



Join the parish families of **St. Clement of Rome** and **St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist** for our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual

## Friends of the Poor® Walk

**Saturday, September 25, 8 – 11 a.m. at St. Clement of Rome**



**8 a.m.** – St. Vincent de Paul Memorial Mass. Check-in for the Walk before and after Mass.

**9 – 9:30 a.m.** – 1-Mile Walk around the St. Clement of Rome parish grounds and Bayberry subdivision.

**9:30 – 10 a.m.** – **FREDBIRD® of the St. Louis Cardinals!!!**

**All Morning** – Fellowship, Food, and Compiling personal care kits for the St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist food pantry. *Even if you are not able to complete the 1-mile Walk, come for the fellowship!*



**Did You Know?** The Friends of the Poor® Walk is a Society of St. Vincent de Paul event, held at 240 locations nationwide, to raise awareness of poverty and funds to combat it. We will take part with more than 25,000 Walkers across the U.S.!

## Join Us!



### ATTEND

Register now at [fopwalk.org/event/2596](https://fopwalk.org/event/2596). It's free!

*Participants under the age of 18 must be registered by a parent or guardian.*

*When registering, you will be asked to select a Beneficiary for any donations that may be made to your Walker page. After clicking "Choose Beneficiary", simply select St. Clement which will be listed at the top.*

**Safety is our priority. COVID precautions will be announced closer to the event, based on the latest medical and parish recommendations.**



### DONATE

Donate online at [fopwalk.org/event/2596](https://fopwalk.org/event/2596).

*Or mail a check made payable to "Society of St. Vincent de Paul" to St. Clement SVDP, 1510 Bopp Road, St. Louis, MO 63131, noting "Friends of the Poor Walk" in the memo. All proceeds are shared equally by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul conferences at St. Clement of Rome and St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist.*

# Our Mission

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are in need and suffering. The St. Clement Conference of the Society provides utility, rent, transportation, food, and other assistance to neighbors in need within our parish boundaries, and throughout the metropolitan area, who have lost their source of income. In addition, our conference "twins" with parishes and food pantries in less-advantaged areas, providing them with much-needed food and funds to assist the people who come to them for help. During our last fiscal year, your generosity enabled us to:

- Personally help 226 neighbors in need, providing them with:
 

\$22,429 in Rent & Lodging	\$19,878 in Utilities	\$8,605 in Transportation
\$3,013 in Food Certificates	\$2,327 in Moving Expense assistance	\$2,151 in Furniture & Appliances
\$708 in Funeral assistance	\$110 in Property Tax payments	
- Supply fourteen local food pantries with 2,577 bags of groceries.
- Donate a truckload of clothing to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, where neighbors in need can shop for free, using vouchers from their local conferences.
- Team up with the Wonder Workers to create 750 Blessing Bags that our parishioners distributed to the homeless.
- Send three carloads of cleaning supplies and paper products to Depaul USA in support of their mission to provide permanent, supportive housing for the chronically homeless.
- Partner with twenty local SVDP conferences and Vincentian organizations to provide their neighbors in need with \$40,893 in utility, rent, and food assistance.
- Work with SVDP conferences in Haiti, Dominica, and Mexico to provide their neighbors in need with \$3,600 in food, shelter, and medical care.

Please accept our sincere thanks for all that you do. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated by our Conference and our neighbors in need. If you would like to learn more about the Society, please contact Rita Andres at 314.303.8206 or Mary Kreienkamp at 314.852.2305.

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