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## **NEWSLETTER January 2023**

The **ST. RICHARD SOCIAL OUTREACH SERVICES**, a/k/a **ST. RICHARD SOS**, continues to operate as it has in the past ministering to those in need in our Manheim Central community. Funds received in the church collections and the Poor Box continue to go directly to the **ST. RICHARD SOS** to be disbursed to the needy as decided under the operating procedures that remain unchanged from our beginnings as the Society of Saint Vincent De Paul.

We continue to work with the local Salvation Army, the Manheim Ministerium, Manheim Central Food Pantry, and have continued a relationship with the "Off the Streets" program in Lancaster. We normally do a full financial analysis to insure that we understand what the client's actual needs are, and if the clients are trying to help themselves out of their situation. We do not judge, but try to act with responsibility for your donations and the care and love Christ wants us to have for the less fortunate. We do look at each request to determine if the assistance we can provide actually helps the client get out of their temporary situation as the SOS is not a long term solution.

2022 has been a year where the community has started to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and begin to regain some semblance of normality in their lives. The economic downturn and rising costs have made life difficult for those living on the edge of financial disaster. Our parishioners have continued to support the needy with an impressive show of financial support. We have been able to help not only everyone who asked for help who honestly required it, but also help out some organizations and local groups who were affected by the virus or disruptions to their family life.

### **Who have we been able to help due to your generosity?**

Since our beginning in 2008 The Social Outreach Society (previously Saint Vincent de Paul) has been able to help 166 clients overcome some form of financial difficulties. Many of these clients have needed a helping hand several times. In each case we look at the entire situation to determine if the client is doing the best they can to alleviate their situation to make sure we do not become their "go-to bank". Some times we have had to say no, but we try to be compassionate in our use of your generously donated funds.

Your generous help reaches out and touches others we may never see or hear from but are in need nonetheless. Because we have such generous parishioners we have been able to help these organizations without restricting any help for those who came directly to us. Again, God Bless each and every one of you.



**St. Richard's SOS 2022 Financial Report  
From December 31, 2021 to January 17, 2023**

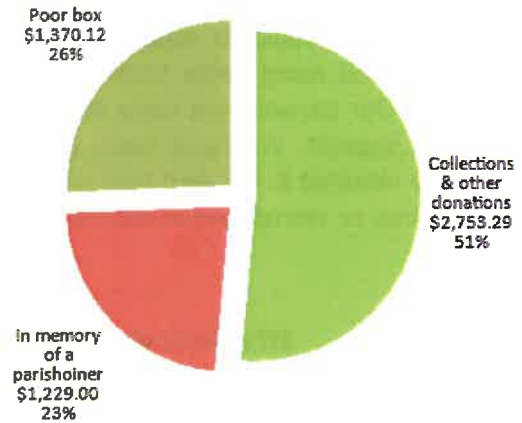
**How can you help your Social Outreach Society to provide support to those in need?**

Your financial support is always needed of course, but are there other ways you can follow our Lord's directives to help the unfortunate. One way is to volunteer to be a member of the SOS and be able to use your skills (teaching, financial accounting, compassion, knowledge of other assistance available, etc.) to help our clients as they come to us for help. On occasion we have even found replacement tires, done some winterizing, moved appliances and so forth. It's not only paying out funds, it's using whatever talents and contacts we have to make someone's life a bit easier. Use the talents the stewardship prayer speaks about and contact [StRichardSOS@gmail.com](mailto:StRichardSOS@gmail.com) or call the rectory and leave a message. We will get back to you and answer all your questions.

**2022 SOS Income & Expenditures**

<b>\$3,268.96</b>	<b>Starting balance</b>	
\$2,753.29	Collections & other donations	51.4%
\$1,229.00	In memory of a parishoiner	23.0%
\$1,370.12	Poor box	25.6%
<b>\$5,352.41</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>	
\$300.00	UGI 132-16	7.2%
\$2,100.00	Window World	50.5%
\$200.00	Molly's Gift Cards	4.8%
\$300.00	PPL 117-15	7.2%
\$291.75	Verizon 165-22	7.0%
\$165.22	Lanc County Tax 165-22	4.0%
\$300.00	Manheim Food Bank	7.2%
\$500.00	Mt. Hope	12.0%
<b>\$4,156.97</b>	<b>Total Expensees</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>\$4,464.40</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>	

**2022 SOS Income**



**2022 SOS Expenditures**

