

# FROM THE HEART



A MONTHLY SVDP MKE VINCENTIAN NEWSLETTER



Grant, almighty God that through the yearly observances of holy Lent, we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. + Amen

During Lent, we actively seek opportunities to reflect and enrich our faithfulness. May these resources support your Lenten journey.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**June 12-14, 2025**

**North Central Regional Meeting**  
**Hilton Minneapolis-St. Paul**  
**Bloomington, MN**

**The Pace of Grace: Lent 2025** - A retreat for unhurried living - Use the Pray As You Go app to guide you prayerfully through Lent.

**Lent: Let's Do It Together** - Prayer App *The God Minute* presented by Vincentian Family; lay, priests and religious orders

**Reflect.Repent.Restore**- Variety of Lenten resources from the USCCB

**Cuaresma 2025** - Inspiración diaria para tu caminar en Cuaresma

**Daring to Follow Christ- A Lenten Reflection** - Fr. Robert Maloney, CM

**Busted Halo Lent 2025** - Faith shared joyfully!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### March

- 8 Voice for the Poor Committee 9AM
- 9 Lenten Serving Day at Meal Program 4PM
- 13 Conference Presidents Meeting 9:30AM
- 18 Home Visit Workshop 9:30AM
- 19 Serving in Hope: Lenten Reflection 10AM
- 26 Serving in Hope: Lenten Reflection 10AM
- 26 Growth & Revitalization Committee 4:15PM

### April

- 1 Virtual Presentation-NAMI-SE WI 6PM
- 2 Serving in Hope: Lenten Reflection 10AM
- 12 Voice for the Poor Committee 9AM
- 26 MKE Council Vincentian Meeting 9:45AM

# Lenten Prayer & Service

**SERVE: Sunday, March 9 4PM-6:30PM**

**South Meal Site-Cross Roads Kitchen, 931 W. Madison St., Milwaukee**

Thank you for your interest in serving! Our serving spaces are now FULL. If you are interested in joining fellow Vincentians in serving at our Meal Sites later this Lent, please [Contact Maria](#) or call 414-667-0245.

Thanks for sharing your Time to Serve this Lent!

**PRAY: Wednesdays, March 19 | March 26 | April 2 10AM-11:15AM**

**Register by Mon. March 10th.** Join fellow Vincentians for a virtual Lenten Reflection series using the Serving in Hope formation guide. Following *Module IV: Our Vincentian Mission*, we will deepen our understanding of the foundational principles of Catholic Social Teaching and discuss Frederic Ozanam's providential vision of charity and justice. [FLYER](#)

**INVITE:** Use these promotional materials to show others what they can do to support SVDP during this Lenten season. These are great opportunities for spreading the good news of your Vincentian service to families, youth, RCIA candidates and parish groups. [Contact Maria](#) for reproducible flyers or postcards or to personalize with your conference contact information.

## Give 40 during Lent

minutes ... hours ... days

St. Vincent  
de Paul Society  
of Milwaukee



Neighbors  
Helping  
Neighbors

offer relief \* make children smile \* help elderly  
pray \* visit homes \* sort food \* lift furniture  
enter computer data \* make phone calls \* deliver  
home goods \* help struggling families

### SVDP-MKE Parish Conferences

Contact SVDP-Milwaukee

[www.svdpmilw.org](http://www.svdpmilw.org) | 414-667-0245 | [mwelz@svdpmilw.org](mailto:mwelz@svdpmilw.org)



## Lent ~ 40 days ~ 40 items

box bag donate

St. Vincent  
de Paul Society



Milwaukee

gather 40 gently used items to donate  
box them, bag them, drop them off

### SVDP-MKE Thrift Stores

2320 W. Lincoln Ave. | 4476 S. 108 St. | 8010 N. 76 St  
Donations Accepted 10AM-5PM Mon-Sat

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minutes ... hours ... days

St. Vincent de  
Paul Society



Milwaukee  
Meal Program

greet cook serve sort clean fold  
count wrap wash dry sweep  
share smile

### SVDP-MKE Meal Program

Sign Up to Serve at our Meal Sites:

<https://svdpmilw.org/meal-program.aspx>



# News & Events



## **Conference President Meeting: Thursday, March 13 9:30AM-11:30AM**

**St. Margaret Mary Parish Sampon Hall, 3970 N 92 St., Milwaukee**

Agenda topics include a review of conference service areas, presentation by Mark Dimeo, Stores General Manager and round table discussions on topics that matter to your conference. Please **RSVP** by March 10th.

