

St. Vincent de Paul Quarterly Report Jan-March 2021

We give thanks for the generosity of St. Matthew parishioners as well as our neighboring parishes and St. Vincent de Paul Council who provided us with Emergency Funding to support our neighbors in need. With the help of all of you, between January and March, we have been able to provide support to 475 neighbors. We have provided \$28,266 in rent and utilities assistance to 116 families. This is a 139% increase over the same quarter last year. In addition, we provided 37 families with support for clothing and household items, primarily through vouchers to the St. Vincent de Paul store. We continue to follow the Washington State guidelines for masking and social distancing in our deliveries. We have delivered 70 bags of food and 53 bags of household and hygiene items to approximately 50 families in need of emergency food assistance. The current situation for these families remains challenging. Many of our neighbors have lost their jobs due to the pandemic and are still out of work. The continuing shutdown due to COVID 19 and delays in federal aid have contributed to this ongoing problem. We continue to receive a record number of assistance requests in the 98125 zip code. At this time, we ask you to pray for all our neighbors who are struggling to keep up with their rent payments, keep their lights on and feed their families. We also ask that you prayerfully consider joining the St. Matthew Conference of St. Vincent de Paul. We meet every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. If you are interested in joining St. Vincent de Paul, please know that you may participate as much or as little as fits in your schedule. All are welcome. For any questions, or if you are interested in becoming a member of St. Vincent de Paul, please contact our conference President, Mary Hebert at 206-697-2138.