

FROM THE HEART



St. Vincent de Paul Society

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A MONTHLY SVDP MKE VINCENTIAN NEWSLETTER



The VisionSVdP Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, open our eyes, our hearts, and our imaginations to Your inspiration as we embark on our VisionSVdP journey and seek to discern the Father's holy will for the Society of St Vincent de Paul and how it will adapt to a changing world.

Come, holy Spirit transform our doubts, ignite our zeal. Help us discern new and innovative ways to bring more people into the joy of service in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Come, Holy Spirit, grant us the simplicity to share honestly with each other, the humility to serve a mission greater than ourselves, and the gentleness to listen to each other without judgment. Amen.

Oración de la VisiónSVdP

VisionSVdP Prayer

Prayer for the Canonization of Frédéric Ozanam

Vision SVdP is a synodal listening process that will take place over two years. Please use this prayer at all Vincentian meetings to help guide conversations. This is an impactful process that will help the Society at every level to ensure that our work remains relevant and adaptive to a changing world. Your voice matters as we grow in holiness, spirituality, and friendship in service to God's people in need. In addition, our Council President reminds us to include the Prayer for Canonization of Frédéric Ozanam.

[Learn more.](#)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

11 President Gathering SE and SW Area Conferences

13 Voice for the Poor Committee Virtual Meeting

21 Archdiocesan Council General Meeting & Lunch RSVP by 4-11-24

30 Ozanam Orientation Virtual (1 of 3)

May

2 Ozanam Orientation Virtual (2 of 3)

4 ServWare Introduction for Secretaries & Treasurers

7 Ozanam Orientation Virtual (3 of 3)



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 any 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](#) for those who have previous training with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee
- [Process to Register](#) for all others in need of full training

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.
- For those who have previous Safe Environment certification with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, we still must receive a record of that certificate so that we can provide access to complete a module for SVDP Safeguarding.

We will be contacting members who are not yet registered. Everyone associated with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul must be accounted for Safeguarding compliance.

Need help? Email or Call us!

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In Memoriam

Let us pray for our dearly departed. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

*George Wilkowski September 18, 2023
St. Catherine conference*

*Bob Wagner November 2, 2023
St. Matthias Conference*

*Barbara Pye February 23, 2024
St. Rita conference*

*Frank Levar March 9, 2024
St. James Conference*

*Ray Glowacki April 1, 2024
Nativity of the Lord Conference*

*Paul Misner
husband of Connie Misner
Hands of Christ conference*



Easter Season Celebrations

April 28 Ozanam Sunday

Frédéric Ozanam was born on April 23, 1813 in Milan, Italy. On April 23, 1833 Frédéric and six companions founded the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Also, St. Vincent de Paul was born on April 24, 1581. To commemorate these events, the Society in the United States celebrates the last Sunday of April as **Ozanam Sunday**.

May 9 Feast Day of St. Louse de Marillac

St. Louise de Marillac is the patron saint of all Christian social workers. Under the guidance of St. Vincent de Paul she became active in caring for the poor and in visiting the Confraternities of Charity. She cofounded the Daughters of Charity in 1633.

From the Philanthropy Team

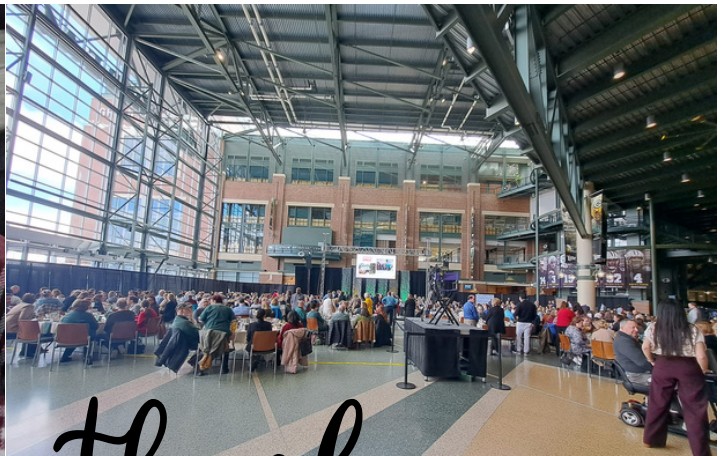
2024 Gala Date Announced!

Save the date: Thursday, August 22, 2024



Special thanks to our partners at the Green Bay Packers Foundation for inviting our team to their 2024 Grant Recipient Luncheon!

