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**St. Vincent de Paul
Society**



**“Join us for a day of Golfing
while helping those in need”**

Save the date and register now for the 7th Annual St. Vincent de Paul Golf Tournament. Playing in the Golf Tournament provides for our 3 main programs: Meals on Wheels, Choice Food Pantry, and Family Assistance. Tournament and Hole Sponsorships along with Program Advertisement and Silent Auction prizes are another great way to support those in need in the Naples area!

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St. Vincent de Paul Society 7th Annual

Fr. Thomas Glackin Memorial Golf Tournament Monday, May 1, 2023

Quail Creek Country Club
13300 Valewood Dr.
Naples, FL 34119

**12:00 p.m. CHECK-IN & Driving Range
1:00 p.m. SHOTGUN START**

FEATURING:

**Gift Bag!
Mulligans!
50-50 Drawing!
Silent Auction!**

**\$200 Per Person
OR
\$800 Per Foursome**

**Before Golf
Boxed Lunch**

**After Golf
Cash Bar
Gourmet Buffet Dinner**

**HOLE IN ONE PRIZE:
\$10,000 CASH**

*A 1099 will be issued to the winner of the hole-in-one

For more information on signing up to play or becoming a hole sponsor, please contact:

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Letter from our Spiritual Advisor

Have you ever been to or watched a Protestant revival? Frequently at the close of service, the Preacher invites the new Christians to come to the Altar or front of the auditorium to make a “declaration of Faith” and “turn their life over to Jesus!”

I have been asked why we do not do this as Catholics?

The short answer is we do. At every Mass we are given the opportunity to receive Communion. As the Eucharistic Minister holds up the Host and says “The Body of Christ.” Our response is “Amen.”

Amen—so be it! Firm, fixed, or sure. I was taught it means “Yes, Lord I BELIEVE!”

We are responding to an Altar call affirming what we believe. I am told that many Catholics and Protestants believe the Host is symbolic. We Catholics believe it is the true Body and Blood of Christ. CCC1322—1498

I implore all believers to read John 6:53—56 “Jesus said...unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood you do not have life within you.”

Then in John 6:66 we are told “As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied Him.” Jesus did not run after them and say oh, I meant it symbolically. He let them go!

What are your thoughts on the Eucharist? Our Church calls it “the source and summit of the Christian Life.” CCC1324

Ponder or meditate on your beliefs in Holy Communion.

(CCC—Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Love in Christ Jesus,

Deacon Hugh Muller

Spiritual Advisor, SVDP Naples District Council



President's Update

As we immerse ourselves in this season of Lent, I am reminded of my childhood days when Lent was a time to give up your favorite candy bar or other childhood indulgence. Back then, Fridays were always meatless and Good Friday was spent up in my room, quiet as possible for three hours from 12noon to 3pm. I think my mother loved Good Friday for the three hours of peace and quiet in a chaotic household with four children!

Today, when I think of Lent, I contemplate the three pillars of *sacrifice, prayer and fasting*. And, I think about the work of St. Vincent de Paul, Fredric Ozanam and our work as Vincentians. While most of us do not fast for spiritual reasons during the year (other than for that continuous battle against weight gain!), most all Vincentians lead lives of daily prayer and sacrifice. As I mentioned at our recent Volunteer luncheon, most of us are retired, having worked during our adult years to arrive at this time for relaxation and to participate in all the activities we put off for lack of free time. *Time*, we have learned with our growing age is a most precious gift. And, to share this gift of time in service to others is a true measure of the Vincentian spirit.

As I spend my time visiting many of the Council special ministries; I am in awe of the Vincentian volunteers devoting their gift of time to the service of others rather than themselves. From the Food Pantry, HOME Program, Life Skills Program, Meals on Wheels, and conference-driven Mobile Food Pantries; I watch volunteers freely and joyfully give of their time. And, the caseworkers at the conference level who bring hope, help and Christ into the homes of our neighbors in need...we are truly blessed with such sacrifice and devotion by our volunteers that make our SVdP Mission possible.

Thank you!

Anita Creamer
President, SVDP Naples District Council



Director's Update

As I write this small article, I look at the blank space with somewhat of a writer's block. I see the blank space presenting so much intimidation and expectation to put something on it. But then suddenly I am reminded of how those we serve must feel in times of struggle. They see the future with the same intimidation and overwhelming expectations that they may or may not be able to fulfill. However, the blank space can represent either a glass half full or a glass half empty. One example, when you are in strife and struggle, usually it is seen as half empty.

