

NOVEMBER
2024

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 2023-September 2024*

Robert Weber
Elizabeth Kallas
Fred Hang
Susan Seewald
Barbara Pye
Frank Levar
Raymond Glowacki
Bob Wagner
Theodore Tyrrell
Dolores Kaczkowski



Christine Crowbridge
Don Roethig
Aggie Barczynski
Susan Reinders
Helen Kobs
Robert Rogalinski
Frank Jennik Obituary
Our Lady of Lourdes
Deacon Troy Major Obituary
St. Francis of Assisi

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

- 1 Annual Report DUE**
- 7** New President Orientation 10AM
- 9 Zoom** Voice for the Poor Committee 9AM
- 12 Zoom** ServWare for Administrators 6PM
- 13 Zoom** Vision SVdP Listening Session 6PM
- 19 Zoom** ServWare Training for Beginners 6PM
- 20** Growth & Revitalization Committee 4PM
- 28** MP Sites serving 12PM-12:45PM

See Page 2 for Event details

December

- 3 Giving Tuesday!**
- 5** NW/NE Area Conference Presidents 10AM
- 5** SW/SE Area Conference President 5:30PM
- 11** MP Christmas Party South Cross Roads
- 12** MP Christmas Party North Harambee
- 14** Voice for the Poor Committee 9AM
- 25** MP Sites serving 12PM-12:45PM

See Page 3 for Holiday schedule

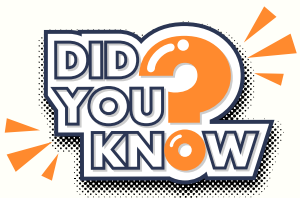
Vincentian Events



SAVE THE DATE...PLEASE JOIN US!

- **Annual Report** Final **Due Date** is **November 1st**. Please be timely in submitting your conference annual report and updated membership list. Submit reports and membership list to **Beth**.
- **VisionSVdP Listening Session-Wed. 11-13 | 6PM-7:15PM | Zoom Virtual Session** We invite you to engage in a listening process with other Vincentians from our Council as VisionSVdP moves us forward in renewal. (Rule 1.6) Contact **Maria** for Zoom link.
- **New President Orientation -Thurs. 11-7 | 10AM | Lincoln Thrift Store**
- **ServWare Virtual Sessions RSVP for Links**
 - **Updates for Administrators- Tues. 11-12 | 6-7:30PM**
 - **Beginner Training - Tues. 11-19 | 6-7:30PM**

Please RSVP to Beth. EMAIL | 414-667-0240



Help Neighbors with the guesswork of what will fit in their vehicles.

Box Dimensions of Platform Foundations for Mattresses

TWIN Platform Foundation box measures: **38" x 38.5" x 3.5"**

FULL Platform Foundation box measures: **37" x 27" x 6.5"**

Need Conference Supplies?

We are happy to provide these supplies for your conference. Just **email** or call Beth 414-667-0240 to arrange for pick-up or to have them mailed to you.

- Conference Cares Forms
- Appliance Vendor Forms
- Care Cards for Neighbors
- Thank You Notes
- Need Help? Services Business cards



You can also locate the Conference Cares Forms and Appliance Vendor Forms on the password protected ServWare system. Click View> Files/Links>District for list of forms.

Holiday Hours

Council Office

November 28-29 Closed
December 24-25- Closed
December 31- Closed
January 1- Closed



Meal Program

November 27- Both Meal Sites Closed
November 28- Both Meal Sites Serving 12PM-12:45PM
November 29- Both Meal Sites Closed
December 11- Christmas Party at South Site
December 12- Christmas Party at North Site
December 24- Both Meal Sites Closed
December 25- Both Meal Sites Serving 12PM-12:45PM
December 26- Both Meal Sites Closed
December 31- Both Meal Sites Closed
January 1- Both Meal Sites Closed

Thrift Stores

November 28- Stores Closed
December 24- Closing early
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Membership Meeting Highlights



The Vincentian Appreciation Breakfast and Annual Membership Meeting was held at St. Alphonsus Parish on Saturday, October 26th. There was a joyful noise among the 83 people gathered as they shared stories and ideas over a delicious breakfast catered by Charlie's Catering.

We welcomed new members and conference leaders and thanked those who were ending their terms as conference Presidents. We celebrated the dedication of members with milestone years of service. Most notable, is that there were 4 Vincentians present who each provided over 40 years of service to the Society!

The annual meeting followed with a presentation of the 2024-2025 budget and remarks by our Council President, Mike Farrell.

May God continue to bless your efforts and strengthen our zeal.



Vincentian News



We gratefully acknowledge our servant leaders!

Our thanks to outgoing Conference Presidents.

Margie B. - St. James

+Chris C.- St. Rita

Dave D. - St. Monica

Anne K. - Hands of Christ

Peter S. - St. Catherine of Alexandria

Cynthia W. - St. Augustine/Immaculate Conception

We welcome new Presidents to their first term.

Bob B. - Hands of Christ

Brett G. - St. Augustine/Immaculate Conception

Rick K. - St. Catherine of Alexandria

Steve K. - St. Paul

Fred R. - Divine Mercy

Richard S. - St. James

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

Rule Part 3
Statue 11



CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Vincentians who have recently completed the Ozanam Orientation.

South West Area Conferences

Christine B. Ted B. James B. Jeff D. Laurie G. Mary L. Grace M.
Richard S. Alex T.

