



St. Albert the Great Garden Guild

A group dedicated to growing food locally using organic methods, in an effort to feed our families, parish and the local hungry

Review and Update 2017-2018

A grand total of **\$20,079.00 and 3650 lbs** has been raised and donated to St Vincent to feed our area hungry over the last 7 years. These donations are made possible from our farmers market, pesto sales and the generous donation of time and monies from guild members and supportive parishioners. Thanks to all!

This past year we committed our donation of **\$2400.00** and 150lbs of produce directly to our own St Albert's St Vincent de Paul to be distributed to those in need in the parish. New this year at the Farmers Market was the addition of pickled items and baked goods made of produce grown by guild members and parishioners. We encourage you to grow and or make a little extra for the Farmers Market. A little bit donated by many adds up to a more generous gift for parish members in need. We accept fresh produce of any kind, eggs, plants, flowers and items made from what you raise. Also we are in need of mason jars with or without lids for pickled items. You can drop them off anytime in the Gathering Space beginning March 10-11 during Seed Give Away. If you can't deliver them contact us at email address below.

Following is a schedule of events coming soon. Please let us know what you can help with or send us your ideas for the coming gardening season. Our goal this year is to reach **\$22,525.00** for our total donations to St Vincent!

Farmers Market most Sundays June - September

- **\$ 2400.00** for 2017 was donated to St Albert's St Vincent's from market proceeds.
- **Volunteers** needed weekly to set up and sell.
- **Parishioners donations** of produce, flowers and plants are needed to supply the market each week.

Parish Supported Garden to benefit your families and the area hungry

- Community Garden needs individuals - families to work together as a group in raising food for your family and parish.
- A fee of \$25.00 per family will cover the cost of water, plants, amendments for the season.
- Thanks to Nick Spangler for choosing our garden for his eagle scout project. All monies for the restoration of garden shed were raised by Nick with Go Fund Me donations. We are most grateful.

Parish Gardens May - September, work on your own time and pace.

- The Guild will continue to offer support to the St Albert's grounds crew. We will also be growing the annuals to be planted on parish grounds with the help of Christine Evans and her science class.
- **10-12 volunteers** needed to help maintain all parish planted beds with weeding, deadheading etc. You choose the area and a time that works for you. This could be a great family project over the summer.

Seed Give Away

- Held after all masses on **March 10 and 11** Gathering Space.
- **2 volunteers** needed after each mass.
- Free seeds! Please plant an extra row to donate to our Farmers Market.

Finance Update

- 2017 collected \$2445.00 in donations and sales.
- 2018 anticipated expenses \$350.00 (donations gladly accepted)

Please consider volunteering, we are in need of your help! Respond to this email if you would like more information or would like to participate in any of the above. garden@stalbertthegreat.net