

MONTHLY REMINDERS For November 2024

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Monthly Quote for Reflection

“If we had even a tiny hint of this love, would we remain with our arms folded? Would we allow to perish those whom we could assist? Oh no, charity cannot remain inert and inactive.”
 ~ St. Vincent de Paul



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ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

November 2024

4 - St. Bruno

11 - St. James, Muk

18 - St. Mary

25 - St. Joan of Arc

SVdP Meal Program Volunteer Commitment

The number of guests at the Meal Program is increasing. Please note new requirements: It is asked that 7-8 conference members/ volunteers arrive at 4:50 with 5 gallons of milk (**2 white & 3 chocolate**) and **80-100** desserts of any type. The commitment is comprised of serving the meal with cleanup afterwards, normally completed by 6:30. Thank you all for your great support of the SVdP

Monday meal program. Please contact Peggy Fahl to confirm your assignment and/or if you have any questions. Call/text 414-828-6999 or email pegfahl@gmail.com

The 2025 meal program serving schedule will be completed early November. If any conference has special requests for serving dates or particular Mondays that don't work for their conference, please let me know by November 6. Peggy

November 28

Happy Thanksgiving!

The Council Office will be closed on Nov 28 & 29

WAUKESHA COUNCIL

Welcome New Conference Presidents

Congratulations to:

- Don Kerber, St. Teresa of Calcutta – North Lake
- Paula Engelking, Holy Apostles Conference - New Berlin
- Mary McKee, St. Agnes Conference - Butler
- Bill Smith, St. John Neumann - Waukesha

Welcome to St. Vincent de Paul Waukesha's leadership team!

And many thanks to previous Conference Presidents: Joan Benson-St. Teresa of Calcutta, Bob Nolan-Holy Apostles, Andy Igl-St. Agnes, and Mary Jean McCormack-St. John Neumann for your dedication serving in this role.

Rob Shelledy, Director of Mission Engagement, will spearhead New Conference President Training for all new officers. The Council is here to serve you and all members.

Conference Annual Reporting (Due date October 21)

As of Thursday, 10/31, 20 Conferences have submitted their Conference Annual Report. Please let this serve as a reminder! All Conference Annual Reports must be submitted, consolidated, and balanced for the office to complete the 'Council' Annual Report. Your diligence carries over to the Council! Please submit as soon as possible.

IRS 990

Once the Conference Annual Report is completed, you will have the figures needed to complete the IRS form 990. If you file an IRS 990 you are also required to file an Annual Report to State of WI, Department of Financial Institutions.

State of WI Dept of Financial Institutions

Registering with the State of Wisconsin and annual reporting with the State is based on income. Income also determines the type of form used. Each fiscal year, based on your conference's annual report, income thresholds will be monitored. Those required to file with the state will be informed of what form is required.

W-9's – IRS 1099-MISC

Thank you to all Conferences who have been diligent in gathering and sending W-9's and payment tracking spreadsheets to the Council office. Reporting is for the 2024 calendar year, not the fiscal year. Bonnie needs

copies of your W-9's and tracking reports no later than *January 3, 2024*. Please send what you have on file now. You can then forward other W-9's as they come in to complete the 2024 year. This information needs to be combined and sent to our accountants, who submit 1099-MISC forms to the IRS on our behalf. You'll find a blank W-9 and the tracking form in the November REMINDERS and on our website under Conference Officer Forms/Treasurer.

Safeguarding

The SVdP Milwaukee Archdiocesan Safeguarding Policy was approved a little more than a year ago on August 28, 2023. All nine Councils in the Archdiocese follow its protocol, including Waukesha.

A review of Waukesha's Safeguarding Policy should be placed on conference agendas as an annual task. All members should review the policy, take the required training if they have not and submit their certificate to Bonnie Pranger for record keeping. Certificates expire every 5 years.

The Safeguarding Policy and instructions for registering an account for new members are attached to these Reminders.

Vision SVdP

Five conferences hosted four listening sessions in which 52 Vincentians representing 11 conferences offered 229 comments about SVdP. Thanks to all the conference hosts and all those Vincentians who participated. The three largest categories of comments involve recruitment, youth, and housing.

