

JUNE 2024

FROM THE HEART



A MONTHLY SVDP MKE VINCENTIAN NEWSLETTER

*Grateful,
Thankful and Blessed*

*Happy
Father's
Day*

God our Father,
In your wisdom and love you have created us and called us
your own. Bless our fathers, that they may be
strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their
faith and love shine forth. In moments of joy, rejoice with
them. In times of struggle, give them your courage and
perseverance. Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honor and appreciate them always with a spirit of
profound respect. May the example and prayer of St.
Joseph inspire them to live their vocation with courage.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen



Special Announcement!

Most Reverend **Donald J. Hying, Bishop of Madison** will be our spiritual guide for an Evening of Reflection.

All Milwaukee Council Vincentians are invited for this gathering as together we *Rekindle the Joy of Our Vincentian Ministry.*

Wednesday, July 31, 2024 6:00PM

St. Joseph Parish, Wauwatosa

Save the Date!

More details to come.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

13-15 Bradley Store Grand Opening Celebration- See page 2 for details!

17 ServWare for Beginners/Entrenamiento para ServWare 6PM

23 Vincentian Service at South Meal Site- Cross Roads Kitchen 4PM

26 ServWare Workshop 10AM

July

4 Both Meal Sites Closed / Council Office Closed / All Thrift Stores Closed

24 Growth & Revitalization Committee Meeting 4PM

31 Council Meeting for All Vincentians 6PM



Join us in June!



Joy AND BLESSINGS

**Special Invitation for Vincentians
Store Blessing
Thursday, June 13 at 10AM**

Join us as Deacon Paul Klingseisen presides over a ceremony of blessing throughout the Bradley Store. We hope you'll be able to share in joyful prayer with us!



Bradley Store GRAND OPENING

JOIN US FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND!

Doors open 9 a.m.
JUNE 13-15, 2024



**8010 N. 76TH STREET
MILWAUKEE**



20% off sale!

Giveaways

Food Trucks

Meet the team

We hope to see you Father's Day Weekend!

Fundraising Updates

Thank you to our recent grant partners!



Our generous friends at Bader Philanthropies have blessed us with a \$20,000 grant supporting our Meal Program. We are truly grateful!



Our incredible partners at Greater Milwaukee Foundation have awarded us a wonderful \$20,000 grant award supporting our Meal Program.

Thank you for your incredible support of our mission!

Council Office News



Please hold in prayer all who will attend the North Central Region meeting on June 20-22, 2024. May we all be enriched by their immersion in the Vincentian spirit and the fruitfulness of the SVDP Vision – Every Voice Matters.

Vincentians Encounter Christ Together!

See link for information on sessions and registration.

[**REGISTRATION LINK**](#)

“Faithful to the spirit of its founders, the Society constantly strives for renewal, adapting to changing world conditions.” Rule 1.6

Accepting Applications: Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund for Conferences with Financial Need TO APPLY FOR FUNDS

Conferences in need of additional funds to help neighbors in need are welcome to apply for funding in July of each year for the next fiscal year (October 2024- September 2025). The requests are reviewed by a committee comprised of Vincentian members from each area. If your conference would like to apply for funding for next fiscal year, please contact **Beth** at 414-667-0240 or bhoenfeldt@svdpmilw.org. Funding requests are **due by Friday, July 5**.

The committee will review funding requests on **Monday, July 22 at 5:00 PM** at the Wauwatosa Public Library Firefly Room. If you are applying for funding, a representative from your conference will need to attend this meeting to talk about the services your conference provides.

TO DONATE FUNDS

If your conference has excess funds, please consider sending a donation to the Milwaukee Council for the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund (formerly Needy Conference Fund) or twinning directly with one of the conferences in need. If you have any questions, please contact **[Michelle Martin](#)** directly at 414-667-0244. Thank you for all you do!

Council Office News

ServWare

Training Dates

Monday, June 17 6:00PM-7:30PM ServWare for Beginners

Bay View Public Library Community Room 2566 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.

This training will provide a step-by step guide on the basic features of ServWare for new users. Learn how to view Neighbor records and Assistance Requests as well as data entry for Home Visits. Spanish language translation will be provided at this session.

Wednesday, June 26 10AM-12:30PM ServWare Workshop

Wauwatosa Public Library Firefly Room 7635 N. North Ave.

This workshop will provide hands-on assistance to those who are familiar with ServWare. Recent updates will be shared along with group work or individual assistance to help answer your individual questions. Bring your device and let us help you work through improving the process.

