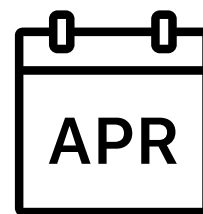




From the Heart



A MONTHLY SVDP VINCENTIAN NEWSLETTER

Break Open the Tomb

Lord of Easter's Promise,
I live in faith of the Resurrection, but such is the nature
of my faith that so much of me remains entombed.

Break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my compassion...

Where I've buried my sense of mercy...

Where I've buried my humility...

Where I've buried my humanity...

Where I've buried my love for my Heavenly Father...

Where I've buried my sense of joy...

Where I've buried my willingness to forgive...

Break open the tomb.

Lord, in you I've found a Savior no grave can withstand.
Help me to roll away this stone and find the miracle of
new life that I may live more fully in your saving grace.

Amen

CRS Catholic Relief Services

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Give 40

minutes ... hours ... days

St. Vincent
de Paul



Milwaukee
Meal Program

greet cook serve sort bag clean fold count slice
lift wrap bake wash dry sweep wipe
clothe share hold smile

SVDP-MKE Meal Sites

931 W. Madison | 2600 N. 2nd St.

414-469-9555 Sun-Friday | 4-6PM | Mon-Friday 414-249-3866

Contact Your SVP Support Team

A friendly reminder that you can continue to reach us on our general extensions at 414-462-7837 or the direct lines as listed.

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



Holiday Hours

Council Offices

Good Friday- April 15 Closed

Meal Program

Good Friday- April 15 Closed both locations

Easter Sunday- April 17- Cross Roads Kitchen serving Noon-12:45PM

Harambee Kitchen is closed on Sundays- Holiday celebration will be on Thursday, April 14th

Thrift Stores

Easter Sunday - April 17 Closed

Meal Program Easter Celebration

If you wish to assist with our Easter Celebration, we gladly accept Easter Candy of any variety, coloring books with crayons or any other trinkets. Annually, we make 50 Easter Baskets, 25 for each site. The Easter Bunny is present to hand out baskets and take pictures. We will also be creating hygiene bags & washcloths bunnies for the adults. If you have travel size items, razors or washcloths you can donate, that is a big help too. We are hoping to prepare 70 adult bags at each site. Please drop off your donations by April 11th.

Fundraising & Marketing Updates

EASTER APPEAL FOR MEAL PROGRAM

Please be on the lookout for your mailed copy of our Easter appeal mailing. This year, we're raising critical funds for our Meal Program. Looking to donate online? [Click here.](#)

We thank you for your generous support!

VINCE VITRANO VISITS OUR GREENFIELD STORE!

Listen in on a recent [interview with Vince Vitrano](#) of WI Morning News @620WTMJ during his visit to our Greenfield Store location! Kudos to our General Manager of Stores, Donna Wallace, as she kindly accepted his clothing donations and share our mission with listeners!

APRIL IS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH!

This month, we celebrate our
621 Society volunteers!

Thank you for your incredible love
and dedication to Milwaukee's
neighbors in need.



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Council Office News

Needy Conference: The Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund Helps Conferences with Financial Needs

The Needy Conference fund was established in 1970 for groups to donate to those SVDP conferences that do not receive enough parish/financial support to allow them to serve the friends in their neighborhoods.

TO APPLY FOR FUNDS

Conferences in need of additional funds to help their neighbors in need are welcome to apply for funding in July of each year for the next fiscal year (October-September). The requests are reviewed by the Needy Conference Committee comprised of Vincentian members from each Area. If your conference is interested in applying for funding for next fiscal year, please contact [Beth](#) or call her at 414-667-0240 **by June 15th** so she can mail forms for you to complete or access the [fillable form here](#).

The committee will be reviewing funding requests on Monday, July 18th at 2:00 pm. If you are applying for funding, a representative from your conference will need to attend this meeting to talk about the services your conference is providing.

This fiscal year to date, the Council has provided \$113,219 in grants to conferences.

The current financial status of the fund is as follows:

Needy Conference – Neighbors Helping Neighbors	
Financial Report Through 03/28/2022	
Income	\$78,267
Grants:	
All Saints	\$9,946
Blessed Savior	\$24,633
Hands of Christ	\$1,057
St. Adalbert	\$2,418
St. Benedict	\$672
St. Catherine	\$21,759
St. Martin de Porres	\$15,051
St. Veronica	\$19,260
Store Credits	\$18,423
Total Grants	\$113,219
Deficit	(\$34,952)

TO DONATE EXCESS FUNDS

If your conference has excess funds, please consider sending a donation to the Milwaukee Council for the Needy Conference Fund or twinning directly with one of these conferences.

If you have any questions, please contact [Michelle Martin](#) directly at 414-667-0244.

Thank you for all you do!

Council Office News



The [2021 Annual Report](#) is now available. Please direct colleagues, business partners, family and friends who may be interested in supporting the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Milwaukee to read our annual report and consider our mission and work in their charitable giving.

