

OCTOBER 2024

FROM THE HEART



St. Vincent de Paul Society
MILWAUKEE

A MONTHLY SVDP MKE VINCENTIAN NEWSLETTER



Celebrate Vincentian Awareness Month

“It is our vocation to set people’s hearts ablaze, to do what the Son of God did, who came to light a fire on earth in order to set it ablaze with His love.” Bl. Frédéric Ozanam

Vincentian Awareness Month Booklet
Membership Campaign Resources

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

See Page 2 for Event details

October

- 19** Ozanam Orientation 9:45AM- Wauwatosa Library
- 23** VisionSVdP Listening Session 10AM-St. Margaret Mary
- 26** Vincentian Appreciation Breakfast and Annual Membership Meeting 9AM- St. Alphonsus
- 29** Conference Secretary & Treasurer Workshop 6PM- Wauwatosa Library

November

- 1 Annual Report DUE**
- 7** Conference President Orientation
- 12 Zoom** ServWare Session for Administrators-6PM
- 13 Zoom** Vision SVdP Listening Session-6PM
- 19 Zoom** ServWare Training for Beginners-6PM
- 20** Growth & Revitalization Committee Meeting 4PM
- 28-29** Council Office Closed

Helen Kobs

past President, St. Rafael

Susan Reinders

past member, St. Joseph

Robert ‘Bob’ Rogalinski

Obituary

St. Mary

In Memoriam



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

Vincentian Events



SAVE THE DATE...PLEASE JOIN US!

- **Vincentian Awareness Month** continues throughout the month of October. Awareness Month materials are on our [website](#). Please contact [Maria](#) for assistance with presentations.
- **Annual Report** Final **Due Date** is **November 1st**. Please be timely in submitting your conference annual report and updated membership list. Contact [Beth](#) if you need the forms or paperwork to submit. Information was emailed to Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers.
- **Ozanam Orientation Sat. 10-19 | 9:45AM-3:00PM | Wauwatosa Public Library Firefly Room** Essential for new members and refreshing for all! Please register by October 10th.
- **VisionSVdP Listening Sessions:** 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) Attend either session!
 - Wed. 10-23 | 10:00-11:15AM | St. Margaret Mary Sampon Hall
3970 N. 92 St., Milwaukee**
 - Wed. 11-13 | 6PM-7:15PM | Zoom Virtual Session**
- **Annual Membership Meeting & Vincentian Appreciation - Sat. 10-26
9AM-11:30AM | St. Alphonsus Parish, Greendale** Enjoy a delicious breakfast with fellow Vincentians, followed by our annual membership meeting in which we acknowledge new leaders and present the budget. **Please RSVP** so that we can provide the caterer with our anticipated attendance! [Click here to register.](#)
- **Conference Secretary & Treasurer Workshop Tues. 10-29 | 6-7:30PM
Wauwatosa Public Library Firefly Room** Orientation for Conference Secretaries and Treasurers who have not attended previously or feel free to attend if you need a refresher.
- **New President Orientation -Thurs. 11-7 | Time-TBD | save the date!**
- **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

Resource Fair Highlights

Care for God's Creation

Life and Dignity of the Human Person

Solidarity

Call to Family, Community, and Participation

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

Rights and Responsibilities

Thanks to all who attended our Resource Fair with special thanks to Our Lady of Lourdes conference for hosting us! Use the links below to learn more about our highlighted agencies:

[Capuchin Community Services](#)

[Catholic Charities Refugee & Immigration Services](#)

[Ladies of Charity](#)

[UMOS- Energy Assistance](#) [EN](#) [ES](#)

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



Special Invitation for New Members

We are filled with joy that you chose the SVDP Society as an expression of your Christian service and life of prayer. We hope you can join us at the annual in-person Ozanam Orientation to learn about our history and mission!

