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St. Vincent de Paul of Milwaukee July 24, 2020



FOP® WALK: CANCELLED FOR 2020

In consultation with the FOP® Walk committee, we have made the difficult decision to cancel the local Friends of the Poor® Walk this year in concern for the safety and wellbeing of our members and friends. The National SVDP Council left the decision up to each local Council as to whether to hold an in-person walk, a virtual walk, or cancel based on COVID-19 considerations. Past participants, donors and sponsors will be informed of this change along with information on alternative ways to continue to support the Meal Program. Stay tuned!

With saddened hearts we also share the news that **Leona Katorski**, strong supporter and personal cheerleader for the Friends of the Poor® Walk has recently passed into the arms of our Lord. +May she rest in peace.

<https://legacy.co/32Kqpd8>

We are grateful for the memories of your kind support, the camaraderie of walkers and the jovial encouragement of Leona's fundraising for the Friends of the Poor® Walk.

We continue to pray that our community pulls together so that we can remain healthy and get through these times with God's help.

THRIFT STORE INFORMATION

STORE POLICY ADDITION 7/16/20: Face coverings are required to be worn by store patrons as well as store employees. Children under the age of 3 and those medically unable are exempt. Masks are available for purchase for \$1 at front register.

GIFT CERTIFICATES (vouchers) dated before 4/30/20 will no longer be honored. **DELIVERY SERVICE** by Eddie Moore of Junk Masters LLC is available following the [Contactless Delivery Guidelines](#). Provide a copy of the [Delivery Letter for Neighbors](#) when issuing gift certificates. Contact [Donna](#) if you have additional questions

DONATIONS will be accepted at both locations 12PM-5PM (or until capacity is reached) Monday through Saturday. Please put donations in sealed boxes or bags, stay in your car and staff members will assist you. To inquire about the need for furniture donations contact Cindy at 414-462-7863.

STORE HOURS [Updated Enhanced Safety Measures](#)

GREENFIELD	4476 S. 108 St.	414-377-9077	Mon.-Sat. 10:00AM -7:00PM	Sun. 11:00AM -6:00PM
LINCOLN	2320 W. Lincoln Ave.	414-672-2040	Mon.-Sat. 11:00AM - 6:00PM	Sun. Closed



Congratulations! SVDP Thrift Store is voted [Top Choice](#) in 2020!

Did You Know? Gift cards are available for purchase. See cashier for assistance!



SVDP-Milwaukee

Phone: 414-462-7837
E-mail: council@svdpmilw.org
Website: www.svdpmilw.org

Meal Program Wish List...

Donate



Items needed: bottled water, juice boxes, pre-packed snacks and fruit cups or applesauce, oranges or bananas, to-go containers, sandwich bags, pre-packed plastic ware sets. Cash donations can be made at www.svdpmilw.org and in-kind donations can be dropped off as follows:

Cross Roads Kitchen 931 W. Madison Street Sunday - Friday 2 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Harambee Kitchen 2600 N. 2nd Street Monday - Friday 3 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Thanks for your helping hands and hearts!

MEAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

There is a great need for volunteers during the food assembly shift of 3:30PM-5:30PM. The 5:00PM-6:30PM shift consists of clean-up and set-up for the next day. Please click on the SignUpGenius links below to let us know you are coming to help so that we can keep track of capacity maximums per CDC guidelines. If you are only able to volunteer for a partial shift, please indicate the hours you are available when you sign up. Read the [Meal Program Note](#) and click on the corresponding link below to reserve a spot. You do not need to fill all the open slots with a group of volunteers. Volunteers can sign up for individual spots. *Indoor sit-down service is not available at either location until further notice.* Meal Program staff at both locations are preparing and serving hot to-go boxed meals following CDC guidelines.

Harambee Kitchen: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b49aca82ca3f85-svdp>

Crossroads Kitchen: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b49aca82ca3f85-cross>

CROSS ROADS KITCHEN 931 W. Madison St. 414-649-9555 Sun.-Fri. 4:00PM-6:15PM

HARAMBEE KITCHEN 2600 N. 2nd St. 414-374-4095 Mon.-Fri. 4:00PM-6:15PM

We Remember

Let us pray for our dearly departed. May their souls and the souls of all the departed rest in peace. Amen

Volia Brown ~prior member All Saints

Leona Katorski~ prior member St. John Paul II

USEFUL RESOURCES

COVID-19

[Bilingual Resources](#)

[Milwaukee County Community Resource Guide](#)

[SVDPUA: Helping Friends in Need Access...Programs](#)

[TMJ4/Rebound Text Message Service](#)

FOOD

[Milwaukee Summer Meals Program](#)

RENTRY

Returning Citizen Resources-[Home to Stay](#)

HOUSING

[Social Development Commission-WRAP](#)

[WRAP Info Sheet- Spanish](#)

[Milwaukee County Rent Assistance Program](#)

[Milwaukee County Eviction Prevention Funds](#)

[Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee](#)

UTILITIES

[Energy Assistance](#)

[Public Service Commission Informational Brochure](#)

WHAT'S NEW IN CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Recently a survey was conducted by asking conference Presidents about the activities of the Milwaukee Council conferences. Here is a synopsis of the responses provided:

Conference Meetings: A little more than half of the conferences are meeting regularly. Most are meeting in person following CDC guidelines for gatherings. The summer weather allows for outdoor meetings as you can see below (photo courtesy of St. Catherine conference). Of the 42 responses received, 23 conferences are meeting either in-person, virtually or by phone or email. The remaining conferences are unable to meet due to concerns about COVID19 and the vulnerability of members or they are waiting until the parish allows for in-person meetings on the church grounds.

Service to Neighbors in Need: Overwhelmingly, conferences are ready, willing and able to offer assistance to neighbors in need. Only two conferences are not able to offer assistance at this time. However, they assist as they are able with food requests. The preferred practice has been to continue with phone call 'visits' and mailing gift certificates, food gift cards or appliance vouchers. Some conferences are making outdoor porch or side walk visits or dropping off food and household items at door steps.

Refer to CDC for guides: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Intake Status: Requests to the intake line and referral output have been on the rise over the past month. Most recently, over a two week period (July 13-24) more than 70 requests have been referred to conferences on ServWare. The previous two week, 12 referrals were completed. The average number of calls received in July, thus far, has been 136 calls per week. Whereas the averages in May and June were 76 and 103, respectively. Staff and volunteers are prepared to engage intake processing to pre-COVID19 levels so that conference members can help to relieve some of the needs of their neighbors. Vincentians who have an inquiry or request that needs follow up can call Melanie, Intake Coordinator, directly at 414-462-7837 ext 107.

“We should assist the poor in every way and do it both by ourselves and by enlisting the help of others....

To do this is to preach the gospel by words and work.” Vincent de Paul

