



St. Vincent de Paul Newsletter



Tickets now on sale!

Tickets are now on sale for our annual Spring Fashion Show. They are available at our Furniture Center ONLY. Stop in during regular business hours for the best seats!



St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores
present its 12th Annual
Spring FASHION SHOW 2017
A 'Mad Hatter's Tea Party'
Saturday, April 29th
KEN DILLON ACTIVITY CENTER
at St. John's Catholic School (formerly JCMS)
915 Cooper Street

4:30 P.M. - DOORS OPEN
6:00 P.M. - DINNER
7:00 P.M. - FASHION SHOW

RESERVED SEATING TICKETS:
\$20 in advance Available at St. Vincent de Paul Center

GENERAL SEATING TICKETS:
\$25 at the door

*Silent Auction • Raffles
Entertainment
Boutique Shopping
Buffet Dinner • Cash Bar*



1501 E. Michigan Ave., Jackson • 784-8377 • www.svdpjackson.com

Spring Women's Expo

St. Vincent de Paul will be participating in the American 1 Spring Women's Expo on Saturday, March 11 from 10 am - 5 pm at the Parkside Fieldhouse in Jackson. Head out to the expo to see the best in women's fashion, beauty, and health ideas. See you at this free event!



Big Seed

The annual Big Seed Event will take place on Saturday, May 20 and will feature a garden fair, a competition for growing the largest watermelon plant and a free garden giveaway. Call 784-0721 to reserve your free small or portable garden.

For more information about this event visit www.togetherdifference.org and click on 'Big Seed'.





Manager's Corner

Division vs common ground



David Kemler
General Manager

We hear so much lately about the issues that separate us. We recently went through a very divisive national election. In January we observed several protest demonstrations/ marches. Some protested the election results, some were women concerned for their rights, and others were prolife

advocates supporting the rights of the unborn. Some of these groups protested peacefully, but within other groups there were individuals who resorted to violence and destruction. Some groups preached love and acceptance and with others there was vulgarity and intolerance.

What is the message that we as Christians can learn from these recent activities? While many (and increasing more) people are claiming no religious affiliation, we as Christians need to set a higher bar. While Jesus Christ constantly preached against sin, he condemned only the hypocrites who failed in showing mercy to others. With sinners who repented he was always gentle and forgiving. Let us put aside our political differences and come together to serve our brothers and sisters. Let us work to find a common ground.

In the 1830s a group of French university students were challenged by the statement that the Catholic Church was no longer concerned by the plight of the poor. In answering that challenge, Frederic Ozanam and six other students resolved to do what they could to lessen the burden of the impoverished. It was to Sister Rosalie Rendu, a Daughter of Charity, who they went for direction. Sister Rosalie, showed them how to love the poor without demeaning them. They brought food, clothing and firewood to the lowly tenements of the poorest region of Paris. There in that early beginning was the person to person ministry that is still offered through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

The zeal for this ministry increased, and within a few years the Conference of Charity, (later to be the

Society of St. Vincent de Paul) spread throughout Europe and by the early 1840s had reached America. The first Conference of the Society was founded in St. Louis, Missouri in 1843.

In Jackson we have had an active St. Vincent de Paul Conference since the 1940s. Vincentian Home Visitors assist our friends in need with rent, utilities, transportation, job training, medical costs, burial services and food. Our Conference members also offer the solace of prayer and loving support. There are hundreds of local men and women in the seven St. Vincent Conferences in Jackson and Lenawee counties who go out weekly through personal contact with our needy brothers and sisters.

Since the early 1960s the Jackson area Society of St. Vincent de Paul has maintained a thrift store to help with this ministry. Clothing, linens and housewares are distributed daily to those who cannot afford them. Vouchers for furniture, beds and large appliances, written by our home visitors, are filled through our stores. In addition to these needed services, 20 local families derive some or all of their livelihood through employment in our stores. We work with many individuals each year in employment training programs. Adult men and women and students are able to fill community service hours in our stores. Besides these programs, revenues in excess of our expenses go back to the community through the charity programs of the Jackson District Council of St. Vincent de Paul.

Your generous support through donations of goods or money help with this mission. Each year hundreds of thousands of dollars of merchandise and services assist in the Jackson/ Lenawee community. Your volunteer hours help us to serve thousands of individuals and families yearly. Events such as our annual free Christmas toy give way and our Spring Fashion Show fundraiser would not be possible without your help. We thank you for this assistance and look forward to continuing in the future.

Going 'green'

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

Giving winter a fresh coat

Winter can give you a tired feeling. Why not try sprucing up old objects with a fresh coat of paint. White and light colors can add a touch of brightness and 'spring like' feel to your home. A little sanding after painting can give an item a 'distressed' look.

All items seen here can be found at our thrift stores. Stop in soon and try on a new coat!



A candle stick holder and board painted in light blue become a cookbook or tablet stand.



Wooden salt and peppers shakers take on a new look with a little paint.



This outdated canister now looks up-to-date with a shabby chic painted finish.



Pitchers have a fresh clean, yet nostalgic look when painted with a bright white.





What's happening

Saturday, February 11

Second Saturday Sale - 25% OFF all furniture and decor at the Furniture Showroom only

Tuesday, February 14

Happy Valentine's Day

Monday, February 20

Presidents Day

Wednesday, March 1

Ash Wednesday
Lent begins

Saturday, March 11

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Women's Spring Expo

at the Parkside Fieldhouse

Sunday, March 12

Daylight savings time begins

Friday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day

Monday, March 20

First day of spring



St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores Team Member of the Month February, 2017

Alice Bearden

Store #1



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, Alice, we love ya!!!

Every month...

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

Tuesdays - Student and 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!

Spring Arbor Road

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

East Michigan Avenue

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

Furniture Showroom & Bookstore

1501 E. Michigan Ave.
Jackson, Michigan 49202
517-784-8377
Mon.- Sat. 9 - 7