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2024

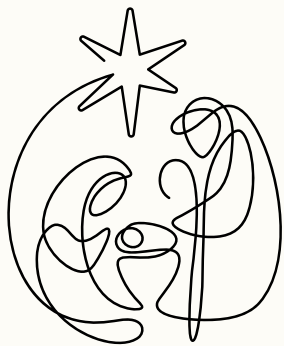
# FROM THE HEART



A MONTHLY SVDP MKE VINCENTIAN NEWSLETTER

Loving God,  
I sense that all is your creation  
and everything, and all of us,  
are being drawn back toward your loving heart.  
Help me to be a person of peace,  
To speak about it in an uneasy world,  
And to live it among the people  
you have put into my life every day.  
Light in me a desire to prepare for your coming  
to stand in the darkness, waiting, eager and filled with joy.

*Creighton Online*



Wishing you and yours a holy Advent, blessed  
Christmas and healthy New Year.

**[Click here](#)** for a peaceful reflection during this  
time of hope and joy in waiting for Christ.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**December** See Page 3 for Holiday schedule

- 10 Lincoln Thrift Store **CLOSED** for renovations
- 11 Advent Reflection-Virtual 10AM
- 11 MP Christmas Party South Cross Roads
- 12 MP Christmas Party North Harambee
- 14 Voice for the Poor Committee 9AM
- 18 Advent Reflection-Virtual 10AM
- 25 MP Sites serving 12PM-12:45PM

### January

- 14 Voice for the Poor Committee 9AM
- 22 Growth & Revitalization Committee 4PM
- 26 Thrift Stores Anniversary



*In Memoriam*

**Mathias Kraker**  
St. Paul

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



# News & Events

**Important Announcement:** The SVdP Thrift Store at 2320 W. Lincoln Ave. will be closed next week Tuesday, December 10 due to renovations. Please inform neighbors! This closing will be for one day only; both of our other stores will be open.

**Advent Reflection Series:** Join fellow Vincentians in an Advent season reflection using the Serving in Hope series. See flyer below for details.

Wednesdays ~ December 11 & 18

10AM-11:15AM

[Zoom Link](#)

## ADVENT REFLECTION

### *Serving in Hope*

TAKE SOME TIME THIS ADVENT SEASON TO JOIN FELLOW VINCENTIANS IN REFLECTING UPON THE HERITAGE OF OUR SVDP SOCIETY.

*Using the Serving in Hope series, Module III, Our Vincentian Heritage, we will learn and discuss about the vision of charity as envisioned by Frederic Ozanam and lived out in the Vincentian Family.*

*Virtual Series*

*Wednesdays 10:00AM-11:15AM*

*December 4 | 11 | 18*

RSVP TO BETH:

[bhohenfeldt@svdpmilw.org](mailto:bhohenfeldt@svdpmilw.org) 414-667-0240

PLEASE RSVP SO THAT READING MATERIAL CAN BE PROVIDED

## News you Can Use

- Check out the [Welcoming New Members](#) tab on our website. The short presentation link, [Process to Register New Members](#), provides steps to follow when new members join your conference.
- **Bus Transportation:** Need information about the WisGo card needed to ride on Milwaukee County busses? Here's a [helpful website](#) to learn about fares and retail locations to buy cards for neighbors.
- **Food Pantry** and Resource Center at Aurora Women's Pavilion in West Allis [Share Flyer](#)



# Holiday Hours

## Council Office

December 24-25- Closed

December 31- Closed

January 1- Closed



## Meal Program

December 11- Christmas Party at South Site 4PM-7PM

December 12- Christmas Party at North Site 4PM-7PM

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

**December 10- Lincoln Store Closed**

December 24- 9AM-3PM

December 25- Stores Closed

December 31- 9AM-5PM

January 1- Stores Closed



## *Fundraising + Marketing Updates*

# GIVING TUESDAY

**WE MET (& EXCEEDED) OUR MATCHING GIFT!**

**Thank you to all who donated  
during this year's Giving Tuesday!**

**We successfully raised \$8,500 in support of our  
mission. Thank you for your generous support  
this holiday season!**



## **2025 GALA UPDATES**

**We're excited to begin planning our 2025 Gala  
at The Gage in West Allis for fall 2025 - date coming soon!**

**JUST IN!**

**We're thrilled to announce our newest Gala Sponsor:  
[Bader Philanthropies](#) has blessed us with a \$5,000  
sponsorship for our upcoming special event.**

# Resources

## Vincentian Shared Resources

Please check accuracy before distributing to neighbors. If you have a resource to share, please email [Maria](mailto:maria@svdpmilw.org).

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

## Winter Warming Centers

Several designated warming centers will offer nightly shelter through 3-31-2025. Centers operate 7pm-7am with walk-in hours beginning at 8pm. Trained staff and volunteers will be available to make referrals to community resources.

### Locations:

- Guest House of Milwaukee 1216 N 13 St 53205- single men
- Unity Lutheran Church 1025 E Oklahoma Ave 53207- single women & families
- Repairers of the Breach 1335 W Vliet ST 53205- single men, single women
- St. Ben's 930 W State St 53233- single men, single women
- Joy House 830 N 19 St 53233- single women & families
- Milwaukee Rescue Mission 1820 W Wells St 53233- single men, single women & families



**HELP NEEDED**- There is a seasonal increase in the call volume for our intake line. 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](mailto:mcritton@svdpmilw.org) or 414-667-0243.

## Intake Summary

### October 2024

Appliances- 166  
Beds- 179  
Furniture & Household- 281  
Rent & Utilities- 19  
Other- 52

**Referrals Made to Conferences: 389**

### November 2024

Appliances- 149  
Beds- 212  
Furniture & Household- 299  
Rent & Utilities- 8  
Other- 79

**Referrals Made to Conferences: 444**



# Meal Program

## Meal Program Volunteer Sign-Up links

### **South Meal Program 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 Program Site** **Harambee Kitchen**

2600 N. 2nd St. 414-249-3866  
[harambee@svdpmilw.org](mailto:harambee@svdpmilw.org)

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

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

## Join in the Christmas Cheer

The annual Meal Program Christmas parties are just around the corner. Cheery volunteers are always in need. The more the merrier!

South Site - Cross Roads Kitchen December 11 4PM - 7PM

North Site - Harambee Kitchen December 12 4PM - 7PM



**Please 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



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

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

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



For more information:  
Crossroads@svdpmilw.org



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

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

For more information email:  
Harambee@svdpmilw.org

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# 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- 'Cares 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.

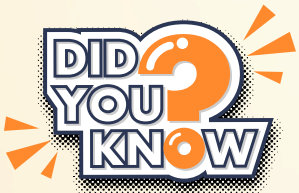
Neighbors may contact Beth 414-667-0240 or Cindy 414-462-7863 ext. 113 to check on status of the Cares Form. Contact stores on weekends or off-hours about status.

## 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



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"**

### **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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