



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ALTOONA/JOHNSTOWN

FEBRUARY 2022

STUDENTS AT THE DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC ACADEMY HAD A VERY BUSY FEBRUARY

Sixth grade students (seen below) from the East and West campuses of the [Divine Mercy Catholic Academy](#) (DMCA) presented hand-tied fleece blankets to the **Alternative Community Resource Program**. The students are part of the SVDP Youth Conference and the blankets were donated as part of their build-a-bed program.



Pictured above DMCA students are seen packing donations they collected during Catholic Schools Week. Donations and funds went to support local military groups in celebration of the country.

Famvin Quote of the day, February 25

"One thing is wanting – works of charity. The blessing of the poor is the blessing of God. Let us go to the poor."

– Bl. Frederic Ozanam

- Heavenly Father, enliven my faith so I can see you in those who are suffering.



- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022
Friendsday Wednesday
Johnstown Family Kitchen
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOTIFY US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Events/fundraisers can be added to the newsletter and the website calendar as soon as you have a firm date. The newsletter typically is distributed at the end of the month so, for instance, a January event should go in the December newsletter at the very latest.

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Memory/ Honor of Donation



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Cars line up at the **Assumption Chapel Food Pantry** waiting for groceries. Proof of the ongoing need for food assistance in our area. Too often many families would go hungry with out the lifeline of the pantries.

For a list of SVDP food pantries, distribution times, and contact information go to svdpcares.org/food-pantries.

**Give a little luck
by donating
your four
wheels today!**

**Click here
or call
1.800.322.8284 to
start the process.**

Your gift qualifies for a
TAX DEDUCTION!

St. Vincent de Paul Altoona-Johnstown received \$4,296 from the vehicles that were generously donated in 2021.

Remember, you can designate what ministry gets the proceeds from your generosity.



[Click here](#) for more information on Voice of the Poor.

CAMP OUT FOR COLD AND HUNGER

WALY 103.9 held their annual Camp Out for Cold and Hunger campaign on Friday, February 11 at the [Forever Media](#) office at One Forever Drive, Hollidaysburg. Beginning at 7:00 am until 4:00 pm that day volunteers and radio personnel collected food and clothing for local families in need. Food collected went to the **SVDP Assumption Chapel Food Pantry** and clothing to the United Way.



Items needed the most for the Pantry were peanut butter, pasta, spaghetti sauce and soup. The United Way was asking for new items such as blankets, hats, gloves, socks, sweatshirts, hoodies.

Don Belsey, pantry manager said the Pantry received \$900.00 in food products.



Thank you to everyone that came out that day to volunteer and everyone who took time to drop off their donations.

Without local businesses and community members SVDP could not help the number of families that we do each year.

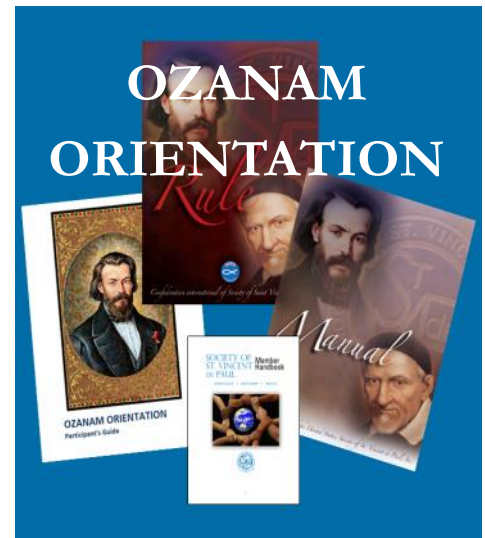


ST. JOSEPH'S CONFERENCE CHRISTMAS UPDATE

The “Elves” of SVDP St. Joseph's Conference were very busy buying and wrapping gifts this past Christmas season.

Holly Claar, conference secretary, had this to say about the Williamsburg community, “Words can never express how thankful we are for all the wonderful donations from our Parish family and the community of Williamsburg. Your gift and monetary donations helped 50 children of Williamsburg from 19 different families have a brighter Christmas. Not only did each child receive desired toy(s), they also received a variety of needed clothing items: pants, shirts, shoe, boots, coats, pj's, underwear, socks, and toiletries.

What an expression of Christ's love this holiday season. May God bless you and your families this Christmas. And a special blessing to our Christmas Angels, may God be with you this day and always.”



It has been some time since an Ozanam Orientation has been offered. There must be a number of Conference members who need to go through the program.

Conference leaders please contact Sonny Consiglio at avcdepaul@atlanticbbn.net with the number of members that need to complete the orientation. We would like to get an orientation scheduled as soon as possible either in person or possibly through Zoom.

IT WON'T BE LONG UNTIL PLANTING SEASON

Check out the **Monastery Garden's**



Facebook page and you will see just how busy they are.

Volunteers are getting ready for planting season; braving the cold as they till the

tunnels and work on the tractors.

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Jim Yeager or Dotty Caminiti on [Facebook](#).



Jim Yeager (on the right) checking seeds they are going to plant this season.