



WORK BEGINS TO REPAIR ST. EDWARD RECTORY

When changing a rectory's residents, the diocese requires that a home inspection be completed. The St. Edward's rectory was inspected by Bear Property Inspections and also inspectors from the Diocese of Columbus, to identify improvements for the health, safety, and functionality of the living space for present and future priests of St. Edward Church. Home inspectors suggested having tests for radon and mold and also to waterproof the basement. (Testing indicated radon and mold were present in the house).

Inspectors noted items requiring immediate action. The following items have been completed: the old hot water tank that had a gas leak was replaced; extermination of mice and fleas; loose pavers on the front porch steps were secured; the gas leak in the old stove in the living room fireplace was sealed off. Additionally, termite tunnels were found by the inspector and traps are to be set. Hazardous issues noted by inspectors include: bathrooms with high steps into the tub and shower; loose pavers on the driveway, walkway and patio have created large gaps and dips, presenting fall hazards and keep water from flowing away from the house.

Bill and Mary Hoekstra and Tom Hoffer are coordinating repairs. Jo Ellen Ohl is the decorator. The home, built in 1955, has many original items that need to be replaced such as 68-year-old light fixtures and single pane windows. The roof needs replacing, as do the old kitchen appliances. As those of you who are homeowners know, home repairs do not come cheap. St. Edward's received a grant of \$14,000 from The Catholic Foundation for which we are very thankful.

Any help or donations that parishioners could provide would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to make a donation for the improvements to our rectory, please contact Pushkar Baum in the church office at 740-587-3254, or church@saintedwards.org. A plaque is planned to go in the entrance hall of the rectory naming all donors.

A LIST OF ITEMS THAT YOU COULD HELP WITH INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

Refrigerator | Kitchen range | Dish washer | New kitchen sink | Kitchen flooring | Kitchen countertop | New light fixtures throughout | Gas fireplace logs (to replace the old gas stove sitting in the fireplace) | Rugs for the home | Furniture – sofas, chairs, end tables | New windows – all or room by room | New roof | New doors to the house – front door and back door | New bathroom #1 and #2 | Cement driveway, walkways and patio



Many thanks to the hard-working crew of parishioners, Knights of Columbus and their families who joined together to clean up rectory grounds: Jim and Kathi Jackson, Ray Stankunas, Richard Hoben, Gregg Hinterschied, Dave Addis, Val Matula, David Bukula, Bob Elfreich, Bill and Mary Hoekstra, Ethan and Everett Perry, Jared and Claire Cottrell, Kyleigh Gilbert, Dave and Andrew Lammert, Stephanie Dantzer, Maggie Barno.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY HELPS THOSE IN NEED



A St. Edward parishioner asks, "I put money in the collection for St. Vincent de Paul, and bring in food, but what is SVDP exactly and what do they do?" "Good questions", says Barb Scholten, Executive Director of two SVDP Thrift Stores in Newark, including the Food Pantry. It was founded in 1833 in Paris by Frederic Ozanam when he was 20 years old. He and some of his friends started the "Conference of Charity" and named it after St. Vincent de Paul, the patron saint of charities. From what a few young men started 190 years ago has grown to over one million members located in 130 countries worldwide!

How does it work? Well, here in Licking County, there is a St. Vincent de Paul conference, made up of volunteers, at the Catholic churches of St. Edward, Blessed Sacrament, St. Leonard, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and Ascension. Also, there is a conference of St. Teresa of Calcutta that isn't connected to a specific church and focuses on helping the homeless. **What do conference volunteers do?** The conference collects financial donations each month to help others. Without the donations of parishioners at each of the Catholic churches, the SVDP Society in Licking County could not operate. **How are donations used?** The funds are prayerfully considered to help those with needs such as rent or payments for utilities that are about to be shut off. SVDP never give funds directly to those who are helped, instead working through landlords and utility companies.

