

Rainy Day Fund: An Update

In this issue of the Good Samaritan, you have read some inspiring words from Deacon Scott Haner tied back to our Easter Appeal theme of “Blest Are They.” One sentence we highlight in the article is “Charity is the channel through which we encounter God through those in need.”

Every day we encounter God as we help our clients in need, but in no better place do we experience God than in the Open Hand Kitchen, which has opened back up to on-premise dining. Surrounded by the beautiful stained glass windows, in front of the magnificent altar of St. Paul’s Church and serving those of our clients in the most need of a nutritious meal, we truly encounter God.

The Open Hand Kitchen is one of the many buildings that also has needs to ensure it will be there supporting our clients in the future. We have passed \$77,000 on our way to our goal of the \$175,000 match. In this season of Easter, Blest Are We. With your help, our buildings can continue to be a blessing to those in need.

Donor Survey



St. Vincent de Paul Louisville wants to thank you for your generosity and trust in us to serve so many vulnerable people in our community. We want your experience, as a donor, volunteer, advocate, etc., to be the best it can be.

In February, you received a survey to complete and send back to SVDP. If you have returned it, thank you! Your responses will help us better serve you and our clients.

If you have not had a chance to complete the survey, we ask you to please do so and return it. You can also visit svdplou.org/donor-survey and complete the survey online. Thank you in advance for participating!

Focus on Conferences: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Mt. Carmel has seven active Vincentians and a parish filled with people who love to give back to the community. At Christmas, the parish generally helps the conference gather toys and clothing for children and families in need. This past year, they focused on creating gift packages for those who asked the Vincentians for prayers in 2021.

“It is important to reach out and really listen to the people who come seeking help,” explains Vincentian Jane Weber.

“Sometimes being heard is all a person really needs.”

In addition to their regular function of helping those in need in their community, the Mt. Carmel Conference serves meals at the Open Hand Kitchen once a month, as COVID restrictions allow. They also provide food to the Kitchen twice a month, which is selected and delivered by one of the conference’s newest members.

When asked why she is a Vincentian, Jane Weber explains, “we are surrounded by Christians who want to do good. It is a community of sharing in the love of Christ and in celebrating that love through good works.”

We want to thank the wonderful Vincentians and parishioners at Our Lady of Mount Carmel for their generous and loving spirits.



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