

NOVEMBER
2023

FROM THE HEART



A MONTHLY SVDP MKE VINCENTIAN NEWSLETTER

In Memoriam

*In this month of remembrance we pray for our deceased members
of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Milwaukee
October 2022-September 2023*

*May their souls and
the souls of all the
faithful departed
through the mercy
of God, rest in
peace. Amen.*

Dick Burzynski
Fred Hang
Barbara Stupeck
Thomas Cassini
Grace Stroik
Jack O'Dell
Mary Ellen Waldoch
Terry Duffey
Janet Schlicht
Deacon Bill Banach
Andy Smith



*Dearly departed Robert "Bob" Weber- Oct 12, 2023
Nativity of the Lord Conference*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 10** North East Area President's Gathering
11:30AM Old St. Mary PC
- 11** Voice of the Poor Committee Virtual 9AM
Contact **Dave Busch** for link.
- 16** ServWare for Beginners-Virtual 6PM-
7:30PM
Contact **Maria Welz** for link.
- 23** Thanksgiving Meals served at both sites
12:00PM-12:45PM
- 23-24** Council Office closed
- 24** Both Meal Sites closed

DECEMBER

- 5** New President Orientation 9:30AM
Wauwatosa Public Library Firefly
Room
- 9** Voice of the Poor Committee
Virtual

*See Holiday Hours Section for listing
of seasonal hours and activities.*

Giving from the Heart Inaugural Gala *In Photos*



From the Philanthropy Team

St. Vincent de Paul
Society of Milwaukee



This Thanksgiving,
we are blessed to provide
warm meals to local
families in need...

Thank you for your
generous support
of our mission.

grateful
♡



We are grateful for you!

From all of us at St. Vincent de Paul
Society of Milwaukee, we wish you
and yours a **blessed Thanksgiving.**

Thank you for keeping Milwaukee's
neighbors in need in your thoughts
and prayers this holiday season.

Thank
you! - your friends at ♡
SDP MKE

Vincentian News

It's been a busy fall in Vincentian life with Awareness Month activities, networking at the resource fair and area meetings for Presidents, welcoming new members at the Ozanam Orientation, acknowledging conference officers and leadership changes, appointing board positions and installing our new Council President, Mike Farrell. May God bless our efforts and strengthen your enthusiasm as servant leaders!



We gratefully acknowledge our servant leaders!

Our thanks to outgoing Conference Presidents.

Marge B. - St. Catherine

Vickie D.- St. Veronica

Susie FK. - St. Gregory the Great

Chad G. - Divine Mercy

Sandy L. - Mother of Perpetual Help

Rich M. - St. Sebastian

Judy OC. - Christ King

Ben R. - Blessed Sacrament

Kathy T. - St. Paul

Leadership positions... are always to be accepted as service to Christ, the members and the poor.

Rule Part 3
Statue 11

We welcome new Presidents to their first term.

Veronica A. - St. Gregory the Great

Julie BP. - Mother of Perpetual Help

Tom D. - St. Sebastian

Joan G. - Blessed Sacrament

Steve K. - St. Paul

Bryon M. - St. Veronica

Wayne R. - St. Mary

Fred R. - Divine Mercy

Mary R. - St. Catherine

Sue S. - Christ King



We congratulate Vincentians who have recently completed the Ozanam Orientation.

South East Area Conferences

Reyna A. Ralph K. David S.

South West Area Conferences

Chris D. Mary K. David P. Mary S.
Ray V.

North East Area Conferences

Joanna G. Ajoy B.

North West Area Conferences

Kelly C. Jane F. Maureen G. Chuck G.
Jeff J. Linda M. Robert M. Jim N.
Sarah P. Sue P. Jim R.

BEGINNER

ServWare

TRAINING



This session will provide a demonstration of basic steps for those new to the ServWare database.

THURS. NOVEMBER 16
6:00PM - 7:30PM
ZOOM SESSION

Agenda

Welcome | Prayer

Introduction to ServWare

How-to Demonstration:

- Obtain assistance requests
- Enter home visit notes and assistance provided
- Access neighbor history data
- Enter hours/miles

Resources for Further Instruction

Questions & Answers

[Click Here](#) on 11-16-23 to attend the session or

RSVP to Maria to request link:

mwelz@svdpmilw.org



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
SOCIETY OF MILWAUKEE

CONFERENCE PRESIDENT ORIENTATION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5
9:30AM-11:30AM

WAUWATOSA PUBLIC LIBRARY
FIREFLY ROOM
7635 W. NORTH AVE.



