



Thank You for Your Generosity!

The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Thomas More would like to thank all parishioners and ministries for your generous support in the second quarter. Because of you, we were able to keep families in their homes, prevent water, gas, and electricity shutoffs, and provide food through our pantry, which is open the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 12:00 to 1:00 pm behind the church in rooms 1 and 2.

Impact Quarter ending June 30, 2026:

- \$6,059.57 in rental assistance for eight families
- \$2,008.01 in utility assistance for four families
- Served an average of 40 – 45 families per pantry
- Monthly pantry expenditures averaged \$975

We were blessed with **\$20,439** in parish donations. Your support truly makes a difference.

One Family's Story:

This quarter, our conference walked alongside a woman in our own community—we'll call her Denise—who came to us for help with her rent and utilities. For years, Denise had worked as a special-education instructor, patiently helping children with special needs learn and grow, until she was laid off during the pandemic. In the hard season that followed, she and her daughter lost their apartment and spent nearly eighteen months without a home of their own, until a local housing ministry helped them into the modest apartment where they live today. Denise now carries serious health burdens—severe arthritis that limits her mobility and, more recently, congestive heart failure. Her fixed disability income does not stretch far enough to cover her rent, and when the sister who had quietly been helping her each month ran into hardship of her own, Denise fell behind on her rent and faced a past-due gas bill with a shut-off notice looming. Through it all she has refused to give up, spending her days applying for work she can do from home so she can regain her independence. Our conference was able to step in with assistance for her rent and her gas bill, easing the threat of eviction and keeping her utilities on. Because of your generosity, Denise knows she has not been forgotten.

This is what your gifts make possible. They keep our neighbors in their homes, keep the heat and water running, and remind people in their most fearful moments that they are seen, valued, and never alone. Every dollar you give becomes shelter, food, and hope for someone who has nowhere else to turn.

Sacred Scripture reminds us:

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." — Matthew 25:40

Your gift today can change a life tomorrow.

To donate, visit the e-giving portal on the church website.

To volunteer, call 949-331-1020 or email

volunteer@svdpstm.org. Thank you for being the hands and heart of Christ in our community!

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