

## Pastor's Column

St. Vincent de Paul Golden Anniversary, Hospitality Weekend Returns, and an Age Joke



St. Vincent de Paul Golden Anniversary. We are blessed at St. Francis to have two ministries that serve the poor and needy: Deacon Ed's Food Bank-Helping Hands, and St. Vincent de Paul. This Sunday, the St. Vincent de Paul Society celebrates its Golden Anniversary – 50 years of helping the poor at St. Francis. That is amazing.

The SVDP Society honors the memory of St. Vincent, a priest, the founder of the Redemptorists, and a great friend of the poor. The Society began in Paris in 1833 and came to the U.S. in 1845. The St. Francis Chapter of SVDP was established on September 8, 1969 and has served our parish and the area continuously since then.

Thanks to SVDP members who for 50 years have provided economic assistance and spiritual comfort to the needy, and thanks to all our parishioners who have contributed to this work of God for five decades. There will be a special remembrance of SVDP's Golden Anniversary at the 10 am Mass on September 8 and a reception that follows.

Hospitality Weekend Returns. After taking a break for summer vacation, our Hospitality Ministry returns to serve up refreshments after all the weekend masses. Come enjoy food, drink and fellowship with your parish family this weekend.

An Age Joke. In case you missed this chuckle at mass recently, here is an instant replay: A man who had been married for almost 60 years invited a friend to come over for dinner. All throughout the visit, the man called his wife by the most endearing of names, "Honey, Sweetie, Darling, Pumpkin and My Love." The visiting friend was impressed and said, "It is beautiful how you still address your wife with such loving names after all these years." The man responded, "Well, to be entirely truthful, I forgot her real name about 10 years ago!" Ladies, beware if your husband begins calling you "Pumpkin!"

Have a great week and God bless!

Fr. Joe