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Vincentian Awareness Month

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Milwaukee Archdiocesan Council

2025



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Monthly Quote for Reflection

"Aren't the poor, the suffering members of our Lord?
Aren't they our brothers and sisters? We should assist
the poor in every way and do it both by ourselves and by
enlisting the help of others.... To do this is to preach the
gospel by words and by works."

~ St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul Waukesha County Monthly Newsletter

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ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

October 2025

6 - St. Catherine

13 - St. James, MF

20 - St. John Vianney

27 - St. Dominic

SVdP Meal Program Volunteer Commitment

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October SVdP Awareness

The Archdiocesan Voice of the Poor Committee spearheads October awareness month. The VOP Committee has released the booklet and we emailed to Conference Presidents on September 11. It includes activities, bulletin entries, reflections AND MORE that can be used to inform your parish of what you do and create interest in joining your group.

October 4

Ozanam Orientation

Council Meeting Room

8:00am to 1:30pm

Click here to [REGISTER](#)

There's still room! All members are expected to attend an Ozanam Orientation within one year of joining a conference, and every 3-5 years as a refresher. If it's been a while since your last Orientation, consider signing up to hear about our history and the passion to help the poor by St. Vincent de Paul and our founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam. Our mission can be difficult and it helps to be reminded of why we do what we do.

October 9

Bonnie Pranger will be out of the office from October 9 through October 24, possibly longer. She will be checking her phone messages and email remotely starting the 13th until her return to the office. Please use the Council number at 262.544.1850 to reach Robin for any questions you may have.

October 14

Home Visit Training

6:00pm – 8:30pm

Click here to [REGISTER](#)

This in-depth training on our core ministry, the Home Visit, is a must for all members who wish to join the Home Visit teams in your conference. It's also helpful to members who do not go on Home Visits to understand the challenges the neighbors we serve face in their lives. You'll get insights into living in poverty, learn when it's time to say No to a neighbor, and so much more.

October 21

Annual Reports are due to the Waukesha Council

October 27

Quarterly District Council Membership Meeting

Corpus Christi St. Mary Campus

225 S Hartwell Ave, Waukesha, WI 53186

6:00pm – 8:00pm

This meeting will include the Commissioning Ceremony for the new Presidents. Please [RSVP Here](#) if you are planning to attend.

WAUKESHA COUNCIL

Secretaries & Treasurers Training

Rob and Bonnie recently offered a virtual Secretary & Treasurer Training session that covered the duties of these Officers and a lot on the Annual Report. Whether you are an Officer or just interested in learning about these positions for possible future involvement, you might find it interesting to tune in. It is just over an hour long and is posted in the Member Info area of the website under Meetings & Trainings. Or you can [Click Here](#) to watch.

W-9 Form Needed for Each Conference

Sometime in October, would you please fill out a **W-9 form**. (<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>) for your conference and send it to Robin at rhernandez@svdpwaukesha.com. On line 3a, check the "other" box and write in "nonprofit association."

Yes, we already have your Federal EIN numbers, but our friends at the IRS and our auditors would like something more formal in our files. Sorry for the hassle. Please let me know if you have any questions. Rob

Endowment Grant Fund (formerly Patron Grant Fund)

In the September Reminders, the incorrect version of the Endowment Grant Fund Application was linked to the button on the cover page with the attachments. Please disregard that document and keep the one attached to these Reminders for future reference.

Has your conference assisted a neighbor that desired a change to their situation; someone who may need a hand up to reach their goal? If so, they could be a candidate for the Endowment Grant Fund.

The Endowment Grant Fund Program provides grants to neighbors in need in four categories: Rehabilitation Treatment, Health Treatment, Job Training, and Education. These 4 areas are defined broadly. Do not hesitate to ask an individual's goal and possible eligibility to participate in the Endowment Grant Program.

As you do your Home Visits, keep your eyes and ears open. Your next visit could be the person with a goal that seems unreachable to them. The Endowment Grant Fund could be the answer to help them along in their journey to improve their situation. The next Endowment Grant Advisory Board meeting will be in November to review any applications that are submitted. **Applications are due no later than November 1.** You'll also find information and the application on our website under Member Info / Council Programs & Ministries / Endowment Grant Fund.

PROGRAMS & MINISTRIES

Monday Meal Program

As mentioned in the September Reminders, Kathy Monet has retired from the SVdP Monday Meal Program team. Kathy was there every Monday at 2pm working with Peggy Fahl and Stella Hasler in preparing the food, leaving about 6pm after the meal was served. The team is in need of a replacement(s). This can be a time share opportunity for two or more members to help on alternating weeks or even monthly. If you are interested in more information, please contact Peggy at 414-828-6999 or pegfahl@gmail.com.

