

APRIL 2025

FROM THE HEART



A MONTHLY SVDP MKE VINCENTIAN NEWSLETTER



An Easter Prayer

Lord,
today I remember your
resurrection this Easter, and
rejoice in the victory you
have won over death.
You have given me the
hope of eternal life, and I
praise you because you
took my pain and bore my
suffering.

Amen.

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We raise our voices in prayer as an
Easter people!

May we be renewed in hope as we
experience the peace and joy of the
Risen Christ.

We extend our gratitude and
prayer to you, our Vincentian
Family and Friends in this most
Holy Season.

St. Vincent de Paul Society of
Milwaukee Council Board & Staff

EASTER

He is Risen



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

- 12** Voice for the Poor Committee 9AM
- 18 Good Friday** Council Office and both Meal Sites closed
- 20 Easter Sunday** Meal served Noon-12:45PM at South Meal Site-Cross Roads Kitchen
- All Thrift Stores are closed Easter Sunday**
- 22** Ozanam Medallion Nomination form due
- 26** MKE Council Vincentian Meeting 9:45AM

May

- 4** Archdiocesan Council General Meeting
- 10** Voice for the Poor Committee 9AM
- 26 Memorial Day** Council Office and both Meal Sites closed
- June 12-14** We Are the Beacon North Central Region Meeting, Bloomington MN





A prayer for Our Vincentian Ministry

Loving God, You tell us to love one another as You have loved us. As we gather to discuss our work, our responsibilities and make our plans for the future, help us to keep You in every thought, moment and action.

Open our eyes. Help us to see everyone as our brothers and sisters and all of us as your family, each created by You to add to the beauty of Your creation in this time and place.

Open our hearts. Help us to hear their stories and unite with them in their situations so we might have an intimate understanding of what they are dealing with.

Open our minds. Let your Holy Spirit inspire us to find answers. Do not allow us to replace Your holy will with our personal will. You, Lord, know what is best for them and for us. Let your Divine Providence bless them with the help they need.

Open our hands. Our sacred responsibility is to complete the work You have entrusted to us and to be a reflection of Your loving Presence in their time of need bringing compassion, comfort and hope of better things to come.

Help us to lift them up to You in heartfelt prayer for healing, fulfillment and the restoration of being that You desire for all. Let us also discover the blessings You have bestowed on us in this ministry of love. Amen

prayer by Dennis Pehoski
Spiritual Advisor, All Saints conference



News & Events



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. Learn from fellow Vincentians as they share some fun facts about their favorite saints & blessed! We look forward to joyfully celebrating with you and sharing must-have tips on how to reignite our presence in our parish communities. Please [**RSVP to Beth**](#) by April 23rd!

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.

April 27 Ozanam Sunday

Frédéric Ozanam was born on April 23, 1813 in Milan, Italy. On April 23, 1833 Frédéric and six companions founded the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Also, St. Vincent de Paul was born on April 24, 1581. To commemorate these events, the Society in the United States celebrates the last Sunday of April as [**Ozanam Sunday**](#).

Time to Nominate Ozanam Medallion recipients

The **Ozanam Medallion** is awarded to an individual or to a conference within the Milwaukee Archdiocesan Council to present a model of service for the broader community, for the purpose of increasing its knowledge of the works of the Society and to assist the Society in creating an image helpful in recruitment and resource development.



The **2025 Medallion** will be awarded at the Archdiocesan Council General Meeting to be held on **Sunday, May 4th** at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in Union Grove (Racine Council) after the 10:00AM Mass. ***Nominations need to be submitted by Tuesday, April 22, 2025.*** [Click here](#) for a fillable PDF nomination form. [Click here](#) for information on the Spring General Meeting & lunch.



“We must do what is agreeable to God. We must do what Our Lord Jesus Christ did when preaching the Gospel. Let us go to the poor Let us learn of Him. F. Ozanam”

SVDP-MKE COUNCIL ALL MEMBER MEETING

*Rekindle the Fire of your
Vincentian Vocation*

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

9:45AM-11:45AM

**ST. TERESE PARISH
HECK HALL**

**9525 W. BLUEMOUND RD.
MILWAUKEE, WI 53226**



Directions:

Parking lot entrance off Bluemound Rd. is on the EAST side of the church.
Handicapped parking and elevator are available. Enter building at the Office
Entrance on Southwest side of lot. Go down to the Heck Hall.

**REGISTER
WITH BETH**

414-667-0240 / REGISTER BY 4-23-25
BHOHENFELDT@SVDPMILW.ORG

Fire Starters: Our Vincentian Founders

Learn who they are in the eyes of fellow Vincentians who will share their personal insights. Reflect on those who have been models of faith in your life.

A Spark in Your Vincentian Commitment

Take back some must-have tips on intentional recruitment, cultivating leaders and sharing success stories!





Fundraising & Marketing



Mother's Day "Personal Care Kits"

In celebration of Mother's Day this May, we'll be surprising our Meal Program guests with Personal Care Kits. Kits will include personal hygiene items and self-care items. We'd love your support as we bring smiles to the faces of the mothers we serve! Reach out to Becca, Director of Philanthropy, if you'd like to donate or support our project at RSurges@svdpmilw.org or (414) 667-0242.

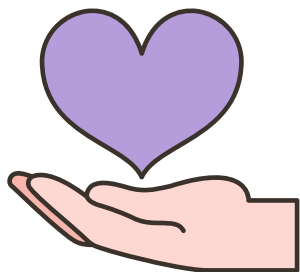
Giving from the Heart Gala!