But those who volunteer and work here at St. Vincent de Paul Society have a mission to help others see the glass not half full but overflowing. "St. Vincent de Paul provides HOPE", we live by that statement, after-all, our trucks say it too. We provide a multitude of programs, many in which provide food, some that provide education, and others that can help stabilize families that are on the verge of homelessness, which sadly is becoming a big necessity.

As with any mission or charitable organization, we always need help. You can help us provide HOPE to individuals and families as well. Do you see your glass half empty or half full? We encourage you to contemplate your future journey and let us know how St. Vincent can fit into it. We would love to be a partner with you in helping create a FULL glass for everyone we meet. Let's write GREAT NEW STORIES in the lives of those we serve together.

Kim Schul
Executive Director, SVDP Naples District Council



Holiday Giving on the Rise

The 2022 holiday season proved to be a busy year for us here at St. Vincent de Paul. Thanks in part to our many donors, we were able to help families during Thanksgiving by providing them a turkey dinner with the trimmings and during Christmas by providing a Christmas dinner and gifts for the children.

In addition, we also had our Adopt a Family program, where donors were able to provide gifts for 20 families (60 children).

St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank all those donors who helped make this year so special for so many families. We hope to make the holidays special for many more families in the coming years. God bless.



Holiday Thanks

Terry Cavanaugh
Lisa Dahn & Be the Light
of SWFL
Maria DellaRocca
Veronica DellaVilla
Jeanne Faup
Maureen Gerrity
Donna Glembin
John & Fran Javaruski
Julie Kierstein
Knights of Columbus—St.
Peter the Apostle

March Aviation
Colette McKeon
Fred & Anne Michaels
Sanctuary at Blue Heron
Wolfgang & Mary Anne
Schulz
Carl Sievert
St. Ann Catholic School
St. Ann Catholic School
Mini Vinnies
Tom & Ginny Tette

Welcome our newest 2022 Volunteers

Caseworkers

Yuderca Barbera	Althea Kireilis	Mark Schaffner	Frank Guenther Jr.	Judy Smith-Todt
Margaret Becker	Pam Lane	Steven Seifried	Denise Guilbert	Kathleen Tracy
Stephan Bennett	Brian Lowe	Raelynn Smith	Deborah Kapchus	Martin VandenBroek
Deborah Block	Patricia Mikus	Alicia Schwartz	Mac MacDonald	Robert Wille
Donna Blay	David Morehouse	Katharine Taggart	Joie Martin	Karen Yanni
Judith Bohardt	Josephine Ne- vanpera	Suzanne Taskowitz	Colette McKeon	Nancy Zolidis
Thomas Bohardt	Stephanie Norman	Monika Vanden- Broek	William McKeon	<u>HOMe</u>
Ken Bukowski	Judith Oliver	Eric Wangler	Michael McLaughlin	Michael Devlin
Cynthia Bursma	Randy Pezza	Michael Wiley	Mary Beth Mola	Carolyn Fuller
Beverly Cameron	Eve Plaud	<u>Food Pantry</u>	Mimi Molden	Samantha Pierre
Lauretta Cosenza	Joseph Plaud	Angela Barris	Michele Murtagh	Maria Saez
Luis Cosenza	Ralph Reda	Kimberly Conklin	Sandra O'Connor	<u>Bonita</u>
Alice Forrest	Julia Rivera	Thomas Convery	Katie Prebish	<u>Thrift Store</u>
Frank Gilardi	Frank Robertson	Veronica DellaVilla	Phil Rapone	Clare Andrewes
Karen Green	Fr. Charles Ruoff	Valma Episcopo	Eileen Recchia	Eva Baldizzi
Gayle Grucci	Rita Saadeh	Matthew Falk	Michele Rodger	Ron Fuhler
Joyce Imbrogno	Gail Saline	Carol Fuhler	Bobbi Siembieda	Keyli Garcia-Barrios
			Lorraine Smith	(Continued on next page)

Volunteers

(Continued from previous page)