Milwaukee Council
**OZANAM
ORIENTATION**
Saturday,
October 19, 2024
9:45AM-3:00PM



**Location: Wauwatosa Public Library
Firefly Room
7635 W North Ave, Wauwatosa**

Pre-Registration requested by October 10th.
Contact Beth
414-667-0240 bhohenfeldt@svdpmilw.org

About the Ozanam Orientation

Participation in the Ozanam Orientation is a requirement for new members of the Society in the United States. Topics of presentation and discussion include:

History & Mission Spirituality Focus
Conference & Council Life Understanding Poverty
Home Visit Best Practices

Participant materials & lunch are provided.

*A minimum number of participants is required to hold the orientation.
Kindly register by October 10th so that materials can be ordered.*

please



Celebrate with your Vincentian Family! We warmly welcome all members to join us for breakfast. We especially like to acknowledge new members and those in conference leadership. A report of our annual budget is provided during the meeting portion of our gathering. Please RSVP by October 18th.



Vincentian Appreciation Breakfast & Membership Meeting



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You're Invited!

**St. Alphonsus Parish
6060 W. Loomis Rd.
Greendale**

9:00 AM- 11:30 AM

**We celebrate YOU, our Milwaukee Vincentians!
Come enjoy breakfast on us followed by our annual
membership meeting.**

9:00AM Opening Prayer
Breakfast
Member Recognition
Budget Presentation
Announcements
11:15AM Closing Prayer

KINDLY RSVP BY OCTOBER 18TH

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP OR CONTACT BETH](#)

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Fundraising Updates

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>

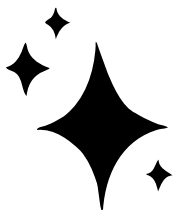
**GIVING
TUESDAY**

JOIN OUR 2025 GALA PLANNING COMMITTEE

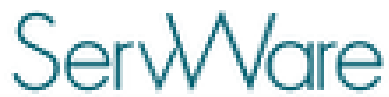
Our 2025 Gala Planning Committee seeks additional members to join our team and help with the planning of our 2025 event!

We're seeking individuals who can help us to GROW our event - taking it to the next level of fundraising success.

If this sounds of interest, please reach out to Becca to learn more about this fun and rewarding role! Rsurges@svdpmilw.org or (414) 667-0242.



*Join
-US-*



ServWare Can Help in Developing the Annual Conference Report

As your conference works to complete the Annual Conference Report, it may be helpful to know that ServWare can help to provide data for the report. ServWare can now generate what is called the **Conference Activity Report (CAR)**. The Conference Activity Report is available in ServWare at *Reports >> Conference Activity Report*.

The CAR report can provide all or at least much of the needed data for the Annual Report. If some of the data required by the Annual Report has not been entered into ServWare, this is not a problem. The CAR report is still valuable—whatever data the CAR provides can still be used to support parts of the annual report.

For example, much of the financial data on the CAR report is taken from the ServWare Finance Functions, which some conferences have chosen not to enable as an option. However, any conference that uses the Assistance tab regularly to enter data on assistance provided during home visits may find values that are drawn into the CAR report. Especially valuable is the total dollar figure of *"Those We Serve,"* which is a total of all assistance provided during the year.

ServWare provides an extensive document on the CAR report, the *"SvDP National Conference Activity Report Guidelines."* This document is available in ServWare at *View >> Files/Links >> ServWare >> "ServWare SvDP Conference Annual Report."*

We have developed an additional help document, *"Using ServWare to Develop the Annual Report."* This document is available in ServWare at *View >> Files/Links >> District >> "Using ServWare to Develop the Annual Report."* [Click here.](#)

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.

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](#)

[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](#)

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

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.

Intake Summary

August 2024

Appliances- 143
Beds- 180
Furniture & Household- 225
Rent & Utilities- 18
Other- 84

Referrals Made to Conferences: 391

September 2024

Appliances- 163
Beds- 181
Furniture & Household- 281
Rent & Utilities- 19
Other- 51

Referrals Made to Conferences: 390



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 have been 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 SVP Support Team

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