



# The Samaritan

*No Neighbor Left Behind*

SVdPNaples.org

April 2022

The struggles of our time seem to be a prevalent topic these days, both at work and in social engagements. Amid discussions of conflict, economic crisis, rising gas prices, and social instability, ***how can we not all be on the edge of our seats waiting for the next shoe to drop?*** However, we must never forget that throughout these times there is always hope for peace and abundance with optimism to look forward into the future.

While the world around us is facing a shortage of individuals in the workforce, rising housing costs, rising food prices, and rising gas prices, our team is looking for new ways to connect and serve our neighbors in need. One of the ways that we are improving outreach is through an interactive newsletter. Throughout these pages, you will see QR Codes that link to our new website ([www.SVdPNaples.org](http://www.SVdPNaples.org)) with personal videos and messages about our mission and progress. Open your phone's camera and position it over the code. You'll be prompted to open a link to a new video or website.



We here at St. Vincent de Paul hope for peace in the world, peace in our workplace, and peace in our homes.

*Kimberly Schul, Executive Director  
St. Vincent de Paul Society  
Naples District Council, Inc.*

**Join us in Prayer!**  
On Fridays at 8:45 a.m., we take a few minutes to pray for those in need.  
Join us in spirit and online at  
[Facebook.com/SVdPNaples](https://Facebook.com/SVdPNaples)



# SVdP NAPLES SERVES COLLIER COUNTY



◆ Meals on Wheels  
Service Area (shaded)

☀ Meals on Wheels  
Proposed Expansion  
(shaded)