There is an online opportunity to participate as well <https://ssvpusa.org/vision-svdp-online/>

SVdP NATIONAL AND NORTH CENTRAL REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Florida Hurricanes

Hurricane Milton was the third hurricane to hit Florida in the past 13 months. DSC is actively responding to both Hurricane Milton and Hurricane Helene, which also devastated multiple states.

For those who wish to help those affected, here are some guidelines:

1. Do not send donated goods. The best way to assist DSC with providing aid to impacted Councils and Conferences is to donate to SVdP's Disaster Relief Appeal [here](#).
2. Do not self-deploy! If Councils want to provide in-kind support, please consider assembling hygiene kits and backpacks for school-age children. Interested Councils can email [Kevin Peach](#).
3. DSC is assembling a volunteer pool of vetted Vincentians for deployments to P-RACs if local Vincentians require additional support.

Please continue to pray for survivors! This is a massive recovery effort that will take years to rebuild. Thank you for your continued support, and please consider [donating to our Disaster Relief Appeal](#) today.

North Central Region Meeting

June 12-15

Hilton Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport

Save the date(s)! Close enough to drive, and the Council may considerer arranging for a bus if there is enough interest.

National Assembly

Aug 27-30

The Galt House Legendary Hotel, Louisville KY

Theme: Honoring Heritage ~ Embracing Change

Recruitment Resource

From National Council

[See the face of Christ. Be the face of Christ. on Vimeo](#)

Online Merchandise Store

There is a new merchandise store for SVdP online shopping. Jackets, polos, vests, and MORE. Find your new SVdP favorite! [Online campaign merch store](#)

PROGRAMS & MINISTRIES

2024 Summer Lunch Program Summary

Held June 17 – August 23

4 sites:

- LaCasa de Esperanza
- Horeb & Buchner Parks (WPRF)
- Roberta Park (new location)

12 conferences participated and store staff from all 3 stores

156 volunteers

2,388 lunches served through 4 Summer Lunch sites

59 days served

\$3.34 average cost per lunch

A Summer Lunch wrap-up meeting was held on October 8. We were very pleased with Roberta Park location in its first year, increasing guests to an average of 30+ lunches served each M-F. We will also expand promoting the program to additional neighborhoods in that area of the city next year.

Through our partnership with the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Dept we also served at Horeb and Buchner Parks. In its 2nd year since reorganizing the Parks Program, attendance was low at both sites. These locations will be discussed / determined next spring ensuring we are using our SVdP resources to their full potential. It could be our program is needed more elsewhere in the community.

LaCasa de Esperanza was the easiest of all locations, knowing in advance the number of students to be served each day. Members and LaCasa would like our partnership to continue in 2025.

Thank you to all participating conferences and to the store staff in Oconomowoc, Pewaukee and Waukesha for their involvement in the Summer Lunch Program.

Back-to-School Program Summary

Aug 5-15

St. William Church gym

594 kids served in 2024. Backpacks were valued at \$20 each and a \$25 gift card to Walmart was also provided to help with other required school items.

St. William embraces our presence and welcomes its use for 2025. Space must be reserved by March 2025.

SVdP on-site BtS lead, Jackie Meyer retired her position at the end of 2024. Many, many thanks to Jackie for her years of dedication to this program. And welcome, Anne Radomski, St. William member who will take over in 2025. Waukesha Catholic Community and Catholic Memorial students will continue to volunteer in 2025.

✝ Jail Ministry News

Heading

The Jail Ministry was pleased to receive many responses to their post for an Administrative Assistant. After interviewing several well-qualified candidates, the choice was made. Erin O'Connell joined the intake team in the St. Dismas office on 10/24/24 and is fitting right in. WELCOME Erin!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

St. Vincent de Paul programs that work to involve community members in pathways to self-sufficiency and long-term, systemic solutions. This includes Getting Ahead and Housing.

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Getting Ahead

A St. Vincent de Paul program to help individuals and the Waukesha County community become more financially stable.

