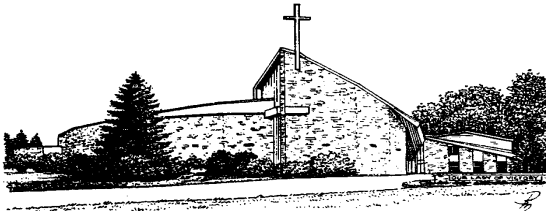


Our Lady of Victory Church

820 Westerly Parkway, State College, PA 16801



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RCIA Director - Mary Ann Spychalski (ext. 239)
Pastoral Council Chairman - Chris Kirkpatrick

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri., - 7:00AM & 9:00AM
Wednesday - 9:00am & 7:00pm
Saturday - 9:00AM

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday - 5:00PM (Vigil)
Sunday - 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM, & 5:00PM

HOLY DAY MASSES

6:00PM Vigil, 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 12:05PM & 6:00PM

PHONE NUMBERS

Church	237-7832
Fax	237-6709
School	238-1592
Preschool	238-6616
Religious Ed. (C.C.D.)	234-3315
Social Service	238-4937
SVDP Thrift Store	867-3131

Secretaries' Office Hours

Mon.-Fri., 8:30 AM to Noon, 1:00 to 4:00PM

CONFESSIONS

4:00PM - 4:45PM Saturdays
4:00PM - 4:30PM eve of First Friday
7:00PM - 7:30PM all Thursdays
5:00PM - 5:30PM eve of Holy Days.
Offered anytime upon request.

BAPTISM

Sunday 1:30PM with arrangements having been made previously through the Rectory.

MARRIAGE

Diocesan Regulations require nine months prior notice to ensure availability of dates.

BULLETIN NOTICE

Material to be published in the following week's bulletin should be on the editor's desk no later than Tuesday at noon.

Church website : ourladyofvictory.com
Church e-mail : churchoffice@olv.us
School website : olvcs.org
Diocesan website: ajdiocese.org

November 5 & 6, 2005 - 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

MASS MEMORIALS

Monday, November 7, 2005

7:00am - † Rose Prestia by Dave & Barbara Coldren
9:00am - † Fred Stangl by Joan

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

7:00am - † Richard Selfridge by wife, Ramona
9:00am - For all those served by SVDP Society

Wednesday, November 9, 2005

9:00am - Special Intentions by J. Stanley Leon
9:00pm - † Howard & Ida Dunne by Margaret & Ralph Stevenson

Thursday, November 10, 2005

7:00am - † Ed Kopacz by Chuck & Barb Lovisky
9:00am - † David Gardiner by Molly Piccolo

Friday, November 11, 2005

7:00am - † Robert M. Leahey by Anne Leahey & family
9:00am - † Leonard Mansell by The Family

Saturday, November 12, 2005

9:00am - Ints. McMullen Family by The Yeager Family
5:00pm - † M. Ellis Grove by Kitty Grove

Sunday, November 13, 2005

7:30am - † David A. Gardiner by The Rose Family
9:30am - For All People of the Parish
11:30am - † Henry Evangelista by Pat, Dana & Maeve McFeely
5:00pm - † George Bubash by his wife

Week of November 6, 2005

Su.: Wis 6:12-16/ 1 Thes 4:13-18/
Mt 25:1-13
Mo.: Wis 1:1-7/ Lk 17:1-6
Tu.: Wis 2:23-3:9/ Lk 17:7-10
We.: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/ 1 Cor 3:9c-11,
16-17/ Jn 2:13-22
Th.: Wis 7:22b-8:1/ Lk 17:20-25
Fr.: Wis 13:1-9/ Lk 17:26-37
Sa.: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/ Lk 18:1-8
Next Su.: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/
1 Thes 5:1-6/ Mt 25:14-30

Altar Server Schedule

If you would like to serve a weekday Mass, you are invited to show up for the Mass and volunteer to serve.

Saturday - November 12, 2005

5:00pm - Gus & Chris Sommer,
Colleen Allen, Ciara Frank

Sunday - November 13, 2005

7:30am - Fiona, Thomas & Teresa
Donnellan, Matt Mullin
9:30am - Matt & Michael Mazzara,
Eric Weidenhof, Nathaniel Randolph
11:30am - Jacob Shelow, Tim Taylor,
Jeff Weatherford, Nathan Jacobs
5:00pm - Matt & Darren Balkey,
Ryan Bassett, Sami Misja

**The Sunday 9:30am Mass is
broadcast on ESPN Radio,
1450AM.**

Reflection

The bridesmaids are celebrating a wedding. Half are prepared for a longer wait while the other half are not. While they go to find more oil, the groom arrives and the celebration begins. They missed the opportunity to be part of it because they lost sight of their purpose and were not prepared. They did not say no to the opportunity; the opportunity just passed them by!

