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Respect Life Prayer
A Prayer to the Creator
Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti

Lord, Father of our human family, you created all human beings equal in dignity. Move us to create healthier societies and a more dignified world, a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war. May our hearts be open to all the people and nations of the earth. May we recognize the goodness and beauty that you have sown in each of us. Amen.

Friendly Reminder:
Annual Report Due October 21st
The Annual Report packet has been sent to President's & Treasurers. Please contact Beth if you did not receive the packet.
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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SILENT AUCTION THANK YOU!
Thank you to all who supported our Silent Auction! We raised an impressive $2,000 in support of our various programs. Thank you to ALL who donated items including the following:

- Friends of the Society
- Six Saints Conference
- Laurie Jacobs
- Carol Surges
- SVDP MKE Board of Directors
- St. Margaret Mary Conference
- Penny Krafczyk
- St. James - Franklin Conference
- St. Gregory the Great Conference

EMPTY BOWLS MKE THANK YOU!
A special thank you to Peggy West-Schroder, Jan Schiebenes, Kimberly Newman, and Pat Shapiro for staffing our table at MEB the past several weekends. Stay tuned for an update on our grant award!

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 PLACE YOUR WINE ORDER.

JANE BRADLEY PETTIT FOUNDATION GRANT!
In September. we were blessed with a $10,000 grant award from our friends at the Jane Bradley Pettit Foundation - supporting our Meal Program!
OZANAM ORIENTATION
SATURDAY OCTOBER 23
8:15AM-1:30PM
CHRIST KING PARISH, WAUWATOSA

The Ozanam Orientation is a training for new Vincentians. This session will be offered in-person with materials and lunch provided. Click here for an informational flyer. Registration kindly requested by October 13th.

Virtual training sessions will be offered for those who are new to ServWare or those who want to learn more about the extra features ServWare provides for conferences. Click here for an informational flyer. Registration kindly requested by October 15th so that meeting links can be provided. We welcome your questions for these interactive sessions.

“Yours must be a work of love, of kindness, you must give your time, your talents, yourselves. The poor person is a unique person of God’s fashioning with an inalienable right to respect.”
Bl. Frederic Ozanam
NEW PRESIDENT ORIENTATION
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4
6:00PM-7:30PM

This orientation for new conference Presidents is offered to support you in becoming successful servant leaders! Share ideas with and learn from other new Presidents. This is a great refresher for current Presidents in need of inspiration! The Handbook for Conference Presidents will be our guide for discussion. Kindly respond to Maria by October 20th so that materials can be ordered.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18
6:30PM-7:30PM

The annual membership meeting is open to all Milwaukee Council Vincentians. This year the meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. Conference Presidents are specially invited to attend or appoint a 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. Save the date! Registration information coming soon.

“As a Vincentian servant leader...you are called to delegate, encourage and inspire the members to work together to accomplish the mission.”

Conference President Handbook
**OCTOBER IS VINCENTIAN AWARENESS MONTH**

Consider how you might share your Vincentian Pride by using the ideas presented in the Vincentian Awareness booklet! You'll find tools for recruitment of new members and sample articles to share the good news of your conference.

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**VOICE OF THE POOR COMMITTEE MEETING**

**2ND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH**

Next meeting 10-9-21 9:00AM 9AM. Meeting minutes can be found on the [website](http://www.svdpmilw.org). For details contact Dave Busch at [dabusch99@yahoo.com](mailto:dabusch99@yahoo.com).

**SERVWARE SUMMARY**

**ITEMS REQUESTED AT INTAKE**

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"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
Birthday Bags: From a Backpack to....

It all started with a friendly offering of a book or stuffed animal to parents during home visits. We all know the potential of idle hands of children. A simple gift to keep children busy especially during a home visit gave Chris Weber of Gesu conference his status as the “Backpack Santa”! He became known for his backpack of toys to help steer children out of trouble.

The pandemic halted the in-person visits in the Gesu conference area so Chris took his backpack idea along to the Harambee Kitchen where he volunteers regularly. Now, parents, guardians and grandparents can sign up to receive wrapped birthday presents for children ages 3-17.

BUT the backpack isn’t big enough anymore!