North East Area Conferences

Mary M. Katie S. Paul S.

North West Area Conferences

Michael F. Steve G. Andy M. Gabriel O. Mary Rose S.

Fundraising Updates



Happy Thanksgiving from the SVDP Philanthropy team! 🍁

We are incredibly grateful for your generous support and dedication to our mission. Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us as we work together to make Milwaukee a better place for all.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyous and blessed Thanksgiving!

**GIVING
TUESDAY**

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

Giving Tuesday (an international day of fundraising)
is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, 2024.

The Society seeks "Giving Tuesday Ambassadors" to help spread the word - please reach out to Becca at rsurges@svdpmilw.org to learn more and get involved.

Visit the link below to learn more about Giving Tuesday:
<https://www.givingtuesday.org>

Resources



Click on the *Vincentian Shared Resources* link to see a collection of resources compiled from other conferences. Please check accuracy or availability before distributing to neighbors.

If you have a resource to share, please [email Maria](#).

[Vincentian Shared Resources](#)

Elder Resources

- [Senior LAW](#)
- [Elder Benefits Specialists](#)
- [Medicare Counseling](#)

[Eviction Timeline - EN ES](#)

[Eviction Fact Sheet](#)

[Mental Health & Wellness Resource Guide](#)

[MKE Rental Housing Resource Center](#)

[Impact211- Website for Resources](#)

[Community Advocates-Services](#)

[Hunger Task Force Food Bank](#)

[Home Visit Under Distress- Recording](#)

[Capuchin Community Services](#)

[Catholic Charities Refugee & Immigration Services](#)

[Ladies of Charity](#)

[UMOS- Energy Assistance EN ES](#)

[UMOS- Latina Resource Center EN ES](#)

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

HELP NEEDED- In anticipation of the seasonal increase in requests for assistance, volunteer assistance is needed with intake messages. Help is needed to listen and notate messages that are on the intake line so that intake workers can focus on completing referrals. This work can be done from your home for about 2 hours per week. For information contact Melanie at mcritton@svdpmilw.org or 414-667-0243.

Intake Summary

September 2024

Appliances- 163

Beds- 181

Furniture & Household- 281

Rent & Utilities- 19

Other- 51

Referrals Made to Conferences: 390

October 2024

Appliances- 166

Beds- 179

Furniture & Household- 281

Rent & Utilities- 19

Other- 52

Referrals Made to Conferences: 389





UPDATED BELOW

October - December 2024 Volunteer Sign-Up links

South Meal Program Site

Cross Roads Kitchen

931 W. Madison St. 414-649-9555

crossroads@svdpmilw.org

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

North Meal Program Site

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

Save the Dates!

The dates are set for the annual Christmas Parties for our Meal Program.

More information to come.

South Site - Cross Roads Kitchen December 11

North Site - Harambee Kitchen December 12

We know this- **WE NEED VINCENTIANS** to help serve meals and help guests feel welcome. Thank you for inviting others to serve with you!

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



Are you able to provide any of these items that are much needed for our Meal Program? Please bring donations to either location 4pm-6pm. Thank you for your generosity!

- Coffee
- Creamer
- Sugar
- individually wrapped snacks
- Travel size hygiene products
- Juice (real juice in quart or gallon size) & Juice Boxes

Thrift Stores



Summary of Conference Cares Process

1. Determine items to be redeemed at the Thrift Store.
2. Complete Cares Form. List specific items OR enter a general \$\$ amount for furniture, household items, and clothing.
3. PLEASE verify that the birthdate listed on the neighbor's Picture ID is the same as the date you enter on the Cares Form. Let Beth know if a correction needs to be made to the Assistance Request on ServWare.
4. Provide Neighbor with the Instruction Card- 'Care Card'. Picture ID is required.
5. Submit Conference Cares Form to Beth. Several options available.
6. Neighbor provides picture ID to Customer Service counter. Staff retrieves shopping list based on the information on the submitted Cares Form. Valid for 30 days from data entry date.

Neighbors may contact Beth 414-667-0240 or Cindy 414-462-7863 ext. 113 to check on status of the Cares Form. Contact stores on weekends or off-hours about status.

[How to Issue a Gift Certificate Guide \(7/24\)](#) [Como Llenar Los Comprobantes de Regalo 04-2023](#)

[Updated Text Club Flyer](#) [Club de texto -ES *Nueva version](#)

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](#)



SVDP Society Safeguarding: Milwaukee Council Update

The Milwaukee District Council Safeguarding Policy is now in effect. Going forward, **prospective and current members will be required to complete their Safeguarding training before having a second interaction with Those We Serve.**

For assistance, please see contact information below.

We are ready to help you!

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

Guidelines:

- We are available to provide individual or group training at a location convenient to members/volunteers as long as internet access is available. We can provide the devices for individuals to use.
- For those who have absolutely NO PUBLIC INTERACTION (NPI) with Those We Serve, we still must record this status on the CMG Connect database. Please contact one of us with name, address, phone and date of birth of members or volunteers who fall into this NPI category.
- All members and volunteers must participate in the Society's Safeguarding training, even if having previously completed the Safe Environment certification for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.
- Everyone associated with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul must be accounted for Safeguarding compliance.
- One first-time only exception is permitted when a new person is discerning if our service is something they wish to continue doing.

Need help? Email or Call us!

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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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