Louis Pasteur said that chance favors the prepared mind. We can paraphrase and say that opportunity favors the willing soul. Faith needs expression. It needs to make a difference. The Gospel calls us all to make a difference in our world and do something that brings the light of Christ to others. If we want to do good, we do not have to find a way; it will find us. Be open and willing to give and you will receive more than you thought possible.

The Rectory Office will close at noon on Friday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day.

Weekly Schedule

M-F	6:40am	Morning Prayer, Ch
Mo. 11/7	6:00pm	Youth Group, AC YR
	7:45pm	Young Adult Group, AC YR
Tu. 11/8	9:30am	Rosary Makers, , AC Lib.
	9:45am	Prayer Network Meeting, UR
	4:15pm	Youth Choir, AC MR
	7:00pm	Parish Council, AC SCR
	7:00pm	St. Dunstan Handbells, AC MR
	8:00pm	Westminster Handbell, AC MR
We.11/9	6:30pm	Sight-reading, AC MR
	6:30pm	K of C General Meeting & Dinner, KC Club
	6:35pm	Pro-Life Rosary, Ch
	7:00pm	CDA Exec. Comm., AC Lib.
	7:15pm	Sanctuary Choir, AC MR
	7:30pm	RCIA, AC SAAR
	7:30pm	Opus Dei Women, UR
Th 11/10	7:30am	24 Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	9:30am	Liturgical Arts, AC
	7:30pm	Youth Adult Leaders, UR
Fr. 11/11	9:00am	School Mass, Ch
Sa. 11/12	7:45am	Men's Prayer/Bible Study, AC SAAR
	9:30am	SVDP Retreat, SAAR & GSH
	10:00am	Knights & Squires, ACMR
	1:00pm	CCD Confirmation Retreat (bus leaves at 1:00pm)
Su. 11/13	8:00am	Middle School Pancake Breakfast, AC GSH
Confessions are at 4:00pm on Saturdays and 7:00pm on Thursdays		

OLV Catholic School Headlines - Did you know that OLVCS students pray the Rosary every week during October and May? Students also pray the Stations of the Cross during Lent. These are ways for us to equip our students with a sound education, rich in the cherished traditions and liturgical practices of our faith.

In November, OLVCS fourth graders will take part in a workshop in which they learn about and become more aware of world hunger.

Our Lady of Victory Middle School Students are hosting a pancake breakfast on Sun., Nov. 13, from 8:00am until 12:30pm in the Parish Activities Center. Tickets will be sold in the Gathering Space after Mass this weekend, in the school office, from any OLVCS Middle school student or at the door. For more info, call Nan at 867-0660.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic School is seeking substitute teachers for grades K-8. If interested, e-mail the school at: principal@olvcs.org or call the school office at 238-1592.

OLV Prayer Network Ministry - Prayer requests may be offered through the Prayer Network by calling Margaret Morella (234-2218), Janine Surovec (466-7017), Lisa Wagner (234-0574) or Peg Roy (231-0224). Anyone interested in being added to the Prayer Network to receive prayers or pray for others can contact Peg Roy at Margaret_Roy@baxter.com.

Religious Education - Group Leaders are still needed for the 11th Grade Confirmation Class. If you can help out, please contact Deacon Lapinski at deacondcf@aol.com.



Last Week's Collection: Weekly Collection \$20,685.50 with 733 families using envelopes. Debt Reduction \$1,339.00. THANK YOU FOR BEING GOOD STEWARDS.



Becoming A Catholic - If you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic and looking for a church home, please invite him or her to attend RCIA sessions held on Wednesdays, 7:30pm in the Activities Center. For more information, call Mary Ann at 237-7832, ext. 239.

Homebound - If you have relatives or friends from the parish who are homebound, please notify the parish office at 237-7832 if they would like to receive Communion.

Hospital/Rehab Stay - Call the Church Office at 237-7832 if you are or will be a patient at Mount Nittany Medical Center or Health South Rehab Center and wish the Eucharist brought to you. Neither facility notifies us.