This meeting is ideal for those new to the role of Conference President or those within their first term and for Vice Presidents who offer a supportive hand in leadership

Topics

Review the Conference President handbook
Tips for communication with pastor, district council, conferences
Duties that can be delegated
Conference revitalization strategies
Essentials for leading conference meetings
Requirements for conferences: Safeguarding & Standards of Excellence

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Be Sure to Enter the Most Essential Data in ServWare

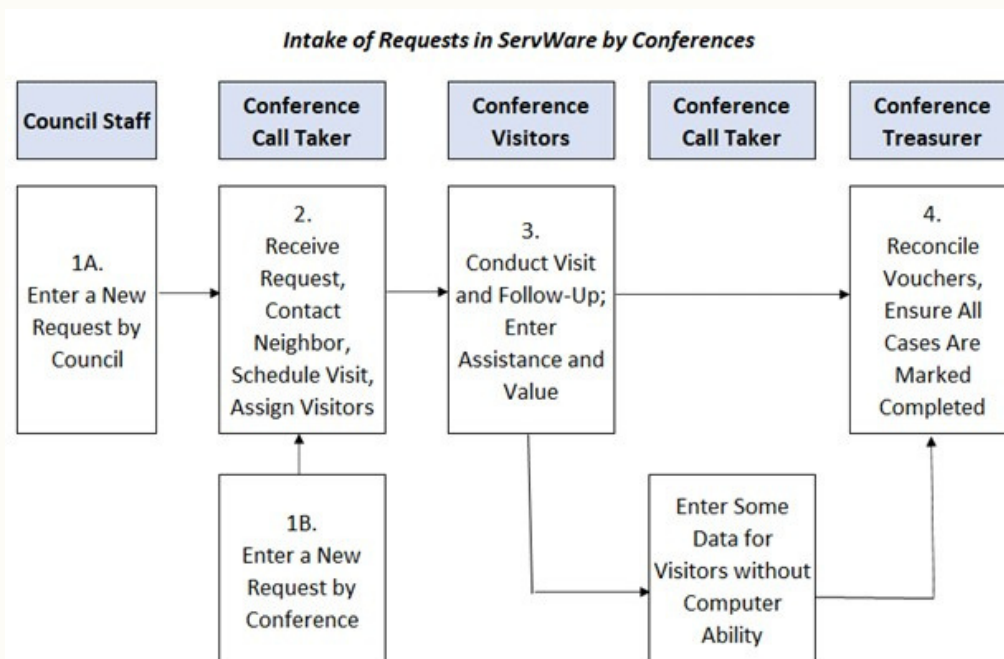
Our conferences continue to use the ServWare system to process requests for help from neighbors. In 2022, we used ServWare to process 5,319 requests.

ServWare provides support for a variety of functions, and conferences may decide not to use all these features. But it is very helpful if each conference adopts a process to ensure they are entering the “most essential” data into ServWare. This includes:

- the date of the visit
- the names of the visitors
- the types and values of the assistance
- the final status to indicate that activity is complete

A member should also do a regular review to ensure all requests have been successfully processed. The diagram below shows a possible process by which data could be entered into ServWare.

We are also **always eager to help** conferences with their use of ServWare, for developing the annual report or other reasons! For help with ServWare please contact [Maria Welz](#) or call 414-667-0245.



More information on entering this data is provided in the three-page document on “Entering the Most Essential Data in ServWare.” This document is available by going to View >> Files in ServWare, and then clicking the District tab.

Intake Summary

September 2023

Appliances- 185

Beds- 211

Furniture & Household- 278

Rent & Utilities- 19

Other- 92

Referrals Made to Conferences: 441

October 2023

Appliances- 212

Beds- 229

Furniture & Household- 271

Rent & Utilities- 24

Other- 83

Referrals Made to Conferences: 464

WestCare Wisconsin E.A.T.S. Food Pantry

Wednesdays in November and
December beginning at Noon,
335 W. Wright St.

There are no ZIP code restrictions,
and no ID is required. Individuals
are welcome to come every week if
they would like.

Click on the image to copy the flyer
to share with neighbors!



RESOURCES TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS

Check the links on our website [Vincentian Resources](#) page for additional resources.

Impact Inc

[Need Help Flyer](#)

[Food Help Text](#)

[MKE Center of Children & Youth](#)

[MKE Co. DHHS Programs](#)

[Memory Screenings 11-16-23](#)

[English](#) [Spanish](#)

Community Advocates Services

[Energy Assistance](#)

[Rent Assistance](#)

[Mental Health & Wellness](#)

Housing Help

[Milwaukee County Housing](#)

[Eviction Free Milwaukee](#)

[Tenant Sourcebook](#)

[Catholic Charities](#) -NEW Slideshow

[UMOS Latina Resource Center](#)

COVID-19

[Free At Home COVID Test Kits](#)

[Vaccines](#)





Store News

Cares Gift Certificate Process

Your feedback is requested

Before we can implement the new "Cares" program, we ask for your feedback by completing a brief, one-minute survey.

The Society's "Cares" forms are currently set up to include a few different categories of assistance, in which you would designate a dollar amount for each. For example: \$50 for clothing, \$200 for furniture, \$50 for household, etc.

