

## St. Vincent de Paul

### Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2026

Scott Stafford, president, called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer was led by Randy Walker.

Scott introduced our special guests Clark Neville and Noah Lau. They are first year Seminarians who will be with us the next number of months. Please welcome them as they observe and learn what the St. Vincent de Paul Society is all about.

Randy W. led the reflection which was a continuation of Pope Leo XIV's Apostolic Exhortation, "Dilexi Te", To All Christians On Love For The Poor. Both Pope Leo and St. Vincent challenge us to reflect on ways to help the poor to sustainable self-reliance. May the Holy Spirit guide our efforts.

We welcomed two new members who were in attendance, Tom and Sarah Bommerito. We are happy to welcome you and hope you find out how you can best serve our cause of helping the poor.

Each month's minutes can be viewed on the St. Vincent de Paul web site from the St. Catherine of Sienna web page.

Julie Strathe gave an update of the many home visits that were made in August. Ten families or individuals were helped, with three of those needing assistance with rent and three from local Oxford houses. Names were added to the Helping Hands board. Just a reminder that we can always use Dillons or Walmart gift cards or bus passes for the neighbors that we visit. Julie reminded those in attendance that there would be a Home Visit Team meeting after the SVdP meeting to share updates. Jim Ernstman, SVdP Conference president, shared with us that at least 3-4 new council's are in early stages of forming out of local parishes. This is an exciting time as we continue to grow to meet the needs of those who reach out.

Ron went over the treasurer's report, identifying our income for the month and how our funds were distributed for the month of August. Donations continue to match the monthly outflow of funds. Thanks to all who donate either their time or money for this worthy cause.

Friends of Friends in the Park is this Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 12:45. To sign up, please open this link after Tuesday of this week:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044918162fa3-svdp/>

Scott extended an invitation to anyone who might be interested in shadowing a Home Visit or being trained to carry the Home Visit phone. Please let Scott know if you are interested in either of these or would like to know more.

#### Schedule of events-

1. In celebration of the Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi, the Annual SVdP Spiritual Retreat will be held on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Francis Catholic Church. It will begin with mass at 8:00 am and end around 2:00 pm. A light breakfast and lunch will be served. This retreat is free.
2. The weekend of September 12 and 13- Parish Ministry Fair. We will need two volunteers after each Mass. This is the same weekend we will be having our monthly Friends of Friends in the Park, September 13<sup>th</sup>.
3. Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul is September 27<sup>th</sup>.

Vertus Tuis training will be held at SCOS on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Contact the parish office to sign-up.

Please continue to offer a personal invitation to people/parishioners we know to join the SVdP ministry.

Special prayer concerns were addressed and closing prayer was led by Randy W.

28 members in attendance.