

NOVEMBER
2025

FROM THE HEART



A MONTHLY SVDP MKE VINCENTIAN NEWSLETTER

In Memoriam

*In this month of remembrance we pray for our deceased members
of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Milwaukee
October 2024-September 2025*

**Mathias Kraker
David Dooley
Barbara Meinholz
Fred Meinholz
Florian Franecki**



**Carlos Joson
Laurie Bitzer
Arthur 'Art' Fink
Rose Lue-Hing
Jeffrey Walendowski**

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOV

19 Growth & Revitalization Committee
Meeting 4:30PM

27- Council Office & Thrift Stores Closed

28- Council Office closed

DEC

3/10/17 Advent Reflection Virtual Series:
Serving in Hope 10AM

10/11 Meal Program Christmas Parties

13 Voice for the Poor Committee Virtual 9AM

Meal Program Holiday Schedule

Closed November 26 and 28

Serving Holiday Meal Nov 27 12:00-12:45PM

Closed December 24 & 26

Serving Holiday Meal Dec 25 12:00-12:45PM

Closed December 31 & January 1

Thanksgiving Prayer

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; be concerned enough to help; by word and deed, those who cry out for what I take for granted. Amen

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Welcome Our Newest Council Staff Members!

We are truly blessed to welcome our new Milwaukee St. Vincent de Paul Society staff members! We are so happy to have them as part of our dedicated team and we look forward to working together to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbors in need.

Welcome aboard!

Debbie Duskey



Dean Pogodzinski

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I am born and raised in SE Wisconsin, growing up in West Allis while attending Holy Assumption and St. Mathias Catholic grade schools, before attending Pius XI High School. I received my bachelor's degree from UW-Parkside in Accounting and have previously worked in Finance for Johnson Bank and Kohl's in my professional career. I am very excited and blessed to bring my professional background to SVdP and be able to live and grow the mission at the same time. My wife and I have a daughter, age 14, and son, age 11, who keep us busy with a plethora of school and sporting activities. When not at those, we spend our time outside enjoying all that Wisconsin has to offer.

I come to Saint Vincent de Paul with 24 years of nonprofit experience, most recently serving as a Director of Finance. In previous roles, I also managed human resources. I hold a Bachelor of Science in Accounting, a Master's in Business Administration and a Certificate in Human Resource Management. I am born and raised in Milwaukee and I have enjoyed raising my (2) sons who are now 26 and 20 years old and love on my (3) grandsons. I am big on community so in my spare time, I attempt to explore ways to give back or get involved in people, places and things that support a positive community.



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I'm delighted to join the team at SVdP Milwaukee! I bring more than 25 years of experience in fundraising and communications within the nonprofit sector, much of it dedicated to serving Catholic organizations. I earned my bachelor's degree in journalism from Marquette University and am currently pursuing a master's degree in digital audience strategy (online) from Arizona State University. My husband and I live in Wauwatosa, where we raised our four now-adult children. I'm deeply grateful for the opportunity to be part of a mission-driven team committed to serving our neighbors in need.

I grew up in Franklin, WI, and I am newly married as of the beginning of November (soon you'll know me as Akeera Pfeifer)! My husband and I share our home with two dogs and a rabbit. We love spending our free time camping, hiking, and exploring the outdoors. I graduated from UW-Parkside in May 2025 with a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science and three minors in Geoscience, Freshwater Resources, and GIS (Geographic Information System). During my studies, I worked on a GIS project with United Way of Kenosha and discovered a passion for the incredible impact that nonprofits have on our communities. I'm very excited to begin this new chapter with SVdP and to contribute to all the amazing work being done here!



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Contact Your SVP Support Team

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

To Schedule Pick-Up for Store Donations 414-462-7863 ext. 113

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Vincentian News

We gratefully acknowledge our servant leaders!

Our thanks to past Conference Presidents.

Laurie J. - Six Saints
Joe S.- St. Joseph
Soledad S. - St. Josaphat
Claire W. - Holy Family

We welcome new Conference Presidents.

Phil B. - St. Joseph
Jane J. - St. Josaphat
Fred R. - Holy Family
Mark R. - Six Saints
Charlie S. - St. Monica/St. Eugene

Welcome **Congrats!**

Leadership positions...are always to be accepted as service to Christ, the members and the poor.
Rule Part 3
Statue 11

We welcome and congratulate new Vincentians to the Milwaukee Council.
Thank you for your commitment to complete the Ozanam Orientation.

South East Area Conferences	South West Area Conferences	North East Area Conferences	North West Area Conferences
Monica B.	Joan B.	Martha C.	Godfrey O.
O'Tillia B.	Kathy G.	Tom G.	Jane B.
Paula D.	Marg W.	Joyce G.	Mary I.
Dennis K.	Dave V.	Justin M.	Debby K.
Mary Jo K.	Jerry D.	Becky Z.	Benjamin N.
Elizabeth T.			Sean O.



Annual Report and updated membership list are now past due. To submit the Annual Report or for any Annual Report questions, please contact Dean at dpogodzinski@svdpmilw.org. Please email your completed Membership List to Akeera at akarbouski@svdpmilw.org.

