

# THE HISTORY OF THE MATCHAN NUTRITION CENTER SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



May 1981 to January 2022

<http://www.matchannutritioncenter.org/>

In the 1970's, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Oakland County District had been involved in a government project. The Vincentians in Oakland County were asked to move the people who were living in old World War II barracks on the north side of 8 Mile Road near Wyoming, to new low cost housing on the same site and meet with them after the move until they were settled. The SVDP was selected because of their reputation for home visits when people were in need. This project was good for the Vincentians because it brought Vincentians from north and south Oakland County together. But it was over. We needed something new.

## The Pontiac Assembly Plant, Pontiac, Michigan

- **August 1981:** The auto plant ceased production.
- **August 1982:** The plant closes its doors

**“There is no Rush-Hour in Pontiac, MI”**

At a St. Vincent de Paul district meeting in 1982, a publication was read that stated that OAKLAND COUNTY WAS ONE OF THE MOST AFFLUENT COUNTIES IN THE UNITED STATES, but IT CONTAINED PONTIAC, WHICH WAS THE SECOND MOST DEPRESSED AREA IN THE COUNTRY. After some research, it was decided that a soup kitchen might be one of the ways the Vincentians could be of service in this area.

So in May of 1982, three Vincentians from Oakland County District of the St. Vincent de Paul Society started to look for a site in Pontiac. They were Frank Schmid (President of the Oakland County District), Jim Curran (Treasurer) and Howard Barch (President of SVDP Central Council, Archdiocese of Detroit). The need for a kitchen was real. Various locations were visited and evaluated. Ironically, the one that fitted our needs the closest was the kitchen and gym at St. Vincent de Paul Church in the center of Pontiac. It was a good location and the facilities were adequate. We received a good response from the pastor, Fr. Bill Easton.



*St. Vincent de Paul Church*



*Gene Landry & Frank Schmid on the 1984 Development Committee*

In November of 1981, a St. Vincent de Paul conference was established at St. Vincent de Paul Church, but the timing was not right for starting the soup kitchen project. Other projects in the parish had a greater priority. This was a time when government food was being given away in great quantities, and this parish was one of the distribution centers. Planning continued on the SVDP District level.

In December of 1983, the SVDP conference at this parish elected Gene Landry as new president: he was interested in the project also. The government food projects were gone and the need for the kitchen was still there. So the project was opened once again at the site level. We had already talked to St. Joe's, St. Michael's, and St. Vincent de Paul parishes about what we wanted to do. We got the best response from St. Joe's and St. Vincent de Paul parishes. However, St. Joe's was too active a parish. They had too much going on in too small a space. We had Fr. Easton's interest so we created an action committee at the parish level at St. Vincent de Paul Church, with Gene and Sr. Jean Horger, the Christian Service Coordinator for St. Vincent Paul parish. By this time we knew what we wanted to do and where.



*Sr. Jean Horger on the  
1984 Development  
Committee*

In December of 1983, Frank visited St. Pat's Kitchen in Detroit and talked to the Director, Sr. Watson. Actually, she was the one who named the Center. She was asked for any advice that she might have. She said "Rule Number #1 is: **don't call it a soup kitchen... Call it a Nutrition Center or something to retain the dignity of the people you serve.**" This we did.

Gene visited the Baldwin Kitchen in Pontiac, and their methods were evaluated. Most of the cooking was done from canned food. They put the food on plates in the kitchen and carried the food to the tables. It was decided that the people would not be served at the tables in order to use the volunteers more efficiently.

Frank and Gene spent a day at the Capuchin Community in Detroit with Fr. Lloyd, the Director at the time, and his people. One of the most impressive sites that we saw there was the storage facilities. Underground rooms in the basement were converted to form freezers and coolers. We learned Rule Number #2, "You don't always get food when you need it and you don't always need it when you get it". We decided that the gym locker room in the St. Vincent de Paul facility would provide good storage areas. Second-hand freezers could be obtained from the SVDP stores at no cost.

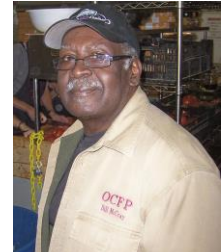
Sr. Jean, Gene and Frank formed a three-person committee. The following were some of the early issues which needed to be evaluated:

- Volunteers
- Paid employees
- Food Sources
- Food Transportation
- Other kitchens in the area
- Inventory of kitchen supplies
- Check the dishwasher, freezers, coolers, grease traps, etc.
- Check the city codes and food handler certificates
- Liability insurance
- Tax status
- Rodent control
- Supplies
- Set goals and objectives
  - Type of meals to be served
  - How and where will they be prepared?
  - Who will be served?
  - Will there be any eligibility requirements?

