

Who We Are

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of St. Thomas Church, Milpitas is an SVdP chapter organized under the guidelines of St. Thomas, Syro Malabar Catholic diocese of Chicago. Parish Vicar is the spiritual director of the organization.



We are also part of one of the oldest and most effective charitable organizations in the world, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization of nearly 700,000 people headquartered in Paris, France that helps people living in poverty in 150 countries on five continents.

Our Mission

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

What We Do

We provide critical support to fellow brothers and sisters who are struggling to make ends meet, but are not receiving the help they need. It may not be easy to see them but right now there are hundreds of families and individuals throughout our county, country and world as a whole, who call on the support of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) during times of financial hardship. Their stories could be anyone's stories. When they turn to us for help, SVdP is there for them and responds immediately with compassion and support. We listen and offer support when it is needed most.

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At the Society of St. Vincent de Paul we believe that it is important not to create dependencies in the people we help. Vincentians (our volunteers) need to consider each situation they encounter on its own merits, carefully crafting with the persons in need a resolution to their most pressing problems. Members of the Society understand that people can change self-defeating patterns in their lives when they are encouraged to believe in themselves. Vincentian support frequently takes the form of encouragement and realistic planning, building upon the strengths we find in the struggling individual or family. In addition to guidance, direction and moral support SVdP provides basic survival necessities including food, clothing and other survival needs for the homeless and the precariously housed.

As an example, this year we are partnering with Second Harvest Food Bank, to collect nonperishable food items to support the local needs while engaging with several international chapters and similar minded catholic charities to help people in need.

Your generous donations to SVdP help to clothe, feed and house your neighbors in need. Thanks to your member donations and ongoing support to various fundraising events.

Membership

Any adult who is willing to follow the guidelines for the volunteer work by the St. Thomas Syro-Malabar diocese of Chicago is welcome to join as a member volunteer. You may be hearing confidential personal financial matters or needy and is required to keep any and all such information in highest confidentiality.

Please fill the [membership form](#) by clicking the link.