St. Vincent de Paul Waukesha County Monthly Newsletter

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Monthly Quote for Reflection

"How good it is to trust in God! Turn to Him often, then, as children look to their father and mother in their need."

- St. Louise de Marillac

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ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

September 2022

5 - Labor Day Volunteers

12 - St. Teresa of Calcutta

19 - St. John Neumann

26 - St. Luke

SVdP Meal Program Volunteer Commitment

It is asked that 5-6 conference members arrive at 4:50 with 4 gallons of milk and 80 desserts. Bars and cookies are best. 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

Labor Day Meal Program Volunteers

Another holiday is upon us and volunteers are once again needed to serve at the Labor Day meal. **3-4 people are still needed for Monday's service.** Grab another member or two, a family member, or a friend and join us on Sept 5. Asking for individual volunteers has worked out very well this year. Many members have asked if they could serve more often but the number of conferences involved in this program keeps the opportunity to only 2-3 times a year. This is your chance to help at additional meal services. Contact Peggy Fahl if you would like to serve.

September 13

Home Visit Training

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Council Office

REGISTER HERE ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 9

Seating is limited!

Home Visit training is an in depth look our core ministry. We will review the process, the tools, resources and view a video of the Home Visit to analyze. This training is a great introduction to the Home Visit for new members and a good refresher for current Home Visitor teams.

September 24

Friends of the Poor Walk

St. William and the Waukesha Council will not host a Friends of the Poor Walk this year due to the vast amount of work involved in organizing this event and the lack of participation. The National Friends of the Poor Walk continues. If you would still like to be involved, you can register your own team and walk for your conference at www.fopwalk.org.

September 25

Vincentian Mass on September 25, 9am

St. Vincent de Paul Feast Day is September 27. Join Vincentians from throughout our Archdiocese for Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Milwaukee. Refreshments to follow. See attached flyer for details and registration link. Must register by September 21.

October 8

Ozanam Orientation

8:00am - 1:30pm

Council Meeting Room

REGISTER HERE ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 6

Seating is limited!

Attending the orientation will help you understand the history of the Society, our spiritual journey, and our core ministry-the Home Visit. Attendance of an Ozanam Orientation is one of the requirements of all members wishing to have Active status and for those that have not attended an orientation in 3 years.

WAUKESHA COUNCIL

Website

The password to access the Member Info section of our website has been changed. The username remains the same (svdp) and the password has been modified to vincent* (all lowercase). Conference Officers, please make sure your members are aware of this change.

Vincentian Awareness Month

The 2022 Vincentian Awareness Booklet is now available for your conference to use to spread the word on what the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is all about and what you do in your community. The booklet suggests activities for your conference, bulletin entries, posters, and more! Pick four consecutive weeks in September and/or October to celebrate our mission and inform your parish of your valuable work. A flyer is attached to these Reminders and you'll find the booklet and more on our website under Member Info/Member Forms & Supplies/Forms (don't forget that password change noted above).

North Central Region Meeting, June 23-25

We had a wonderful North Central Region meeting in Waukesha, WI this year. We were blessed with record attendance, and terrific speakers and workshops that enabled us to strengthen our Vincentian friendship, spirituality, and service Many of the presentations were able to be recorded and you can find them on the website via this link: https://www.ncr-svdp.org/docs/2022-ncr-meeting-presentations They can be excellent resources for personal or conference formation and training. Blessings on your service to our neighbors in need. Tom Pelger, National Vice President, North Central Region

An example of the presentations that are available are: Planning Spirituality Retreats Building a Network with Capacity to Serve by Ralph Middelcamp Conference President Training Planning Spiritual Retreats

The Rule

.... and so much more!

These are valuable tools for Vincentians and Conferences. Perhaps to view together!

2022 Annual Report

September 30 brings the end of the 2022 fiscal year. You'll find the Annual Report attached to these Reminders for your perusal. 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 2021 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 10/21/22). The deadline for the Audit Report is 11/15/22.
- Refer to the Instructions if you have any questions. They are well written and can likely answer your question 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.

CONFERENCE LIAISON - REGGE KRUEGER

Having visited many conferences this year I have had the opportunity to meet dozens of wonderful Vincentians. Thank you for the beautiful and inspiring meetings that your conferences conduct. The hundreds of people we serve are blessed by all of the Vincentians in whatever manner they serve their conference.

I would like to note some important takeaways I have....

- "Passing the hat" is a tradition established by Frédéric Ozanam and is a key component of every conference meeting.
- The order of a meeting is in the SVdP prayer card which should be used along with the opening and closing prayers.
- Every conference visited has shown strong commitments to Spirituality with beautiful prayers, SVdP supplied materials and outside readings relevant to SVdP works.
- Many conferences have added "prayer intentions" to their opening or closing prayers which allows all to be aware of personal challenges or events, and creates an openness with the membership.

As I've mentioned at many of the meetings, I am the luckiest council member as I get to be with all of you as we all grow in faith and spirituality.

