

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

NEXT GENERAL MEETING VIA ZOOM DECEMBER 3rd @ 7:00PM

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Phone Visits- 36
Walk-ins Applicants- 0

FEAST DAY REFLECTION

St. Catherine Laboure

Catherine Laboure was born on May 2, 1806 in France. When Catherine was only nine years old, her mother died and as a little girl she looked to the Blessed Virgin Mary to be her mother. On April 21, 1830 Catherine entered the Daughters of Charity, a nursing order, founded by St. Vincent de Paul. On the night of July 18, 1830 Catherine awoke after hearing a child's voice calling her to the chapel, where she heard the Virgin Mary say to her, "God wishes to charge you with a mission. You will be contradicted but have no fear; you will have the grace to do what is necessary. Tell your spiritual director all that passes within you. Times are evil in France and in the world." On Nov 27, 1830, Catherine re-

ported the Blessed Mother appeared to her in evening meditations. She displayed herself inside an oval frame, standing upon a globe, wearing many different colors, most which shown rays of light over the globe. Around the margin of the frame there appeared the words, "Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." The frame seemed to rotate showing a circle of twelve stars, a large letter M surmounted by a cross, and the stylized Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary underneath. Asked why the rings did not shed light, Mary reportedly replied, "Those are the graces people forget to ask for." Catherine then heard Mary ask her to take these images to her father

confessor, telling him

they should be put on medallions. "All who wear them shall receive great graces." Catherine did so, and after two years of investigation and observation of Catherine's normal daily behavior, the priest took this information to his archbishop without revealing Catherine's identity. The request was approved and the medallions began to be produced. They proved to be exceedingly popular. Catherine lived her remaining years as an ordinary nursing sister. Catherine never told anyone but her confessor about her visions. So even at her death in 1876, no one knew that Catherine brought the Miraculous Medal to the world. Her body was exhumed in 1933 with no decay. She was canonized a saint in 1947.



OCTOBER TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance- \$61,681.38

After Collection- \$87,794.99

Distributions- \$15,199.02

Ending balance- \$72,595.97

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





*Lord,
your people
long to see
your face*



November Birthdays

Jayne Bukowski

Barb Dudewicz

Harold Hitch

Melissa Pedraza

David Sena

Connie Shingleton

Esther Trujillo

Juanita Wilson

2020 THANKSGIVING DISTRIBUTION

We are so grateful our parish clergy recognize the good work our Society provides to the people of our community. We are blessed to be able to have our annual Thanksgiving distribution under the current circumstances we are facing and strict restrictions in our state. The annual distribution will take place on Saturday, November 21st from 9:00AM– Noon in the St. Thomas Aquinas parking lot. This year's distribution will be completely drive-up style. We are still currently seeking volunteers. Please remember to dress in layers if you plan to work the distribution. We are seek-

ing donations of frozen turkeys, pies, and monetary donations in lieu of other food due to the pandemic. The money raised will buy gift cards in place of the food bags we traditionally pass out. The conference has already bought over 650 \$15.00 gift cards. We have decided it is best not to distribute coats but are still working out details to give out hats, gloves, and scarves in the distribution line. Our volunteers will be available from Friday, November 13-20 from 8:00AM=6:00PM accepting donations at Fr. D'Arco Hall. Under state restrictions, we can only

have five volunteers in the hall at one time and everyone is required to wear a mask at all times. If you'd still like to volunteer, please contact Debby Estvanko, Thanksgiving coordinator, at debby.estvanko@pnmresources.com or 450-9870. Estimated volunteers for the day of distribution is between 30-40 compared to the 100 we usually require. The process is planned to be quick with little person to person contact. This is the opposite of what our society represents but it is the way it needs to be under the current circumstances. God bless our Society, volunteers, and those we have the privilege to serve. Have a blessed

OTHER CURRENT EVENTS

Our Home Visitor coordinator, Jill Lythgoe, has updated the Home Visitor and those that accompany lists. If you have any more updates to add, please contact Jill at 892-2936. Jill is always happy to answer any questions you may have in regards to home/phone visits.

Our parish is reactivating the Care Call ministry which many of you participated in. If you'd like to call your fellow parishioners during the Christmas season, please contact Viana Sikes at the parish

office for more information at 892-1511 ext. 7. Many of our parishioners may be alone this holiday season due to COVID and need someone to talk to and pray with. If you feel called to this ministry, please contact Viana to offer your help.

Randy Rizek, Career Specialist, from Goodwill Industries is reminding us to refer our friends, family, and applicants that are looking for work or making a career change. Randy has

years of experience in the community with a multitude of contacts. Goodwill can offer free resume writing, interview skills, job placement, and career skills. Please refer interested parties to Randy at 404-2275.

Saturday, November 15th the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a blood drive at St. John Vianney Parish from 9:00AM– noon. SJV is located at 1001 Meteor Ave NE. The parish office phone number is 892-4449. For additional information, you can also contact Rudy Herman at 307-6201.

THE RULE

6.2 The Society is committed to ecumenical and inter-faith cooperation- Following the teachings of the Catholic Church, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul recognizes, accepts and encourages the call to ecumenical and inter-faith dialogue and cooperation which arise from its charitable activity. It is prepared to participate in the Church's ecumenical and inter-faith initiatives within each country, in harmony with the diocesan bishop. (broken down meaning– all faiths work together for the good of God's people)

November Vincentian Prayer List

Your prayers are being requested for these special intentions:

Mike Jerome– For healing from Parkinson's– Barb Jerome

Fred Richardson– Healing from Parkinson's disease– Louise Richardson

Connie Shingleton– Continued recovery from breast cancer– Candace Hintenach

Lori Beth Koenigsfeld– Continued health battles– Terri Hall's daughter

Claire Olona– Autoimmune disease and associated symptoms– Terri Hall

Mabel Romero– Successful kidney treatment– Jill Lythgoe

Jane Romero– Fighting the return of cancer– Laura Greico

Frankie Gonzales– Recovery from Coronavirus– Bob & Susan Gonzales

Daniel Jimenez– Recovery of Coronavirus– Laura Greico

Front Line Workers– May the Lord protect them and keep them safe as they go out each day to help those in need– Gerri Martinez

A strong, united, and peaceful country– Debby Estvanko

Coronavirus Victims– Praying for recovery & those caring for them

