



## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ALTOONA/JOHNSTOWN

### NOVEMBER 2022

#### TURKEY-THON HUGE SUCCESS

Again this year the Turkey-Thon organized by **WALY 103.9 Radio** helped the **SVDP Assumption Chapel Food Pantry** provide



Thanksgiving Day meals for many less fortunate in our community. The turkey and Thanksgiving dinner drop-off was held at the Forever Broadcasting parking lot in Hollidaysburg on Friday, November 4.

The “thon” collected 225 turkeys and over \$3,000. For everyone who stopped

to donate know that every donation matters and the families that received the donation are grateful to all of you. So on their behalf we say thank you.



Don Beasley, pantry director, is grateful for the donations received from everyone including local businesses. He encourages everyone to support the local companies because they truly care about the community. Many thanks to Long's Outpost, McCoy's Lawn and Garden, Cove Lumber, Imler's Poultry, 5 Star Mitsubishi, Veeder Root, Keller Engineers, Bayada, DelGrossos, Lakemont Fire Company... (if we missed anyone, please let us know.)

#### Famvin Quote of the day, November 25

“I beg Our Lord to be pleased to renew His Spirit in you so that all your activities be His and the resulting fruits be fruits of everlasting life.”

– St. Vincent de Paul

– Today, Lord, I rededicate myself to You and ask for a fresh outlook on my work so the good resulting from it may give You glory.



- **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022**  
Johnstown Family Kitchen Soup Sale  
231 Bedford St, Johnstown  
**3:00 PM - 6:00 PM**
- **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022**  
**Chicken BBQ** (take out only)  
Knights of Columbus, Hollidaysburg  
**11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**
- **Your event here.**

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Memory/ Honor of Donation



[Click here](#) for daily reflections and a quote of the day.



Local **Boy Scout Troop 49** set out on Saturday morning, November 5 to collect non-perishables for the **SVDP Assumption Chapel** in Altoona.

The scouts collected and delivered 800 pounds of groceries and \$40 in cash to the Pantry. Don Beasley, Pantry Director said it best, “Scouts ROCK.”

## OZANAM ORIENTATION

The first orientation since the pandemic was held on Saturday, November 19 and well attended. Executive director, Sonny Consiglio, was please to see so many participants.

The orientation is essential in beginning to understand the mission behind the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and to understand Frederic Ozanam’s, founder of the Society, intentions and drive in creating a Society with a worldwide reach celebrating over 180 years.

The orientation is not just for conference presidents it is open to anyone who wants to learn more about the Society.

Sonny plans to hold another orientation this winter so watch our Facebook page:

[SocietyOfStVincentDePaulAltoonaJohnstown](https://www.facebook.com/SocietyOfStVincentDePaulAltoonaJohnstown)

Or check the calendar on our website [svdpcares.org](https://svdpcares.org)

## SVDP CARROLLTOWN THRIFT STORE HOST TURKEY DAY DINNER

For the past 26 years **Carrolltown Thrift Store** has hosted a free Thanksgiving Day dinner in their community. Organizers say it was another successful dinner serving approximately 300 people.

A sincere thank you to all the volunteers that took time from their holiday to help with presentation and serving the meals; thank you to everyone who donated items and to the local businesses whose donations were a tremendous help in making the dinner a success.



Marianne Wentz, store manager, said on Facebook, “We have been blessed for years with so much support from those in our community to help those in our community, I can not thank you enough. God Bless each and everyone of you and those that we served.”



It’s not too early to start thinking about Christmas.

Consider giving a gift certificate from your favorite SVDP Thrift Store for the holidays this year.

Give a gift that will be appreciated while helping the community. Remember all proceeds from the stores stay local.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORES

#### ALTOONA

1215 7th Ave  
(814) 943-1981

#### JOHNSTOWN

301 Central Ave  
(814) 535-4357

#### CARROLLTOWN

204 N Main St  
(814) 344-9309

#### N. CAMBRIA

1907 Bigler Ave  
(814) 948-8828

#### CRESSON

115 Ashcroft Ave  
(814) 886-9566

#### NANTY-GLO

1005 Caroline St  
(814) 749-6043

#### EBENSBURG

Ebensburg Mini Mall  
(814) 472-4362

#### STATE COLLEGE

1300 Benner Pike, Ste B  
(814) 867-3131

[Check out](https://svdpcares.org/thriftstores) our website for store hours. [Svdpcares.org/thriftstores](https://svdpcares.org/thriftstores)

## SVDP PANTRY THIS YEAR'S SEASON OF SHARING RECIPIENT

In case you missed the November 5-6, 2022 edition of the **Altoona Mirror** the **SVDP Assumption Chapel Pantry** was selected as the Altoona Mirror's "Season of Sharing" recipient. Season of Sharing is an appeal that was started in 2005 according to the Mirror article.



Mirror photo by Patrick Waksmunski

For more photos, to learn more about the Pantry and how to give to this year's Season of sharing [click here](#).

## AFTER THANKSGIVING LUNCH

Once again this year the **Altoona SVDP District Conferences** hosted an after Thanksgiving dinner for the Altoona community and regular patrons of the **Altoona Soup Kitchen**. The Altoona Kitchen is closed on the Friday after Thanksgiving. So every year, Sister Paula, Altoona Kitchen, and Sandy Lear, Altoona District Council president, get together to make sure local community members have a place to get a warm meal. **St. Mark's Church** in Altoona, a conference in the Altoona council has generously lent their hall for the past several years.



Pictured above and below are volunteers preparing the meals for takeout.

Pictured right volunteers prepare the menu items that included: fish, mac and cheese, vegetable, roll, dessert





**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
COUNCIL 4245  
HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA**

WINTER



TICKETS  
\$10

**TIS THE SEASON TO EAT CHICKEN!**

**JOIN US FOR OUR WINTER BBQ!**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 11**

**11 AM TO 1 PM**

**TICKETS ONLY \$10**

**TAKE OUT ONLY**

**MEAL INCLUDES: OUR FAMOUS BBQ CHICKEN, BAKED BEANS, APPLESAUCE, AND ROLL.**

For Tickets Call: **Bob Hazenstab (696-4206)**, **Ed Zang (207-9684)**,  
**Ray Gregorchik (232-6557)**, **Jerry Kovach (696-0198)**,  
**Tim Surkovich (696-1209)**, **Dan Turcovsky (414-9636)**,  
 or call the Knights Hall (695-4752)

**Proceeds benefit**  **Altoona Human Needs**



**HELP  
FEED  
FAMILIES  
IN NEED**

Five local dealerships are participating in the 2nd Annual Stuckey Automotive Food Bank Challenge to collect thousands of non-perishable food items for the St. Vincent de Paul's Food for Families Soup Kitchen this Holiday Season.

Please, donate what you can now through December 6th.

Courtesy

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