Chrismon Ornaments - Liturgical Arts Committee invites those interested in purchasing Chrismon ornaments like those on the 2004 tree to please call Roberta Kenney at 238-3989 or to come to the Church office to order them. The cost is \$2.00 each and delivery will be after December 15. Orders will be taken until November 15.

Greeters - Families Urgently Needed. Volunteer to greet before Mass on Saturday vigil, Sunday Masses, holidays and special events. This is an easy way to teach your children to give back to their Catholic community by welcoming their fellow parishioners and visitors to OLV. It takes only a half-hour of your time a few days of the year. Please call Kathleen Taylor at 237-6369 or e-mail Kathleen_tay@msn.com to sign up.

SOLV - The November meeting is on Thursday, Nov. 17 at 1:30pm in the Activities Center Gardiner Social Hall. Anita Corbin of Queen Anne's Lace will help each of us create a fall bouquet. Those who have not signed up, please call Betty Manahan at 234-1079. The cost is \$8.00 per person.

Calling All Singers, Especially Bass Voices -

Pastor's Potpourri (Odds and Ends)

- As of Tuesday, about two hundred people have turned in commitment cards to increase their Sunday offering. The "commitment boxes" will be in the church this weekend and next.
- November is the month to remember the faithful departed. We have a large poster in the sanctuary with the names of parishioners who died since last November. Before it is a container with the names of our beloved dead that you have turned in to us. We will remember all those people during the Masses of November. On Wed., Nov. 30, the 7:00pm Mass will be offered specifically for all whose names are written on the scroll or in the container.
- We don't include the names of babies or small children who have died on these lists because they do not need our prayers. But, if you would like to remember a baby or small child of your family who has died recently, we could list them in December, perhaps near the Nativity scene. Let me know if you would like us to do this.
- Once again, if you are a regular user of the Upper Room (Children's Chapel) during Sunday Masses, I would like to hear your suggestions on how we could enhance the quality of your spiritual experience there.
- Thank you to OLV Catholic School students, faculty and parents, for doing a fine job with the 9:00am Mass on All Saints Day. We have a great tradition in our parish as a result of your efforts. God bless you.

Quote for Thought: "One cannot share the Eucharistic Bread while refusing to share one's daily bread. It is not for nothing that the eucharistic assembly ends with the words that send the worshipers out into the world. Assembling and being sent out are two poles that may not be divorced from one another or played off against each other: a mission without assembly becomes empty and hollow, but an assembly without mission becomes sterile and ultimately loses its credibility."

- Walter Cardinal Kasper, in Sacrament of Unity, Herder & Herder, p. 111

Quote for Thought Lite: "By the time we realize our parents were right, we have children who think we're wrong."

Mark your calendars: The Annual Advent/Christmas Party is on Friday, Dec. 9 in the Parish Activities Center.

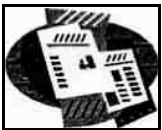
The Annual Advent Penance Service is Sunday, Dec. 18 at 2:30pm.



The Gabriel Project is a Pro-Life movement offering parish-based pastoral care to women in a crisis pregnancy. It is the goal of the Gabriel Project to help such women with all their practical needs as well as offering them unconditional love in an apostolate of friendship throughout their pregnancy. For information on how you can help with the Gabriel Project or be helped by it, please call 237-8784.

Vocation Chalice - The Vocation Chalice continues to go to parishioners' homes. If you would like to pray for vocations in this special way, please contact the Rectory at 237-7832 or e-mail Mark Reid at mreid@shst.edu.

Protecting God's Children: Why On-going Bulletins?



After an adult completes the instructor-led Protecting God's Children session, he/she is required to read a monthly short article called a Bulletin. The Bulletins are designed to serve as a reminder of what was presented at the session. They also provide additional information relative to specialized issues of child sexual abuse.

Since we usually retain only a portion of anything we learn, the bulletins are important tools to keep our awareness of the need to protect children current. Each year a longer re-certification bulletin is provided as an additional form of review. In order to be able to read the bulletins on-line or to receive them by USPS mail, one must be registered on the Virtus system, www.virtusonline.org

Children & Youth Protection and Advocacy Office, Diocese of Altoona Johnstown, Fall 2005. Please note our new name.

