ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
CATHOLIC CHURCH

ONLINE GIVING FUND OPTIONS

Church Offering (Tithing)

A parish family's Church Offering (Tithing) is St. Vincent de Paul Parish's primary source of income and should be a family's highest priority when deciding how to support the parish financially. Your tithe supports the daily operations of the church and school including staff payroll, utility, office supply, administrative, and insurance costs.

Tithing is not merely a financial obligation but a spiritual practice that reflects the core values of our faith. It is a tangible way for families to express their gratitude to God for the blessings they have received and to actively participate in the mission of the Church.

We encourage you to consider 5% of your family's gross income as a tithe to the parish.

The St. Vincent Fund

The St. Vincent Fund is our parish's annual appeal and was established in 2019 to address our most critical needs and support projects that are not included the daily operations of the parish. The St. Vincent Fund will generate a yearly reserve dedicated to the following areas, 1) Capital Expenses, 2) Building Maintenance Fund, and 3) Endowment Fund(s).

Within the first couple months of each calendar year, every parish family will receive detailed information in the mail on the year's projects and be invited to support the St. Vincent Fund.

Outreach Ministries

Our Patron, St. Vincent dedicated his life to the service of the poor by organizing groups of lay people for charitable work and a society of priests who trained the clergy and did missionary work in rural areas. Today, his name is synonymous with Catholic charity throughout the world. Following in his footsteps, we strive to emulate his good deeds.

Tanzania, purpose is to promote an ongoing partnership between the Archdiocese of Songea and St. Vincent de Paul Parish. We do this through identifying ways to connect, to share our faith, to help support and to pray for each other.

Divine Mercy Pantry—In the spirit of our patron saint, the mission of our pantry is to distribute food to those in need and to refer them to community organizations for social services. As a Catholic community called to live as disciples of Christ, our guiding principles are to offer dignity and respect to those we serve and provide choice of foods for those who visit our Divine Mercy Center pantry. There are also opportunities to serve as a volunteer as well.

Endowment Funds

We have two distinct endowment funds at our parish: a Parish Endowment Fund and an Educational Endowment Fund. The parish endowment fund supports all our parish's adult, youth, and religious formation programs, and the educational endowment supports the annual needs of our school such as cost of living increases for our teachers and staff.

These two funds are long-term investment vehicles. Unlike other funds that may be used for

immediate needs, our endowment funds are designed to generate income in perpetuity. Both of our endowment funds are managed by a parish commitee, who meet once per year to approve the disbursement of its assets. Members are appointed by the Pastor.

Maintenance

Our building and maintenance fund is dedicated to the upkeep, repair, and improvement of all the buildings and facilities on our campus. While a portion of the St. Vincent Fund appeal is allocated to the maintenance fund each year, parish families are welcome to contribute directly to the Parish Maintenance Fund at any time.

Holy Days

A tithe during holy days of obligation is a fundamental expression of a parish family's dedication to the Catholic community and their principles of the faith. Financial support during holy days of obligation helps the parish offer additional Masses during these times of increased atendance.

Our Holy Days each year are Easter, Christmas, Solemnity of Mary, Ascension, All Saints, Assumption, and Immaculate Conception.

Archdiocesan Special Collection(s)

Approximately 9 times throughout the year, we offer the opportunity to support the Archdiocese of Omaha's special collection efforts. These collection efforts allow parishes to support the development of the Church where communities struggle financially, or Catholic vocations and ministry require financial assistance.

The annual special collections are Seminary, Black and Indian Missions, Catholic Relief Services, Home and Foreign Missions, Catholic Communication Campaign, Peter's Pence, World Mission Sunday, Catholic Charities, Retirement Fund for Religious.