

## **SVDP January 2024**

Looking back at 2023, the St. Ambrose Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is grateful to Capital City Fruit in Norwalk for donating large quantities of beautiful produce at Thanksgiving and Christmas. On the afternoon of December 15, SVDP members picked up the produce and packaged it for delivery to 43 parish families. We've heard from many of the families how much they appreciated the food.

Looking ahead, we are planning to bring the SVDP truck back to the St. Ambrose parking lot in early April 2024. The truck will come after Easter when we all might be ready for some spring cleaning! Watch the parish website, bulletin and this newsletter for more details as the date approaches. Meanwhile, let's plan to fill the truck once again! Your donations are delivered to the SVDP thrift stores. Donated items are either given to people in need or sold, with proceeds supporting SVDP programs, including programs that serve people seeking employment, the food and clothing pantries, and more.

We continue to appreciate the generosity of our parishioners for supporting the work of our SVDP Conference and the larger Des Moines Council. Your contributions on the Food Pantry weekends (the first weekend of every month) are delivered to the SVDP food pantries to be given to people who need food. Your contributions to the Fifth Sunday collections are generous and keep us afloat during the year, allowing us to help meet immediate needs of parish families for assistance with rent, utilities, and other needs. Thank you!