul is able to accomplish because of your generosity. We are so grateful to all of you for your support in this work.

If you or anyone you know needs help please do not hesitate to call on our organization. Our phone number is published in the Church Bulletin. Call us at 330-259-6750.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Zoldak, President
St. Joseph St. Vincent de Paul Society