Maria Guerra	Maureen Grammen	Jim Bruno	Kathy Mirocha
Susan Johnson	Maureen Hargreaves	Dennis Cummins Sr.	Larry Mudd, Jr.
Paul Krakower	Sophia McAlpin	William Doyle	William Murphy
Celia LaCorte	Lan Murphy	Rudolph Drechsler	Mark Nichols
Donna Lothian	Mary Niver	Debra Eck	Barbara Nitchman
Holly Wiley	William Niver	Susan Farneth	Brady Nitchman
<u>Naples Thrift Store</u>	Jamie Orlomoski	Janie Gealt	Tamara Norton
Jonas Arano	Gay Lee Pesa	Malcolm Gealth	Dale Stuewe
Gerard Beitel	Lisa Romano	Orna Hanison	Melanie Sweeney
Louise Bender	Ray Schiele	Kim Houchin	Henry Von Schreiner
Alice Brady	Robin Tobey	Joseph Kurry, Jr.	Kelle Wallace
Alicia Brzyska	Linda Westenberg	Linda Macartney	
Paula Capaldo	<u>Meals on Wheels</u>	Jean Mahoney	
Tom Daily	Salvatore Bellino	James Manos	
Patricia Earley	William Blay Jr.	Thomas McDowell	
Rachel Farese	George Bond	Joey Meinert	
Kay Gavigan	Phyllis Bransky	Kenneth Meinert	



HELP US HELP OTHERS

You can help us in our ministry of serving those in need by...

- Making a monetary donation—use the envelope provided in this newsletter, visit our website at www.svdnpnaples.org/donate or donate through your local Catholic Parish.
- Making a gift of Stock or other Securities.
- Donating to our thrift stores—we accept CLOTHING, FURNITURE, APPLIANCES, CARS, BOATS...any gently used item is appreciated.

Call (239)775-2907

- Donating non-perishable food to our pantry—drop off food at our office at 4451 Mercantile Avenue, either store, or during your Parish food drive.
- Consider a PLANNED GIFT. Through a planned gift, you are able to help the Society for years to come. Planned gifts can be made through wills, trusts, insurance, and gifts of property. We encourage you to talk to your financial planner or attorney to learn ways in which you can ease your tax burden while investing in the lives of the needy of our community.

Our legal name is ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NAPLES DISTRICT COUNCIL, INC. We are a 501 (c)3 agency. Donations may be tax deductible; please consult your tax advisor.

A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the division of consumer service by calling toll-free (800-435-7352) within the state. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval, or recommendation by the state.

Thank you to Art Fest Naples and the
St. Vincent de Paul Vincentians and
Volunteers who helped us collect
\$12,000



for Meals on Wheels!



Help Make A Difference In Someone's Life Today... **VOLUNTEER!!**

St. Vincent de Paul offers many volunteer opportunities...there's something here for you!

Caseworkers: Caseworkers work through our 8 local Catholic Parishes in Naples. Last year, over 200 volunteer caseworkers assisted more than 30,000 children and adults from our community, conducting one-to-one interviews with each individual to determine what type of assistance is needed: food, rent, utility bills, clothing, furniture or household items. Caseworkers coordinate with other area agencies to provide the required assistance, with the ultimate goal of helping applicants find stability in their lives.

Meals on Wheels: Each year over 150 dedicated volunteers deliver over 41,000 meals to homebound, older and disabled adults in Collier County. As a volunteer driver you will help to deliver hot meals during the week and spend a few welcomed minutes visiting with recipients.

Thrift Stores: Through the help of donors and our volunteers, over \$30,000 was given in in-kind store goods last year, i.e., furniture, clothing, household goods.... Thrift store volunteers are trained to work in many areas of our thrift stores, including: receiving donations, straightening, sorting and pricing clothing, linens, household goods, books, furniture and electronics, answering telephones and cashiering.

Food Pantry: Last year over \$531,000 was given in food through our Choice Pantry. As a food pantry volunteer you can help to walk those we serve through the pantry and help with their choices or you can help in sorting and stocking the food donations.

HOME: One of our newest programs, meaning Homeless Outreach Ministry, etc. Once a week volunteers assist our Homeless neighbors in need through clothing, toiletries, and other necessities to help during their time of need. Caseworkers provide hands on casework and other volunteers assist with the hot lunch and fellowship.

To become a volunteer please contact Kathleen Casey (239)775-2907 ext. 1017
kcasey@svdnaples.org or visit our website at www.svdnaples.org/volunteer.