Parish Registration and Changes - New parishioners are always welcome. Please pick up a registration form at the Parish Office, Mon.-Fri., 8:30am-4:00pm or on Sundays after the 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30am Masses. Please advise the parish office of any change in address, telephone number or if you are moving from the parish. A reminder: if you plan to be a godparent for Baptism or Confirmation or have your baby baptized, you must be a registered parishioner at Our Lady of Victory.

K C Bingo Monday, Nov. 7, from 7:00pm to 10:00pm at the KC Club, 850 Stratford Drive, in State College. Doors open at 5:30pm. The Jackpot is \$1100 in 56 numbers and our *Magic Numbers* will pay \$100. Only \$3.50 to play the minimum (4 cards, 20 games) or \$8.25 for the minimum plus all special games (total of 37 games).

The Knights of Columbus General Meeting for the month of November will start with dinner at 6:30pm on Wed., Nov. 9 in the meeting room at the Knights of Columbus Club, 850 Stratford Drive. All Knights in Father O'Hanlon Council 4678 are invited to attend.

St. Paul's Men's Group meets Saturdays, 7:30 to 9:00am in the OLV Activities Center. Discussions range from "just war" to "stem cell research" to "sexuality". The topics are all reviewed within the context of our Catholic Catechism, Catholic doctrine and teaching. Coffee and free donuts. Contact Andy Mazzara at 867-4481(H)/865-7098 (W), or afm126@psu.edu or just show up.

Christmas Fest 2005 will be held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 867 Grays Woods Boulevard, State College (Gray's Woods Exit off Rt. 322) on Friday, Nov. 11 (9:00am - 6:00pm) and Sat., Nov. 12 (9:00am - 3:00pm). Included will be a craft sale, Work of Human Hands items, homemade soups, baked goods, raffle, silent auction and good food to eat in or take out.

Altar Flower Memorials - If you would like to donate live altar flowers to our Church in memory or in honor of a loved one or for a special occasion, call the OLV office during regular office hours (237-7832) to begin the process. An announcement of your donation will appear in the OLV bulletin, unless you direct us not to do so. A minimum donation of \$50.00 is requested.

Food Bank - The holiday season is the busiest time of the year for the Food Bank. In order to meet the increased needs of their clients and donors, they will be open five days a week starting Nov. 1 through Dec. 23. Hours are Monday, 1:00pm to 6:00pm, and Tuesday - Friday, 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Donations are accepted during these hours OR by appointment. Please call 234-2310 to make an appointment, especially for donations of LARGE amounts. For more information, visit www.FoodBank.centreconnect.org.

NFP (Natural Family Planning) - Does your method of family planning strengthen your emotional intimacy with your spouse or nurture a loving relationship with God and the Church? The Billings Method of NFP (<http://www.boma-usa.org>) is a result of decades of scientific research. NFP honors the Church's respect for the unitive and procreative purpose of married love-making. If you haven't checked out NFP, you haven't made an informed choice. Certified diocesan instructors are available throughout our diocese. Introductory presentations to groups are also available. Contact our diocesan Family Life Office at 814-886-5551 or familylife@dioceseaj.org.

Youth Ministry

-Youth Group will meet on Mon., Nov. 7 at 6:00pm in the Youth Room.

-Quote for Thought for Teens: "Teens need a safe place to digest, unravel and communicate what is really going on in their lives. The pressures they experience with friends and family, school, extracurricular activities, work schedules, and other responsibilities have molded them into 'human doings' rather than 'human beings,' and as a result, a great percentage of teens regularly experience loneliness and detachment from meaningful relationships."

- Frank Mercadante, Growing Teen Disciples

Please check out the forum on our website youth.olv.info for the most up to date details on these events or contact Katie Murry at 404-8580 or e-mail katie@olv.info for more information.

APL Girls' Basketball: The 4th/5th graders games were cancelled due to weather. The 6th graders had a bye week.

PIAA 7th/8th Grade Girls' Basketball: Wed., Oct. 26 - Central Mountain 36/OLV 17. The Lady Wildcats proved to be too much for the Lady Crusaders to handle at home on Wednesday. The Crusaders used the help of 6 different scorers in the loss. Thu., Oct. 27- Bishop Guilfoyle 38/Our Lady of Victory 21 - Despite earning an early first quarter 4 point lead, the Lady Crusaders were unable to hold on as the Lady Marauders defeated them at home. The Crusaders were lead by a strong offensive effort by Liz Novack (12 points) and the stellar defense of Eileen Kain (5 steals).

