

Around the Parish



STUNNING SUCCESS! TEAM FOOD DRIVE FOR ST. VINCENT de PAUL CONFERENCE FOOD PANTRY



On Saturday, 6 June 2026, the Good Lord smiled upon us and provided the trifecta of good weather, incredible volunteer support and the most generous community in the Chicago Southlands to help make our Team Food Drive for the St. Vincent de Paul Conference Food Pantry a **stunning success**. Over **816 items containing canned goods, dry goods and cereals** were collected in just two short hours. The economic value of all items collected was **\$1,518**. In addition, more than **\$1,470** in checks and cash for a grand total of **\$2,988** in donations.

The St Vincent de Paul Conference here at St John Neumann Parish runs a food pantry and distributes food supplies to the communities of Hazel Crest, East Hazel Crest, Country Club Hills and Homewood, every third Saturday of the month. The Meals Plus Ministry here at St John Neumann Parish was honored to partner with our sisters-in-Christ from the St. Vincent de Paul Conference to plan and execute this event.

We are very grateful for the team that worked outside to keep the collections process organized and moving quickly and efficiently. From the signage and traffic flow logistics managed so well to the great support provided by Emeridge Johnson, Meagan Leonard, Debra Johnson, Janice Scott, Hilary Hardt, Chuck and Theresa Funke, Deb Lynch, Sue Benigni and Joe Bretz.

Great support in our Collection Central continued from the following team members: Dee Mannes, Mary Jackson and Cheryl Cruikshank-Harris. That team kept the steady flow of items moving throughout the morning and got us ready for the final stage of storage.

A huge thanks to Father Edmond, Father Ted and Father Ron for their continued support in our efforts to serve our community and those in need!

Finally, we are indebted to all of you, the Parish of St John Neumann and the communities of Homewood, Hazel Crest, East Hazel Crest and Country Club Hills. Your continued generosity and support, especially for those most in need, is sincerely appreciated.

May God bless you and keep you all in His loving arms.

Now to him who is able to immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever!

Ephesians 3:20-21