

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

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- Phone Visits- 17
- Walk-in Applicants- 2

REFLECTION PRAYER

Dear God,

*You are my light and my salvation.
You are my hope. Please come into
my heart., forgive all my wrongs and
give me the wonderful gift of eternal
life. Help me be an instrument of
your love and cause your light to
shine on others through me.*

-Amen-

Love,

Your everlasting servant- Me

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance- \$39,330.72

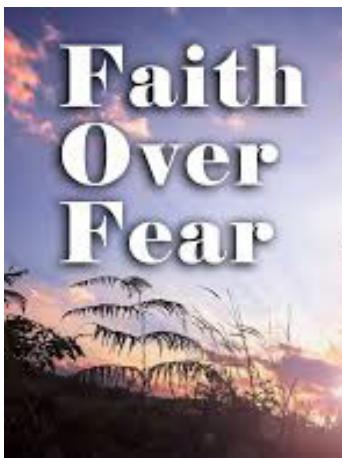
After Collection- \$50,510.08

Distributions- \$9383.17

Ending balance- \$41,126.96



This information is provided to you on a monthly basis by our treasurer, Paul LaPierre. This is an overall monthly summary. For more detailed information, you may contact Paul at the office by calling 892-0526.



In times of uncertainty, turn to the one thing that is always certain, God's love for you



WHAT GOOD IS THERE?

With so many people suffering right now either physically, financially, or emotionally from this world wide pandemic, there is so much doubt and despair everywhere, but I choose to see the good. Something good always comes from something bad. Look at how the our nation has rallied to become one instead of so divided. There are so many people trying to help their fellow neighbors, so many businesses feeding the hungry in-

stead of serving paying customers, factories retooling to make much needed respirators or personal protective gear for front line health care professionals. There are volunteers from around the world stepping up to help wherever they can, new inventions from innovative American workers, scientists from around the globe working together to beat this virus that has gripped our countries, people giving more time and money to nonprofits

to help those less fortunate, and the list goes on. No, I insist on seeing the good everywhere going on all over the world. I trust God and know we will get through this and will be better and stronger for it. I choose to thank God every day for the blessing He has bestowed on me and my family. Yes, life is hard and even scary, but we have our Lord to lead us through the good and not so good. Please keep each other in your prayers. Our Lord is listening.

HOW OUR CONFERENCE IS HELPING

From the start of this pandemic, our parish has been reaching out to all of it's members daily through email, social media, and masses on-line. The parish made an effort to call it's most vulnerable population, those of us over the age of 65, with phone calls checking to see if the parish could

help. Care packages were put together by church volunteers. Our conference paid for \$2000 of food for the care packages and we also include our food bags with our conference information on the bags. Our conference is one of very few up and running in the archdiocese at this point. We

have limited office personnel going in to answer calls, verify information, and work cases. Our Home Visitors are conducting home visits over the phone. We are still making weekly payments for incoming cases. I am so proud of all of you for your commitment to help those in need.

NEW MEXICO

In the People of God magazine, there was an article on page 13 of the March edition about a memorial Garden dedication to Servant of God, Sr. Blandina Segale. Sister Blandina was a nun from the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati. In 1877, Sister Blandina moved to Santa Fe, NM to help in the schools, orphanages, and hospitals that the Sisters operated. Four years later, Sr. Blandina moved to Albuquerque where she taught school, opened a Wayfarer's House, became a defend-

SISTER HONORED

er for Native Americans and Mexicans, and raised money to support the Sister's missions. In 1893, she returned to Ohio to support the work the Sisters were doing there. While there, she advocated for rights of poor immigrants. Sr. Blandina later moved back to Albuquerque in 1890 for two years where she helped start St. Joseph's Hospital. When the hospital was sold in 2002, a foundation was created to help children receive early childhood services at no

cost. The foundation is known as CHI St. Joseph's Children. Allen Sanchez, President of CHI and Executive Director of the NM Conference of Catholic Bishops has been leading the cause of the canonization of Sr. Blandina Segale. I would very much like our conference members to get together at this memorial located at St. Pius High School when the statewide restrictions are lifted. I have been a part of this process since 2014 by printing novenas and prayer cards for Sr. Blandina. It would be very special for me to share this with all of you.



Vincentian Prayer List



And Birthdays

Your prayers are being requested for these special intentions:

Mike Jerome– Healing from Parkinson's– Barb Jerome

Fred Richardson– Healing from Parkinson's Disease– Louise, concerned wife

Connie Shingleton– Recovering from cancer surgery– Conference members

Corona Virus victims and their families

Please keep Laura Greico, Louise Richardson, Laurene Harris, and Mary Lou Benevegna in your prayers. They have all recently lost a loved one. It has been just over three years now that my youngest son, Adam, passed away. I can't tell you what a life-line this conference, your prayers, and friendship has meant to me. Thank you...

April & May Birthdays

Maria Cardenas

Corina Chavez

Debbie Dimas

Bernard Ela

Linda Fresquez

Ana Gabaldon

Vera Galle

Carol Ann Griffin

Marcella Kramer

Jill Lythgoe

JoAnn Rodgers

Olivia Cassell

Dave Heil

Rudy Herman

Anne Kuboth

Fred Kramer

Nea Montoya

Dusty Olson

Vince Pizzonia

Kay Rogers

Robert Shingleton

