Remembering Others in Giving Thanks

O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work, help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all;
When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer,
and remembering help me to destroy my complacency;
bestir my compassion,
and be concerned enough to help; by word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted. Amen.

https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/thanksgiving-prayers
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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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Intake line for basic needs requests 9AM-3PM 414-462-7837 ext 110
November Thank-a-Thon Calling!
During the month of November, we’d like to express our gratitude for our donors by engaging in a Thank A Thon Calling Campaign. We’re seeking members who have an interest in personally calling and thanking our donors via phone. Reach out to Becca at RSurges@svdpmilw.org if you’d like to participate in our calling efforts!

Seeking #GivingTuesday Ambassadors
Giving Tuesday - a global day of giving is on Tuesday, November 30 and we need your help! Beginning on Monday, November 29, we are seeking SVDP Ambassadors to help share information about our work on social media and in person with their friends and family. We ask for your support in reaching our goal of raising $10,000. Please email Becca at RSurges@svdpmilw.org to participate!

Still Time to Order! Wine Fundraiser
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.
HOLIDAY APPEAL LETTERS

This year's holiday appeal mailing will arrive in homes the end of November. Our letter will feature the story of Lidia, the daughter of proud immigrant parents, who shares her vivid reflection of a home visit her family received in 1987. Please keep an eye out for your letter!

Contribute from your IRA to help us serve in hope.

You benefit, too!

Donors age 70½ or older can make a charitable contribution directly from an individual retirement account and get some great benefits in return.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE
Your gift supports Vincentians as they serve the poorest among us.

SAVE ON TAXES
Transfer up to $100,000 from a tax-deferred IRA and you won’t owe income taxes on the gift.

FULFILL MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION
Your donation can satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution.
Plan your night out and shop local!

Visit shops from all over the local area in just one place! The event is a charity event. Donations are welcome!

**WHEN:** November 19th, 2021
**TIME:** 4PM - 7PM
**WHERE:** UWM Union

**Sponsored by:**
- American Marketing Association

**Proceeds go to:**
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
CALLS/REFERRALS TO CONFERENCES
- 917 calls for help were received and referrals sent out by the Council Office.
- 49% of these were from neighbors who lived in areas covered by our 8 Needy Conferences.
- Total calls for this quarter increased by 53% from the 486 requests received in the previous quarter (April – June 2021).
- The majority of calls are for beds and appliances.
- Slight increase in rent requests but not in utility requests.
- More conferences are back meeting in person at the parish.
- Although many conferences have returned to making in-person visits, there are still several conferences who continue to make phone call visits and porch visits.

STORES
- The stores continue to do extremely well!
- September 2021 sales were up 8% at our Greenfield Store and up 18% at our Lincoln Store from September 2020 sales. We see this trend continuing.

MEAL PROGRAM
- Overall numbers of meal guests have been increasing at our meal sites.
- Both sites continue to serve hot boxed to-go meals made by staff and volunteers.
- A total of 11,932 meals were given out between the two sites during this time; 1,784 (15%) of these went to children.
- We really need more volunteers to help at both sites; particularly on Fridays (and on Sundays at the South site).
- We were happy to reopen our Healing Waters shower program to allow homeless meal guests to take showers in our completely remodeled shower area.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS
- We held two smaller virtual fund-raising events over the past month. Both events were fun and received positive feedback by participants. It was good to try new ways to raise funds.
  - An online Virtual Auction with a total of 16 gift baskets that brought in about $2000.
  - A Virtual Wine Tasting with One Hope Winery who works with non-profits to sell wine and return a percentage of the sales to the non-profit. The sales will continue through the end of the year.

BACK2WORK
- Due to the pandemic, only two people completed the first session of Back2Work.
- We will be hiring a part-time Workforce Coordinator to assist in recruiting program participants and Vincentian mentors before a second session is scheduled.
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18
6:30PM-7:30PM

This year's meeting will be held virtually via Zoom and is open to all Milwaukee Council Vincentians. Members can also dial-in by telephone to participate. Conference Presidents are specially invited to attend or should appoint a proxy member to represent your conference at the meeting. This is a time of friendship and mutual prayer as well as a report of the Council provided by Penny Krafczyk, Council President.

