

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

NEXT GENERAL MEETING ON APRIL 4th @ 6:45

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1502 Sara Road SE
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Monday-Friday (10-1)
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- Home Visits—38
- Walk-in Applicants— 23

DEACON'S REFLECTION

Conversion and the Prodigal Son

It is the father in the parable who models for us the mercy of our heavenly Father. The prodigal son is brought to repentance because he was “dying from hunger.” There is nothing he does to deserve the response of the father except to repent and to return. What leads us to decide to repent? Like the prodigal son, “changing our minds” is probably precipitated by some specific catalyst—probably not physical hunger, but possible by spiritual hunger. The penance of Lent

can be the external factor that brings us to realize our life is much richer when we turn from our sinful ways and turn to God who gives life.
(Living Liturgy, p.84)

This parable tells us most about the meaning of conversion and is found in two verbs. The request the younger son makes to his father is this: “Father, give me the share of your estate that should come to me.” Toward the end of the parable, when the younger son returns home, the request he makes of his father is this: “Father, make me one of your hired servants.” Between the “give me”

at the beginning and the “make me” at the end lies the story of conversion. There is an altogether different attitude of mind expressed in the “give me my money” and “make me one of your hired servants.” In the story of conversion you will find that the starting point is a selfish demand, and the finishing point is a readiness to be a servant. (McCullen, *Deep Down Things*, p.698)



Have you experienced a conversion from “give me” to “make me your servant?”

TREASURER'S REPORT



- Beginning Balance- \$14,874.25
- After Collection- \$26,049.20
- Distributions- \$11,896.02
- Ending balance- \$14,153.18

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



Robert Gonzales
Phillip Kahle
Margie Magistro
Sylvia Newton
Dominic Valencia

Yes Lord,
I will
dedicate
my life
To You



See attached flyer for fund raiser information to benefit the Good Shepard Center

OZANAM TRAINING AT ST. THOMAS

Do you need to take Ozanam training? This is the perfect opportunity because the class is being held at our parish on Saturday, April 13 from 8:30- 3:30 in D'Arco Hall. Vincentians are required to take Ozanam

training in the first year of joining SVdP and then every three years to refresh. If you'd like to attend, contact Linda at lindalstubbs@comcast.net. The class size will be limited so please contact Linda ASAP. The cost is

\$5 to cover materials and you will need to bring a sack lunch. Beverages and snacks will be provided. If you cannot make it to this class, there will probably be another sometime this summer.

LENTON FISH DINNERS

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the annual Fish Dinners during the Lenten season in D'Arco Hall every Friday from 3-7 PM. The Knights have requested our help on March 15th and April 19th, which is Good Friday. They will be serving from 1-7 PM on Good Friday so there will be two shifts of volunteers. The first shift is from 1-4 PM and the next is from 4-7 PM. Six volunteers are

needed for each shift. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered. You will be provided a SVdP apron to wear during your shift. Please make sure we have your apron when you have completed your shift so they can be washed and worn again for the next occasion. Volunteers on March 15th are Jayne Bukowski, Diane Taylor, Claire Olona, Mary Lou Benevegna, Virginia

Breeding, and Rebecca Roussin. On Good Friday, volunteers for the early shift (1-4) are: Olivia Caspell, Candance Hintenach, Virginia Breeding, Debby Estvanko, Rebecca Roussin, and Ann Austin. Second Shift (4-7) are: Deacon Tom, Diane Taylor, Phil and Cecilia Kahle, Helen Glowacki, and Jayne Bukowski. Please support the parish by enjoying a nice fish dinner with your friends and family.

OUTING TO THE THRIFT STORE

Since so many of our own Vincentians have not been to our Thrift Store and Clearing house on Menaul, we've decided to take a group for a tour of the facility. Luana Salazar, the Clearinghouse Coordinator, will be leading the tour beginning at

10:30 AM on Friday, March 22. If you'd like to participate in the outing, please contact Jill Lythgoe by phone at 892-2936 or by email at: dilythgoe@centurylink.net There will be a carpool for convenience and ease. Please meet in par-

ish parking lot on the east side of the church right a cross from the parish offices at 9:45 AM. The tour of the facility will be about an hour. You will tour the Clearing House, administrative offices, warehouse, and thrift store.

THE RULE

2.4 The Spirituality of the Blessed Frederic Ozanam. The spirituality of one of its founders inspires Vincentians profoundly. The Blessed Frederic Ozanam sought to renew faith, among all people, in Christ and in the civilizing effect of the

teachings of the Church through all time. Frederic envisioned the establishment of a network of charity and social justice encircling the world. Frederic attained holiness as a layman through living the Gospel fully in all aspects of his life. And

lastly, Frederic had a passion for truth, democracy and education.





Vincentian Prayer List



Your prayers are being requested for these special intentions:

Pauline Salata– For peace in her suffering– Margie Magistro

Charles Fink– Healing and recovery from kidney surgery– Joe & Carol Fink

Cecilia & Nora Romero– Healing from cancer– Bernice Mascarenas

Mike Jerome– For him to walk again– Barb Jerome

Moses Family– Reunited and reconciled—Claire Olona

Tammy Neill– Cancer recovery– Phillip Kahle

April May– Praying for healing– Susan Gonzales

Sharon Tenorio– Strength and comfort during her cancer battle– Family request

Rest of the soul of Earl Hall- Terri & Dennis Hall





68TH ANNUAL

BROTHER MATHIAS

CORNERED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019 3PM TO 6PM

AT ST. PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL

5301 ST. JOSEPH'S DR.

ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87120

TICKETS: \$15 ADULTS, \$5 CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER

PURCHASE AT THE DOOR OR ONLINE AT www.gscnm.org

Advance sale tickets available at:

Garson's: 2415 San Pedro NE

Good Shepherd Center: 218 Iron SW

Faith Works: 3301 Menaul NE #31

Immaculate Conception Church: 619 Copper NW

Holy Family Religious Supplies: 9469 Coors Blvd NW #1

**A benefit for the Good Shepherd Center,
a mission of the Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God**