Pictured below - Debbie Duskey (Executive Director) and Becca Surges (Director of Philanthropy & Marketing)



thank you

Council Office News

Conference Cares Program Progress

The Conference Cares Program started on March 1, 2024. This program eliminates the use of paper vouchers/gift certificates which were often altered, lost or misplaced. The transition to this streamlined redemption process has been going smoothly. Here are a few suggestions based on feedback:

- Ask store patrons to contact Beth 414-667-0240 or Cindy 414-462-7863 ext. 113 to check on status of the Cares Form rather than the stores. When needed, stores can be contacted on weekends or off-hours and for availability of merchandise.
- Need additional Care Cards for Neighbors? [Click here](#) for a printable template of 6 per page.
- Need Conference Cares Forms or Appliance Vendor Forms? You can locate them on the password protected ServWare system. Click View> Files/Links>District to find the list of the forms.

You may also [contact Beth](#) for information, Care Cards, or Conference Cares Forms.

Resources on our website:

[How to Issue a Gift Certificate Guide- Rev. 2-2024](#)
[Care Cards \(6 per page\)](#)

Conference Cares forms are available on ServWare or by contacting Beth.

Email [Beth](#) or call 414-667-0240.

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. Provide Neighbor with the Instruction Card- 'Care Card'. Picture ID is required.
4. Submit Conference Cares Form to Beth. Several options available.
5. 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.

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Ozanam Orientation Virtual Series

April 30 May 2 May 7

This virtual series is open to all Vincentians from the 9 districts of the Milwaukee Archdiocesan Council. Meet fellow Vincentians across our Archdiocese as you learn about our history, mission, spirituality Conference & Council life, home visitation and so much more. Share in small group discussion from the comfort of your home!

Please **pre-register** by **April 17th** so that materials can be ordered for you.

Contact Maria if you have any questions.

ServWare Training Dates

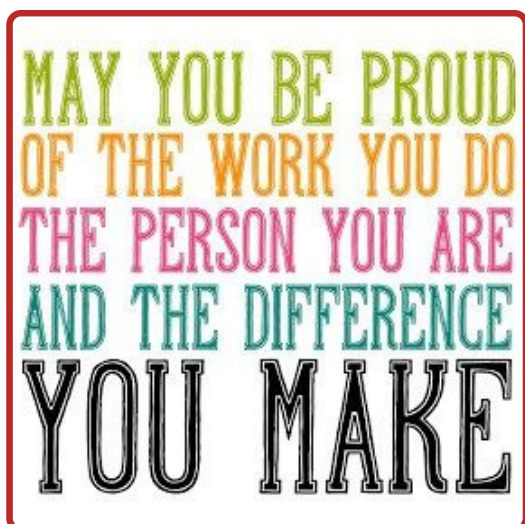
**Saturday, May 4 10AM-12PM Introduction for Secretaries & Treasurers
Bay View Public Library Community Room, 2566 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.**

This introduction to ServWare is ideal for secretaries and treasurers who might want to know about some of the additional features of ServWare that could be helpful to complete sections of the Annual Report. Also, learn about file storage of meeting minutes and reports, quick tracking of miles and hours and accessible reports.

**Wednesday, June 26 10AM-12:30PM ServWare Workshop
Wauwatosa Public Library Firefly Room 7635 N North Ave,**

This workshop will provide hands-on assistance to those who are familiar with ServWare. Recent updates will be shared along with group sharing and individual assistance to help answer your individual questions. Bring your device and let us help you work through improving the process.

Contact Beth to register. **bhohenfeldt@svdpmilw.org** 414-667-0240



We appreciate your generous hearts, dear Vincentians and volunteers!

We hold you in our prayers this special month of Volunteer Appreciation. Have a great story to share? Want to give a shout out to your own conference special volunteers? Contact **Maria**. We'll be happy to share the love on our Social Media and From the Heart newsletter!



It's Volunteer Appreciation Month!

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Did you know? The Society is home to 650+ volunteers who give of their time, talents, and treasure each year.

Today, we share a few of their stories with you:

*Meet our SUPERSTAR
Volunteer: Kevin.*

*Kevin has been
volunteering at our new
Bradley Thrift Store
location as he recovers
from a workplace injury
from his previous job.
Despite his injury, Kevin can
sort and hang clothing just
as quick as our other
employees!*

*Thanks, Kevin, for sharing
- your time and talents
with us!*



It's Volunteer Appreciation Month!

Every Thursday for the past several years, our Greenfield Thrift Store has welcomed four incredible volunteers who help to hang baby clothing.

As you can imagine, they are a HUGE help to our store team!

*Please join us in thanking our wonderful friends: Matt, Lillian, Ruth, and Danny!
We are SO grateful for your assistance each week!*

Pictured: Matt, Lillian, Ruth, and Danny (from left to right)



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Society of
St. Vincent de Paul
- Sioux Falls, SD -

Save the date!