We have received feedback that many conferences prefer to issue a gift certificate with broader language. For example: \$250 for clothing, household items, and furniture. Unfortunately, the forms cannot be set up to accommodate both of these options so we ask for your feedback on which option is preferred.

If you not already done so, please [click here](#) to complete a brief survey.

Continue to issue the Gift Certificates as you have been accustomed to until we are able to launch the Conference Cares Program with improvements based on your suggestions. [Contact Beth](#) if you are in need of a few additional gift certificate pads in the meantime.





A Message from Hands of Christ Conference

We are collecting children's gifts for our **2023 Christmas parties** at our two meal sites. We need your help to make this event truly special for the children!

The parties will be held on:

- **Wednesday, December 20th** at Crossroads Kitchen
- **Thursday, December 21st** at Harambee Kitchen

We are especially in need of toys and gifts for all ages up to 14 years old. We are in need of 250 gifts to cover both sites.

PLEASE NOTE:

The gifts should range in price from \$8 to \$15 each.

The gifts should be left unwrapped.

We are in great need of about 20 or so \$10 gift cards from Walgreens, McDonalds, or a Dollar Store. These gift cards will be handed out to young teens only. If you prefer, you can send us the funds and our treasurer will purchase the gift cards on your behalf.

Please call Casey Gill at (414-418-4016), to make arrangements to drop off gifts at the wrapping location. **Gifts are needed by Monday, December 11.**

Gifts will be wrapped during the week of December 11-15. A few additional volunteers are needed to help wrap. Please contact Casey if you are interested.

Volunteers are also needed at the parties. We would love to have you join us. The party times are from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at both sites.

Thank you for your continued support of our Meal Ministry!



Interested in supporting the needs of the Meal Program with daily odds & ends? Check out our Wish List on Amazon! It's easy to do by following the instructions below.

Wish List Link

To purchase from a List

- Browse the List. [\(List at a glance\)](#)
- Note: To sort list items by price, priority, or purchased status, choose the desired option from the Sort and Filter drop-down menu.
- From the list page or the product detail page, select Add to Cart.
- Note: When you order, the item will be moved to the purchased section of the recipient's list.
- Please note the name of the donor in gift message section.
- Continue shopping or proceed to checkout.
- To complete your order, follow the on-screen instructions.
- Note:
- Only the Meal Program Manager's name and city appear on the default address to protect privacy: **Peggy Ann West-Schroder-Milwaukee WI. Set delivery to the default address (S. 16th St) rather than the meal site address, please!**
- NOTE: If you're purchasing an item from a seller, the default shipping address is only available if the List owner has enabled third-party address sharing. Otherwise, you must enter the shipping address.
- To mark a seller item as purchased, select the *Buying This Elsewhere* link next to the item and follow the instructions in the pop-up.

MEAL PROGRAM

Cross Roads Kitchen is serving hot meals indoors Sundays through Fridays from 5:30pm to 6:15pm.

Harambee Kitchen is serving in person dining on days when we have enough volunteers; otherwise, to-go meals are provided. Meals are served (Mon-Fri) from 5:30pm to 6:15pm.

Please continue to pre-register for volunteer shifts. Click on the location links below for volunteer sign-up calendars on Sign-Up Genius.

Please keep our guests, volunteers and staff in your prayers. If you have questions, please contact Pwest@svdpmilw.org.

Cross Roads Kitchen

931 W. Madison St. 414-649-9555

crossroads@svdpmilw.org

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

Harambee Kitchen

2600 N. 2nd St. 414-249-3866

harambee@svdpmilw.org

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

Meal Program Manager - Peggy West-Schroder
pwest@svdpmilw.org 414-722-1353



Happy
THANKSGIVING



THRIFT STORES

Friends and Family Coupon

Be sure to fill in your conference name and share
this 25% off coupon with others!

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

Mon.-Sat. 10:00AM -7:00PM Sun. 11:00AM -6:00PM

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

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

Mon.-Fri. 10:00AM - 7:00PM Sat. 10:00AM-6:00PM Sun. Closed

Donations Mon.-Sat. 10:00AM-5:00PM

Holiday Hours

Council Office

December 22- Closed

December 25- Closed

December 29- Closed

January 1- Closed

Meal Program

December 20- Holiday Party

December 21- Holiday Party

December 22- Harambee Meal Site Closed

December 24- Cross Roads Kitchen Closed

December 25- Meals Served at both sites

Noon-12:45PM

December 26- Both Meal Sites Closed

December 29- Harambee Meal Site Closed

December 31- Cross Roads Kitchen Closed

January 1- Both Meal Sites Closed

Thrift Stores

December 16- Santa at Lincoln Store 12-2PM

December 16- Santa at Greenfield Store 3-5PM

December 24- Greenfield Store Open 10AM-4PM

December 25- Both Stores Closed

December 31- Greenfield Store Open 10AM-4PM

January 1- Both Stores Closed

Contact Your SVP Support Team

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

To Schedule Pick-Up 414-462-7863 **Fax:** 414-462-5458

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