

OCTOBER 2025

# FROM THE HEART



A MONTHLY SVDP MKE VINCENTIAN NEWSLETTER

*Celebrate Vincentian Awareness Month*



**Blessed Frederic...Pray for us. Blessed Rosalie Rendu...Pray for us.**

**St. Vincent de Paul...Pray for us. St. Louise de Marillac...Pray for us.**

## Vincentian Awareness Month Booklet

The Vincentian Awareness Month booklet has been updated and can be found on our website or [click here](#). Find ideas on how to engage others to join and support the Society. Keep your parish informed about your service to the community!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**OCT** *See page 4 for details.*

11 Voice for the Poor Virtual Meeting 9AM

20 Secretary & Treasurer Workshop 6PM

25 Appreciation Breakfast & Membership Meeting 9AM

**NOV**

1 Annual Report/Membership Update Due

8 Ozanam Orientation 9AM

12 ServWare Training 9:30AM

19 Growth & Revitalization Committee Meeting 4:30PM

27- Council Office & Thrift Stores Closed

28- Council Office closed

**Meal Program Thanksgiving Schedule**

Closed November 26 and 28

Serving Holiday Meal Nov 27 12:00-12:45PM

# Reminder!

## Annual Report Reminder

Annual Report forms and instructions have been emailed to Conference Presidents, Treasurers and Secretaries. **The report and updated membership list are due by November 1, 2025.** Please email your completed report as soon as it is available to Akeera Karbouski, [akarbouski@svdpmilw.org](mailto:akarbouski@svdpmilw.org)

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# *Giving from the Heart Gala 2025*











# Vincentian Events



## Welcome Aboard Akeera!



We welcome Akeera Karbouski to the Council Office team as Administrative Specialist. She will be the Vincentian contact for processing Cares vouchers and registering for meetings. She'll direct your call for any questions you might have. Also, you can save our Contact List on page 11 to reach staff directly.

### **Akeera Karbouski**

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- **Vincentian Awareness Month** continues through October. Thank fellow parishioners for their support, inform them of your works and needs and invite new members. [Check website](#) for Awareness Booklet and Resources. Share the good news of Vincentian Life!
- **Conference Secretary/Treasurer Workshop** - RESCHEDULED - | **Monday, October 20** 6:00 - 7:30PM | Bay View Public Library Community Room | 2566 S Kinnickinnic Ave., Milwaukee ~ This workshop is ideal for those who are new to their roles as Secretary, Treasurer or President. Topics include duties of Secretary and Treasurer, requirements of IRS & SVDP Rule, detailed review of Annual Report sections, ServWare, summary, tools and resources. [RSVP to Maria](#).
- **Vincentian Appreciation Breakfast & Annual Meeting** | **Saturday, October 25** 9:00AM - 11:30AM | St. Margaret Mary Parish Sampon Hall | 3970 N 92 St. ~ Enjoy breakfast on us as we join in fellowship and prayer, honor milestone years of service followed by the annual membership meeting. [Register here](#).
- **Ozanam Orientation** | **Saturday, November 8** | 9:00AM - 2:00PM | Christ King Parish Center | 2604 N. Swan Blvd. ~ New members are asked to attend an orientation within the first year of Society membership. Learn history, heritage and home visit basics which will enrich your understanding of your Vincentian call to service. [Register by October 31st](#).
- **ServWare Training for Beginner or Intermediate Users** | **Wednesday, November 12** 9:30AM - 11:30AM | Wauwatosa Public Library Firefly Room | 7635 W. North Ave. This session will introduce new users to the basics of entering home visit details, and search functions and serve as a refresher for those who occasionally use ServWare. Learn some new tips as we navigate through the features. We will have time to answer your specific questions, so bring your own device if you'd like to explore together. [RSVP](#) to Maria 414-667-0245 by November 5th.