Tributes

Tributes made from October 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023

In Memory of Brian Benedict
Craig Benedict

In Memory of Shirley Benedict
Craig Benedict

In Memory of Joanne Callahan
Steve & Marilyn McKibben

In Memory of Charles Discoli
Norman & Elaine LaButti

In Memory of Fr. Thomas Goggin
Thomas & Margaret Layton

In Memory of Mary C. Leary
Barbara Mariano

***In Memory of
Ralph & Yolando Lotito***
Norman & Elaine LaButti

In Memory of Frank Murphy
Joanne Mahoney

In Memory of Janice O'Connor
Douglas O'Connor

In Memory of Paul T. Power
Grace Power

In Memory of James Pudlo
Nancy Pudlo

In Memory of Ruth Richardson
Dale Richardson

In Memory of Tom Roettele
Suzanne Seider

In Memory of Alfred Sittner
Marilyn Sittner

In Memory of Ron Sulewski
Barb Harvilla
Robb Huck
Larry & Elaine Mauldin
Brenda Tate

In Memory of Ina May Van Driel
Linda Hawanczak

In Memory of Charles Vogt, Jr.
Dave & Diane Archibald
William Buss
Nicholas Chiapelas
Edward & Helen Cronin
Evelyn Rascio
Mary Ellen Raymond

In Honor of Nick & Jennifer Barris
Dr. Thomas & Angela Barris

In Honor of Scott Cookenmaster
Dr. Thomas & Angela Barris

***In Honor of Barbara Forsythe's
80th Birthday***
Judith Schermerhorn

In Honor of Nora Gibson
Sharon & Randy Tedhams

In Honor of Stephen Owen Kelly
Stephen V. Kelly

***In Honor of
Mary & Richard Schilling***
Dorothy Lavitte

We make every effort to include and accurately publish all tributes. If you notice an omission or error, please call us at (239)775-2907.

The Future is Bright for St. Vincent de Paul!

The St. Ann Conference is blessed to have a youth group called "The Mini-Vinnies." This group started about 10 years ago with a very small group of children. Today, we are proud to have 67 members that have joined the Mini-Vinnies youth group from St. Ann School, 6th, 7th, & 8th grades.

They have become an integral part of St. Vincent de Paul projects, including: working on donations for victims of Hurricane Ian, sponsored by Ferrari of Naples, a hygiene item drive, and a Thanksgiving food drive. The children also held a very successful peanut butter & jelly drive, which involved the entire school.

Christmas is always fun at St. Ann School! The teachers and students are allowed to wear pajamas for a day as a thank you for bringing in a new pair of pajamas for kids in need through St. Vincent de Paul. They also head up an incredible toy drive to help make the Christmas season a little brighter for kids that might not otherwise receive a gift on Christmas day.

They also work hand in hand with St. Ann Conference through our annual food drive; helping to collect food bags and donations from St. Ann parishioners.

The Mini-Vinnies coordinator, Ms. McQueen teaches staff, children and the Mini-Vinnies themselves that they are doing amazing work for St. Vincent de Paul! With their support, we are able to help the children and others in need in our community.

Linda Murphy
President, St. Ann Conference



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Upcoming Dates & Events

April	2	May	28	September	4
Sunday		Sunday		Monday	
Palm Sunday		Pentacost		Labor Day Holiday	
April	6	May	29	Family Assistance Center & Stores	
Thursday		Monday		Closed	
Maundy Thursday		Memorial Day Holiday		September	6—9
April	7	Family Assistance Center & Stores		Wednesday—Saturday	
Friday		Closed		Annual National Meeting	
Good Friday		June	15	(St. Louis, MO)	
Family Assistance Center & Stores		Thursday		September	9
Closed		Ozanam Orientation		Saturday	
April	8	Family Assistance Center		Feast of Blessed Frederic Ozanam	
Sunday		9:00am		September	27
Easter Sunday		June	8	Wednesday	
April	30	Thursday		Feast of St. Vincent de Paul	
Sunday		Corpus Christi		November	1
Ozanam Sunday		July	4	Wednesday	
May	1	Tuesday		All Saints Day	
Monday		Independence Day Holiday			
Golf Tournament @ Quail Creek		Family Assistance Center & Stores			
12:00 PM		Closed			

