

Dear Fellow Parishioners and Friends of Saint Vincent Basilica Parish,
We are grateful for our Saint Vincent community and the larger community we serve. As we reflect on our blessings from God, we are reminded of the opportunity we have to share our blessings with others in need. So, **Fr. Richard announced a portion of the proceeds of our parish festival will be offered to support the ministry of our beloved parish patron through the Saint Vincent de Paul Society of Latrobe.**

In the face of adversity, our community has stood strong, and in the aftermath of the devastating flood of August 2022, we witnessed the true spirit of compassion and generosity. Thanks to the support of volunteers from our parish and the surrounding parishes, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society was able to make a significant impact assisting eighteen families by providing essential personal items, housewares, appliances, and building materials amounting to approximately \$34,000. Additional aid was given for utility bills, payment vouchers were distributed, and mattresses and box springs purchased. When families in need present vouchers from other non-profit organizations, Saint Vincent de Paul willingly honors these vouchers without seeking reimbursement.

We prayerfully ask for your support in the mission of our parish and the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. We can make a profound difference in the lives of those who need it most. Your donation, no matter the size, will be deeply appreciated. **Ten percent of our festival proceeds, including your donation, will be given to the worthwhile work of Saint Vincent de Paul, allowing us to bring comfort, support, and relief to individuals and families in our community who are experiencing difficult times.** Our parish mission calls us to live in such a way as to PRAY-LOVE-SERVE the whole person in each stage of life.

To make your donation, please "click" on the link below. Credit or debit cards, and checks are accepted. <https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/Form/12874ca8-ea98-498d-80ba-a26d41f1cc50>

Thank you for considering a freewill donation to our festival and helping with the mission and ministries of our parish community.

Gratefully,

Dan Colcombe

2023 Volunteer Festival Chairperson

