



St. Barbara Church
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
 Annual Report FY 23 (10/1/22 - 9/30/23)

I begin this year's report with a special thank you to all who contributed to our pantry Food Drive during the recent weekend of October 28 – 29, 2023. It was very appropriate that the Gospel reading emphasized that “you shall love your neighbor as yourself (MT 22:39).

In the last twelve months, you provided a tangible example of Jesus' love for the poor. Your gifts of prayer, food and money touched the lives of 1,489 neighbors in the St. Barbara geographical area and St. Barbara parishioners. Your generosity provided shelter, food, clothing and utilities. Many times we prevented eviction or the shutoff of utilities. On behalf of those you served, we thank you for supporting our mission.

Some requests we receive can be very high due to medical issues, unexpected job loss, or vehicle repair. In those cases we partner with other parish conferences to meet the need. Your donations allow us to serve those outside our geographical area when a special need arises.

When helping a neighbor directly we are concerned for their future as well as the immediate problem. We recommend other resources that can help them resolve some of their problems.

Thank you for supporting our mission, which is defined as “**A network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.**” The table below contains detailed information about our efforts.

Receipt Sources	\$ Amount	Disbursement Purposes	\$ Amount
St. Barbara - Annual contribution	\$8,100.00	Rent/Mortgage	\$25,191.44
Turkeyfoot Trot	4,625.00	Utilities-Duke, Owen, NKY Water, SD1 sanitation	33,752.31
SVdP Other Contributions	4,411.95	Twining Assistance to other SVdPs	8,830.00
Donations, Poor Box, etc.	58,246.57	Food, Pantry, Diapers, etc.	5,422.49
Holiday gift (from anonymous donor)	1,000.00	Clothing/Household items	560.00
Other receipts	102.72	Medical	287.50
		Transportation	2,710.73
		Holiday (Gift cards from an anonymous donor)	1,000.00
		Other miscellaneous expenses	435.37
Total Receipts	\$76,486.24	Operating Expense (supplies, postage, etc.)	572.78
+ Beginning Balance (October 1, 2022)	14,927.82	Pantry Expense	1,903.16
- Disbursements	(80,665.78)		
Ending Bank Balance- (September 30, 2023)	\$10,748.28	Total All Expenses	\$80,665.78

Our 23 St Barbara Vincentians volunteered over 2,700 hours and drove 8,000 miles to meet our neighbors, provide for their needs and pray with them. Our members, working in pairs, as those in the gospels sent out by Christ, provided the following:

1. 511 visits – to homes and by telephone
2. 1,489 total people served – on the above visits.
3. **\$29,644** in-kind food provided by St. Barbara Parish and food from St Xavier High School
4. **\$17,892** in-kind donations provided SVdP by **Covington Council** vouchers and St. Barbara Parish for clothing/furniture, gently used beds from parishioners, etc.
5. **\$128,202** total economic impact – **financial assistance \$80,666** and **in-kind \$47,536** (donated food, clothing, furniture, and other in-kind)

6. **8,830** Twinning - During the Fiscal Year we helped other conferences when special needs arise in their areas: St. Bernard, Bracken County SVdP, Sts. Boniface & James, St. Phillip, Sts. Peter & Paul, St. Anthony, St. Cecilia, Blessed Sacrament, Mary Queen of Heaven, Holy Cross, All Saints, St. Thomas, St. Timothy, St. William, St. Benedict, and St Pius X. (Included in this amount was in support of a new conference established at St Pius X). It is through sharing our resources with others that we more fully reach the children of God most in need of our assistance.

Our efforts would not be possible without your generosity – thank you. We ask that, in addition to your continued financial and material support, and that you include those we serve in your prayers. Your spiritual support provides the foundation for every action. Pray that, with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, our neighbors are lifted out of spiritual poverty, that they have relief from medical problems affecting their financial and emotional stability, and that our parish can be a beacon of hope for those in need.

Please, also pray for our Conference members that they will act in a Christian manner when presented the opportunity to meet with our neighbors.

Additionally, when you donate furniture to our stores, you further the act of charity to families in need by providing goods at reasonable prices. The money generated by store sales funds various SVdP programs such as: Sweet Dreams, making beds available for children, aged, and disabled. Summer Breeze provides fans and window air conditioners to improve the quality of life in warmer times. Your donated goods go a long way to improve the lives of many in NKY. Although we do not have a storage facility at St. Barbara, the “Blue Bin” in the parking lot near the office can be used for clothing and other soft objects. Please do not leave anything outside of the Blue Bin. Home pickup can be arranged by calling the SVdP Erlanger store. When we visit a neighbor that needs clothing or furniture, we issue a voucher that is good for a stated amount at one of our SVdP stores. The family can “shop” at the store to “purchase” necessary items, and increase in their self-esteem. This is a win-win for everyone.

Finally, we need your continued financial support. The need grows during these difficult times. We are so fortunate to be a part of this generous Parish. Bishop Foy wrote in the October 29, 2021 Messenger: **“And if you’re interested in learning who your neighbor is, check out the parable of the Good Samaritan in ... Luke 10:29-37 – I’ll give you a hint – everyone is your neighbor – everyone.”**

In closing, we thank you again. Your caring reflects the Gospel values of St. Barbara Parish.

Fred Meade
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