# Vincentian Appreciation Breakfast & Membership Meeting

**You're Invited!**

**25**  
OCTOBER  
**2025**

**9:00 AM- 11:30 AM**

**St. Margaret Mary Parish  
Sampon Hall**

**3970 N 92 St., Milwaukee**

**Enter main church doors. Go left to use  
elevator or stairs to Sampon Hall.**

**We celebrate YOU, our Milwaukee Vincentians!**

**Enjoy breakfast on us followed by  
our annual membership meeting.**

**9:00AM** Opening Prayer  
Breakfast  
Member Recognition  
Budget Presentation  
Announcements

**11:15AM** Closing Prayer

**KINDLY RSVP BY OCTOBER 15TH**

**[CLICK HERE](#)**

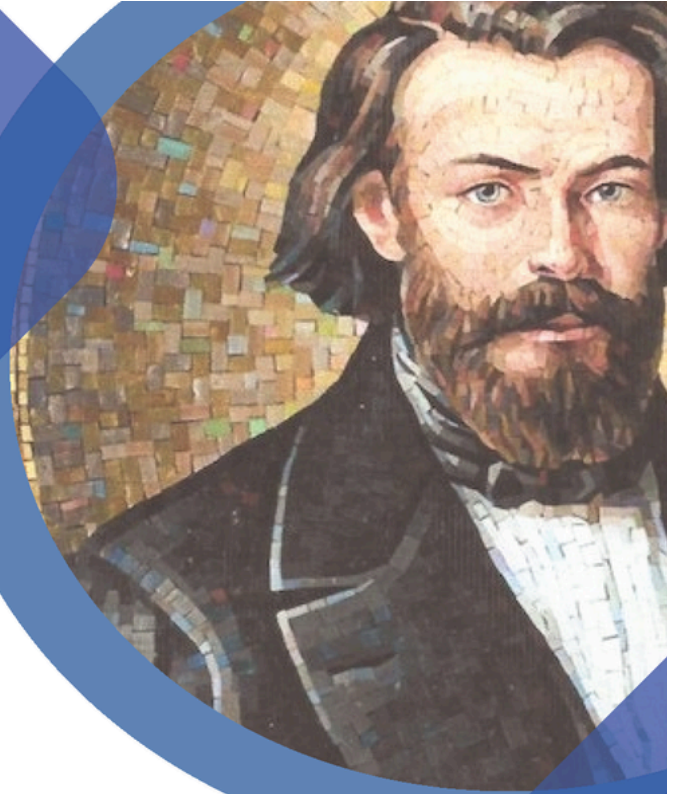
**OR CALL MARIA 414-667-0245**



# *Special Invitation for New Members*

We are filled with joy that you chose the SVDP Society as an expression of your Christian service and life of prayer. We hope you can join us at the annual in-person Ozanam Orientation to learn about our history and mission!

Milwaukee Council  
**OZANAM  
ORIENTATION**  
Saturday  
November 8, 2025  
9:00AM-2:00PM



**Location: Christ King Parish Center**  
**2604 N Swan Blvd, Wauwatosa**  
**Use 91<sup>st</sup> St. Entrance (a flagpole is at the entrance)**

Pre-Registration requested by October 31st.

Contact Maria

414-667-0245 [mwelz@svdpmilw.org](mailto:mwelz@svdpmilw.org)

## **About the Ozanam Orientation**

Participation in the Ozanam Orientation is a requirement for new members of the Society in the United States. Topics of presentation and discussion include:

History & Mission      Spirituality Focus  
Conference & Council Life      Understanding Poverty  
Home Visit Best Practices

Participant materials & lunch are provided.

*A minimum number of participants is required to hold the orientation.  
Kindly register by October 31st so that materials can be ordered.*



# Thrift Stores

**Voted Best Thrift Store  
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## 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**



# Meal Program



Meal Program Manager - Peggy West-Schroder  
[pwest@svdpmilw.org](mailto:pwest@svdpmilw.org) 414-722-1353

## 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



### 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





# St. Vincent de Paul VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Stephen's is looking for volunteers! Let's Lend a hand to feed our hungry neighbors the 3rd Thursday of Even # months.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CHRIS  
AT CLS165@GMAIL.COM OR 312-719-0027



SVDP Crossroads Kitchen  
931 W. Madison Street  
Crossroads@svdpmilw.org



# St. Vincent de Paul VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Thomas Aquinas is looking for volunteers! Let's Lend a hand to feed our hungry neighbors the 3rd Sunday of each month.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
PETERJOY55@GMAIL.COM

SVDP Crossroads Kitchen  
931 W. Madison Street  
Crossroads@svdpmilw.org





# Resource Highlights

Check the links on our website for resources: [\*\*SVDP-MKE Website Resources\*\*](#)

Look for resources shared by Vincentians for NIN. Please check accuracy of information before distributing to neighbors. If you have resources to share, please [\*\*email Maria\*\*](#). [\*\*Vincentian Shared Resources\*\*](#)

## Flood Resources

- Information for residents of Milwaukee County who are affected by flood damage from the severe weather of August 9-10, 2025 is updated regularly here: [\*\*county.milwaukee.gov/2025floodresources\*\*](https://www.milwaukee.gov/2025floodresources)
- [\*\*Apply for FEMA assistance by November 12, 2025\*\*](#)
  - Call FEMA at 800-621-3362 or apply online [\*\*https://www.disasterassistance.gov/\*\*](https://www.disasterassistance.gov/)
  - Information about the application process: [\*\*https://www.disasterassistance.gov/what-to-expect\*\*](https://www.disasterassistance.gov/what-to-expect)
- For help addressing property damage, complete the [\*\*2-1-1 Damage Report form\*\*](#) to be added to the Crisis Cleanup database

## Intake Summary

### August 2025

Appliances- 137  
Beds- 151  
Food- 15  
Furniture & Household- 246  
Rent & Utilities- 16  
Other- 76

[\*\*Referrals to Conferences: 377\*\*](#)

### September 2025

Appliances- 129  
Beds- 181  
Food- 19  
Furniture & Household- 265  
Rent & Utilities- 16  
Other- 95

[\*\*Referrals to Conferences: 379\*\*](#)



**SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR**

FREE Event Sponsored & Hosted by Direct Supply  
Champion's Hall | 7301 W Champion's Way  
Enter via Mill Road

**THURS. OCTOBER 16, 2025 | 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

 Prizes & Give-aways	 Resource Tables	 BINGO & Activities
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**REGISTER TODAY**  
Attendance is limited.

Scan this QR Code  
or Email Questions to  
CommunityInvolvement  
@directsupply.com

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# 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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