From the Heart
A MONTHLY SVDP VINCENTIAN NEWSLETTER

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The Hope of the World

Beloved Jesus,
hope of the world,
in these days shrouded in darkness,
help us to see your light and let it shine,
shedding light on the path that leads us to enjoy
your presence.
Let the joy of Christmas remain with us always.
Amen.

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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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Fundraising Updates

**'TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING**

Supporting our mission with a financial gift this holiday season ensures a Milwaukee family in need receives a warm meal and household necessities. Be sure to check your mail for our holiday appeal letter featuring the story of Lidia, a neighbor in need, who offers her gratitude for the work we do.

DONATE

**GRANT AWARD!**

We recently received a generous $11,000 grant from Empty Bowls Milwaukee to support our Meal Program this holiday season. What a blessing!

**#GIVINGTUESDAY RESULTS ARE IN!**

With your help and the generosity of a matching donor, we raised $20,000 in support of our mission! THANK YOU to everyone who participated! Watch our THANK YOU video here.

**WINE MAKES THE PERFECT HOLIDAY GIFT!**

Missed our Virtual Wine Tasting? TUNE IN to our recorded video. Ordering remains OPEN through the holidays and 10% supports our mission. CLICK HERE TO ORDER.
In Memoriam
+ Michael Broos
St. Bernadette
Joe Muehlbach
St. Catherine of Alexandria
Gail Malecki
St. Roman
Char Zeller
St. Veronica
+ May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.
Amen.

Events in 2022
Wednesday, February 23 10:30AM-Noon
Virtual Resource Fair
Presentations about services for aging neighbors and their caretakers and mental health awareness.
Saturday, April 30 9:30AM-11:30AM
Home Visit Workshop
In-person training to enhance the home visit experience. More information to come!

Friendly Reminder about thrift store certificates
- The person whose name is written on the gift certificate must be present with a Photo ID to redeem it. If that person is unable to come into the store due to disability, etc., please write the gift certificate to the person who will redeem on behalf of the neighbor. Example: John Doe for the benefit of Jane Doe. (Jane can’t come in, so John will be the one redeeming for her.) Store staff cannot redeem the gift certificate for anyone other than the person whose name is listed.
- When issuing a gift certificate for multiple items which include bed(s), please list the bed separate from the $ amount. Example: Correct = furniture up to $250/ one full bed complete/delivery. Incorrect = furniture, one full bed complete, delivery not to exceed $XXXXX. Bed notations do NOT need a dollar amount listed on the gift certificate. Note them separately from the $ amounts for other store merchandise.
Next virtual meeting 12-11-21 9:00AM.
Meeting minutes can be found on the website.
To learn more or join, please contact Dave Busch at dabusch99@yahoo.com.

VOICE OF THE POOR COMMITTEE MEETING
2ND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

Thank you for your continued service during this time of COVID-19 caution. If you are in need of additional voucher pads, please contact Beth at 414-667-0240. For personalized training on ServWare for your conference, contact Maria at 414-667-0245.

October 2021

- Appliances- 156
- Beds- 163
- Furniture & Household- 192
- Rent & Utilities- 6
- Other- 62
- Referrals Made to Conferences: 345

November 2021

- Appliances- 205
- Beds- 176
- Furniture & Household- 204
- Rent & Utilities- 5
- Other- 47
- Referrals Made to Conferences: 425

Attention ServWare Administrators
The Member Status for your Conference Members as listed in ServWare is in need of your review. A recent update has set the Member Type for all to Active. You may need to change the Member Type to Associate or Inactive to appropriately reflect the status for each member. This feature is one of the steps ServWare is taking to offer reports that are compatible with Annual Report data retrieval. For help, please contact Maria at 414-667-0245.

"Proceed quietly, pray a great deal and act together."
St. Vincent de Paul

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

KEY POINTS

- Voting members approved sale of Silver Spring property
- 2021-2022 approved Council budget was reviewed
- Presidents Past/New/Current acknowledged
- Vision for strategic planning process shared
- North side store criteria provided
  - members encouraged to share leads for potential sites

VIDEO MOMENT
Catholic Social Teaching:
Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

*New Horizons of Hope and Service* was the theme of the 2021 National Assembly. If the snow or cold keep you indoors, put the link below on your watch list for a variety of highlight presentations.

