

JULY 2025

FROM THE HEART



A MONTHLY SVDP MKE VINCENTIAN NEWSLETTER

Summertime Prayer

Lectio with the Wind

God's Soul is the wind rustling plants and leaves, the dew dancing on the grass, the rainy breezes making everything to grow. Just like this, the kindness of a person flows, touching those dragging burdens of longing.

We should be a breeze helping the homeless, dew comforting those who are depressed, the cool, misty air refreshing the exhausted, and with God's teaching we have got to feed the hungry; This is how we share God's soul.

Center for Ministry Development Christine Valters Paintner

In Memoriam
Arthur "Art" Fink
St. Bruno
Obituary



May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

23 Growth & Revitalization
Committee Meeting 4:15PM

AUG

9 Voice For The Poor Meeting 9AM
13 Crossroads Kitchen Block Party
14 Harambee Kitchen Block Party
14 ServWare Workshop 9:30-
11:30AM- Wauwatosa Library
27-30 National Assembly- Louisville,
KY

SEPT

1 Both Meal Sites Closed/Council
Office Closed
11 Giving from the Heart Gala
24 Growth & Revitalization
Committee Meeting 4:15PM

ServWare

WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

9:30AM-11:30AM

**WAUWATOSA PUBLIC LIBRARY
FIREFLY ROOM
7635 W. NORTH AVE.**

This workshop is for experienced users or conference administrators of ServWare. We will provide details on the latest updates and offer an opportunity for review of your conference configurations. This is a chance to bring your questions so we can help correct issues. Bring your own device! **Please RSVP** by August 11th.

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Farewell and Best Wishes



We bid a fond farewell to **Becca Surges**, our former Director of Philanthropy and Marketing Communications. During her time with the Society, Becca brought passion, creativity, and heartfelt commitment to advancing our mission of service to neighbors in need.

We are grateful for Becca's many contributions and we wish her continued success and blessings in the journey ahead. Feel free to stay in touch with Becca at rebecca.surges@gmail.com.



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 the Evangelist 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 as tickets go on sale in August.

We'd love to include your business or conference as a sponsor of this year's event! Please email **Debbie** to learn more about sponsor benefits.



SVDP Society Safeguarding Milwaukee Council

- [Safeguarding Explanation Flyer](#)
- Milwaukee Council [Safeguarding Policy](#)
- [Process to Register](#)

The Milwaukee District Council Safeguarding Policy requires all **prospective and current members who interact with Those We Serve to complete Safeguarding training**. For those who have absolutely NO PUBLIC INTERACTION (NPI) with Those We Serve, we still must record this status on the CMG Connect database.

Need help? Email or Call us!

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Giving from the Heart Gala

Thurs, September 11, 2025 | St. John Cathedral Atrium, Milwaukee

We could use your help!

**THE SILENT AUCTION BASKETS DONATED BY
OUR CONFERENCES ARE AMAZING! BASKET
THEMES AND ITEMS WE ALREADY HAVE
INCLUDE...**

**Milwaukee Brewers Basket
Christmas Basket
Lottery Ticket Basket
Handmade Quilt
American Club Get-Away
Wines for Wine Pull Fun**

We'd be so excited to include a themed basket from YOUR conference as part of this year's Silent Auction! Please contact the Gala planning team if you need ideas or if you have a basket for us to pick up. We can even do the shopping for you with your monetary donation!

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Maggie Paruzynski (414)801-2104
Debbie Duskey (414)667-0241**

**North Central
Region Meeting -
Bloomington , MN**
Presentation: *Letters from
a Young Frederic Ozanam*



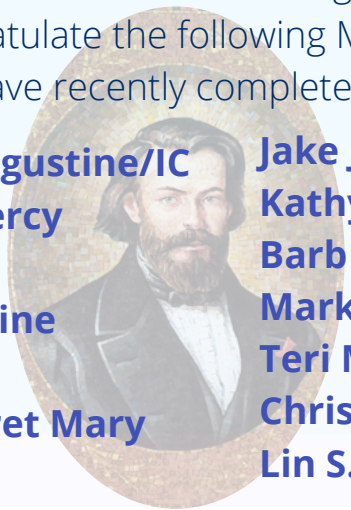
Vincentian News

The North Central Region meeting was full of inspiring and engaging presentations by those dedicated to the Society's mission. You can find many of the [slideshows in this link](#). Take a summertime break and scroll through the listing as there is sure to be a topic of interest to enrich your Vincentian service. Be a Beacon...Shine your light for those in the shadows!



Did you KNOW?? Over 100 Vincentians from the MKE Archdiocesan Council participated in our 3-part virtual Ozanam Orientation series! How blessed we are to have so many hear God's call to a Vincentian life of prayer and service. Are you new to our Society or do you need to spark your Vincentian zeal? All are welcome to our next **Ozanam Orientation** which will be held on **Saturday, November 8th** at Christ King Parish in Wauwatosa. *Save the date!* We congratulate the following Milwaukee Council Vincentians who have recently completed the Ozanam Orientation.