This highly supported Birthday Bag program has received such great attention that there is an immediate need for storage space for toys. A space of about 50-60 square feet (maybe the size of a janitor’s closet) would do the trick to allow Chris and his conference to store toys, cards and wrapping paper.

No one knows better than Backpack Santa about the wonderful generosity extended during the Christmas season. Yet, a child may not receive as much attention during that other special time in his or her life...a Birthday! Do you know of a business, church or conference in Milwaukee County that might have a space to offer? For additional details or to provide a lead, please contact Chris Weber at (414) 380-8525 weblgrdn@yahoo.com.
Celebration Mass at Blessed Sacrament Parish

Several Vincentians attended the celebration of Mass at Blessed Sacrament Parish on September 23rd in honor of the Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul. Aside from the annual commissioning of SVDP Society members, a surprise recognition of Fr. Mark Payne, Pastor was planned by the conference. Fr. Mark has been a steady supporter of Vincentians during his priestly ministry. During his homily he cited an early deaconate experience of reaching out to the poor. He recalled feeling overwhelmed and even frightened in being pushed out of his comfort zone. That experience changed his vision, “I’m seeing the face of Christ but I’m also seeing me. I was scared, so are they, I was in need, so are they, I want to be loved, so do they.” He sees Vincentian ministry as a powerful, awesome ministry! Fr. Mark was presented with a relic of saints including St. Vincent de Paul, St. Louise de Marillac (essential partner of service to the poor) and other saints.

To round out the celebration, the conference noted its 90th anniversary as a parish conference! All were welcome to join in celebration and hospitality after Mass. The Mass was videotaped and can be viewed on the Parish website: https://blessedsacramentmke.org/livestream
Each One Reach One

"The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow." Nelson Mandela

A Vincentian can be called to service at any age. Just ask Joan Gulczynski, secretary for Blessed Sacrament conference. She was called, literally, at the age of 14 by her cousin Bill. We know him as Deacon Bill Banach of St. Josaphat conference, a beloved, long time Vincentian. Deacon Bill called his cousin and told her there was need of her youthful enthusiasm and that she would gain so much by helping to deliver food and visiting with people in need. With over 25 years of dedicated service, Joan finds it a joy to practice her faith as a Vincentian and is inspired by how life as a Vincentian answers the call of Matthew 25.

Who can you call to answer the call? Thank you Deacon Bill and Joan and all the many Vincentians who share their enthusiasm and invite others to serve!

Find resources to engage youth here or contact Maria for additional support.
Neighbors in Need Resources

Please consider sharing these timely resources.

COVID-19 Milwaukee Resource Sheet for Neighbors
Vaccines, Testing Sites, Rent & Mortgage Assistance Updated 8-6-21
Click to Print

Hunger Task Force
October 16- Tell a Friend Bring a Friend Food Distribution Event- Share this flyer with neighbors for drive-thru style distribution for all. Additional food supplements provided for seniors.

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/

FoodShare Replacement of Spoiled Food: A request for replacement of FoodShare benefits can be submitted within 10 days of a food loss due to household misfortune or natural disaster. Please share this form with neighbors who may be eligible.

Latest information on Eviction Moratorium: Here is a short article to encourage renters facing hardship to seek supportive resources.

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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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

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**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
Donations Mon.- Sat. 10AM-6PM

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

Greenfield 🛍️  Lincoln

We are HIRING

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Friends & Family Coupon
expires December 31, 2021

Save 25% Off
Your Total Purchase
(Does not include new beds, delivery, or gift cards. Expires December 31, 2021.
Valid at 2320 W Lincoln Av, M - S 10am - 6pm, Sun 11am - 6pm.
4476 S 108 St, M - S, 10am - 7pm, Sun 11am - 6pm)

*Click on each image
to access website link

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 19  6 PM ServWare Beginner Training
Oct. 20  10:30AM ServWare Beginner Training
Oct. 21  Annual Report Due Date
Oct. 23  8:15AM Ozanam Orientation
Nov. 3   10:30AM or 6PM ServWare Intermediate/Adv. Training
Nov. 4   6PM New President Orientation
Nov. 18  6:30PM Annual Membership Meeting
Nov. 24  Cross Roads Kitchen Closed
Nov. 25  Harambee Kitchen Closed

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