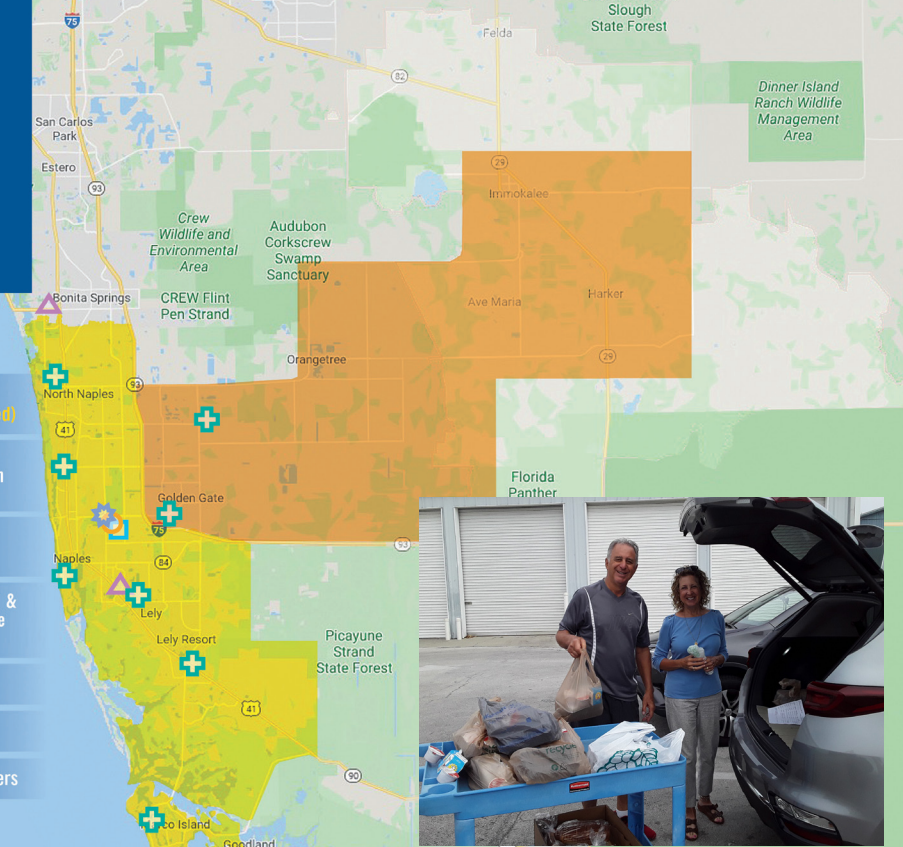
● Meals on Wheels  
Distribution Center

■ SVdP Financial, Food &  
Furniture Assistance  
& Life Skills Center

★ SVdP Food Pantry

▲ SVdP Thrift Stores

+ SVdP Church Partners



## Did you know that our Meals on Wheels program delivers over 50,000 meals annually?

SVdP Naples, since 1977, has been assisting homebound, low-income seniors and disabled neighbors thru our Meals on Wheels program. Today, we operate the largest program in Collier County delivering well over 50,000 meals, annually with a goal of delivering over 82,000 meals come 2024.



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Our Dedicated Volunteers and drivers, led by Carol Harris, involved with the program almost since its inception, support the nutrition and general well-being of these neighbors by making deliveries 3 times a week, providing lunch for each day of the week.



## Interim President's Message

The Naples District Council is going through some changes and as the Interim President, my role is to ensure a smooth transition and continuity of leadership.

I have been a Vincentian for 13 years and have served on the Naples District Council Board of Directors as both Treasurer and Vice President. At the Conference level, I have also served as a Vice President and currently as President of the St. John the Evangelist Conference.

I can report that SVdP Naples is doing very well fulfilling our mission to serve our neighbors in need.

I'm working with a very strong slate of officers and a fully engaged Board. We will be looking for a suitable Vincentian presidential candidate and filling this important position as soon as possible.

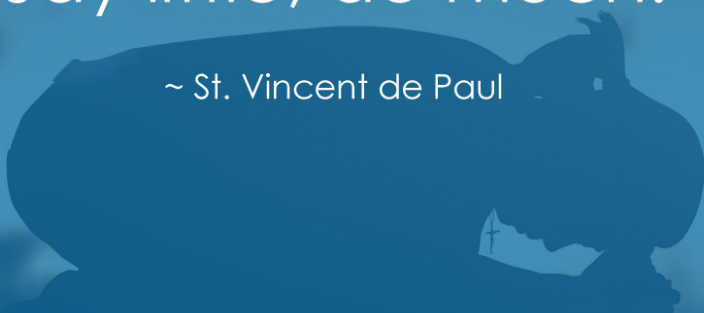
*God Bless,  
Fred Michaels  
(Interim) President*



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# "Say little, do much."

~ St. Vincent de Paul



# The Lenten season focuses us on PRAYER, ALMSGIVING and FASTING

Pope Benedict XVI, Joseph Ratzinger, in his book *Jesus of Nazareth* writes: “prayer is a way of gradually purifying and correcting our wishes and of slowly coming to realize what we really need: God and His Spirit.”

The season of Lent helps me review my relationship with God and to look at what I am asking of Him in prayer. Do I really need what I am asking? Do I humble myself in the presence of God, recognizing my position as a child of God? The prayer of the Our Father, found in the Gospel of Matthew, teaches us how to pray. (Mathew: 6,7-15).

When I allow myself to listen to God and be obedient to what God asks of me, I don't manipulate God by asking Him to grant my desires according to my own personal benefit or interest, but according to His will. In other words, we put God first and we let Him guide our Lenten journey.

*Father Franckel Fils-Aime*  
*Spiritual Advisor*  
*St. Vincent de Paul Society*  
*Naples District Council*



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reflections from  
Fr. Fils-Aime on  
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## DONATE, SHOP, & SUPPORT at St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores

We have a wide selection of clothing, furniture, and appliances. Proceeds from your generous donations and purchases help us continue our mission to provide person-to-person service to those in need. Hours, addresses, and donation pickup request available at [SVDPNaples.org](https://SVDPNaples.org).



# SVdP Naples Provides

In reflecting on the past six months, and my role as Development Director, I was reminded today that I can sum it up simply by saying, "SVdP Naples Provides." I obviously have the main objective of asking individuals, organizations/foundations, businesses, for donations and grants; so, in other words, we need your money.