## **Home Visit Workshop: \*Tuesday, March 18 9:30AM-11:00AM (\*new date)**

**Wauwatosa Public Library Firefly Room, 7635 W. North Ave.**

This is an in-person workshop to guide you through the Home Visit Phases. Observe or practice scenarios with fellow Vincentians. Please **RSVP** by March 10th.

**National Alliance on Mental Illness Southeast WI Virtual Presentation** hosted by SVDP-Waukesha Council- **Tuesday, April 1 6:00-7:00PM** SAVE THE DATE- more information and meeting link to come in future email!

## **Meeting for All MKE Council Vincentians: Saturday, April 26 9:45-11:45AM**

**St. Therese Parish, Heck Hall 9525 W. Bluemound Rd.**

April is a great time to get together and renew our Vincentian zeal as we honor our pivotal founders' feast days. We'll share some fun facts as we joyfully celebrate and learn together about how to reignite our presence in our parish communities.

## **Ozanam Orientation Virtual Series: April 29 | May 1 | May 6**

Meet fellow Vincentians from across our Archdiocese while you learn about our history, mission, works and so much more. Share in small group discussion but from the comfort of your home! Please [pre-register](#) by April 15th so that materials can be ordered for you.

**RSVP** to Beth by [email](#) or 414-667-0240 to register for MKE Council events.



## **New OpenBox Storage Rental Units Available**

Located directly behind our new Bradley Thrift Store at 8010 N 76 St. this brand-new facility utilizes state of the art electronic hasps linked to your mobile device for easy, safe and secure access. All proceeds directly benefit SVDP-MKE programs. First month FREE on all unit sizes. [Click here](#) for rental information.



# Fundraising & Marketing



## "Love In Every Sip" Campaign Raises \$3,300!

Because of generous support from our community, we successfully raised \$3,300 for our Meal Program this Valentine's Day! With these dollars, our guests will receive goodie bags including reusable water bottles - promoting less waste during their meal times. Thank you so much for your support!



## Welcome, Greater Milwaukee Foundation!

Just recently, we welcomed our friends at Greater Milwaukee Foundation (GMF) to tour Cross Roads Kitchen and see our work "in action!"

A special thank you to Dani Breen from GMF, Debbie Duskey, Peggy West-Schroder, and Becca Surges for coordinating this partnership visit!

## NEW Signs at Bradley!

You may have noticed new signage at our Bradley Store location. Our marketing team and Bradley Store Team partnered on this special project - ensuring our shoppers have a smooth experience when visiting our store! Be sure to check them out next time you visit Bradley.



# Thrift Stores

**Delivery Service Changes:** The Thrift Stores new delivery service is called Roadheights Transportation. New rates will be in effect on March 1, 2025, with an increase of \$10 across the board on all current delivery types. Delivery information will be updated on our website.

Questions? Contact [Mark Dimeo](#), Stores General Manager or [Debbie Duskey](#), Executive Director.

**Bed Prices & Sizes :** The new price guide for beds is in the January 2025 issue of the *How to Issue a Gift Certificate* guide. It also includes measurements of bed components and the most up-to-date furniture price guide.

[How to Issue a Gift Certificate Guide \(01/25\)](#)

[Como Llenar Los Comprobantes de Regalo 01-2025](#)

[Updated Text Club Flyer](#)

[Club de texto -ES \\*Nueva version](#)

## Ready to Get a Start on that Spring Cleaning?

We are in **urgent need** of household furniture like sofas, dressers, chairs and kitchen tables. Spread the word so that we can continue to help fill the needs of our neighbors. To arrange a donation pick-up please contact Cindy, Store Office Manager at 414-462-7863 ext. 113 or by [email](#).