- When will the meals be served?
- Support
- Funding
- Other goals besides supplying meals

Fr. Easton gave us the use of the facility **rent free**. This was his way of encouraging us and the parish's contribution towards the Nutrition Center.

Sr. Jean suggested Bill McCray, a parishioner at St. Vincent de Paul Church, as our kitchen manager and cook. Bill was our first cook and manager when we began in 1984. Bill had a night job at GM so he donated his daytime on Tuesdays and Thursdays to us.



*Bill McCray, First Kitchen Manager*

It was decided that we would open as soon as we could get commitments for \$600 per month and enough volunteers to run the kitchen. Gene got the volunteers before Frank obtained the monetary commitments, so we decided to open knowing we could raise the funds in the near future. Signs were put up in store windows, local radio stations were notified, and the news was passed by word of mouth and through the local papers. On May 15, 1984, we opened and served 48 people. We served 97 on the second day and 102 on the third day. The first year, 21,483 meals were served. On an average, we now serve around 190 people per day (over 200 per day counting the pantry, meals sent to Hope Rehabilitation, volunteers and take-out meals).



*Food Pickups in 1984 were done by volunteers and their cars*

Early on, food was picked up by volunteers in their own cars. The pictures on the left show volunteers unloading their Chevrolet Chevette.

We did not have major donors at that time. Donations consisted of mostly donuts and bread products but occasionally we would get meat or canned goods.

One of our early volunteers, Robert D. Matchan died on May 28, 1986 at the age of 71. He was an office supply salesman, so he made his own hours and could come to the kitchen when we served. At our next Board meeting after he died, it was suggested that we rename the Nutrition Center as the Robert D. Matchan Nutrition Center in his honor. We announced it at the next SVdP Oakland County District monthly meeting, which was held at Shrine of the Little Flower Parish. Ironically, it was later announced at this same meeting that Bob had left his entire estate to the SVdP Oakland County District to assist the senior citizens in Oakland County. It was without this knowledge that our Board made the decision to add his name to our name. (On January 10, 2011, the



*Robert Matchan having coffee at the kitchen*



Board voted to shorten our name to the Matchan Nutrition Center.)



*Pete Aldo (on the left), our 2<sup>nd</sup> Kitchen Manager, Tom Renfrow (on the right) and helper in front of our first van.*

Unfortunately, after three years (1987) Bill McCray was transferred to the day shift and had to retire as cook. Pete Aldo, a board member and retired Ford Executive, volunteered for the next seven years (until 1994). Pete was the only cook to prepare menus. Pete and his wife Dorothy were volunteers from day one. After he retired as cook, Leona Patterson was hired. The Board thought that this should be a paid position. One can demand more from a hired



*Leona Patterson, early volunteer and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Kitchen Manager (1987)*

person than from a volunteer. At the time, Tom Renfrow and his helper were also paid to pick up food in his van. Later, we purchased a van and this task was done by unpaid Board members.



*Sr. Jean, Gene, Bill, Frank and Leona*

As time went by, the Nutrition Center did more than serve meals. Excess food was packaged and given to the clients. It was also distributed to other institutions or facilities that served the needy. Here are some of the other projects with which we have gotten involved.

- In 2001, a close relationship with **Job Link** helped our clients to find jobs. Job Link still comes to the kitchen once a week to service our clients.
- Twelve people were found openings in the **Health Care Opportunity Training Program** at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital one year.
- **Medical help** has been obtained for many people through Pontiac General Hospital and St. Joe's. Pontiac General Hospital and the American Cancer Society were brought in to conduct health, hearing, sight, and mouth tests.
- During 2004, there was a freeze on new applicants for **Medicaid**. The freeze was removed during the month of January 2005. We were able to inform and steer many of the people we serve to apply. As a result, many now have medical insurance who did not have it before.
- At one time, participating children were helped to learn to read by a couple of the volunteers. **Leona Patterson**, our kitchen manager, is responsible for creating much of this activity. This year we began a **Read & Feed program** conducted by AOD Campus Ministry Coordinator, Tom Donahoo from the



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**READ & FEED**  
Oakland Community College  
Orchard Ridge Campus Outreach

On Thursdays, you can help. You can tutor adults to read. You can feed the hungry.