I do it proudly by following our mission: We are a network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness, and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need; we are ingrained in the fabric of Collier County in helping with a series of wonderful programs as highlighted throughout this newsletter. Without the support of our patrons, we could not continue towards a goal of creating systemic change within the lives of the neighbors we serve.

There would have been a donation envelope attached to this page to ask for your generous contribution, however due to supply chain issues in the printing industry that was not possible. So, ***I ask you to take the extra step to mail your tax-deductible donation to the address below, contribute online at SVdPNaples.org or reach out to me personally*** to see how you can provide a legacy gift.

In closing, I would like to share a link to a speech given by Commissioner Rick LoCastro in celebration of SVdP Naples, over 50 years of service within Collier County. Scan this QR Code to read more and watch the Commissioner's address.



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**St. Vincent De Paul Society Naples**  
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**Naples, FL 34104**

# St. John the Evangelist SVdP conference and SVdP Naples provide a mobile food pantry

For the past year, St. John the Evangelist conference and SVdP Naples family center have worked together to provide a mobile food pantry, stocked with essential staples for the Spanish and Haitian migrant neighborhoods within our community.

Please scan this QR Code to watch a video with Mayra Vargas from Healthcare Network talking about our collaboration and the services of the organization.



## Life Skills Programming

“Organized locally, Vincentians witness God’s love by embracing all works of charity and justice. The Society collaborates with other people of goodwill in relieving need and addressing its systemic causes, making no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ.”

In collaborating with MidWestOne Bank, locally, we are offering a series of 90-minute classes with the goal of achieving Financial Literacy (teaching families how to earn more, save, and spend less) and developing employment skills and support finding new job opportunities for our neighbors.

Scan this QR Code to watch a video of Ed Alfaro sharing his experience facilitating the class.



# St. Ann Conference: Christmas Angels 2021



Thank you to the children of St. Ann School, including our wonderful Mini-Vinnies, for introducing children to social justice issues and to living faith through action. They dazzled our neighbors and their families here at St. Vincent de Paul Naples Council! Imagine

our surprise when over 350 sets of new pajamas were donated for children in need as well as Christmas presents for those we serve.

The children held a Pajama Day in December, wearing their pajamas to school for the day. They had a great deal of fun and then donated new sets of pajamas to St. Vincent de Paul. **We are so grateful to the children, teachers and staff for their special contribution and dedication to our Ministry.**

*Another example of the spirit of our youth:*

Please scan the QR code to the right to see the Royal Palm Academy students with Jennifer Wojcik, Dean of Students, during their visit and presentation of gifts to our families in need this past Christmas.



## Honoring our Conferences!



**ST. ELIZABETH SETON**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



**ST. AGNES**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



**San Marco**  
Catholic Church



*St. Peter the Apostle*  
Catholic Church

**St. Finbarr**



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**SAINT ANN**  
Catholic Church



**SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

“Give me a man of prayer,  
and he will be capable  
of doing all things.”

~ St. Vincent de Paul

## Upcoming Events at SVdP Naples

### April:

- **Volunteer Appreciation** Luncheon and Awards
- **League Club** Breakfast and Grant presentation to SVdP Naples District Council for Meals on Wheels
- **Good Friday:** Family Center and Thrift Stores will be closed in observance of the most Holy day of the year
- **Easter Sunday:** Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

### May:

- **6th Annual Father Glackin Memorial Golf Tournament** to support SVdP Naples District Council

### Summer:

- **Ribbon Cutting** event with the Bonita Springs Chamber in recognition of SVdP's two Thrift Stores

Would you like to volunteer in a new role? Or, learn more about becoming a Vincentian? Visit our new website to learn more [SVdPNaples.org](http://SVdPNaples.org).

### St. Vincent De Paul Society Naples

Family Assistance Center

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## 6th Annual Father Thomas Glackin Memorial Golf Tournament Monday, May 2 Vineyards Country Club



Scan QR Code  
to register.

