

About Us

The Society of St Vincent DePaul (SVDP) is a faith-based international Catholic Lay Ministry. The Society was founded by Frederic Ozanam in Paris, France in 1833, who chose St Vincent DePaul as the patron and namesake. SVDP has had a presence in Indianapolis since the early 1900s.

Our members and volunteers subscribe to the mission and ministry of the Society, answering God's call to increase our personal spirituality and service to neighbors.

The "Client Choice" Food Programs sponsored by the Indianapolis Council have been in existence since 1999 with the opening of the Spann Avenue facility, serving a limited area of the city. The larger 30th Street Food Pantry opened in January 2007 and serves all of central Indiana.

Food sources include Food Banks, USDA Commodity Program, Kroger, Colonial, Local Food Drives, and discounted purchases from vendors.

SVDP is not a member of United Way and receives no government funding. We rely almost exclusively on individual contributions to purchase food and finance our operations. The Society has also been blessed with foundation and corporate grants in order to purchase and renovate property and acquire equipment.

The Indianapolis SVDP organization is managed and staffed by 100% volunteers.

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Society of St Vincent DePaul
Client Choice Food Pantry
3001 E. 30th St
Indianapolis IN 46218



The Society of St Vincent DePaul Archdiocesan Council of Indianapolis Client Choice Food Pantry

Food Pantry's Mission

Responding to God's call to "*Feed the Hungry*" (Mt.25:35), we strive to manifest God's love to all by providing a selection of food and self-help programs to those in need in an atmosphere of dignity and love for client and volunteer alike.



See biblical account of the "loaves and fishes":
Mt 14:13-21. Mk 6:34-44. Lk 9:10-17. Jn 6:1-15

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Hours and Locations

St Vincent DePaul Food Pantry

3001 E 30th Street (6 blocks east of Keystone Ave)

Tuesday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Thursday 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

SVDP reserves the right to change hours or close early due to unforeseen circumstances. Weather-related closings are reported to local TV stations.

Shopping Frequency

Eligible clients may shop one time each calendar week. *A Sunday must occur between visits.* Client visits are tracked on a Shopping Card that must be presented at each visit.

Priority Clients

“Priority” clients are individuals who cannot stand/wait for a period of time due to health issues. In addition to meeting standard eligibility requirements, **clients must have a doctor’s statement on file.** Priority shopping hours are roughly every other **Monday from 9:00-10:30 a.m.** A schedule can be provided upon request.

Other services available at Food Pantry

Gennesaret Medical Clinic 921-1404

Ozanam Legal Services 921-1407

Alcoholics Anonymous Wed 5:30pm

(Additional information available at ticket desk)

Other possible non-food assistance

SVDP Help Line 687-0169

Referral Network 926-HELP -or-

Emergency Help 2-1-1

Rules and Regulations

As a faith-based ministry, the SVDP Food Pantry expects all visitors to follow the Ten Commandments in dealing with volunteer workers and each other. The following are some general rules and regulations regarding behaviors while on the premises:

No drugs or alcohol or evidence of abuse

No smoking within fenced areas of property

No food or drink inside buildings

No weapons, firearms, knives, etc

No foul language, abusive or rude behavior

No destruction, abuse or littering of property

No inappropriate dress

No stealing or fraud, including:

- Use of fraudulent ID
- Falsification of any information provided
- Circumventing eligibility requirements
- Selling products received from SVDP

Respect for volunteers

Please be mindful that this program is not an agency of the government and is staffed by a 100% volunteer work force who willingly give their time to serve you.

Violation of rules

SVDP Food Pantry management reserves the right to refuse service to any client for violation of the above rules and regulations or any other serious infractions.

Generally, the first offense results in refusal of service on that visit. Subsequent offense(s) would typically result in refusal of service for an appropriate length of time, up to permanent suspension of shopping privileges.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Shopper must be age 18 or over
2. Photo Id required on every visit
3. Proof of residence (*light, gas or water bill; official mail; notarized lease. If none of the above is available, a SVDP-provided post card may be used*).
4. One shopper per household/address
5. Client must certify that Household Income is within government guidelines as published by TEFAP-*The Emergency Food Assistance Program*:

Effective 01-Apr-2007, total household income cannot exceed the following guidelines:

Household Size	Monthly Income	Annual Income
1	\$1,404	\$16,847
2	\$1,882	\$22,589
3	\$2,361	\$28,331
4	\$2,839	\$34,073
5	\$3,318	\$39,815
6	\$3,796	\$45,557
7	\$4,276	\$51,299
8	\$4,755	\$57,041

Shopping Guidelines

A “point system” is used to determine the amount of groceries that you may select on each visit. A single person household is permitted 15 points; two or more in household gets 20 points. Most items are one point unless otherwise marked.

Generally, most items are assigned one point. Products may be assigned two or more points due to portion size, cost, or limited availability. Items costing more than one point will be marked and/or a sign posted with the point value. If you have any questions as you shop, please ask one of our volunteers for assistance.

At the end of the shopping line, a volunteer will count your points and remove items (*of your selection*) if you are over the limit.

The shopping line must always move forward – at no time will you be allowed to back up to select items previously bypassed.