Viridiana P.
Norrine R.
Caron K.



It's time to share your Christmas Cheer!

The Meal Program Christmas Parties are just around the corner. Volunteers are needed to help celebrate! Help serve a meal and distribute gifts. Bring your joyful heart!

Please SIGN UP using the link below.

4PM-7PM

December 10 [South Site Crossroads Kitchen](#)

931 W. Madison St.

December 11 [North Site Harambee Kitchen](#)

2600 N. 2nd St.

Would you like to donate toys or gifts for the parties? Gifts for all ages 0-14 are needed. Unwrapped items in the price range \$8-\$15 are appreciated. Please contact Casey at 414-418-4016 or caseyfgill@yahoo.com for details and to arrange drop off of gifts.

Donations are appreciated by Monday, December 1st.

Advent: Season of Hope Vincentian Reflection Series

Take some time during the Advent season to join fellow Vincentians in spiritual formation. We are called to *serve in hope* as we bring the love of God to our Neighbors in Need. Let's reflect together on *Module V: Our Vincentian Rule* in the Serving in Hope formation series.

Virtual Series

Wednesdays 10AM-11AM

December 3 | 10 | 17

Please RSVP by November 26th to Akeera at akarbouski@svdpmilw.org so that reading material can be provided.

Thrift Stores

THRIFT STORES HOLIDAY HOURS



November 27 Closed- Happy Thanksgiving

December 24 9am - 4pm

December 25 Closed- Merry Christmas



December 31 9am - 4pm

January 1 Closed- Happy New Year

Thrift Store Quick Links

[Beds Sizing Visual Guide](#)

[Delivery Letter for Customers-updated](#)

[Donation Guidelines](#)

[How to Issue a Gift Certificate Guide](#)

[Como Llenar Los Comprobantes de](#)

[Regalo](#)

[Text Club Flyer](#) [Club de texto](#)

GREENFIELD 4476 S. 108 St. 414-377-9077

Mon.- Sat. 9:00AM - 7:00PM Sun. 11:00AM-6:00PM

Donations Mon. - Sat. 10AM-5PM Sun. 11AM-4PM

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

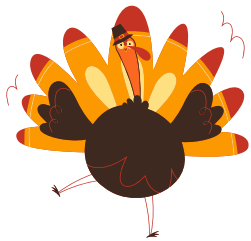


Meal Program



A BIG THANK YOU TO

St. James Conference for knocking our socks off with a toe-tally awesome donation of 2062 pairs of socks during our October Sock-tober event! Thanks to the parishioners of St. James parish for your tremendous support!



Put a feather in her hat! THANK YOU to Teresa Pelt who is cooking ALL of the turkeys served at our Thanksgiving Meals. Our guests can't wait to GOBBLE it all up!



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
- Silverware (spoons & forks)
- baby wipes
- Travel size hygiene products
- hand warmers
- wash clothes & towels (not white)



Meal Program Manager - Peggy West-Schroder

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Meal Program Volunteer Sign-Up links



South Meal Site

Cross Roads Kitchen

931 W. Madison St.

414-649-9555

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Serving

Sun.-Fri. 5:30PM-6:15PM

North Meal Site



Harambee Kitchen

2600 N. 2nd St.

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Serving

Mon.-Fri. 5:30PM-6:15PM

Resource Highlights

Check the links on our website for resources: [**SVDP-MKE Website Resources**](#)

Click on the Vincentian Shared Resources link below for resources shared by Vincentians to benefit our neighbors. Please check accuracy of information before distributing to neighbors. If you have resources to share, please [**email Maria**](#). [**Vincentian Shared Resources**](#)

Food Resources from Hunger Task Force

- To someone looking for a meal provider or a food pantry closer to them, check out our interactive map: [**Milwaukee County Emergency Food Distribution - Google My Maps**](#)
- To someone seeking help with FoodShare: Direct them to our FoodShare resource webpage or an Advocate: [**Food Share Resources**](#)
- FoodShare recipients should [**ensure their contact information is up to date**](#) to receive future updates

[**Milwaukee County Food Drive Information**](#)

Food Distribution in Time for Thanksgiving

Thurs 11-20: HeartLove Place 2207 N 2nd St. Drive-thru event 11AM

Sat 11-22 Gee's Clippers, 2200 N MKL Dr. 1:30PM

Sun 11-23 St. Mark AME Church 1530 W Atkinson Ave. 12:30PM

Mon 11-24 Dr. MLK Jr. Community Center 1531 W. Vliet St. 9AM

Tues 11-25 Dominican Center, 2470 W Locust St. Noon

Tues 11-25 Mitchell Street Library 906 W Historic Mitchell St. 5:30PM

Sun 11-30 Bay View United Methodist Church 2772 S KK Ave 2:30PM

For additional details, locations and information, [click here**](#).**

Intake Summary

September 2025

Appliances- 129

Beds- 181

Food- 19

Furniture & Household- 265

Rent & Utilities- 16

Other- 95

Referrals to Conferences: 379

October 2025

Appliances- 133

Beds- 176

Food-10

Furniture & Household- 315

Rent & Utilities- 31

Other- 98

Referrals to Conferences: 402