

# MONTHLY REMINDERS For September 2024

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**Monthly Quote for Reflection**

*“Rely upon God, and you will have the fulfillment of whatever your heart desires.”*

*~ St. Vincent de Paul*



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## ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

Month 2024
2 – LABOR DAY
9 - St. Leonard
16 - St. Teresa of Calcutta
23 – St. Luke
30 – St. William

### SVdP Meal Program Volunteer Commitment

**Please note changes:** 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](mailto:pegfahl@gmail.com)

### September 19

#### VisionSVdP

#### St. Joan of Arc

6:30pm – 8:30pm

120 Nashotah Rd, Nashotah

### September 18

#### Impact of SVdP Luncheon

Rotunda – 235 W Broadway, Waukesha

11:30 am registration

12:00 noon – 1:00 pm program

### September 27

*St. Vincent de Paul Feast Day*

### September 30

Fiscal year end

### October SVdP Awareness

The Archdiocesan Voice of the Poor Committee spearheads October awareness month and released the Awareness booklet last week. This is a great tool to use to gain SVdP awareness in your parish community.

The Awareness Booklet and the Archdiocesan VOP Committee intro letter is attached.

## WAUKESHA COUNCIL

### Council President Election

The spokesperson for the Nomination/Election Committee, Dan Doornek, St. James Muk; Anne Wolfe, St. Anthony on the Lake and Dave Race, St. Charles announced Carol Maurer's nomination for District Council President at the Quarterly Membership meeting held on July 22, 2024.

Ballots were given/sent to all Conference Presidents with instructions to return to the Council on or before August 31. The ballots remained sealed.

The Committee is in the process of setting a date for the official count. Watch your inbox for the announcement.

### Impact of SVdP Luncheon

#### September 18

The Rotunda in Waukesha

11:30am-1:00pm

We have eleven community/corporate sponsors for the Impact of SVDP Luncheon. If you have invited a community leader, pastor, etc. to join this luncheon, please follow up to ensure they have registered if they plan to attend. Please share this link for easy registration: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/7fyjd3b>

If you have individuals that you would like to receive a personal invitation, please send those names and addresses to Rob Shelledy ([rshelledy@svdpwaukesha.com](mailto:rshelledy@svdpwaukesha.com)) as soon as possible. Thank you so much to those who have already done so.

We will also need volunteers to help us on the day of the event. Please contact Bonnie if you are interested.

### 2023 Annual Report

September 30 brings the end of the 2024 fiscal year. You'll find the Annual Report attached to these Reminders for your perusal. National did not publish an Excel version this year but you can use the one from FY23 for your calculations. However, please copy the info into the Word document to submit to the Council, as the information on it matches the order it is entered on the National website.

There are no significant changes but please remember these areas that are often missed:

- Enter whole numbers only
- Refer to last year's Annual Report to copy the 2023 Ending Balance in the Treasurer's Report section before Receipts. Minor adjustments caused by rounding do not need an explanation.
- Keep rent/housing assistance separate from all other expenses provided to those in need (lines 6, 7)
- Conference insurance is recorded on line 12D. Operating Expense – Other
- Fill in the Subtotal and Total lines in the In-Kind Services and Goods section. If there are none to record, enter a zero.
- If you record Hours of Service for Non-Members then you should have a number filled in on the Total Non-Vincentian Volunteers line in the Comparative Membership section.
- The Council realizes the Audit Report takes additional time. Submit the Annual Report, Supplemental Report and Member Change Report as soon as they are completed (no later than 10/21/24). The deadline for the Audit Report is 11/15/24.
- Refer to the Instructions if you have any questions. They are well written and can likely answer your questions immediately.
- On the Supplemental Report – please indicate with a N/A or a dash if the question does not pertain to you.

The Conference Annual Report, Audit Report, Supplemental Report and Member Change Form are available on our website at Member Info/Conference Officer Forms/Annual Report.

### Member Roster

Please be sure to submit your member roster and any changes that occurred throughout the 2024FY. This includes updating addresses, email addresses, new members and those that may have moved on.

### Safeguarding

It is important to remember ALL new members must be Safeguard Certified. Please be sure this is your conference practice as you welcome new members to your conference.

### Quarterly Member Meetings

Member meetings will now be scheduled for 2 hours. Over the last few quarters, it has been very difficult to keep the meeting to 1 ½ hrs. The Waukesha Council is growing and it is our job as a Council to ensure members are well informed of quarterly happenings and kept up to date.

## SVdP NATIONAL AND NORTH CENTRAL REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

### VisionSVdP

We have conference hosts for our “family conversation” that will occur in late September and October. Thanks to St. James – MF and St. Mary – MF who will co-host, St. James – Mukwonago, St. Joan of Arc – Nashotah, and St. William – Waukesha. RSVP to Rob Shelledy for each location. [rshelledy@svdpwaukesha.com](mailto:rshelledy@svdpwaukesha.com) or call 262.327.8089.

You may watch Archbishop Andrew Bellisario's Welcome Video in either English or Spanish:

<https://ssvpusa.org/vision-svdP-resources/>

## PROGRAMS & MINISTRIES

### Summer Lunch Program

June 17 – Aug 16

What a year! For the first time ever the Summer Lunch Program commenced without a hitch. SVdP served at 4 different locations. We do not yet have a final number of lunches served but throughout the 4 locations, close to 2,000 lunches were served. The Summer Lunch Wrap-up meeting will be on October 8 at 1:00pm. Everyone will receive a full report. We will also look ahead to 2025!