**2021 National Assembly Videos – St. Vincent de Paul USA Member Site** (ssvpusa.org)
Neighbors in Need Resources

Resource Sheet for Neighbors
Vaccines, Energy Assistance, Rent & Mortgage Assistance

**Click to Print** (updated 12-1-21)

### Community Advocates

The 2021-2022 Milwaukee Co. Energy Assistance benefit season is from October 1, 2021 through May 15, 2022. Eligible residents can apply for a one-time payment to help cover a portion of their energy bill. Other benefits to reduce utility costs may also be available. Schedule appointment or apply online at keepwarmmke.org. Click on the flyer image for a link to a printable flyer.

### Rent Assistance

Resources for rent assistance can be found on the Community Advocates website. Helpful links to additional resources such as the Rental Housing Resource Center and Child Tax Credit expansion are available too.

### 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: Eviction FreeMKE.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.

### Share this Flyer with Caregivers: The Building Blocks for Dementia Caregiving: 4 Part Virtual Education Series

### Appliance Vendor Resource Sheet
- Special thanks to St. Sebastian Conference for gathering and sharing information on appliance providers.
Meal Program Information

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

11-26 Both sites closed  Christmas Eve & Day - Both sites closed
12-26 Cross Roads Kitchen closed  12-27 Harambee Kitchen closed
New Year's Eve & Day - Both sites closed
1-2-22 Cross Roads Kitchen closed  1-3-22  Harambee Kitchen Closed

Click on site name to register volunteers

Our Meal Program needs your help while staff continues to prepare and serve hot meals to-go style. We have a crucial need for volunteer assistance on **Sunday and Friday at Cross Roads Kitchen** and on **Friday at Harambee Kitchen**. Please share the need with your church and business communities who may be looking for service opportunities. Groups or individuals are welcome! We kindly ask that you **pre-register** for the shifts. *Indoor sit-down service is not available until further notice.*

Food Assembly: 3:30PM-5:30PM  Clean-Up/Set-Up: 5:00PM-6:30PM

Cross Roads Kitchen
931 W. Madison St. 414-649-9555
Serving: Sun.-Fri. 4:00PM-6:15PM

Harambee Kitchen
2600 N. 2nd St. 414-249-3866
Serving: Mon.-Fri. 4:00PM-6:15PM

Contact us:
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Meal Program Wish List

- Flavor packets for bottled water
- Juice boxes/pouches
- Pre-packaged snacks or soft granola bars
- New socks or underwear for adults
- Hand Warmers

Items for Hygiene Kits or Care Kits:
- Deodorant, razors, pens, mini flashlights, toothbrushes with holder or cap, toothpaste, wash cloths or baby wipes, mouth wash, mints or gum, Carmex or Chapstick, soap, Tide pods, dryer sheets, quarters for laundromat
Thrift Store Information

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Holiday Hours
12-24 10AM-4PM Closed Christmas Day
12-31 10AM-4PM Closed New Year's Day

GREENFIELD 4476 S. 108 St. 414-377-9077
Mon.-Sat. 10:00AM -7:00PM  Sun. 11:00AM -6:00PM
*NEW Hours* Donations Mon.- Fri. 10AM-5PM Sat. 10AM-3PM

LINCOLN 2320 W. Lincoln Ave. 414-672-2040
Mon.-Fri. 10:00AM - 7:00PM Sat. 10:00AM-6:00PM Sun. Closed
*NEW Hours* Donations Mon.-Sat. 10:00AM-5:00PM

How to Write a Gift Certificate
Delivery Letter for Neighbors
Delivery Guidelines for Vincentians

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
SANTA & MRS. CLAUS ARE COMING TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Lincoln
Sat. Dec 4
12pm - 2pm

Greenfield
Sat. Dec 11
11am - 1pm

Kids will receive a special gift from Santa

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Calendar of Events

Dec. 24-25 Cross Roads/Harambe Kitchen - CLOSED
Dec. 26 Cross Roads Kitchen - CLOSED
Dec. 27 Harambe Kitchen - CLOSED
Dec. 31-Jan. 1 Cross Roads/Harambe Kitchen - CLOSED
Jan. 2 - Cross Roads Kitchen - CLOSED
Jan. 3 - Harambe Kitchen - CLOSED
Council Office is closed Dec. 24, Dec. 27, Dec. 31, Jan. 3
Feb. 23 - Virtual Resource Fair 10:30AM-Noon