**Feed the Adult**  
2 Hours to Tutor—10 AM to Noon

**Feed the Baby**  
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
Soup Kitchen

**Thursday,**

St Vincent Soup Kitchen  
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(Just Before M59)

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"Our first task in approaching another person, another culture, another religion, another tradition, is to take off our shoes, for the place we approach is holy. The way that ourselves breathe is another's dream."

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Archdiocese. Clients can come Thursday before the meal and learn how to read. At first, the emphasis will be on filling out applications. We had 7 sign up but only 3 showed up but if they learn how to read we will have been successful.

- The **attorneys from the Christian Legal Aid of Southeastern Michigan Program (CLASM)** are available at the Nutrition Center on most Tuesdays. Our clients can obtain legal advice on such subjects as property taxes, Social Security and SSI benefits, parole and probation compliance, housing assistance including Section 8, civil actions and expungement at no charge.



*Turkey Pick up Team: Frank, Bob, Robin, Patti, Jane, Mary and Elaine*

- We collaborate with the **Ladies of Charity (LOC)** at Thanksgiving time. Barbara King started a Thanksgiving Turkey Drive not long after the kitchen opened. Our Lady Queen of Martyrs (OLQM) joined the drive in 2008. 15 turkeys are used for a dinner on Thanksgiving Day and the rest are frozen for use later on during the year. On **Thanksgiving Day** we normally serve about 120 people. This is less than normal days, but many have friends or relatives that invite them on this day.

In 2012 Jeff and Gary K at OLQM donated 26 turkeys. Each year they increased their donation. Soon it grew to well over 100 turkeys. This allowed Matchan to share these turkeys with other SVdP Conferences and the SVdP Food Depot in Oakland County.

- In 2011, Kelly Monahan suggested that the **Ladies of Charity** start an **Easter Ham Drive** for Matchan. We collected 21 hams that year and 38 the next year.
- In September of 2007, we partnered with OLHSA in their **Oakland Prisoner Re-Entry Program**. They come on Thursdays to help ex-offenders find and keep employment, obtain stable housing and receive mentoring.
- Agencies and Social Organizations with which Matchan partners are shown below.
  - ✓ MI Job Link Center
  - ✓ Dental Clinic, SVDP
  - ✓ Get Covered America
  - ✓ Affordable Care, OLSHA
  - ✓ Oakland County Health Dept.
  - ✓ Oakland County Sheriff Dept.
  - ✓ Oakland Primary Health Care
  - ✓ USDA food distribution, OLHSA
  - ✓ Training & Treatment Innovations
  - ✓ Sister to Sister, McLaren Oakland Hospital
  - ✓ Mercy Place, St Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital
  - ✓ Healthy Affair Coalition, Pontiac Citizens Coalition
  - ✓ Holiday Extravaganza Parade - Genisys Credit Union

The kitchen has done as much for the Society as the Society has done for the kitchen. A service project like Matchan brings Vincentians together. In 1981, there were no conferences or conference works in Pontiac. The Center has broken down the barrier that once existed between Northern and Southern Oakland County. It brought conferences on the far north side back into the picture. Vincentians from more affluent conferences surrounding Pontiac now make calls to the homes of the needy in Pontiac.

Financially, we have always operated independently and raised our own funds. We only depend on the Archdiocese of Detroit SVdP Central Council for payroll, human resources, insurance and FEMA fund requests. Central charges us for all these services, and we pay a monthly fee for these services, except maybe for the FEMA fund request. They also allow our donors to donate on-line via their secured website.

SVDP Central also gives us \$1000 in SVDP Store debit cards every quarter like they do with low income conferences. Occasionally, we purchase more cards as do conferences. These cards are given to our neighbors at the kitchen and allow them to purchase clothing for themselves and their family at any St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shop. SVdP Conferences can earn debit cards for their donated time spent volunteering at the stores. Several of these Conferences donate their debit cards to Matchan.

Matchan is funded by St. Vincent de Paul Conferences, parish groups, foundations, the government and friends. Costs have increased from \$11,000 the first year to approximately \$22,000 in 1988, \$51,000 in 2001 and \$69,200 in 2017. We served around 23,600 meals in 2017. This calculates to approximately \$2.93 for a hot, nutritiously balanced meal consisting of a salad, meat, vegetables, bread, butter, drink and dessert and coffee. Seconds are always available. No one goes away hungry. Bread, fruits, produce and other foods are available for the people to take with them.