### Back to School Program

596 backpacks were distributed to families this year by conferences. That is almost 100 more backpacks / students than in 2023! 510 of those kids also received a \$25.00 gift card to Walmart to help offset the cost of other items needed to get kids off to a good school year start.

This couldn't be accomplished without the amazing direction by program lead members Jackie Meyer and Anne Radomski of St. William Conference, help by teen volunteers from St. William and Catholic Memorial, and other adult members and youth leaders. The program gets more streamlined every year! Thank you ALL.

## ✝ Jail Ministry News

### Jail Ministry Aftercare Intake Position

The Jail Ministry Aftercare Program has an opening for an admin position assisting the recently incarcerated at the intake window of the Jail Ministry office. Hours are approximately 12 hours per week.

The position will be posted in the next day or two.

Click here for details:

<https://www.svdpthrift.net/employment>

### Project Angel Tree

Leaders have already started organizing for and planning the 2024 Project Angel Tree program. If your conference was involved last year, you may want to begin discussions about this program now. Information will be forthcoming!

## 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.*

Jodie LaChapelle, Director of Community Engagement

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### Getting Ahead

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

September is here, bringing a new season and renewed energy as we head into the last third of the year!

Exciting events are happening at Getting Ahead next month:

1. Fall Workshop - **We are continuously looking for candidates to join our workshops.** If you know someone interested in improving their financial stability, please reach out to us. Even if our Fall workshop reaches full capacity, we have an ongoing recruitment process for those interested (English and Spanish speakers) who can join either the Fall (beginning October 15) or Spring sessions. A flyer with our contact information is attached.
2. Meal Teams - **We want you to be part of the Workshops!** This is a great opportunity to get involved. We need your help to provide dinner for individuals striving for success and a better life. They always appreciate the



## CONFERENCE RESOURCES

### Conference Corner

*The St. Luke Conference is located on the border of Brookfield and New Berlin on the east side of Waukesha County. We have 12 members in our Conference and are supported by an active Mini-Vinnie group of CCD children and their parents.*

*Our Conference members are typically retired and have been serving as Vincentians for many years. The advancing age of our group makes recruitment an important part of our mission. We are currently planning a recruitment event for November.*

*We are fortunate in having all our members involved in the various ministries of SVdP. We have a monthly grocery collection and invite our Neighbors in Need each month. Excess food is delivered to the Waukesha Food Pantry. We also participate in the Back-to-School drive, the Waukesha Summer Lunch program, the Angel Tree project, and serving dinners at the Hope Center.*

*Several years ago, our Mini-Vinnie children (with lots of parental assistance) initiated the Little Food Pantry, which is located in front of the Waukesha Store. Today, the St. Luke and St. Anthony on the Lake Mini-Vinnies have shared the responsibility of keeping the pantry stocked.*

*In the last year, our Conference boundaries were expanded westward as part of a combined effort of several Conferences to cover areas in the City of Waukesha. Home Visits increased substantially as a result. In 2022, we typically served one or two new families per month. We are now typically doing 8 to 10 Home Visits per month.*

*Homelessness and eviction threats comprise a large percentage of our calls. While referral to various agencies is usually our first option, we often find that there is no room at the shelters. As a result, hotels become the only option until we will have a chance to counsel and direct our Neighbors to a more stable solution.*

*We are very blessed to have a very supportive and generous parish community.*

*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](mailto:rshelledy@svdpwaukesha.com) or 262-327-8089.*

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

**Q: Do I get a vote as president? A member said that according to Robert's Rules of Order I cannot vote. I have searched the By-laws and all the various handbooks I can find no reference.**

**A:** The president is a voting member of the Conference. Traditionally, the president withholds his/her vote unless there is a tie. This is a tradition and not an enforceable rule. Please remember that the Society whenever possible uses a consensus model and not Robert's Rules for governing our meetings.

### 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](mailto:phudson@svdpusa.org)

## WHAT'S AHEAD

October 2024	November 2024
7 - St. Catherine	4 - St. Bruno
14 - St. John Vianney	11 - St. Mary
21 - St. James, MF	18 - St. James, Muk
28 - St. Dominic	25 - St. Joan of Arc

### 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](mailto:pegfahl@gmail.com)

#### October 1

##### VisionSVdP

6:30pm – 8:30pm  
St. James Parish Center  
830 Veterans Way, Mukwonago

#### October 5

##### Ozanam Orientation

Council Meeting Room  
8:00am to 1:30pm  
Look for a registration link to be emailed to all members by Sept. 16.

#### October 8

##### Summer Lunch Wrap-up mtg

Council Meeting Room  
1:00pm

#### October 9

##### VisionSVdP

6:30pm – 8:30pm  
St. James, Men. Falls Community Center

#### October 15

##### Getting Ahead Workshop Begins

#### October 19

##### VisionSVdP

Morning (exact time TBD)  
St. William  
440 N Moreland Blvd Waukesha

#### October 21

##### Annual Reports due

#### October 23

##### Home Visit Training

Council Meeting Room  
6:30pm – 8:30pm  
Look for a registration link to be emailed to all members by Sept. 16 or RSVP to Bonnie at 262.349.9027 or [bpranger@svdpwaukesha.com](mailto:bpranger@svdpwaukesha.com)

**Prayers for Health**

*Bob Severson, Member of St. James, Men. Falls*

*Rick Boettner, President of St. Jerome, Oconomowoc*