How does SVDP find people who need help? The SVDP Helpline is operated by volunteers who can receive up to 30 to 50 calls per day. The volunteers decide if and how the caller can be helped. Sometimes they are referred to other resources for help or to the nearest food pantry. **What does a Thrift Store have?** First of all, there are 2 SVDP Thrift Stores in Newark. One is at 135 Wilson St. and one is at 200 E. Main St. The stores provide very low-cost clothing, furniture, household items and large and small appliances. PLEASE think of SVDP Thrift Stores first when cleaning out unwanted things in your home. And shop at one of the stores- it's a treasure hunt! Proceeds from the Thrift Stores help to support the Haven – a 50 bed shelter for men, and funding for women, children/families who are currently homeless.

What are some ways that SVDP has helped others? A family with four young children needed help, as dad had been diagnosed with cancer and could not work. Thanks to the monthly collection, St. Edwards conference was able to assist the family for a couple of months with rent and utilities. Sadly, dad passed away and the St. Edward Giving Tree helped the children have a nice Christmas and the food pantry provided food for months.



A young mom with small children, working hard to end her addictions, reached out to Saint Vincent de Paul for utility help. Several times she prayed with SVDP volunteers and leaned on them for moral support. Today that mom is married, drug and alcohol-free, and often recalls how the support of Saint Vincent de Paul helped her through the most difficult times.

A single mom with teenage sons needed professional clothing for work and tires for her car so she could get to work. With a voucher, she chose several outfits and shoes for work. Thanks to the micro-loan program through Saint Vincent de Paul, she was able to get tires, as well as raise her credit score. Several years later, sadly one of her sons died of a drug overdose. She called Saint Vincent de Paul, just to reconnect and pray with those volunteers that she had become friends with. The Vincentians were there for her in her time of grief, with prayers, holding her hands.



L to R, Barb & Scott Scholten; Rick & Carol Basile; Kathi & Jim Jackson; and John Murphy, president of St. Edward SVDP Conference. Kathi Jackson was honored at the 2023 Haven Fall Fling as the Haven Hero.



St. Edward's Church has parishioners who are leaders in the St. Vincent de Paul Community. Get to know them! Contact any one of these superstars to lend them a hand



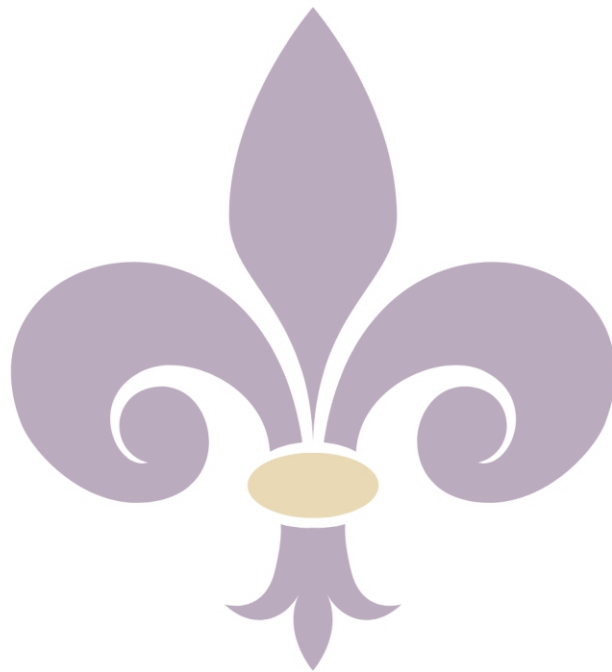
Dispatchers – Our own **Cindy Kendrick** oversees the dispatchers who receive calls for assistance.
Micro-loans – Our own **Gene Schroeder** heads a three-person board that provides Micro-loans to those in need, and that qualify to repay the loan, even if their credit is poor



Thrift Stores – Our own **Barb Scholten** is the Executive Director of our two thrift stores, and food pantry. On the SVDP Center Board, **Deb Cook-Gorsuch** is the president and **Darrell Bragg** is the treasurer. **Rick and Carol Basile** manage the Wilson St. Store
 The key purpose of the stores is to use profits to support the homeless.
 The stores and food pantry are constantly in need of volunteers.



The Men's Haven – Our own **John Paul Munhall** is the Executive Director of the Saint Vincent Haven Men's Shelter and **Jim Jackson** and **Kelly Parker** serve on The Haven board. The Shelter recently doubled its size with 50 beds for homeless men.
 The shelter too needs volunteers such as food teams to provide dinners for the men or working the admittance door.



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