We employ three part time people, a kitchen manager and two kitchen helpers. A core group of paid people is needed so that certain demands can be placed on people with critical positions. Some of the work is too strenuous for the older volunteers.

Transportation is one of our major challenges. Food is available but it has to be picked up and brought to the kitchen by our own people. When a vendor or local merchant gives away food, he (or she) wants you to make a commitment to be there when needed and on his terms. Sometimes there is too little food and Matchan has to exist on surplus food collected at an earlier time. Other times there is too much food. Matchan has to find other outlets and deliver the food to these places.

Some of our donors require food pickups six days a week, sometimes seven. Food that is picked up on days that Matchan is not open is brought to low income housing center

At one time we had two part-time paid people who drove our van and collected the food. To reduce costs, we retired one of the helpers in 2002. Shortly later, the other paid employe was retired and volunteers provided this service at no cost.

If one had to pick the most important reason for success of the Center, it would have to be the endurance and dedication of its volunteers. We started out with six to ten people. Many are still with us today. Today there are about 82 people who are on the active list of volunteers. Two core members will be there every day we serve. In addition to these people, other groups will help one day a week or month. They come from parishes, groups and organizations.

The Board of Directors consists of nine persons who meet once a month to discuss the activities at the kitchen, do long and short term planning and solve problems. Most have served as volunteers at one time or another.

On May 16, 2005, the Board renewed our **Mission Statement** as follows:

**THE MISSION OF THE MATCHAN NUTRITION CENTER IS  
TO SERVE BALANCED MEALS TO THE POOR AND NEEDY,  
AND PROVIDE OTHER SERVICES TO MAKE THEIR LIVES MORE COMFORTABLE.**

In 2010 it was changed slightly to:

**THE MISSION OF THE MATCHAN NUTRITION CENTER IS  
TO SERVE HOT, WELL BALANCED MEALS TO OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED  
AND TO PROVIDE OTHER LIFE CHANGING ASSISTANCE  
THAT LEADS TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY LOCALLY IN OAKLAND COUNTY.**

This summarizes the history of the Nutrition Center, the events that led us to where we are today, and some of the reasons for its success. It takes a lot of people, a lot of time, and a little help from the good Lord himself. What keeps the volunteers from burnout can only be explained by those involved.

### **Interesting Dates for the Matchan Nutrition Center** **(Found in the archive records)**

- 5-84 Opening Day of the Nutrition Center
- 12-84 Board decides to contribute \$236 to the St. Vincent church for utilities.
- 1-85 The names of B. Martines, B. McCray, F. Schmid, G. Landry, Sr. Jean. P. Aldo, D. Aldo, B. Heffernan were found in the minutes of the meeting minutes.
- 5-86 Robert Matchan dies on 5-28-86
- 8-86 Purchase 1986 Dodge van (2B7FB13H7GK501617)
- 1-88 St. Hugo becomes a regular supporter. Our bank balance is \$2800.
- 4-88 Our microwave is stolen. We go to chaining down some things in the kitchen.
- 2-88 First News Letter Aldo at Christmas, by Dorothy.
- 6-88 Sr. Jean leaves parish and Matchan. Maria Jimenez replaces her on the Board
- 7-88 Ceiling fans added to the kitchen
- 2-89 St Hugo donates \$800 for a meat slicer
- 6-89 New ovens are installed. Parish pays \$425 for installation. LOC \$3036 for oven
- 8-89 Nutrition Center changes its name to the Robert Matchan Nutrition Center
- 9-89 Men from Sacred Heart add electrical lines for freezers in storeroom (in the locker room)

