

2024 Ends Strong for Center Donor support helps beat budgeted goal of \$100K

We are pleased to announce that our endof-year campaign for the Fund for Mt. Claret was officially wrapped up in December. Our initial goal was set at \$150,000, and while we didn't quite meet that target, we are excited to report that we raised \$120,000. This amount surpassed our budgeted goal of \$100,000, and we are incredibly grateful for the support we've received from our community.

The funds raised during this campaign are already



being put to good use. As we had outlined, our priority is to address the essential maintenance and repair needs of our facilities, ensuring Mt. Claret remains a safe, welcoming place for all who visit.

One of the first items we tackled was replacing the outdated heating and cooling system in our small apartment. This upgrade was necessary to ensure that our guests and residents are comfortable year-round. Additionally, we replaced a backflow valve that had previously failed, helping prevent potential plumbing issues and ensuring the continued safety of the building.

Looking ahead, we have scheduled a number of improvements for the first week of March. This includes painting projects on our main building and



Serra House, which will give the structures a fresh, wellmaintained appearance. These projects also include more detailed work such as oiling the chapel doors and refinishing the exterior wooden doors of the Christ Child space.

While some of these repairs may seem routine or even mundane, they are absolutely essential. Building maintenance is often one of those things that goes unnoticed—until it's not done. Leaky pipes, broken HVAC systems, and peeling paint can cause significant discomfort or even worse, lasting damage, if left unaddressed. We take great pride in making sure our facilities continue to serve the community as intended, and these maintenance tasks are crucial in preserving the quality of the space.

We want to express our deepest gratitude to all of our donors who made this campaign a success. Your generosity has a





Thank you once again

support! We look forward

progress of these projects

and other developments in

to updating you on the

for your unwavering

commitment and

the future.

Food Drive Supports Increasing Need SVDP reports community demand up 30%

We are thrilled to report the success of our recent food drive for St. Vincent de Paul, which took place

from February 2-16. Thanks to the generosity of our community, we were able to collect a significant amount of food to support those in need.

St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) provided five collection boxes, which were

filled to the brim by your donations. In fact, we had to empty the boxes twice due to the overwhelming response from our donors! This outpouring of support is a testament to the compassion and generosity of everyone involved.

SVDP shared with us

that they've seen a 30% increase in the demand for food donations in our community. This rise



in need highlights the growing challenges many families face, making your contributions even more vital. Every can, box, and bag of food donated will directly impact SVDP's ability to continue fulfilling their mission of providing assistance to those who are struggling. We are grateful to everyone who took the time to donate, and we

> know that your kindness will make a tangible difference in the lives of many individuals and families in need. Your support helps ensure that St. Vincent de Paul can continue to serve the most vulnerable members of our community.

Thank you once again for your

incredible generosity. Together, we can make a lasting impact and help those who need it most.

Thank you for your generosity!

The Society of Home Visits When Times are Tough

Unique from traditional food banks where families stand in line for a food box to take home, we honor each person's dignity and privacy by taking the food and help to those in need. Specially trained volunteers, called Vincentians, operate and run over 80 community food pantries out of Catholic churches in central and northern Arizona. Each location answers calls for help and serves its community–it's truly an effort organized for neighbors to help neighbors. In addition to food boxes, volunteer teams often sit down with the families to hear their stories,

navigate additional needs, offer a prayer, and help to connect additional resources when appropriate. Many families share that just as important as the food and resources, they find hope and healing through these meaningful interactions.



THANK YOU 2024 Donor List

May God bless you for your generosity!

As shared before, we simply couldn't maintain Mt. Claret without the incredible generosity of our donor community. Your support has been essential in making everything we do possible, from our recent chapel renovation to addressing the ongoing maintenance needs of our aging campus.

While the ministries, schools, and parishes that use Mt. Claret contribute to covering our basic operating expenses, larger repairs and more extensive projects require additional resources. This is where your support truly makes a difference.

We are deeply grateful to all our donors, and we want to take this opportunity to publicly recognize and thank you for your unwavering commitment. Your generosity allows us to continue our mission and keep Mt. Claret a vibrant, welcoming space for all.

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Saturday, Oct. 11

Join us as we honor the Order of Malta for their good works and long-standing support of Mt. Claret. Enjoy a night of great company, delicious food, and festive fun!

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Save the Date for EUS 2025



We are excited to announce our Annual Evening Under the Stars Oktoberfest, and we want you to be a part of this special event! Mark your calendars now for October 11, 2025, for an unforgettable evening of delicious food, great company, and festive fun under the stars.

This event promises to be a highlight of the year, with lively entertainment, traditional Oktoberfest fare, and a wonderful community atmosphere. We are currently looking for Sponsors and Underwriters to help put our event on. Underwriting begins at \$250, and Sponsorships range from \$1,000 -\$5,000. Details can be found at www.mtclaret. org/EUS

Whether you're a longtime supporter or new to the event, we can't wait to share this amazing experience with you. Stay tuned for more details coming soon.

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday | April 13, 10:00AM Msgr. Gilbert Rutz, Presiding

Mass begins outside with the blessing of the Palms and the reading of the Gospel and procession into the Chapel

Easter Sunday | April 20 8:00AM Fr. Fausto, Presiding 10:00AM Msgr. Gilbert Rutz, Presiding



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