We would like to update you on the latest news from Getting Ahead:

- ❖ Fall Workshops are currently underway, and we are nearly halfway through! We have an amazing group of 25 investigators and 8 facilitators who are all doing a fantastic job analyzing their current goals and planning for the future.
- ❖ We want to extend our gratitude to all the conferences involved this season for providing meals! These workshops wouldn't be possible without your support. If you would like to participate, here is the link. <https://signup.com/go/JAxRTiK>
- ❖ Save the date! Graduation day is on December 10th, and we will be sending invitations to your conference in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support of the Getting Ahead Program!

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Housing Initiative

St. Vincent de Paul program to provide a pathway to housing stability, guiding Vincentians through prevention, diversion, urgent accommodations, and housing in Waukesha County.

As you may be aware, Beth Novotny has been on medical leave the past 6 weeks. In needing to focus on her health and family, Beth has stepped away from her position as Housing Coordinator, effective November 1st. We are so grateful for her work in housing and will continue to send her support and prayers as she remains a part of our Vincentian family.

With that, we begin the process of looking for a new Housing Resource Specialist. This position will be posted internally at SVdP next week and will be shared with the community on Tuesday, November 12th. There will be additional opportunities posted for the housing program posted in the upcoming months. In the interim, Jodie LaChapelle continues to respond to the housing phone line and email.

Related to this, important updates on upcoming events:

The November 14 Prevention and Diversion training is postponed. We have emailed that update to those who have registered and will get the new date scheduled soon. As these topics are key to our success with housing stability, we will be rescheduling this training, even so our immediate focus in the next few months will be shelter access.

With that in mind, we are excited to announce that St. Vincent de Paul Waukesha has offered to form a Collaborative Service with Housing Action Coalition (HAC) to operate the Overflow Shelter this 2024-2025 winter season. In addition to providing funding to support the operation, SVdP will also have leadership on the HAC committee overseeing it and volunteer opportunities for Vincentians to get involved. We anticipate HAC formally approving the Memorandum of Understanding on November 11 at their next board meeting. More details to follow shortly, and we look forward to this opportunity to serve those most in need during these cold months. If you have any questions, please reach out to housing@svdpwaukesha.com.

STORES

Thanksgiving

The stores will not be open on Thanksgiving Day but will reopen at their usual hours of 9am-7pm on Friday, Nov 29.

Pewaukee Store Will Have Mattresses

The Pewaukee store will soon be carrying voucher mattresses of all sizes! Currently, only the Waukesha store fills voucher mattress purchases but beginning December 1, they will also be available in Pewaukee.

Photos with Santa

Free photos with Santa will be available at the Pewaukee & Waukesha stores. Families will be given an SD card containing the digital photo(s) to print from. Santa will be at the **Waukesha store on Dec. 7** and the **Pewaukee store on Dec. 14**. The hours are 11am to 3pm on both days, or until they run out of SD cards.

Store contact information:

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SVdP Sunday Scheduler/Truck Driver: Tom Colburn, 262-693-7124, tcolburn@svdpwaukesha.com
Chief Operating Officer: Rod Colburn rcolburn@svdpwaukesha.com

CONFERENCE RESOURCES

Conference Corner

*The recent Hospitality Sunday at **St. Leonard in Muskego** was humbly hosted by our SVdP Conference. On display after each Mass was our SVdP trifold highlighting data and photos of many accomplishments such as serving meals at the Hope Center, providing school backpacks to children and benefits from being a Courtesy Member of the Muskego Chamber of Commerce. Our joyful engagement is helping our community come to know St. Vincent de Paul in a new and more fruitful way. We embrace Spirituality first, constantly praying in our Conference and with our neighbors before and after Home Visits, extending Friendship and Service, seeing Jesus in every face. This has been most helpful in growing our spiritual life of our Conference.*

We have also been blessed by increased Conference members allowing us to better serve our neighbors in Home Visits. The most pressing challenges for our neighbors and our conferences are the increasing housing costs, our efforts to prevent homelessness; and to keep our neighbors in safe and affordable housing. The Waukesha Council Pathway to Housing "Housing-First" training has taught us to focus our efforts to help our neighbors stay in their residence.

Here is a photo of some of our Conference members at one of our meetings. The quote says it all: "All they asked was that we should remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do all along."

