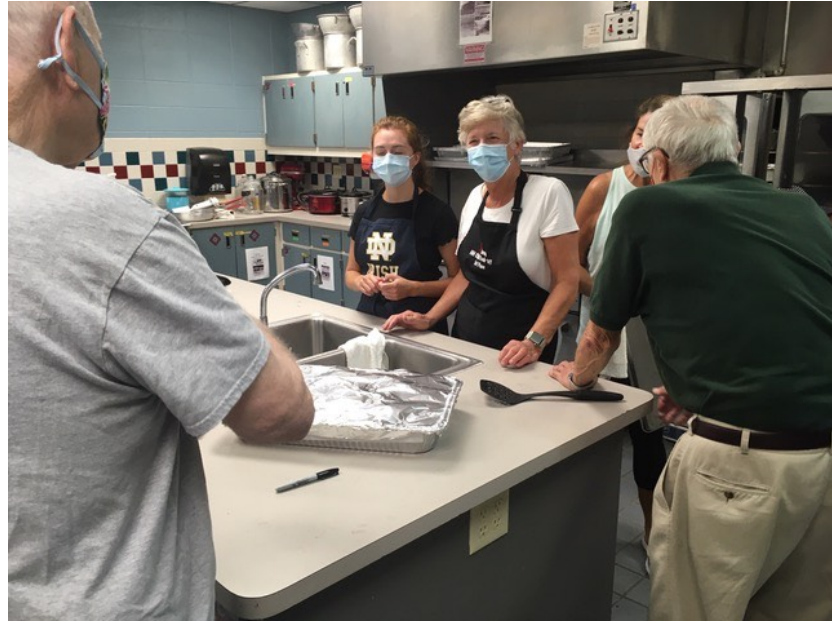
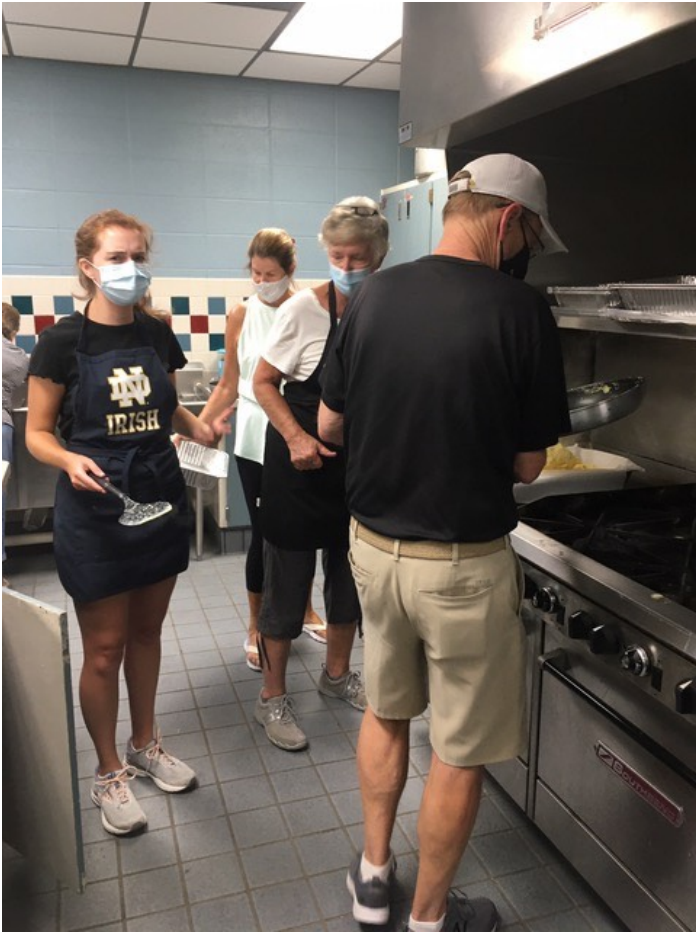


The St. Vincent de Paul Society continues to serve the poor through the pandemic of 2020



Wearing masks, Bob fills grocery bags to take to those needing them while Kathi answers the phone.

We have, of course, had to adapt to the reality of CV-19. We started with sanitizing all canned and boxed goods in our pantry and the new items that were donated, wearing gloves to pack the bags. Bags of food continued to be given out by the office, and delivered to homes, but we maintained distance from each other and those we help. Early in the pandemic we started getting requests for toilet paper and soap, two items we did not traditionally stock, but the generosity of parishioners in donating these scarce items allowed us to take them to our neighbors in need. Instead of visiting the neighbors in their homes, we visited by phone. Instead of holding SVdP meetings in the parish life center, we met virtually. As of March 2020 the day group had been meeting for a couple of months wearing masks and maintaining distances, and the evening group still meets virtually. Throughout the pandemic, we have continued to hear and answer the cry of the poor.



Cooking breakfast for the homeless
Cooking takes place in the church
kitchen, and the hot food is delivered to
First Stop for distribution.