

Feb. 25, 2018: St. Vincent de Paul Society Work

Dear Parishioners,

A local Edmonds pastor a while ago sent us a check for the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) with a note saying how much he appreciates how much the SVDP Society does for our local community. I think Lent is a good time for us to acknowledge and support the work of SVDP. Lent is that focused time of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. It is this Almsgiving or outreach that SVDP does so well in our parish and community. SVDP is where faith, good works, and Charity come together. SVDP is an expression of Christian Charity. We are very happy that SVDP has space in our parish center from which they distribute food and clothing to those in need.

Last year SVDP helped over 2,400 people and dispersed over \$110,000. Please consider helping the SVDP this Lenten season. It would be an excellent fulfillment of the Lenten practice of "Almsgiving". There are monthly envelopes for SVDP or you can direct a contribution to them through the parish. SVDP can always use new members to help in their efforts. It is a great we to grow spiritually and serve the poor. You can contact Mark Koehn at 425-299-4720 for more information about joining SVDP.

There is a beautiful video piece about two of our parishioners, Dean and Mary Allard, which appeared on KOMO News this past week. The link is on our webpage. It is a story of love, devotion, dedication and keeping the marriage covenant. Dean is being true to the marriage vows he made over 67 Years ago where he promised to be faithful in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, to love and honor for all the days of his life. What Dean has been doing for his wife Mary, who is in a care facility, is truly inspirational and a witness of Christian marriage and example of Christian charity. Please take some time to view it and check out the resources for Lent through FORMED.

The bishops of the United States announced a national Catholic "call-in day" to express support for legislation that will protect the "dreamers". The call to congressional offices in Washington D.C. will take place Monday, February 26th. Please see the insert in the bulletin or parish website for details.

And finally a quote I ran across this past week by Ann Voskamp a bestselling author, which I think is a very good Lenten reflection: *"Live every day like you're terminal. Because you are. Live every day like your soul is eternal. Because it is."*

In Christ,

Fr. Vincent