- 8-89 Fr. Charles Morris replaces Fr. Bill Easton
- 8-89 MNC accepts St Hugo's offer to replace the stove
- 11-89 Bank balance \$30 (if we pay all the bills; we hold the \$2000 payroll bill)
- 2-90 Bank balance \$375. Frank presents 1990 budget of \$34,202 to the Board
- 3-90 Breakfasts for the SVDP Archdiocese Quarterly Meeting is served for 125 to 175
- 7-90 \$5075 from FEMA saves us. Without it we have minus \$76 (negative) balance
- 8-90 MNC purchases two coolers. (MNC pays 75%, parish pays 25%)
- 12-90 LOC donates oven shelving (\$240)
- 7-91 Leona collaborates with Job Partnership Training - 32 clients go for GED degrees
- 9-91 Baldwin closes. MNC cannot add days to take up the slack in serving days
- 11-91 Baldwin opens again but for three days a week with coffee and sandwiches
- 12-91 Bank balance \$3131
- 12-91 Phone installed for EMR only. (In 6-93, we had 100 /month)
- 6-92 A second person put on the payroll as a helper in the kitchen
- 9-92 Van accident. \$1500 damage. New truck reviewed.
- 3-93 Purchase 1993 Dodge van (2B7HB21Y8PK509498) - \$1160 borrowed from district
- 3-93 MNC accepts a donated 1983 custom van which has problems. Wholesaled it for \$500
- 3-93 Parish builds a storeroom for MNC (they need the locker room) MNC does electrical.
- 4-93 MNC accepts a donated camper. Sold for \$400
- 7-93 A new lease is written by parish (and AOD). (It never gets signed by parish)
- 10-93 New Board members: Marilyn Blanchette, Chuck Brouder, and Bill McCray
- 3-94 44 chairs (from parish) and 17 chairs (from stores) and 5 tables purchased
- 6-94 MNC accepts a donated 1985 van. Needs engine work. Sold for \$1500 12-94
- 7-94 Fans purchased for the kitchen. Parish will install them.
- 11-93 First record in archives of a LOC Turkey Drive
- 11-94 First time (only time) we canceled Thanksgiving Dinner
- 12-94 New Board Member: Jim Brennan
- 5-94 \$4000 owed to Central Council because of a lack of funds.
- 3-95 Bill McCray dropped from Board for lack of attendance
- 9-95 Frank resigns as MNC Chairman because of work responsibilities
- 10-95 Jim Brennan and Marilyn Blancette agree to be Co-Chairpersons
- 5-97 Board creates a Mission Statement
- 6-98 Board Member Pete Aldo passed away
- 1-99 George Motzenbecker joins Board
- 2-99 Jim Brennan leaves Board for personal reasons



- 11-99 Marilyn Blancette resigns Board for personal reasons (we meet without a Chairman)
- 8-00 Ray Pfau, SVDP Oakland County District President, asks Frank Schmid to take Chair again
- 8-00 Purchase 2000 Chevy Express Van (1GCGG25R8Y1120938) 5.7L
- 3-01 New Board member: Mike Mulhern
- 8-01 Air conditioner purchased for stockroom
- 12-01 32 new white tables purchased
- 1-02 Annual Mass for benefactors started
- 5-03 We layoff the Van Helper to reduce cost by \$7000 (Van drivers were paid)
- 2-05 Read and Feed program discussed. First class: 7-05 with four students
- 5-05 We buy six new freezers to replace hand-me-downs that were not reliable
- 6-05 MNC renews our mission statement
- 8-05 Legal Aid Program has its first presentation (the program was later redesigned)
- 11-05 New Board member: Bob Harper
- 12-05 Rent was doubled to \$600 /month during a meeting with the parish
- 5-06 Fund raising: a PowerPoint program created. Lake Vicariate was first presentation
- 6-06 Certified Food Safety Managers required by the Health Department
- 7-06 Bob Harper and Frank Schmid become Certified Food Safety Managers
- 7-06 Legal Aid Program starts again. Individual counseling provided.
- 8-06 Lease between MNC and AOD brought up again. Never went anywhere
- 10-06 Bob Harper becomes the new Chairman of the Board
- 4-07 The largest nongovernmental donation received from Holy Name Lenten Collection (\$21K)
- 5-07 New Board Member: Jane Scott
- 5-07 Jane Scott brings in Pampered Chef for a fund Raiser
- 11-07 Board Member George Motzenbecker passed away
- 6-07 We receive \$10K from CSA Grant
- 12-07 Askar Brands (Papa Romano) hold their first Christmas Dinner at Matchan
- 1-08 Started to search for a new location
- 1-08 Permanent Sign approved for outside the MNC
- 5-08 Jane Scott becomes a Certified Food Manager
- 5-08 New Board members: Patti McLaughlin and Leona Patterson
- 1-09 Chet Tryban resigns from the Board
- 2-09 Bill Brazier suggested we do a quarterly or annual newsletter
- 2-09 New By-Laws submitted to SVdP Central
- 3-09 Talk begins again about an AOD lease
- 5-09 Jon Phelan resigns from the Board