Victoria B.- St. Augustine/IC
Deb C.- Divine Mercy
Jean D.- St. Mary
Rob F.- St. Catherine
Judith G-C.- Gesu
Joe H.- St. Margaret Mary



Jake J.- St. Alphonsus
Kathy J.- St. Francis of Assisi
Barb K.- Nativity of the Lord
Mark K.- Our Lady of Lourdes
Teri M.- St. Sebastian
Christy P.- Blessed Savior
Lin S.- St. Margaret Mary

We have a winner!



**Congrats, Reyna on
winning one of the
grand raffle baskets!**

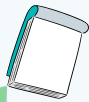
**Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary
in St. Paul MN**



**Vincentians represent the
Milwaukee Council**

Thrift Stores

out
with the old.



Still have some of the old paper vouchers around? Please check your supply boxes and file cabinets. These paper vouchers are NO LONGER VALID. Please help us out by shredding or destroying those old voucher pads!

Vouchers for Used Appliance Store transactions are also revised. Also take a quick look at the Red Cares Card that you have in stock. They have been revised to reflect the thrift store redemption instructions. See the images below for valid examples.

Thrift Store Quick Cinks
[Beds Sizing Visual Guide](#)
[Delivery Letter for Customers-updated](#)
[Donation Guidelines](#)
[How to Issue a Gift Certificate Guide](#)
[Como Llenar Los Comprobantes de Regalo](#)
[Text Club Flyer](#) [Club de texto](#)

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



Volunteers Needed

Please consider volunteering for a shift to celebrate with our meal guests at the annual block parties. Click the location links to sign up on Sign-Up Genius.

[Cross Roads Kitchen](#)

Hands of Christ Conference Annual
St. Vincent de Paul
Meal Program
BBQ Block Party 2025!

**CROSS
ROADS
KITCHEN**

BBQ

Highlights:

- Mouthwatering BBQ Delights
- Refreshing Drinks & Beverages

Block

PARTY

- Live Music
- Courage MKE Children's Area
- Bounce House
- Door Prizes & MORE!

Wednesday August 13th 2025
4PM - 7PM
SVDP Crossroads Kitchen
931 W. Madison Street Milw.
414-649-9555

 **Christ King** CATHOLIC PARISH  **HUNGER
TASK FORCE**  **ENZO'S RENTALZ**  **TEAM UNIFIED** 

[Harambee Kitchen](#)

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Thursday August 14th 2025
4PM - 7PM
SVDP Harambee Kitchen
2600 N. 2nd Street Milw.
414-249-3866

 **St. Monica's
of Whitefish Bay**  **HUNGER
TASK FORCE**  **ENZO'S RENTALZ**  **TEAM UNIFIED** 

Meal Program



Volunteer availability is reduced in the summer- WE NEED VINCENTIANS to help serve meals to our guests. Introduce your family and friends to this wonderful opportunity to learn about our meal program! Please continue to pre-register for serving shifts. Click on the location links below for calendars on Sign-Up Genius.

Meal Program Manager - Peggy West-Schroder
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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

North Meal Site



Harambee Kitchen

2600 N. 2nd St.

414-249-3866

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Serving

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



Resource Highlights

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

Food Resources

- Hunger Task Force has an interactive map of pantries, meal sites and food distributions: [Get Food Help](#)
- Centers for Independence provides a [listings for Summer Meals](#) for those under age 19.

Housing Resources

- **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.
- **Milwaukee Rental Housing Resource Center:** The RHRC walk-in clinic, located in the Community Advocates building at 728 N. James Lovell Street, Milwaukee operates Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit in person, go to [RentHelpMKE.org](#), or call 414-895-RENT (7368) for information.
- **Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee** has partnered with RHRC to help individuals who would like to remove past evictions from their CCAP Search. The free clinic is held on the **2nd Wednesday of each month 9am-4pm**. This is open to those in Milwaukee County who have dismissed evictions and completed payment plans only. The [next clinic](#) is on August 13th.

Energy Assistance

- Milwaukee County energy assistance does provide emergency crisis assistance. Households must have paid \$25 on their account in the past 3 months to qualify. Read about energy assistance programs at Keep Warm Milwaukee. Call 414-270-4653 or [go online](#).

Wellness Workshops

- **FREE** Mental Health Awareness & [Community Workshops](#) in **July 2025**. Click to see sessions on Verbal De-Escalation techniques, QRP-Suicide Prevention Training and Adult Mental Health First Aid. Great learning opportunities for Vincentians!

May 2025

Appliances- 122
Beds- 171
Food- 13
Furniture & Household- 275
Rent & Utilities-14
Other- 66

Referrals Made to Conferences: 347

Intake Summary

Appliances- 105
Beds- 145
Food- 5
Furniture & Household- 193
Rent & Utilities- 9
Other- 40

Referrals Made to Conferences: 293

June 2025

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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