

St. Vincent de Paul Ministry of St. Michael Catholic Parish Annual Collection

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, November 26, 2020 – 8:00 AM

Thanksgiving Day Mass Collection is for the financial aid of the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry (SVDP) of St. Michael Catholic Parish. If you receive envelopes there is an envelope included for the Thanksgiving Day collection. Please use this envelope or note on your check that your contribution is to benefit SVDP. You may also contribute through Online Giving on St. Michael website or Text to Give. To Text to Give message dollar amount SVDP (**25SVDP**) to 334-454-2323. If you are unable to attend Mass on Thanksgiving Day, you may put your donation in the Sunday collection basket. Contributions to the ministry are accepted at any time throughout the year. All donations directly fund our charitable programs described below. Please pray for our benefactors that God continues to bless them, as we pray for you that God will continue to bless you for your act of charity and generosity.

What is the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry and what does it do?

The SVDP Ministry is made up of volunteers who want to grow spiritually by helping others in need within our own community in Lee County. SVDP meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month, 9:00 AM in the Bride's room. All are welcome to join!

SVDP's primary focus is helping the Community with:

- Food Assistance
 - ✓ Distribute bags of food from the SVDP/St. Michael food pantry. Over 500 bags, 12,000 lbs of food, were distributed last year. Since COVID19, our weekly numbers have doubled. If you would like to donate food, see the weekly bulletin for the listing of weekly needs
 - ✓ Provide bagged meals to the Loachapoka Community. Since COVID-19 (March) – Labor Day, volunteers have served meals Monday and Thursday evenings, averaging 112 meals each evening. (approximately 5,500 meals) Volunteers continue to serve each Monday evening since Labor Day.
 - ✓ Distribute food boxes from the Food Pantry for Thanksgiving and Easter
 - ✓ Serve Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for the Loachapoka Community.
- Utility and Hardship Assistance
 - ✓ Offer financial assistance to those facing difficult decisions with limited resources.
- The Wellbeing of Children
 - ✓ Sponsor children through the Food Bank of East Alabama Backpack Program and assist with packing the backpack bags.
 - ✓ Sponsor an annual Children's Coat Drive for low-income and foster children.
 - ✓ Sponsor a School Supply Drive to help poverty-level children have the necessary school supplies.
- The Elderly
 - ✓ Make monthly visits and supply treats for residents at Assisted Living and Memory care facility (suspended do to COVID19).
 - ✓ Help provide meals for EASE House through the Meals on Wheels program.

St. Vincent de Paul Ministry Annual Financial Report 2019

Source of Funds		Use of Funds	
Contributions	\$18,115	Hardship Assistance	\$13,485
Endowment	4,683	Food Assistance	8,391
Other	<u>3,182</u>	Children's programs	1,302
		Other	<u>2,068</u>
Total	<u>\$25,980</u>	Total	<u>\$25,246</u>