

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

NEXT GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4th at 7:00PM

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- Phone Visits- 37
- Walk-in Applicants- 4

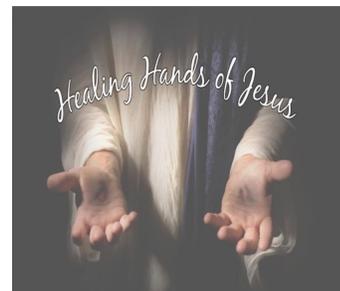
HEALING RETREAT

(COMMENTS FROM MONSIGNOR RAUN AND DEACON TOM)

Our conference held a "Healing Retreat" last month beginning with the celebration of Mass followed by a presentation given by Monsignor Raun. Monsignor was very inspiring. He holds the ministry of St. Vincent de Paul in high regards with a special place in his heart for all the work the Vincentians at St. Thomas do for our community. If you couldn't attend, here are some of the things Monsignor mentioned in his reflection. First of all, making home visits is so important in bringing Christ to someone. He said we should always ask, "May I pray with you?" Always leave a prayer book with the applicants, even if they are not comfortable praying during the home visit. When we pray from our hearts, things happen, and healing happens.

Always be a sympathetic ear. You, as a home visitor, give a special gift of your time. Let people talk. Monsignor went on to say, "The wounds that Christ heals are the ones we bring to Him. Pray for the grace of forgiveness and pray for others. Remember the love that Christ has for others." Encourage the people we visit to go to confession. There are always people in our lives that we don't get along with. Monsignor suggested this little prayer. "May the love that Jesus has for (person's name) fill my heart at this moment. When you discover the love Christ has for you, you can love others and give that love back in many ways." God has a wonderful plan for all of us. Make the choice to follow God's plan for you. A Christian's job is liv-

ing in the present. Have a spirit of thanksgiving. Give thanks for all our blessings. The result will be happiness and emotional health. Forgiveness is much easier with a grateful heart.



Deacon Tom finished up the retreat for us with a short reflection of his own. He reminded us to follow the Gospels of Jesus. There were over 150 prayer requests in our newsletters from our Vincentians this past year. Deacon said how much your faith has impressed him. Make prayer an active part of your spiritual life. Fellowship, monthly meetings, retreats, other activities and events are spiritual reinforcement we get from each other.

SEPTEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT



- Beginning Balance- \$83,557.72
- Total Receipts- \$12,581.94
- Total Distributions- \$22,135.40
- Ending Balance- \$74,004.26

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.



October Birthdays

*Richard Acuna
Anthony Chavez
Laurene Harris
Cos Madrid
Ben Maes
Mabel Romero
Yolanda Roybal
Ingrid Schumacher*

*Faith
needs to be
turned into
Action*



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WEEKEND

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at this year's St. Vincent de Paul weekend. Our speakers and table hosts did a great job representing our conference for both St. Thomas and St. John Vianney. A special thank

you to Anne Austin for coordinating this year's activities. We are very blessed that our parishioners support our ministry financially and spiritually. We could not accomplish the work we do without them. As a result of

our annual speech, we had 43 people interested in joining our ministry. We are excited to welcome them and for them start their journey with us.

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

Our last monthly meeting was held in Fr. D'Arco Hall to welcome all of our new volunteers. While the meeting wasn't highly attended, we were able to explain a little about the organization, introduce

board members, introduce committee heads, and have break out sessions for new volunteers to sign up for committees and Thanksgiving. Monthly General meetings are an important part of our

ministry so please try to attend as many as your schedule allows. Our next meeting will be held in the Religious Ed building on Thursday, November 4th at 7:00PM.

OZANAM ORIENTATION

Ozanam Orientation is being held this month for new members or anyone who needs a refresher course. There may still be time to join this month's session. Please email Linda at:

lijstrasburg@gmail.com

There is a \$5 charge which covers material costs. This session is being held in Belen at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Parish located at 101 N 10th Street, Belen NM on Saturday, Oct 23rd from 8:30-3:30. The confer-

ence is providing coffee and donuts but you will need to provide your own lunch. Masks will be required for the training session. Our conference will be holding this training on February 19, 2022, if you cannot attend this time.

COAT DISTRIBUTION

We held our first coat distribution on Saturday, Oct. 9th in Fr. D'Arco Hall. Applicants from Incarnation and our conference were invited to this event. There were a total of 196

coats, 16 hat/glove sets, 82 pair of gloves, 173 scarves donated by Caring for Kids ministry, and other miscellaneous items. There were a total of 24 volunteers who

helped one or both days. Any leftover coats will be donated in the community but the gloves and scarves will be given out at the Thanksgiving distribution.

THANKSGIVING DISTRIBUTION

Our next project will be our annual Thanksgiving distribution, which falls on Saturday, November 20th. We will be collecting frozen pies and turkeys in Fr. D'Arco Hall from Friday, Nov. 12 through Friday, Nov. 19

from 8:00AM- 6:00PM. We will be seeking volunteers to cover these days. We plan to work the distribution as a drive-up style as we did last year. We will also be handing out \$20 Walmart gift cards to purchase the

remainder of the Thanksgiving meal. A few more details need to be worked out before we begin to sign up volunteers.

October Vincentian Prayer List

Your prayers are being requested for these special intentions:

Fred Richardson– Healing from progression of Parkinson's and painful compression fractures– Louise Richardson

Lori Beth Koenigsfeld– Healing from complex concussion- Terri Hall

Claire Olona– Complete healing– Vincentian Sisters in Christ

Dennis Hall– Correct diagnosis and complete healing– Terri Hall

Daniel Taylor– Complete healing from seizures– Diane Taylor

Marian Estvanko– Complete healing from surgery– Debby Estvanko

Ingrid Schumacher– Complete recovery from a fall– Vincentian Family

Donna Schachtner– Complete recovery from pneumonia– Debby Estvanko

Rosalie Dion– Repose of her soul, rest in peace dear friend– Susan Gonzales

Jake– Needs guidance and healing– Anonymous member

Aaron Elweiss– Healing prayers for the sake of his 2 small children– Terri Hall

Steve– Healing from spinal cord injury– Terri Hall

Rose Crouse & the Hanson Family– Rose suffers from dementia and the Hanson Family needs Jesus' strength & guidance for Rose's care– Catherine Hanson