The SVDP MKE Board of Directors is seeking members for a newly developed **Thrift Store Committee** that would assist the stores in carrying out their mission. Those Interested to serve on the committee **MUST** have experience in retail, merchandising, and/or marketing. For more information about committee goals and member responsibilities, contact [Donna Wallace](#) at 414-377-9077.



Seeking Members for NEW Committee



Employment Services Coordinator

Share the news with family & friends that we have an opening for this part time, hybrid position. The [Employment Services Coordinator](#) will work to ensure the successful development, implementation, and ongoing efforts of the Society's new Back2Work Program and other Workforce Opportunities. Click on the link for application instructions & position details.

Council Office News

ServWare

SERVWARE SUMMARY: ITEMS REQUESTED AT INTAKE

Conferences continue to meet needs by phone as some return to in-person visits. As noted below, March has seen a rise in requests for assistance. Offer your help to fellow Vincentians and support each other in prayer during this time of return to home visit services.

Need more gift certificate pads? Contact [Beth](#) at 414-667-0240.

Have ServWare questions? Contact [Maria](#) at 414-667-0245.

February 2022

Appliances- 99
Beds- 95
Furniture & Household-
158
Rent & Utilities- 4
Other- 22
Referrals Made to
Conferences: 229

March 2022

Appliances- 211
Beds- 206
Furniture & Household-
275
Rent & Utilities- 11
Other- 66
Referrals Made to
Conferences: 430

- You can direct Neighbors in Need to the "[Request Help](#)" page on our website as well as to call by phone to the Intake Line (414-462-7837 ext110). Intake staff processes requests for help daily 9am-3pm.
- You can find the [Beds Delivery PDF Fill-In Form](#) on *ServWare* by clicking View>District Files. There is no need to issue a gift certificate for beds if you are emailing a "BEDS ONLY" order or placing an order by phone to the office.
- By typing brief after-visit notes into *ServWare* you help to minimize the number of call-backs intake staff sends to your conference.



Vincentian News



Thursday, April 28
9:15AM-11:15AM

Wauwatosa Public Library
Firefly Room
7635 W North Ave,
Wauwatosa, WI 53213
In-person training to enhance
the home visit experience.
Contact **Beth**
by April 18th to register.

A VIRTUAL PRESENTATION **2022 OZANAM ORIENTATION**

May, 17, 19, 24

6:00-8:00PM



Virtual Ozanam Orientation

Meet Vincentians from throughout the Archdiocese in this introduction to our Vincentian history, mission and activities.

New members to the Society must attend an Ozanam Orientation within the first year.



The **Ozanam Medallion** is awarded to an individual or conference within the Archdiocesan Council to recognize model Vincentians. Please consider nominating someone from the Milwaukee Council.

The **2022 Medallion** will be awarded at the Archdiocesan Council General Meeting on Sunday, May 15 at St. John Vianney Parish after the 11am Mass. Submit nominations by April 20th.

Click here for a fillable PDF nomination form.



In Memoriam

Mary "Diane" Fox
St. John the Evangelist

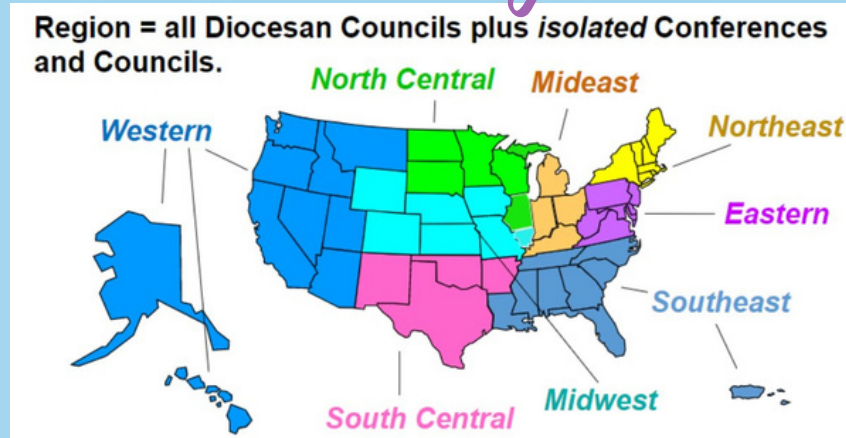
Rita Cannestra
St. Catherine
St. Rita
Obituary



May their souls
and the souls of
all the faithful
departed, rest in
peace.



North Central Region Meeting



Did you know that the **SVDP-USA North Central Region** consists of North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Upper Michigan and Northern Illinois? The annual gathering of Vincentians from the North Central Region will be hosted by the Milwaukee Archdiocesan Council and held at the **Marriott Milwaukee West in Waukesha** on **June 23-25, 2022**. Participation will inspire your faith, build Vincentian friendship, and strengthen your service to our neighbors in need.

On Thursday evening, events are being arranged to showcase Milwaukee with options such as attending Summerfest, touring historic Third Ward, or taking Milwaukee's streetcar to Cathedral Square for a tour of our Cathedral and other stops on the way. Milwaukee Council Vincentians are needed to serve as volunteers for this exciting local event. We will need helpers in the area of welcome and hospitality to greet newcomers to our area!