Contact Beth to register at bhohenfeldt@svdpmilw.org 414-667-0240

Sunday, June 23 4:00PPM-6:30PM Vincentian Day to Serve a Meal

South Meal Site- Crossroads Kitchen 931 W. Madison St.

Have you ever considered serving for our Meal Program but just don't want to come on your own? Want to introduce someone to Vincentian service? Join other Vincentians to serve a meal at the South Side Meal Site. To register for a reserved space, [contact Maria.](#)

Standards of Excellence Assessment by Conference Members

In following the *Minimum Requirements for Existing Traditional Conferences*, it's time for conference members to work together on their 2024 assessment. Please return your [conference summary sheet](#) by June 30th. Thank You!

Conference Officers & Succession Planning

Is it time for your conference to elect a new President? Do you need information about the process? Now is the time to make a plan for the future of your conference leadership.

Description of Conference Officer Duties

Conference Officer Election Process

Discussion Questions on Leadership

Discernment Process

Presentation Recording



MEAL PROGRAM

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

We Need Your Help in the Summertime!

Volunteer availability is reduced in the summer- We NEED VINCENTIANS to help serve meals to our guests. Introduce your family and friends to this wonderful opportunity to learn about our programs.

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

A day set aside for Vincentians to serve together is Sunday June 23rd.

Contact Maria for registration and information!



THRIFT STORES

All Stores will be CLOSED on Thursday, July 4th

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





Giving from the Heart Gala

Thurs, August 22, 2024 | The Gage, West Allis

We could use your help!

**AT LAST YEAR'S GALA, OUR
CONFERENCES DONATED AMAZING
SILENT AUCTION BASKETS...**

Bird Watching Basket
Coffee and Tea Lovers Basket
Ice Cream Sundae Basket
Italian Foods Basket
Waterford Crystal and Wine Pairings
...and more!

**We'd be excited to include a basket from
YOUR conference as part of
this year's Silent Auction!**

**Please reach out to Becca Surges,
Director of Philanthropy, at (414) 667-0242
or RSurges@svdpmilw.org to learn more.**

A Note from Lydia LoCoco, D.Min.

Director of Community Relations, Office of Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKI

Throughout the National Eucharistic Revival, local communities have been gathering together in response to God's invitation for renewal, calling on the Holy Spirit to bring the flame. In keeping with this vision, the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is accompanying Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament from city to city, lighting hearts on fire along the way on four separate routes. Soon, all these flames will blaze together at the National Eucharistic Congress in July. Our route here in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee is the MARIAN ROUTE, which starts at the Mississippi Headwaters in Minnesota. The Pilgrimage will cross the Archdiocese of Milwaukee from north to south June 18-26, 2024, with stops at more than 50 of our parishes, retreat centers and shrines.

YOU ARE INVITED TO WALK WITH ARCHBISHOP JEROME LISTECKI on Sunday, June 23, 2024 in the "Source and Summit Eucharistic Procession!" The route map is on the next page. Join in the walk or pray along the route.

Registration is required: <https://www.archmil.org/pilgrimage/June23>

While pilgrimages have a long legacy within the Church, this is the first undertaken at such a scale—walking coast-to-coast with Our Eucharistic Lord! Let's use this time as an archdiocese to pray together in thanksgiving for the local Church and for all that the Lord has planned for us to do in the future!



**Vincentian Service Day
at the Meal Program
Sunday, June 23 4:00PM -6:30PM
South Meal Site- Cross Roads Kitchen
931 W. Madison St. Milwaukee**

Bring your Eucharistic Witness to life by sharing your faithful service while meeting some new Vincentian friends! Spread the word and join Vincentians from the Milwaukee Council to serve a meal to our guests at the Meal Program.

Contact Maria for information and to reserve a spot.

LET'S BRING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TO THE STREETS!

SOURCE & SUMMIT

Eucharistic Procession



NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Pilgrimage

AWAKEN FAITH | EXPERIENCE HEALING | GIVE WITNESS

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

MASS – 9 a.m. with Archbishop Jerome ListECKI
at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.