PROGRAMS & MINISTRIES

Summer Lunch

The 2022 Summer Lunch program came to an end after serving 612 lunches at an average cost of \$4.56.

In the last couple of years, the number of kids/parents arriving at the park for lunch has been very low. This year was no exception. SVdP was iconic in bringing a Summer Lunch Program to kids/families in need. Now there are multiple summer lunch programs available. As discussed briefly at the Quarterly Membership Meeting on July 25, we will examine this issue at the upcoming Summer Lunch Wrap-up meeting Oct 18, 2022.

Back to School

A total of 482 backpacks were distributed this year, matching pre-Covid numbers. The program ran like clockwork due to 153 volunteer hours that included students from Catholic Memorial and Catholic Community of Waukesha, and many members who joined in. A special Thank You to St. William Parish for the use of their gym and program leaders Jackie Meyer and Anne Radomski, both members of St. William Conference. Jackie and Anne continue to come up with new ideas for improving and streamlining the process, for which the Council is <u>very</u> grateful.



Jail Ministry Intake Office Changes

As of Monday, September 5, John & Pat Waymel will retire from the Jail Ministry intake desk. Linda Pischke and Dawn Walsh will cover all intake office hours. Congratulations and best wishes to John and Pat!

GETTING AHEAD

Getting Ahead is gearing up for fall and new workshops for individuals wanting to work on financial stability! Please see the attached flyer for more information. We are also in need of meal teams to support these evening events, here is the link for more information. Thank you for supporting our workshops!

https://signup.com/go/pSyHXVS

The Getting Ahead team.

Jodie LaChapelle

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Ending Poverty – One person, One neighborhood, One community at a time.



5th Annual Golf Outing

The August 15, 2022 Golf Outing was a great SUCCESS!

Many, many thanks to all the Conferences who came through donating raffle baskets! Wow! They were more than phenomenal! Only a handful of baskets are pictured in this shot but there were 23 conferences who donated raffle baskets this year! Creative thoughts, great planning and fun themes made them a hit at the event. Thank you ALL for your support!









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CONFERENCE RESOURCES

Salvation Army

Unfortunately, this is not a resource but the lack of a resource. Salvation Army called the Council asking to get word out <u>not</u> to refer people to them who are looking for monetary assistance. They ran out of funding for rent last April and funding for utilities last month. These are the two areas they may help with as long as funds are available.

Milwaukee Community Service Corp - Training Opportunities for Job seekers

OSHA 10 and Forklift certification classes start weekly. Graduates are eligible to join MCSC's Work Projects training to gain work experience, build your resume, and get paid while you train. See the attached flyer for details. Please note: Trainings are held in Milwaukee AND Waukesha!

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

Q: Our Conference (Conference A) has been requested by a friend in need to provide payment for their motel stay. They are located in Conference B's area. We contacted Conference B and were told by the President that they helped this family with one week's stay at the motel. No red flags were indicated. Conference A told Conference B that they told the family one week was all they were getting, and they would not receive assistance from our Conference (Conference A). Is this proper?

A: When encountering someone requesting help who lives in another Conference's (Conference B) boundaries, it is appropriate and common courtesy to contact the other Conference to seek advice and any cautions they may want to share. It is then up to your Conference (Conference A) to decide what you will or will not do in the way of assistance. Conference B cannot speak for you or direct you about what kind of help to give or not give. It is your Conference's decision on if, when, and how much to help those who come to you.

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! <u>Index of Conf & Member Q&A's</u>
Pam Hudson, National Director of Governance & Membership Services, <u>phudson@svdpusa.org</u>

WHAT'S AHEAD

October 2022	November 2022		
3 - St. William	7 - St. Bruno		
10 - St. John Vianney	14 - St. Charles		
17 - St. Catherine	21 - St. James, Muk		
24 - St. Dominic	28 - St. Joan of Arc		
31 - St. Joseph, Wauk			

SVDP Meal Program Volunteer Commitment

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

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8:15am – 1:30pm

Waukesha Council Meeting Room

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October 18

Summer Lunch Wrap-Up Meeting

6:00pm - 7:30pm

Council Meeting Room

(Please note an email will be sent to all Summer Lunch Conferences to question if a day rather than an evening meeting is preferred. Watch for an email.)

October 21

Annual Report Due

October 22

Ozanam Orientation

9:30am - 2:00pm

Register by October 12

Wauwatosa Public Library Firefly Room, 7635 W. North Ave, Wauwatosa

Milwaukee Council will be presenting an Ozanam Orientation. New members are asked to attend an orientation within the first year of Society membership. Learn history, heritage and home visit basics which will enrich your understanding of your Vincentian call to service. See the attached flyer for registration details.

October 24

Quarterly Membership Meeting

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Council Meeting Room

Please RSVP to Bonnie by October 21 for room setup

PETITIONS

Prayers for Health

Pray for good health for all Vincentians, their families and for all the people we serve.