



St. Vincent de Paul Newsletter



Many people showed up for their free gardens.

Big Seed & Garden Giveaway

This year's Big Seed Contest and Free Garden Giveaway took place on Saturday, May 21. 72 small gardens and 144 portable gardens were given away to 90 families at this year's event.

Nearly 70 volunteers helped make this annual event a success!



Big Seed cabbage plant contest winner.



After selecting their vegetables, they were planted into portable containers by volunteers.



Remaining vegetables were planted in a volunteer-run garden.



A flower plant sale was also held by the Jackson Area Career Center.



Thank you to all who came out to the annual Rose Parade. We had a lot of fun seeing everyone!

Hot air jubilee

Come and see us at the annual Hot Air Jubilee on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 15, 16 and 17 at Sharp Park in Jackson. We will have information about our ministry as well as 'balloon' items available for a donation.





Manager's Corner

Busy, busy, busy



David Kemler
General Manager

The fashion show is over, the big seed event completed and the Christmas season doesn't start for several months. Now is the 'slow season' for the staff of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores. Yes we are at our peak of merchandise donations and yes we are participating in the Rose Parade, Hot Air Jubilee, Jackson County Fair and Civil War Muster. Yes we will also be hosting our annual Sell-A-Bration and participating in the Friends of the Poor Walk. Of course we still have

our Sister Rosalie's Community Garden to maintain and our weekly community lunches. We do still have all of our seasonal summer maintenance jobs. But other than those things we are just plain lazy.

So what are you doing this summer? Vacations? Summer picnics? Family reunions? Please don't forget your support of St. Vincent de Paul. We hope to see you at one of our summer events.

Yard Sale vs Donation

Before you decide to hold a yard sale... think about this:

You'll spend days gathering, sorting, pricing and displaying items that you no longer need, no longer fit or no longer serve a purpose in your life.

You'll have to pick a date... probably a Saturday. You might begin to pray for good weather.

You'll want to place ads online or print signs and place them around your neighborhood... maybe even print and distribute flyers.

Then the day arrives and which would you rather do? Spend a day "negotiating" with yard sale shoppers over a juice glass? Or would you rather spend two hours gathering items and help support a local charity that helps others in need?

Think about it... is all of the effort of a yard sale worth the \$30 you might make? Or think about all of the folks you will be helping by donating to St. Vincent de Paul instead.



St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store Team Member of the Month June, 2016 Mark Hobus

Store #5



Each month we've decided to celebrate our employees and regular volunteers as Team Member of the Month to say 'Thank You' and to let you know them a little better.

Thanks, Mark, we love ya!!!



An unused headboard makes a great multi-purpose beverage station. Using weather-proof paint will make it outdoor-ready.

An old chair fitted with a bucket becomes a one-stop ice chest with character!

Going 'green'

A regular feature on 'green' living to help you live a more earth-friendly life!

Thirsty?

With warm weather arriving here are some ideas that can transform old pieces of furniture into your own private drink station. Furniture pieces like this are readily available at our stores. We also have many of the other items you'll need. *All ideas are from Pinterest.com.*



An old table fitted with a wash tub has extra storage for additional beverages.



What's happening

Sunday, June 5

Rose Parade & Picnic in the Park
Starting downtown

Saturday, June 11

Second Saturday 25% OFF sale
At the Furniture Showroom



Tuesday, June 14

Flag Day
Show your patriotism by flying the red, white and blue.

Sunday, June 19

Father's Day
Let's show dads our appreciation today!

Tuesday, June 21

First day of summer

Monday, July 4

Independence Day
Stores closed



Saturday, July 9

Second Saturday 25% OFF sale
At the Furniture Showroom

Friday, July 15 - Sunday, July 17

Visit St. Vincent de Paul at the Hot Air Jubilee
Ella Sharp Park, Jackson

Every month...

Mondays - Fill a blue basket with clothing for only \$10.00!
- Clergy discount day – 25% Off with ID

Tuesdays - Student & teacher discount day – 25% Off with ID

Wednesdays - Senior citizen discount day – 25% Off with ID

Thursdays - Military (active or veterans) discount day for service people and their immediate families – 25% Off with ID

Fridays - Fill a blue basket with books for only \$5.00!
(E. Michigan Ave. location only)

Would you like to help?

Summer is a great time to try some volunteering. We are always looking for a helping hand. It is a good way to try something new while helping others. Opportunities to volunteer include:

- Retail store
- Merchandise donations
- Merchandise refurbishing
- Furniture repair
- Store improvement
- Toy store
- Special event promotion
- Fashion show
- Fundraising
- Marketing team
- Donation drives
- Office/computer/technical

Contact any of our locations for more information.
Thank you!

Spring Arbor Road

1812 Spring Arbor Road
Jackson, Michigan 49203
517-784-0721
Mon.- Fri. 9 - 7, Sat. 9 - 5

East Michigan Avenue

1509 E. Michigan Ave.
Jackson, Michigan 49202
517-784-0609
Mon.- Fri. 9 - 7, Sat. 9 - 5

Furniture Showroom & Bookstore

1501 E. Michigan Ave.
Jackson, Michigan 49202
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Mon.- Fri. 9 - 7, Sat. 9 - 5