Conferences are highly encouraged to send at least one person to this annual gathering to learn and bring back to their conference ideas to strengthen your Vincentian ministry. Conference funds can be used to cover participant cost of attendance. Scholarships are available for first time participants from needy conferences.

The schedule combines spirituality, fellowship, and an extensive program of educational workshops to give you a chance to learn from other conferences and council practices and better serve your members and friends in need.

Please save the date to welcome and be with fellow Vincentians from around our region!

Neighbors in Need Resources

Resource Fair Materials

Representative from the **Milwaukee Co. DHHS -ADRC** and **NAMI-SE WI** provided a vast amount of information about services for the elderly or disabled and their caregivers as well as support for those with mental health conditions. [Click here to view](#) a recording of the session. Materials and presentation slides can be found on our website. See links listed below:

- [Presenter Slides- Aging & Disability Services](#)
- [Presenter Slides- Dementia Care Services](#)
- [Presenter Slides- NAMI-SE Wisconsin](#)
- [Brochure-NAMI SE Wisconsin](#)
- [Brochure- NAMI SE Wisconsin Support Groups](#)
- [Flyer- Upcoming Dementia Care Presentations](#)

Community Advocates

The 2021-2022 Milwaukee Co. **Energy Assistance** benefit season continues through May 15, 2022. **Low Income Household Water Assistance** benefits may also be available. Schedule appointment or apply online at keepwarmmke.org. [Printable flyer](#)

Rent Assistance

Resources for rent assistance can be found on the [Community Advocates website](#). Additional resources such as the Rental Housing Resource Center and Child Tax Credit expansion are accessible here as well.

Housing First

Principles into Action

The Milwaukee Co. Housing First model provides housing for those experiencing chronic homelessness. Milwaukee Co. housing support can be found [here](#).

NEW Website for Eviction Support: EvictionFreeMKE.org

This website provides information for free legal help or call 414-892-RENT (7368).

City of Milwaukee Health Dept: [COVID-19 vaccine](#) eligibility, availability and incentives. [HealthyMKE](#): Resources, education on vaccines and [COVID-19 Testing Sites](#). General **COVID-19 Resource Sheet** for Neighbors in Need- [Click to Print](#)

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Through the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program, qualified Milwaukee County residents receive a one-time annual payment* to make your heating and electric bills more affordable! Make your money go further while keeping your home warm and your family safe. That's something we can all feel good about.



*You may also qualify for services like weatherization and energy audits! See our Additional Services Flyer for details.
*Heating covers a portion of energy costs. It is not intended to pay your entire energy bill. How much heating assistance depends on several factors, including your income, size of your home or apartment, and energy costs. (In most cases, the annual Energy Assistance payment should be paid directly to your energy supplier.)



Meal Program Information

It's Volunteer Appreciation Month!

We LOVE our Volunteers! We NEED more Volunteers!

We sure could use your help! Join us at either meal site and prepare the hot to-go meals that feed families and individuals who are really glad you chose to come and help! The 2022 Volunteer Sign-Up Calendars can be found below by clicking on the location links. Our Meal Program staff continues to prepare and serve hot meals to-go style. Please invite others from your church and business communities who may be looking for an opportunity to serve. We kindly ask that you pre-register for the shifts. Indoor sit-down service is not available until further notice.

Food Assembly: 3:00PM-4:45PM

Clean-Up/Set-Up: 4:45PM-6:00PM

Click on site name to register volunteers.

Click on the **Sign Up** tab then click **Submit and Sign Up** tab at the bottom of the page. You can add notes in the **Comments** box to indicate a shift or special instructions.

[Cross Roads Kitchen](#)

931 W. Madison St. 414-649-9555

Serving: Sun.-Fri. 4:00PM-6:00PM

[Harambee Kitchen](#)

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

Serving: Mon.-Fri. 4:00PM-6:00PM



Thrift Store Information

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

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

***NEW Hours*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

[How to Write a Gift Certificate](#)

[Delivery Letter for Neighbors](#)

[Delivery Guidelines for Vincentians](#)



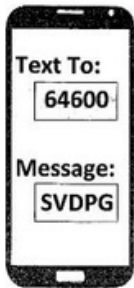
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Coupons & Events



**Join Our
VIP Text Club**



And Receive:
\$5 off Any Purchase
of \$20 OR More!



St. Vincent de Paul Society
At the Heart of Ours

All messages are standard rate; only message and data rates may apply. You may receive up to 10 messages a month. To stop receiving messages, Text STOP to 64600.

**Friends & Family Coupon
expires July 31, 2022**



***Click on each image
to access website link**

Calendar of Events

Apr. 24 - Ozanam Sunday- [Link to Annual Commitment Ceremony](#)

Apr. 28 - Home Visit Workshop 9:15AM-11:15AM Wauwatosa Library

May 17, 19, 24 - Virtual Ozanam Orientation 6-8PM

June 23-25 - North Central Region Meeting- Marriot West, Waukesha

The VOP Committee meets the 2nd Saturday of each month.

The next virtual meeting is **April 9, 2022 at 9:00AM.**



Find meeting minutes on the SVDP-MKE [website](#).

Contact [Dave Busch](#) for joining information.

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