State College Catholic Knights extended their 19 game winning streak with a victory over the Kennedy Firebirds, Sharon, Pennsylvania by 32-8. Co-captains Tony Agostinelli, Matt Hughes, Andrew Marshall and Mike Pagnotto led the team on the opening kick off and scored on their first possession with long runs by Billy Fegley and Matt Satalia, leading to a quarterback keeper by Matt Mazzara into the end zone. The 2nd quarter of the game featured an 80 yard touch down pass from Mazzara to Dominic Mills. Colby Way was the leading pass receiver with 5 receptions, and Sean McWhirter led the defense with 7 tackles. Next game this weekend against the Johnstown Parochial League All-Stars in Johnstown. The OLV Crusaders 4th-6th grade team will be venturing to the Cleveland Browns football game this weekend.

OLVCS Boosters: 2006 Lotto Calendars are now on sale for \$20 each. They make great gifts and support all of our athletes at OLV. They are available at the school office, Monday through Friday, or by calling Kelly at 272-3519 or Ed Hughes at 574-2753 (or elh5@psu.edu).

EXTRA! EXTRA! BAZAAR NEWS

10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday, November 19, 2005

****Only 2 weeks to go and OLV Needs You to have some Fun****

The annual OLV Bazaar and Tailgate Party is a fun filled event for the Parish and the community. The success is reflected in the fun that people have and in the contributions that we are able to make to the parish and to the school.

A quality Catholic education is a blessing that we all need to support.

Volunteers: Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer. Nothing adds more value than the time you can spend with us. If you can volunteer to work at the Bazaar, help out with any of the preliminary work, or can make a baked good, there is a sign up sheet at the Bazaar table in the Gathering Space. If you can help make phone calls, or if you have questions, please contact Chris Rogan 235-1907.

Games: The kids' and adult games are a fun attraction with something for everyone. Watch for the volunteer sign up list in the Gathering Space to reserve your time slot to have fun. **Clean, stuffed animals and pre-wrapped candy for prizes can be left in the Gathering Space.** If you'd like to help, call Karen Griffin 867-5546 or e-mail at keukacrew@aol.com

Crafts: The Bazaar always has many lovely crafts including holiday items, crocheted and hand-sewn items, woodcrafts, and ceramics to mention a few. Watch for announcements in the bulletin or displays in the Gathering space on how you can contribute. To donate items or pick up materials, contact Joy Stauffer (for non-sewing projects) at 234-4804, or Pat Lutz (for sewing projects) at 466-6328.

Theme Baskets: Show us what a basket case you are by donating a Theme Basket to the Bazaar. We thank all of you who have contributed to this success in the past. We had a great variety, including: children's theme baskets, dinner baskets and the famous **3rd grade quilts**. Some baskets will be displayed at the Bazaar Table in the Gathering Space. Empty baskets are also needed. Please drop them off in the Gathering Space. Questions, please contact Margaret Kowalski 238-4198 or Pat Hopkins 238-5804.

Baked Goods: There will be contribution sign up sheets in the Gathering Space for you to let us know what you can provide in the sweet tooth specialty booth. We always need help for this tasty area. If you can help, please call Ann Peno 238-9421 or Becky Clark 238-2832.

Silent Auction: **Are you an OLV business owner?** It's never too late to donate to the Silent Auction! The Silent Auction will be filled with donations from local businesses, gift certificates, antiques and artwork. For more information, contact Maria Hughes @231-8200 ext 345 or Anna McGrail 466-6105.

Book Sale: A used book sale, benefiting the Parish Library, will be held during the Bazaar. If you'd like to help, contact Maria and Chuck Melchioris 238-2164.

Raffle Tickets: Your chance at the thousands of dollars in cash prizes may be sitting in your pile of mail at home! As they say you can't win if you don't play. Please turn your tickets in with the weekly collection or at the Bazaar. Also, read the flier and post it as a reminder in your home, around your neighborhood or at a local business.

Cabbage Roll Making Sessions: Everyone is invited (no experience necessary) to join us on Tuesday, Nov. 15, for two shifts (4:30 - 6:30pm and 6:30 - 8:30pm) in the school kitchen. A few people are also needed to prepare the ingredients from 2:30 - 4:30 pm on Tuesday and for clean up afterwards. Please bring an apron if you have one. For more information, contact John Kikta at 861-5147.

