

St. Vincent de Paul Society Annual Collection

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, November 24 – 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thanksgiving Day Mass Collection is for the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP). A special collection envelope has been provided for you in your regular envelope packet. Please use this envelope or note on your check that your contribution is for St. Vincent de Paul. **If you are unable to attend Mass on Thanksgiving Day, you may put your donation in the Sunday collection basket.** All donations directly fund our charitable programs described below. Financial contributions can be made throughout the year by placing your check to St. Michael's noted for SVDP in the Sunday collection basket. Some parishioners do this on a regular basis. Please pray for our benefactors that God continues to bless them, as we pray for you that God will continue to bless you for your generosity.

What is the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and what does it do?

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is made up of volunteers who wish to grow spiritually by helping people in need within our own communities in Lee County. SVDP meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

SVDP's primary focus is helping the Community with:

- **Food Assistance**
 - ✓ Distribute bags of food from the SVDP food pantry; over 500 bags of food with a combined weight of 12,000 lbs. were distributed last year.
 - ✓ Provide bagged lunches for children during the summer months at the Loachapoka Community Center; 900 bagged lunches were distributed this past summer.
 - ✓ Distribute food boxes for Thanksgiving and Easter.
 - ✓ Serve Thanksgiving meals at Our House and Loachapoka Community Center.
 - ✓ Distribute food boxes to St. Mary's Hispanic community to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- **Utility and Hardship Assistance**
 - ✓ Offer financial assistance to those facing difficult decisions with limited resources.
- **The Wellbeing of Children**
 - ✓ Sponsor children through the Food Bank of East Alabama Backpack Program and assist with packing the backpacks.
 - ✓ Host an annual collection of baby items for Women's Hope.
 - ✓ Participate in DHR's Clothe-A-Child program.
 - ✓ Sponsor an annual Children's Coat Drive for low-income and foster children.
 - ✓ Sponsor a School Supply Drive to help poverty-level children have the necessary school supplies.
- **The Elderly**
 - ✓ Make monthly visits and supply treats for the residents at Manor House, Assisted Living Home.
 - ✓ Provide meals for EASE House through the Meals on Wheels program.
 - ✓ Collect gifts for the elderly through the parish Angel Tree (red snowman tags).
- **Mini Vinnies**
 - ✓ SVDP sponsors the Mini Vinnie Ministry for kids, grades 3-6 to learn and act as volunteers in helping others who need their help as young members of SVDP.

SVDP Annual Report 2015

Income		Expenditures	
St. Michael's Collection	\$ 9,795	Food Assistance	\$ 5,193
Individual Donations	5,884	Utility and Hardship	7,208
Endowment	6,021	Children's programs	5,720
Other Income	1,864	Other Projects	2,557
	\$23,564		\$20,678

Thank you for your support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. God Bless.