Click Here to register for this meeting. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the meeting.

WE SUPPORT YOU!
MEET OUR NEWLY ELECTED CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS
St. Benedict the Moor - Pat Graf
St. Francis of Assisi - Nadia Negron
St. John Cathedral/ Old St. Mary - Lisa Simmons
St. Margaret Mary - Marlene Kollmeyer
St. Matthias - Marie Hrabrich
Mother of Perpetual Help - Sandy Ligocki
St. Therese - Richard Lemke

"The members meet as brothers and sisters with Christ in the midst of them...the entire Society is a true and unique worldwide Community of Vincentian friends.
(Rule: Part 1, 3.3)
1099 Requirement for Rent Paid to Landlords
The SVDP National Office has issued guidance regarding receiving W9’s from landlords for rent payments and filing 1099’s. At their suggestion we are consulting with our local professionals regarding the process required to comply with IRS rules for rent reporting. Once a response is received further communication will come out regarding this. Any process we initiate will be effective January 1, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle at 414-667-0244.

Solidarity Dues 2021
The Council has included the SVDP-USA solidarity dues for conferences as an expense in the annual budget and will not be sending out bills to conferences for dues. If your conference would still like to continue to tithe in solidarity, please contribute to the Needy Conference Fund or Meal Program.

Great Volunteer Opportunity!
Would you like to help our Finance Committee oversee the short and long-term financial health of the Milwaukee Council? Do you have time to meet 4 times per year for about an hour?

Then we need you! We are seeking a few Milwaukee Vincentians with prior professional experience to serve on our Finance Committee.

Contact Michelle Martin at (414) 667-0244 if you are interested in learning more.
SERVWARE SUMMARY: ITEMS REQUESTED AT INTAKE

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.

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Attention ServWare Administrators

Please review your Conference Members list in ServWare. A recent update has set the Member Type to Active for members you have listed in your conference ServWare account. You may need to change the Member Type to Associate or Inactive as needed for each member. This feature is one of the steps ServWare is taking to offer reports that are compatible with Annual Report data retrieval.

VOICE OF THE POOR COMMITTEE MEETING

2ND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

Next virtual meeting 11-13-21 9:00AM.
Meeting minutes can be found on the website. To learn more or join, please contact Dave Busch at dabusch99@yahoo.com.

"To love the poor is to love God the right way; to serve them well is to serve Him well; to honor Our Lord, we should imitate Him."
St. Vincent de Paul
A pilgrimage is a means to step away from ordinary life and intentionally seek to encounter God by journeying to a sacred place. Mike Farrell of St. Margaret Mary Conference was one of the pilgrims who traveled to Paris in the Footsteps of our Founders. From a tourist point of view, he noted that people filled the streets at sidewalk cafes, the colorful housing structures made intricate patterns like puzzle pieces and all was a buzz with movement on bikes and motor scooters. From a pilgrim’s perspective, the virtues of a Vincentian way of life was evident starting with the simplicity of the modest International Council Office which has a small staff and unassuming display of Frederic Ozanam’s personal artifacts. The cordiality and devotion of those brought together in prayer at the daily Masses accentuated the gentleness of heart which is found to be a cornerstone of love for the poor. St. Vincent de Paul’s selflessness continues to be honored publicly throughout all of Paris and a favorite site of worship was at the Chapelle Saint Vincent de Paul in which St. Vincent’s remains are venerated in a silver reliquary above the main altar (see photo). Sr. Rosalie Rendu is buried in the midst of the local cemetery at the request of the humble poor. Fresh flowers are always at her grave. According to Farrell, the zeal to imitate Christ’s love is evident in the harmony of "the way the branches of the Vincentian family come together to serve the needs of the poor and witness our faith in the community they live in...they are not heavily structured, they just kind of fit together well." Read more about the pilgrimage here.
OUR LADY OF LOURDES CONFERENCE
INTERNATIONAL TWINNING

