



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

FARMERS MARKET opens SUNDAY JULY 8 after all masses

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.

Again this year at the Farmers Market in addition to fresh produce, grown in the Parish Supported Garden, we will offer pickled items, pesto 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 such as baked goods, jams and jellies etc. You can drop off on Sundays from 8 -11 in the breezeway and if you are not able to bring it to us let us know we will pick up.

Our goal this year is to reach **\$22,525.00** for our total donations to St Vincent! Please consider donating or volunteering. Contact us at email below.

Farmers Market Sunday July 8 -mid Sept

- **Volunteers** needed weekly to set up and sell.
- **Parishioners donations** of produce, flowers and plants are needed to supply the market each week.

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

- I hope you are enjoying the beautiful annuals that are growing in the beds this season. These were grown and planted by the Garden Guild and Christine Evans 6th grade science classes. The Guild will continue to offer support to the St Albert's grounds crew.
- **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 or service project over the summer. **We are in need of help in front of school on Dorothy Lane and St. Albert Memorial Garden next to the Spirit Center.**

We would like to call your attention to two other Catholic faith based organizations that have committed themselves to serving and feeding the hungry in the Dayton community.

Chaminade Julianne High School 'Got Veggies' program. These high school students, several of whom are former St Albert students, glean local farms for produce to be given to those in need. Learn more by viewing their video at <https://youtu.be/qdiLoXlWvQI>

The Mission of Mary Cooperative is a organization founded by lay Marianists in an East Dayton neighborhood. Their focus is on food and economic social justice. Find out more at www.missionofmary.org We are in the process of planning a tour of their farm if you are interested please let us know.

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