If you would like to have your conference featured next month, share a FIN's success story, or a conference Best Practice, please send them to Rob Shelledy at rshelledy@svdpwaukesha.com or 262-327-8089.



New Housing Resource: CAC Safe and Stable Housing

Community Action Coalition's (CAC) Safe and Stable Homes (SASH) program assists families with school-aged children who are at risk of homelessness. The program provides comprehensive services to stabilize families in their homes while keeping children in their schools. SASH offers wrap-around services provided by CAC such as food security, workforce development, budgeting, and financial assistance. This program also refers families to other agencies and guides them to ensure safe and stable housing. To qualify, families must have at least one child under the age of 18 and enrolled in school. Families need to be experiencing some sort of hardship, such as being behind on utility payments. To apply, families need to receive a referral from the school counselor, social worker, or family liaison and the referral needs to be from the school. However the children may be in any school: public, parochial, online. Families need to live and go to school in Waukesha County. Please check to see if your patrons might qualify for this program.

(<https://www.cacscw.org/services/housing-security/waukesha/>)

2024 Christmas Clearing Council

Conferences serving patrons who live in Waukesha County may refer their friends in need to the Christmas Clearing Council for assistance over the holidays. They will find detailed information at:

<https://www.christmasclearingcouncil.org>

- **Application Deadline: November 15, 2024 at 11:59 pm. Make note!**
- Qualifications: <https://www.christmasclearingcouncil.org/qualifications>
- Applications are available in English and in Spanish: <https://www.christmasclearingcouncil.org/application>

2024-2025 Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP)

WHEAP provides assistance for heating costs, electric costs, and energy crisis situations. Operating with federal and state funding, the program provides assistance to households across the state to help lower the burden incurred with monthly energy costs. Most types of fuel are eligible to receive assistance. Whether you use wood, propane, natural gas, electricity, or fuel oil to heat your home, energy assistance is available if you qualify. To access the forms needed to apply, [CLICK HERE](#) or call 866-432-8947. For other forms of energy related assistance, go to <https://energyandhousing.wi.gov/Pages/Energy.aspx>

Conference and Member Questions and Answers (from the E-Gazette National Newsletter)

Q: In our Conference meetings, we have had several discussions regarding how we refer to those we serve. Members are divided on the issue. Some say referring to those we serve as "client" is humiliating. Others say we should call them "friends in need." What is the appropriate way to refer to those we serve?

A: The Society suggests members refrain from using the word "client" to describe or refer to those we serve. The word client makes us an agency, and the Society is not an agency. We are person-to-person assistance to anyone in need. Those we serve are our neighbors (or friends) in need. The term "client" has been contrary to the culture of the Society throughout, and a conscious effort by members must be made to refrain from the use of such impoverishing terminology.

Frederic often prayed and reflected on the Gospel story of the Good Samaritan, and the question posed by Jesus captured his heart: "Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the man who fell in with the robbers?" The answer came, "The one who treated him with compassion." Jesus said to him, 'Then go and do the same.' This is what drove Frederic and the founding members to go out to those living in poverty to bring Christ's love and compassion to their neighbors. Today, we hold this grace in our hearts as we are called to serve our friends and neighbors, never thinking of them as or calling them "clients."

Index of Conference & Member Q & A

Questions and answers appear in the E-Gazette, the National E-newsletter. The National office has put together a collection of all Questions & Answers since this practice started! [Index of Conf & Member Q&A's](#) Pam Hudson, National Director of Governance & Membership Services, phudson@svdpusa.org

WHAT'S AHEAD

December 2024	January 2025
2 - St. John Neumann	6 - To Be Determined
9 - St. Charles	13 -
16 - St. Jerome	20 -
23 - St. Anthony	27 -
30 - St. Leonard	

SVDP Meal Program Volunteer Commitment

Contact Peggy Fahl before your week for up-to-date information on serving needs. Call/text at 414-828-6999 or email pegfahl@gmail.com

December 7

Pictures With Santa

11:00am – 3:00pm

Waukesha Store 818 West Sunset Drive, Waukesha

December 14

Pictures With Santa

11:00am – 3:00pm

Pewaukee store, 601 Ryan Street, Pewaukee

Blessings to you and your families this Thanksgiving Holiday