### Donation Guidelines

**GREENFIELD 4476 S. 108 St. 414-377-9077**

**Mon.- Sat. 9:00AM -7:00PM Sun. 11:00AM -6:00PM**

**Donations Mon. - Sat. only 10AM-5PM**

**LINCOLN 2320 W. Lincoln Ave. 414-672-2040**

**Mon.- Fri. 9:00AM - 7:00PM Sat. 9:00AM-6:00PM**

**Sun. Closed**

**Donations Mon. - Sat. 10AM-5PM**

**BRADLEY 8010 N. 76 St. 414-363-8099**

**Mon.- Fri. 9:00AM - 7:00PM Sat. 9:00AM-6:00PM**

**Sun. Closed**

**Donations Mon. - Sat. 10AM-5PM**

**Donations Pick-Up Line 414-462-7863 Ext. 113**





# Meal Program

## Meal Program Volunteer Sign-Up links

### South Meal Site

#### Cross Roads Kitchen

931 W. Madison St.

414-649-9555

[crossroads@svdpmilw.org](mailto:crossroads@svdpmilw.org)

Serving

Sun.-Fri. 5:30PM-6:15PM

**Meal Program Manager -  
Peggy West-Schroder**  
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St. Vincent de Paul Society of MKE.

# HELP FEED THE HUNGRY

CROSSROADS@SVDPMILW.ORG

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT FEEDING THE HUNGRY? THESE ARE DAYS EACH MONTH THAT WE NEED MEALS.

WEEK 1 DAY NEEDED: JUST MEAL Sunday

WEEK 2 DAY NEEDED: Sunday


WEEK 3 DAY NEEDED: Friday

WEEK 4 DAY NEEDED: Friday

WEEK 5 DAY NEEDED: Monday

931 W. MADISON STREET

For more information:  
[Crossroads@svdpmilw.org](mailto:Crossroads@svdpmilw.org)



St. Vincent de Paul Milwaukee

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HARAMBEE@SVDPMILW.ORG

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- WEEK 1 DAYS NEEDED: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
- WEEK 2 DAYS NEEDED: Monday & Tuesday
- WEEK 4 DAYS NEEDED: Monday & Tuesday
- WEEK 5 DAYS NEEDED: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday



You don't have to commit to bringing food monthly, try it out! We'll help!

For more information email:  
[Harambee@svdpmilw.org](mailto:Harambee@svdpmilw.org)



### North Meal Site

#### Harambee Kitchen

2600 N. 2nd St.

414-249-3866

[harambee@svdpmilw.org](mailto:harambee@svdpmilw.org)

Serving

Mon.-Fri. 5:30PM-6:15PM

Volunteers  
needed

# Resources

Check the links on our website for more resources: [Vincentian Resources](#)

## Listing of [Vincentian Food Pantries](#)

### Resource Highlight

The **Center for Veterans Issues (CVI)** provides housing and employment resources to veterans and their families, especially those facing homelessness or in need of financial assistance with back-rent. To learn if a neighbor in need is eligible for housing or employment services from the Center for Veterans Issues [www.cvivet.org](http://www.cvivet.org), contact George Wandsnider (cell: 414-544-8245 email: [george.wandsnider@cvivet.org](mailto:george.wandsnider@cvivet.org)). George has previously served as a Vincentian and thus he is familiar with our mission and works.

### Resources on Immigration Policy

[Guidance on Enforcement Agencies](#) by Michael J. Acaldo, CEO of SVdP-USA

[Pope Francis Letter to U.S. Bishops on Immigration Policy 2-10-25](#)

[WI Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Immigration](#)

[Catholic Charities Refugee and Immigration Services YouTube Channel](#)

### Winter Warming Centers

Several designated warming centers will offer nightly shelter through 3-31-2025. Centers operate 7pm-7am with walk-in hours beginning at 8pm. Trained staff and volunteers will be available to make referrals to community resources.

#### Locations:

- Guest House of Milwaukee 1216 N 13 St 53205- single men
- Unity Lutheran Church 1025 E Oklahoma Ave 53207- single women & families
- Repairers of the Breach 1335 W Vliet ST 53205- single men, single women
- St. Ben's 930 W State St 53233- single men, single women
- Joy House 830 N 19 St 53233- single women & families
- Milwaukee Rescue Mission 1820 W Wells St 53233- single men, single women & families

### Intake Summary

#### January 2025

Appliances- 105  
Beds- 170  
Furniture & Household- 223  
Rent & Utilities- 14  
Other- 51

**Referrals Made to Conferences: 343**

#### February 2025

Appliances- 107  
Beds- 140  
Furniture & Household- 227  
Rent & Utilities-7  
Other- 49

**Referrals Made to Conferences: 286**

# Contact Your SVDP Support Team

Intake line for basic needs requests 9AM-3PM 414-462-7837 ext 110

**To Schedule Pick-Up** 414-462-7863 ext. 113

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