North Central Regional Meeting

June 20-22, 2024

Holiday Inn Souix Falls

The region meeting offers Vincentians an opportunity to grow spiritually, learn new ideas/best practices, and inspire personal growth as a Vincentian. We will welcome John Berry, National President, who will introduce SVDP Vision – Every Voice Matters and how this will unfold for all our Vincentians in the United States. You will have the opportunity to participate in facilitated sessions to share your voices.

The program will offer workshops that will include spirituality, conference life, governance, leadership, home visits, and much more. Details on the program agenda and information on registration and hotel reservations will be sent later this month.

Susan Wiland, National Vice President, North Central Region

News from the National Office

As we embark on the direction of the National Office of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul with Vision SVdP, let us be mindful of the latest information shared at the March mid-year meeting.

Mid-Year Meeting President's **Opening Presentation**

2024 Committee Charges

The Frederic e-Gazette is an informative source of support for Vincentians. If you would like to receive this weekly email, you must subscribe yourself to the email list.

To subscribe to the e-Gazette, **click here**.

If you removed your email address or designated "Do Not Mail," your email address cannot be re-added by National Council office.

Click here to resume receiving the e-Gazette.



An Archdiocesan Council General **Meeting & Lunch** will be held on **Sunday, April 21** at Our Lady of the Lakes Parish in Random Lake (Sheboygan Council) after the 8:15AM Mass. Please RSVP by April 11th. Email **Kathleen** or call 920-457-5844 ext. 103. The **2024 Medallion** will be awarded at this meeting.



Resources

Intake Summary

February 2024

Appliances- 135

Beds- 190

Furniture & Household- 274

Rent & Utilities- 5

Other- 65

Referrals Made to Conferences: 379

March 2024

Appliances-147

Beds- 184

Furniture & Household- 268

Rent & Utilities- 9

Other-63

Referrals Made to Conferences: 394

Resource Links

- [La Causa Crisis Nursery & Respite Care](#)
- [UniteWI- Bridge to Community Health](#)
- [Center for Veterans Issues](#)
- [Employ Milwaukee](#)
- [Milwaukee Center for Children and Youth](#)
- [Impact211- Website for Resources](#)
- [Community Advocates-Services Website](#)
- [Hunger Task Force Food Bank](#)



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

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Please share these resources:

- [Milwaukee Center for Children & Youth- Advocacy Services](#)
- [Inner Beauty Center](#)
- [UMOS Latina Resource Center](#)

Denim Day is on April 24th and a day of action and awareness in which people are encouraged to wear denim to combat victim blaming and educate others about sexual violence.

A poster for a Denim Day Workshop. The title 'Denim Day Workshop' is written in a large, elegant font. Below the title, the dates 'Wednesday, April 17th & 24th' are listed with a calendar icon. The time '4:30 PM - 6:00pm' is shown with a clock icon. The workshop is led by 'Milwaukee Integrated Leaders', indicated by a person icon. A ribbon icon indicates that 'Jeans will be displayed on Gallery/Fashion Show Day (Apr 26th)'. At the bottom, a note says 'Everyone is welcome to decorate jeans for display on April 26th. For more workshop details, contact 414.310.9908 or email alma@mccy.org.' The poster features images of various styles of jeans, some with handwritten messages. A circular badge in the bottom right corner says 'BYOJ Bring Your Own Jeans'. Social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok are at the bottom. The Milwaukee Children's Center logo is in the bottom left corner.



MEAL PROGRAM

Updated 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

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Cross Roads Kitchen is serving hot meals indoors Sundays through Fridays from 5:30pm to 6:15pm.

Harambee Kitchen is serving in person dining on days when we have enough volunteers; otherwise, to-go meals are provided. Meals are served (Mon-Fri) from 5:30pm to 6:15pm.

Please continue to pre-register for volunteer shifts. Click on the location links above for calendars on Sign-Up Genius.

THRIFT STORES

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

Mon.-Sat. 10:00AM -7:00PM Sun. 11:00AM -6:00PM

Donations Mon.- Sat. only 10AM-5PM

LINCOLN 2320 W. Lincoln Ave. 414-672-2040

Mon.-Fri. 10:00AM - 7:00PM Sat. 10:00AM-6:00PM Sun. Closed

Donations Mon.-Sat. 10:00AM-5:00PM

BRADLEY 8010 N 76 St. 414-363-8099

Mon.-Fri. 10:00AM - 7:00PM Sat. 10:00AM-6:00PM Sun. Closed

Donations Mon.-Sat. 10:00AM-5:00PM

Donations Pick-Up Line 414-462-7863 Ext 113

Contact Your SVP Support Team

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

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