

# Sacred Heart of Jesus Conference

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul



March 2015

### CELEBRATING OUR 14TH ANNIVERSARY

We are grateful to God and to all of you for allowing us to serve our brothers and sisters in need this past fiscal year (October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014).

**Membership:** Our members along with the spiritual and financial support of our community allow us to serve God through our service to one another.

- ◆ Active Members — 15
- ◆ Associate Members — 67
- ◆ Contributing Members — 36
- ◆ Total Members — 121

**OUR MEMBERS DONATED  
3474 HOURS IN  
VOLUNTEER SERVICES**

**Contacts:** Nearly 900 households contacted us for assistance.

We visited 261 homes and had 616 visits with households at the office.

263 households only required a phone call for information and referral.

**Assistance:** \$63,152 was given in direct assistance (Housing 60%, Transportation 17%, Utilities 15% Medical 3% and Other 5% (Only \$2,446 was spent in operating costs. 96% of all donations are given to those in need)

**Other Assistance:** \$26,573 was given in other assistance. Clothing \$9,530, Food \$8,032, Furniture \$6,357, Household Goods \$2,654

**Donations:** Our Society received \$55,209 in income.

Member donations \$11,290 Church Collections \$9,350

Other Community Donations \$34,069 and Other Receipts \$499

### 14TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

WITH THE

*SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
SACRED HEART OF JESUS*

*CONFERENCE*

## SUNDAY APRIL 12

Cathedral of Christ the King  
1111 Belknap St.



Free  
Breakfast



Serving from  
9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
in Kress Hall  
Silent Auction  
Door Prizes  
Music and more ...

## ALL ARE WELCOME

Donations Gratefully Accepted

### MINNIE VINNIES

A group of 4th and 5th graders joined together for faith, friendship and fun and started a Minnie Vinnie conference of SVDP this fall to serve those in need in our community.

**October:** Assisted with the Scott Hockenbrock Benefit set up

**November:** Delivered Thanksgiving Food Baskets donated by Holy Assumption parishioners

**December:** Set up toys for a Christmas toy giveaway

**January:** Enjoyed a Sledding Party!

**February:** Packaged candy at Sweeden Sweets for those in need for Valentine's Day—Yum!

**March:** Held a "SOCK IT TO POVERTY" new sock drive at the Diocesan Youth Rally

**April:** Plan to assist on April 12 at the pancake breakfast!

**Congratulations to our officers:**

Nora Scheunemann -President

Addie Poskozim -Vice President

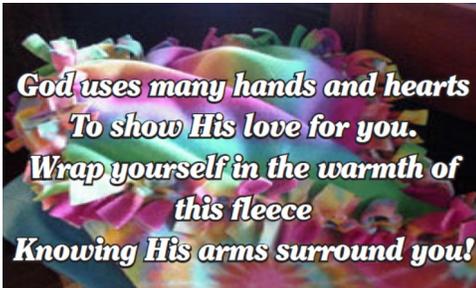
Gabi Sakuray -Secretary

Scarlett Austreng -Treasurer



Join us at our next event! Watch for information through Cathedral school or your religious education program. Everyone is welcome to become a member at no cost!

## God Bless Our Cathedral Blanket Makers!



What happens when Jewell Rankila is inspired to make blankets for those in need? A bake sale is organized. Over \$800 is raised. To date, 56 fleece blankets are tied by a cheerful and dedicated group of women. Mary Honz composes a prayer. Marcia Manion from Jiffy Print donates the printing and the prayer is attached to each blanket. Many of the blankets were given to children and teens at Christmas. A child's blanket was given to a couple whose baby was born at 1 lb. and we pray that the child will someday be the right size to be embraced by it. Everyone is welcome to join the blanket makers – no special skills are necessary! Watch the Cathedral bulletin or website for upcoming blanket making dates!



### EAGLE SCOUT ASSISTS OUR FRIENDS IN NEED

Patrick Buelt was presented with the Eagle Scout Award on August 31, 2014. Patrick's Eagle project involved conducting two food drives for the Society. He also led a project to build three sturdy shelving units that are currently used to hold our gently used shoe donations. Our congratulations to Patrick and our gratitude to his parents Mary and Joe Buelt who supported him with a project that continues to benefit our Society and those we serve.

## Youth Optimist of the Year Award Benefits the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Gabrielle Heytens, daughter of Renee and Pat Heytens, received the Youth Optimist of the Year Award. She stated in her essay, "The mission of SVDP is similar to that of the Optimist Club, helping to feed, clothe and house those in need, especially families. My church, Cathedral of Christ the King, works closely with SVDP and that is why it is so dear to me. I can only imagine what \$1000 could do for a family in serious need. I would be honored and humbled to donate the Youth Optimist Award to such a worthy organization.



Pictured are Anita Johnson and Lynn Tracy from SVDP, Gabrielle Heytens and Jan Jago from the Optimist Club

## Our Service to those in Need

October 1, 2014 — February 28, 2015

Housing	\$ 16,116
Transportation	\$ 5,072
Utilities	\$ 1,714
Medical	\$ 286
Other	\$ 833
Total Assistance	<u>\$ 24,021</u>
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,033
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 25,054</b>

(96 cents out of every dollar donated is given toward direct need as our Society is all volunteer with no building or vehicle costs.)

## THE HOME VISIT

From the beginning of the Society, the central and most basic activity of Conferences has been the visitation of the needy in the home. This action is the clearest symbol of the Vincentian charism which dictates the highest respect for the dignity of the poor... It symbolizes the fact that Vincentians are to reach out to the needy. . . it is in the home environment that needy persons feel most free to entrust their stories of struggle to the helper. It is there, in the family setting, that Vincentians are asked to listen, offer humble advice, and render assistance. A related tradition is that Vincentians always visit in pairs. This requirement is based on the fact that the Conference is a community, not a collection of individuals who "do their own thing". (US Manual of SVDP)



## We Are Friends of the Poor

Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
1416 Cumming Ave.  
Superior, WI 54880



**715-398-4039**  
(voice mail)

If you have questions or would like to donate to our Society please contact us. If you have a need or know of anyone in need of our assistance please call **715-398-4039** and leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

### Meetings

Meetings are held every second and fourth Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Catholic Charities building at 1416 Cumming Ave.

### Membership

**Active Members:** Attend meetings and visit with those in need in their homes or at our office.  
**Associate Members:** Assist with special projects.  
**Contributing Members:** Provide regular or annual donations in support of the Society.

### SVDP Officers

President: Liz Gaynor  
Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Leon Flaherty  
Vice President: Lynn Tracy  
VP of Membership: Pam Dawson  
Treasurer: Eric Stuart  
Secretary: Becky Stuart



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