- 6-09 Betty Esnault and Bill McCray become Board Members
- 7-09 Leona Paterson arranges for our Board meetings to be held at Baker College
- 7-09 First Pancake Breakfast fund raiser
- 9-09` First time Matchan serves lunch (approx. 300) at the SVdP Walk for the Poor
- 10-09 Our Appreciation Dinner was switched to Baker College for our 25th Anniversary
- 12-09 First MNC Newsletter, The Menu, is published
- 12-09 Michigan Catholic News Paper comes to Matchan to get information for an article
- 10-10 Leona Patterson becomes a Certified Food Manager
- 11-10 Pipers Pies at Square Lake Rd. and Woodward Ave added to food donor's list
- 1-11 Betty Esnault becomes a Certified Food Manager
- 2-11 "Robert D. Matchan Nutrition Center" legally changed to "Matchan Nutrition Center"
- 4-11 The Ladies of Charity sponsors the first Easter Ham Drive (suggested by Kelly Monahan)
- 12-11 Lion's football players and Roary (the Lion's mascot) serve at Matchan
- 9-12 Sacred Heart Academy joins Matchan in a Community Service Program
- 10-12 Fred McDonald, the new District President, becomes a Board Member
- 7-12 Therese Frye becomes an elected Board Member (She was a District Pres. Member)
- 11-12 By-Laws updated to include open meetings, name change, voting Chairperson, etc.
- 11-12 Lion's football players serve at Matchan again
- 6-13 Dorothy Aldo resigns from the Board for health reasons
- 12-13 Christine Devine becomes a Board Member
- 2-14 Past Board Member John Phelan passed away
- 3-14 Archbishop Vigneron visits Matchan on Fat Tuesday
- 4-14 Board Member Gene Landry passed away
- 5-14 Neil Hitz, facilitator, guides Matchan's Five Year Strategic Plan
- 5-14 Meijer Simply Give Program initiated
- 11-14 [matchannutritioncenter.com](http://matchannutritioncenter.com) website opened (later changed to .org)
- 6-15 Michael Merlo elected to the Matchan Board
- 9-15 Jane Scott elected Chairperson
- 12-15 Archbishop Vigneron visits Matchan the second time
- 4-16 Past Board Member Dorothy Aldo passed away
- 4-16 Family Missions (collected Trader Joe's food products) added to food donors list
- 4-16 Great Fresh Foods added to food donors list
- 7-16 Dropbox storage created for Matchan archives
- 8-16 Bob Harper resigns from the Board, Jane Scott is elected as new Chairperson
- 9-16 Mark Gunderson added to the Matchan Board

- 12-17 Mike Merlo retires from the Board as a result of AOD Deaconship Program
- 12-17 Tim Schuele is added to the Matchan Board
- 1-18 Askar Brands cancels 2018 Dinner at Matchan after 11 years for want of a larger space
- 2-18 Matchan's 18 year old van is replaced with another Chevy Express Van 1GCGG25R8Y1120938
- 2-19 Ralph Middlecamp, President of SVdP National Council of USA visits Matchan
- 6-19 Renato Lima de Oliveira, the President General International of the SVdP visits MNC
- 8-19 Mr. Willie "Bill"- McCray, Board Member emeritus, age 85, passed away, August 19, 2019
- 8-19 Honor Community Health sends their Healthy Smiles Mobile Dental Unit to MNC
- 9-19 Mike MaClean is added to the Matchan Board
- 12-19 AOD request MNC to sign a lease (3<sup>rd</sup> time since 1996)
- 2-20 Longtime volunteer Richard Martus passed away on February 13<sup>th</sup>
- 2-20 Longtime volunteer Mary Lackamp died in a car accident on February 17<sup>th</sup>
- 3-20 Covid19-Matchan goes to bag lunches on March 12<sup>th</sup> because of the Corona Virus Pandemic
- 3-20 March 12<sup>th</sup> is the last day serving indoors because of the CoVid19 Shutdown
- 3-20 On March 17<sup>th</sup>, Matchan closes the diner and sets up a Pantry and bag lunches *outside*
- 4-20 Matchan receives a \$4000 CoVid19 United Way grant for tables and shield materials
- 6-20 Leona Patterson temporarily leaves for personal reasons
- 6-20 Saint Paul Street Evangelization returns after stopping after 3-12-20
- 8-20 USDA Farmers to Families food program starts- Gleaners provide mixed food boxes
- 11-20 Mark Gunderson resigns from the Board because on CoVid19
- 11-20 November 17<sup>th</sup>: Matchan moves inside, duplicating the March 17th outside walk-thru line
- 5-21 Terry Eurich joins the Matchan Board
- 8-21 CLASM returns after stopping after 3-12-20 to give free legal counseling
- 11-21 Matchan returns to hot sit-down meals instead of sack lunches.
- 12-21 Gary Fiscus joins the Matchan Board