

# **St. Louis South Side Newsletter**

SEPTEMBER 2023



## **RESPECT FOR LAW**

**On August 9th we had the pleasure of hosting Officer Nathaniel Mulloy and Officer Brian Unfried at Pietro's restaurant. They were chosen by their Lieutenant Rob Niemira.**

**SouthSide presented them with gift cards for their kindness and service to the community.**

**2022-2023**

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**Lt Rob Niemira with the officers at Pietro's.**



Vice President Brandy Yarbrough with the Officers at Pietro's.

# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

St. Joan of Arc Conference

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INTERNATIONAL

A COMMON GOAL

In a bulletin article about a year ago we spoke about the synergy we've created with our parish organizations as well as outside agencies and clubs such as the South Side Optimists. Since that original connection, the Optimists have donated around \$2,500 in cash, fuel cards and pantry items. Some of these donations were from the organization, while others came directly from its members. Recently the Optimists really outdid themselves. They began to focus on our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry for what they call a 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday activity.

At one of their regular meetings, they learned that we were creating a new healthy food section, so they kicked things off with a check for \$300 in "seed" money for the project. Then we got word that members wanted to gather groceries and deliver them directly to our pantry. A team of SVDP members met the Optimists at the rectory and helped get the food into the pantry. Many of the members who dropped off food that day we had never met before. They showed up with trucks and vans and cars full of food. The Optimists donated hundreds of dollars' worth of groceries that day.

The more we strengthen the connections with the Optimists, the more we see the shared mission and goals between the two groups. They function much like St. Vincent de Paul, too. The Optimists have a group of dedicated people who run the business at the meetings. They also have a large group of members who show up to do the project work, such as delivering dictionaries to schools, food to pantries, fill the annual Holiday Food Baskets for the needy, and working at the fundraisers. Of course, there is a core group that does both. There is a group within St. Vincent de Paul who helps the Optimists with their work as well.

Another similarity of purpose is the way both St. Vincent de Paul and the Optimists work with junior groups of students. In both cases, older members are trying to instill in younger members that sense of charitable giving of time and resources to the less fortunate. There are certainly wonderful role models for this work within both groups.

The St. Vincent de Paul pantry at St. Joan of Arc has never been so well stocked and complete as it is now, thanks to our generous parish donors and our partners at the South Side Optimists Club. We are very grateful for the hard work and donations of both groups because that's what allows us to do the work that we do.

As it says in the Optimists' mission statement, "Although we come from all walks of life, we share one common trait. We know we can make a difference in the lives of others."

If you have any questions or suggestions email them to us at [svdp@stjoanofarcstl.com](mailto:svdp@stjoanofarcstl.com). Thank you for your support and please keep us and our Neighbors in need in your prayers.

Southside Optimist donated their time to Brendens Packpack in Festus WalMart  
Pictured below are SouthSide's Dan & Maggie Sartore. Great job supporting Zone 10.



## **Our Meeting Place:**

**PIETRO'S RESTAURANT**

**3801 WATSON ROAD ST. LOUIS, MO 63109**

**314-645-9263**

## **Meeting Schedule:**

**2ND AND 4TH Wednesday of the month @**

**6:00 p.m.**



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### ***SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS***

***9-1 LORETTA KELLY***

***9-13 STEPHEN NIERMIRA***

***9-15 THOMAS NIEMIRA***

***9-21 CHARLOTTE BAKER***

***9-25 CHRISTINE LOHSE***

***9-28 SANDRA LUSK***



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