

Saint of the Day for September 27

St. Vincent de Paul was born at Pouy, France on April 24, 1581. He was ordained a priest on September 23, 1600. Vincent devoted himself entirely to the alleviation of the sufferings of the poor, and to that purpose established the Confraternities of Charity, later known as the Ladies of Charity, in 1617. In 1625 he founded the Congregation of the Mission, his community of priests and brothers. With Louise de Marillac, he co-founded the Daughters of Charity in 1633. Vincent died in Paris on September 27, 1660 and was canonized in 1737. Pope Leo XIII declared him patron saint of all works of charity.



St. Vincent de Paul Society – Kiel Mission Statement



In the tradition of our founder Blessed Frederic Ozanam and our patron St. Vincent de Paul, we as Vincent/ans are united in God's love by embracing works of charity and justice. We offer person to person assistance to the needy and suffering making no distinction in those served because in them Vincentians see the face of Christ.

Each year the Society must report all the work they do to the diocese. This report is from 10/01/19 through 09/30/2020. 406 visits affecting 887 people were made. This includes home, hospital, in-store and eldercare visits in a typical year. This fiscal year contacts were limited and mostly phone interviews conducted. Financial support distributed was \$60,229. When we include the expense for Christmas Cheer \$8,325, and Senior Care \$710, the total expenses for 2020 came to \$88,077. This includes the clothing and household articles which are given to families at no cost to them and two \$2,000 Kiel High School scholarships.

2020 CHRISTMAS CHEER

Christmas Cheer is a community-based program operated by the St. Vincent de Paul society in Kiel. It is funded by donations of money, new toys and other items from individuals and organizations throughout the Kiel area. It is also supported with funds and unused donated items from the SVdP Thrift Store in Kiel. Each year we have 70 – 80 families that participate and are gifted Piggly Wiggly gift cards; each family receives a \$25 card for each family member, max of \$150 per family. Each child in the family is allowed to have 3 toys. Volunteers worked 80 hours staffing the store in the lower level of the community center. In addition, we had workers loading the truck, delivering and unloading the truck as well as the many volunteers on Sunday to set up the store. Four to eight more volunteers helped on



Wednesday and Thursday to take down the store at the Community Center and return it to the SVdP Store. The program could not be done without the assistance of individuals and organizations in the community willing to allow toy collection barrels in their establishments, to have toy drives within their places of business, and to help support the program with time and money. The families that came for help were very grateful, some of them were teary eyed when they were able to pick out what their family needed. Most were careful not to take too much knowing that there were many others that needed help.

We typically distribute 165 personal hygiene gift bags to 6 nursing homes. We also distribute about 30 Christmas cards with a \$25 Piggly Wiggly gift card to individuals in our adult care program.