Save the Date! Our 3rd Annual Gala is scheduled for Thursday, Sept 11th at 6pm at the Cathedral of St. John in Milwaukee.

We'll gather together in their beautiful Atrium space to celebrate the work of the Society and raise critical dollars to support our Neighbors Helping Neighbors program.

Please watch your home mailbox and email for details over the next several months.

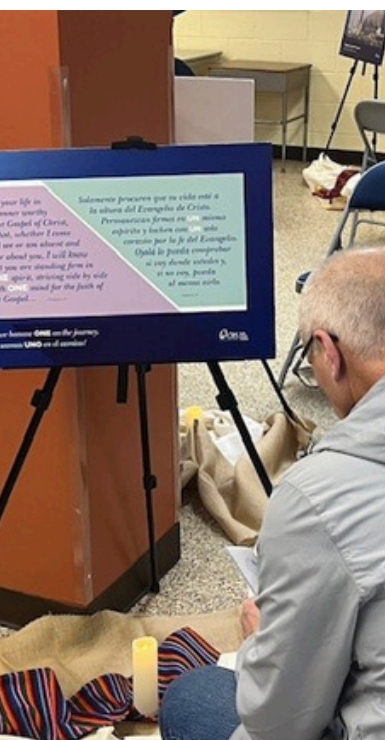
We'd love to include your business or conference as a sponsor of this year's event! Please email Becca at RSurges@svdpmilw.org to learn more about benefits to sponsorship.



NEW Society Philanthropy Committee

We're looking to launch a new Society Fundraising Committee and would love your involvement in securing donations, thanking our donors, and helping with annual fundraising campaigns and special events. Please reach out to learn more! RSurges@svdpmilw.org or (414) 667-0242.





Vincentian News

Annual Lenten Evening of Reflection - Prayer Walk attended by members of St. Catherine & St. Sebastian conferences



Vincentian Day of Serving for the Meal Program -prep sort and serve!



Conference Presidents gather regularly to share ideas and learn from each other.

Thrift Stores

Delivery Service Changes: The Thrift Stores new delivery service is called Roadheights Transportation. The [delivery letter for customers](#) is updated and on our website. Questions? Contact [Mark Dimeo](#), Stores General Manager.

Bed Prices & Sizes : The 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. Look at this [helpful visual guide](#) prepared by Vincentian, George Z. of St. Catherine of Alexandria conference. Thanks, George!



[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?

UPDATE: Starting April 6th, the Greenfield Store donation hours are extended to include Sundays, 11AM - 4PM.

Donations are accepted at all three locations Mon-Sat 10AM-5PM.

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. 10AM-5PM Sun. 11AM-4PM

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



**New OpenBox Storage
Rental Units Available**

The units are located directly behind our new Bradley Thrift Store at 8010 N 76 St. All proceeds directly benefit SVDP-MKE programs. First month FREE on all unit sizes. [Click here](#) for rental information.

Meal Program

Meal Program Volunteer Sign-Up links

South Meal Site

Cross Roads Kitchen

931 W. Madison St.

414-649-9555

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

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

svdp MEAL PROGRAM

CROSS ROADS KITCHEN

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

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



St. Vincent de Paul Milwaukee

HELP FEED THE HUNGRY

HARAMBEE@SVDPMILW.ORG

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

2600 N 2nd Street


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For more information email:
Harambee@svdpmilw.org

svdp MEAL PROGRAM

HARAMBEE KITCHEN



North Meal Site

Harambee Kitchen

2600 N. 2nd St.

414-249-3866

harambee@svdpmilw.org

Serving

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

Volunteers needed

Resource Highlights

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

News from Community Advocates

- The Empowerment Coalition of Milwaukee (ECOM) offers a monthly gathering to feature presentations and resources on topics of interest in the human services field. Vincentians are warmly invited to attend the next virtual gathering on **Wednesday April 16 at 9:30AM**. The session will offer information about W2, FoodShare, FSET, and SSI- vital resources for those you serve. The registration fee is \$5. Please [see the link](#) for information. Hope to 'see' you there!
- **Berrada Properties Tenant Eviction Diversion Program:** Current Berrada Properties tenants who are late in rent or are unable to pay next month's rent due to financial hardship and may be facing eviction- click here for information on [options for possible assistance](#).
- **City of Milwaukee Rental Assistance Housing Stability Program (HSP):** The HSP is a resource for eligible Milwaukee residents at risk of housing instability due to a temporary financial hardship. HSP offers up to 3 months of back rent (arrears); up to 1 month of future rent; and relocation funds (if applicable). [Click here](#) for more information on eligibility criteria and how to apply if the criteria are met.
- **Landlord/Tenant Programs:** For tenants and landlords dealing with housing instability or lack of resources that could lead to eviction.
- **Milwaukee Rental Housing Resource Center:** The RHRC walk-in clinic, located in the Community Advocates building at 728 N. James Lovell Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233, operates Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit the RHRC in person, go to RentHelpMKE.org, or call 414-895-RENT (7368) for more information.
- Residential Disconnection Moratorium ends April 15
- Energy Assistance Benefit Season ends May 15

Intake Summary

February 2025

Appliances- 107

Beds- 140

Furniture & Household- 227

Rent & Utilities-7

Other- 49

Referrals Made to Conferences: 286

March 2025

Appliances- 125

Beds- 170

Furniture & Household- 250

Rent & Utilities- 11

Other- 60

Referrals Made to Conferences: 335

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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