6.7 MILE EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION ~ 10 a.m.
estimated start from Cathedral after Mass

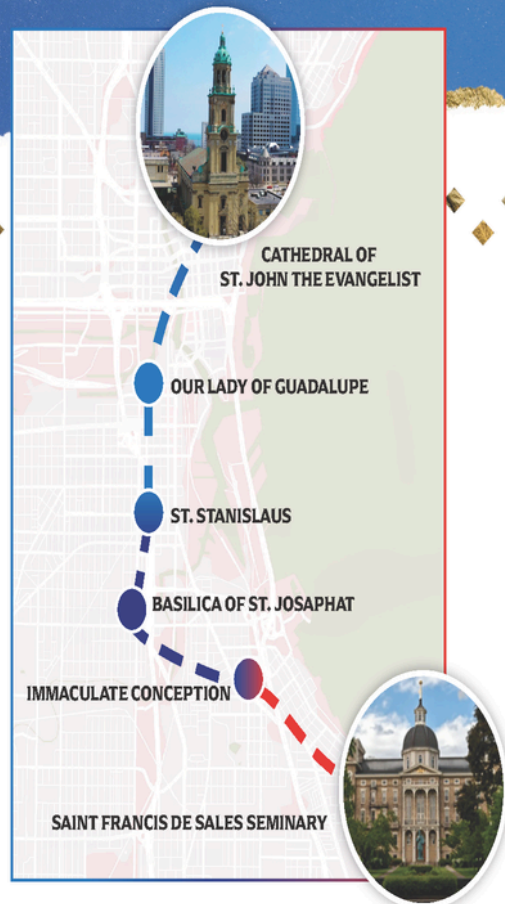
WALK the entire procession
or **JOIN AT A PARISH** along the way:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Estimated Arrival Time</u>
Our Lady of Guadalupe	11:00 – 11:15 a.m.
St. Stanislaus	11:45 a.m. – Noon
Basilica of St. Josaphat	12:25 – 12:40 p.m.
Immaculate Conception	1:25 – 1:40 p.m.

CONCLUDES between 2:40 p.m. and 4 p.m.
at Saint Francis de Sales Seminary with Eucharistic
Adoration, Midday Prayer, and light refreshments on the
beautiful seminary grounds.



All events are free and open to
the public. Please register at
www.archmil.org/pilgrimage



**PLEASE REGISTER TO GET A SEAT ON OUR
FREE SHUTTLE BUS** Take the shuttle to the
Cathedral for 9 a.m. Mass and end the procession
back at your car. Shuttles depart at 8 a.m. and 8:30
a.m. from the Mary Mother of the Church Pastoral
Center, 3501 S. Lake Drive (next door to the
Seminary where the procession concludes).

OR Park at one of our parish stops, and take the
shuttle back at the next stop. Free street parking
around the Cathedral and other parish stops.

Resources

new

See link for collection of resources from other conferences.
Check accuracy or availability before distributing to neighbors.

Vincentian Shared Resources

Resource Links

**Elder Resources- helpful for those affected by
Ascension health cybersecurity event**

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

- [Milwaukee Rental Housing Resource Center](#)
- [UniteWI- Bridge to Community Health](#)
- [Center for Veterans Issues](#)
- [Employ Milwaukee](#)
- [Milwaukee Center for Children and Youth](#)
- [Impact211- Website for Resources](#)
- [Community Advocates-Services Website](#)
- [Hunger Task Force Food Bank](#)



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



A note of Thanks to **Vickie D.** of St. Veronica conference
who volunteers with intake call and messages.

We appreciate you!



Intake Summary

April 2024

Appliances- 158
Beds- 219
Furniture & Household- 310
Rent & Utilities- 11
Other- 71

Referrals Made to Conferences: 435

May 2024

Appliances-134
Beds- 193
Furniture & Household- 248
Rent & Utilities- 17
Other-67

Referrals Made to Conferences: 376

Council Office News

Conference Cares Program

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. Please 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. Or stores can be contacted on weekends or off-hours about status.

Email Beth or call 414-667-0240 if you need Care Cards or Conference Cares Forms. You can locate the Conference Cares Forms and Appliance Vendor Forms on the password protected ServWare system.

Click View> Files/Links>District for list of the forms.

Resources on our website:

[How to Issue a Gift Certificate Guide- Rev. 2-2024](#)
[Care Cards \(6 per page\)](#)



REMINDER

Paper vouchers are no longer valid for redemption at the Thrift Stores. If rainchecks were issued, the last possible date of a blue paper raincheck being redeemed is June 29, 2024.

If you are unfamiliar with the Conference Cares process, please **contact Beth**.



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 any 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](#) for those who have previous training with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee
- [Process to Register](#) for all others in need of full training

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.
- For those who have previous Safe Environment certification with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, we still must receive a record of that certificate so that we can provide access to complete a module for SVDP Safeguarding.

We will be contacting members who are not yet registered. Everyone associated with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul must be accounted for Safeguarding compliance.

Need help? Email or Call us!

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Contact Your SVP Support Team

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

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