Cebu City in the Philippines had high rates of COVID-19 in 2020, which limited the activities that St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Conference could carry out. They are very thankful to their Twin, Our Lady of Lourdes Conference in Milwaukee, WI, for providing the financial support that allowed them to adapt to the strict health protocols and continue serving. Through their “Bundles of Hope” program, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Conference delivered food and medicine to 113 families in the Philippines.

Frederic E-Gazette 11-4-21

BLESSED SACRAMENT CONFERENCE THANKS PASTOR WITH SPECIAL GIFT

Last month we featured a story for Vincentian Awareness Month about the celebration Mass for Vincentians at Blessed Sacrament Parish. Read more below about the special recognition for Fr. Mark Payne for his ongoing support of the conference and our Society's mission.

Blessed Sacrament SVDP Gifts Fr. Mark Payne with Relic - Catholic Herald
Neighbors in Need Resources

COVID-19 Milwaukee Resource Sheet for Neighbors
Vaccines, Testing Sites, Rent & Mortgage Assistance
Click to Print

Hunger Task Force

Mobile Market
The Mobile Market is a grocery store on wheels that travels throughout Milwaukee County to provide seasonal fruits, vegetables, meat and dairy items. Click here for the Mobile Market monthly schedule.

Stockbox Door Dash for Seniors
This free food delivery service brings a Stockbox right to the door. The program provides income-eligible seniors with an opportunity to receive home delivery of a FREE Stockbox monthly from August to December 2021. Go online to learn more about eligibility and fill out the online form to register.
https://www.hungertaskforce.org/stockbox-doordash/

Eviction Resources: Here is a short article to encourage renters facing hardship to seek supportive resources.
NEW Website for Eviction Support: Eviction FreeMKE.org
This website provides information for free legal help or call 414-892-RENT (7368). For more information about the benefits of defense representation for tenants read this article from WisLawNOW.

Landlord Flyer- Eviction Alternatives
Tenant Flyer- Eviction moratorium resource
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Hope Network for Single Mothers has an extensive online resource listing. Check it out!

Promoting a Safe & Effective Vaccine: Talk points about vaccine Myths & Facts from CDC,
Vaccine Hesitancy Toolkit

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Meal Program Information

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

11-24 Both sites closed
11-26 Both sites closed
12-26 Cross Roads Kitchen closed
12-27 Harambee Kitchen closed

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

Click on registration links below:

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

Meal Program Wish List

Items can be given to the site coordinator at either Meal Site from 4pm-6pm. Thank You!
- 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

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STORE HOURS

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

Click below for flyer on position openings:

We are Hiring

Greenfield 🛍️  Lincoln

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**Coupons & Events**

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

Save 25% Off  
Your Total Purchase

(Does not include new beds, delivery, or gift cards. Expires July 31, 2022.  
Valid at 2320 W Lincoln Av, M - F 10am - 7pm, S 10am - 6pm  
4476 S 108 St, M - S, 10am - 7pm, Sun 11am - 6pm)

*Click on each image  
to access website link*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Nov. 18**  6:30PM Annual Membership Meeting
- **Nov. 24/26**  Cross Roads/Harambee Kitchen  -CLOSED
- **Nov. 25**  12-12:45PM Cross Roads/Harambee Kitchen Serve
- **Dec. 24- 25**  Cross Roads/Harambee Kitchen - CLOSED
- **Dec. 26**  Cross Roads Kitchen  -CLOSED
- **Dec. 27**  Harambee Kitchen -CLOSED
- **Dec. 31**  Cross Roads/Harambee Kitchen -CLOSED

Council Office is closed Nov. 25-26, Dec. 24, Dec. 27, Dec. 31