

**St. Brendan Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul
2024 Report to the Parish**

Vincentian Spirituality is the seeking to bear witness to the love of Christ through prayer, meditation on the scriptures, the teaching of the Church, through our daily lives, and in our relationship with those in need.

Currently, there are 24 full members and 37 associate members of St. Brendan's St. Vincent de Paul Society. During the Fiscal Year October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024 members responded to 229 calls for assistance. Parishioner's monetary and "in kind" donations enabled the St. Vincent de Paul Society to continue works of mercy and helped alleviate suffering for the needy in our local community and in the neediest parts of the diocese.

Works of Mercy

Total Dollars Spent: \$58,033

Total Volunteer Hours: 1,262

- **Feed the Hungry/Give Drink to the Thirsty**
 - St. Lawrence Haven: \$1,000
 - Sandwich Supplies: \$5,134 to make over 15,000 sandwiches for Holy Family Soup Kitchen and St. Lawrence Haven
 - Hilliard Food Pantry: Over 3,000 pounds from our Green Bin
 - 2023 Thanksgiving Food Drive: 2,277 pounds to Hilliard Food Pantry
 - 2024 Thanksgiving in June Food Drive: 2,581 pounds to Hilliard Food Pantry

- **Shelter the Homeless/Clothe the Naked**
 - Rent, Utility, Clothing & Car Expenses: \$45,551
 - St. Stephen the Martyr, SVDP Funeral Fund & other SVDP conferences: \$5,203
 - Collaboration with Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs: \$600
 - St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store Donation Drive: over 300 parishioners donated gently used clothes and household items filling 3 trailers, a box truck

- **Visit the Sick/Comfort the Afflicted**
 - Blessing Bags – in collaboration with St. Brendan students, we prepared and distributed 500 bags with small toiletries and notes of encouragement to the homeless
 - Gifts and Visits and through Giving Tree for the needy at Christmas

SVDP members thank St. Brendan parishioners for your support & generosity!