Wednesday Nov. 16 is Kitchen Catch-up Day: We'll be in the kitchen from 6:30 - 8:30pm on Nov. 16, finishing up the previous day's work. Just seeing your smiling faces will make this time fruitful.

Pierogi Making Sessions: Everyone is invited (no experience necessary) to join us on Thursday, November 17, for two shifts (4:30 - 6:30pm and 6:30 - 8:30pm) in the school kitchen. Additionally, help is needed from 2:30 - 4:30pm on Thursday to prepare the ingredients and also to clean up afterwards. Please bring an apron, rolling pin and a cleaned out tuna can if you have any of these items.

Cooked Ground Beef Donations: Please consider preparing 1 - 5 lbs. of ground beef for use in the chili and Sloppy Joes. Just brown and drain the ground beef and allow it to cool, then put it in a plastic bag or disposable container and refrigerate it (do not add salt or seasonings). Please plan to drop it off at the School Hall the day before the Bazaar (or send it with your child to school). **Let their teacher know that they have food for the Bazaar to be stored in the cafeteria cooler!**

Marketing: We will have another great program this year, full of information and fun. Scores of local businesses show their support in the Bazaar Program. Show your gratitude by supporting them. Programs will be distributed after masses the weekend before the Bazaar. Any questions call Greg Woodman at 237-0481 ext 131.

Got A Bizarre Question? : The Committee is working to put the finishing touches on the Bazaar. For any questions regarding the Bazaar, e-mail Steve Milillo 238-3920 at milillosm@corning.com.

An Invitation to Serve from The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Christ, the Bread of Life, compels those of us who gather around His Communion table to care for our neighbors who want for their daily bread. Starvation may not stalk the streets of Centre County, but some in our community struggle to attain such basic necessities as housing, heat, and light. Many are spiritually starved.

As Catholics, we are familiar with Christ's call to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and visit the imprisoned. But often we wonder, "What can I do? How much difference can one person make?"

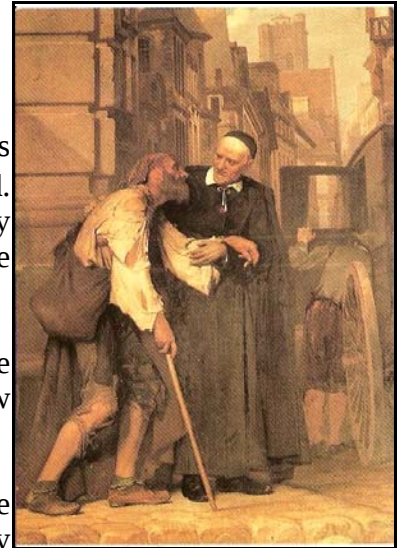
The good news is this: As members of the Body of Christ, we aren't alone. We have in our midst a powerful channel of grace and agent of charity—The Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Last year, the Society's Our Lady of Victory conference gave approximately \$150,000 in financial aid to more than 750 people, most of it generated by sales at our Westerly Parkway thrift store. In addition, our Society donated \$175,000 in clothing and other goods to needy individuals and charitable organizations.

Financial assistance covers rent payments, security deposits, utility bills, auto repairs, and more. In addition, the Society supports the Rockview Prison Ministry release program, Centre Volunteers in Medicine, the Gabriel Project, the Jared Box project, OLV and St. John's schools, and many other local, national, and international charities.

The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store makes all of these gifts possible. Staffed entirely by volunteers—from the sorters in the back room to the cashiers up front—the store generates the money that the Society uses to help its neighbors. Through the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, a single coat donated by one child can keep another child warm, even as proceeds from its sale help pay another family's heating bill.

Donations of merchandise are always welcomed, but the parable of the widow's mite clearly illustrates that Christ expects us to share more than our surplus. He requires a gift of self. Right now, the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store—*our thrift store*—suffers from a critical shortage of volunteers. Donated goods overflow in the hallways, but we lack the hands to sort, stock, and sell them.

The warm greeting of a Thrift Store volunteer may be the first personal contact many of our neighbors have with the Catholic Church. The spirit of St. Vincent de Paul challenges us not only to represent Christ *to* them, but to see Christ *in* them. Jesus said, "The poor you will always have with you." He also promised that He himself would be with us always. Through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, we can serve them both, face to face.



**Please join us for an open house and half-hour tour of our Thrift Store:
Saturday, November 12**