Also, the 2026 Meal Program schedule is ready. Check your email for the schedule and contacts list. If you are unable to cover the meal as scheduled, please contact the conferences before or after to ask if they can switch with you. Inform Peggy of any schedule changes.

✝ Jail Ministry News

Angel Tree Project

We are very grateful that Carolyn Krueger of St. Mary, Wauk has agreed to be the Angel Tree coordinator for this Christmas. Carolyn will be in touch with conference with more details as the Christmas season approaches.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

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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Financial Stability - Getting Ahead

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



Fall Season Workshop: Meal Teams – Volunteers & Donations Needed!

We're excited to kick off our Fall Season Workshop, and one of the most meaningful parts of each evening is dinnertime—a moment of connection, comfort, and care.

Help make our workshop evenings warm and welcoming. **Choose How You'd Like to Support!**



Desserts, Snacks, Green Salad, or Soup (15–20 servings each)



Meal Serving Support (for 15–20 people)



Prefer to donate? Financial contributions are appreciated.



Save the Date for **40th** Graduation!

Would your conference like to attend as a group? Let us know—we'll reserve a table for you to join us, learn more about the program, and celebrate our participants' achievements.



Sign Up or Learn More:



Email: gettingahead@svdpwaukesha.com



Call: 262-547-0654



SignUp Link: <https://signup.com/go/NLxqCCp>

Your presence, generosity, and care empower our participants to keep working toward their goals.

Together, we nourish more than bodies—we nourish hope.

- The Getting Ahead Team

Liliana Cavazos, Getting Ahead Program Manager

Monique Rodriguez, Getting Ahead Coordinator



General Getting Ahead Contact

GettingAhead@svdpwaukesha.com

262.547.0654

Housing Stability

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

The latest update was emailed to members Friday September 19th. Please reach out if you didn't receive it and would like to, or if there are specific things you would like to see included in these updates.

Click [HERE](#) to view it. Going forward, the Housing updates will be sent independent of the Reminders.

- The Housing Team

 **General Housing Contact**

Housing@svdpwaukesha.com

262.875.6346

STORES

Personnel taking on new roles

Store management has made some changes. Beginning October 13, John Erdmann and Immagin Adsit will be the store manager & asst. manager for the Pewaukee store, and Irina Sivyer will be the store manager of the Waukesha store. Irina is in the process of choosing her asst. manager. Welcome all to their new positions!

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Waukesha: John Erdmann, 262-719-8486, jerdmann@svdpwaukesha.com

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CONFERENCE RESOURCES

Conference Corner

Love God and help others has been St. Bruno's motto for over a quarter of a century. We are in Dousman located in Western Waukesha County. Many of our home visits are made in Jefferson County and surrounding municipalities. We are a very active conference of about 12 people, and we all do home visits.

After helping with the immediate problem during a home visit, e.g., rent, utilities, etc., we ask, "What about next month?" "What is your plan?" We also help our neighbors with budgeting, subsidized housing, jobs, energy assistance, medical care, etc. Being able to help people and help solve long-term problems is a real blessing.

Love God and help others!

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.

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

Q: We have a Conference President approaching the end of her second term and trying to plan her succession. No current member of this active Conference seems willing to step up to succeed her. If that does not change, what should happen with the Conference?

A: There are two choices, either elect someone from within or close the Conference. It is up to the Conference members to step forward and provide leadership for their Conference. A District Council president can temporarily appoint someone to be Conference President if no president is nominated before the current president term ends, but an election has to take place as soon as possible and within a reasonable time. The current president should NOT stay in office after their term has officially ended.

Index of Conference & Member Q & A

Questions and answers appear in the E-Gazette, the National E-newsletter. Find the full Q&A [Index](#) here. Submit your questions to Pam Hudson Johnson at phudson@svdpusa.org

WHAT'S AHEAD

November 2025	December 2025
3 - St. Bruno	1 - St. John Neumann
10 - St. James, Muk	8 - St. Charles
17 - St. Mary	15 - St. Jerome
24 - St. Joan of Arc	22 - St. Anthony
	29 - St. Leonard

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November 4

Understanding Eviction Legal Aid Presentation

Council Meeting Room

6:00pm – 7:30pm

The presenter will be Lillian Cheesman Staff Attorney Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

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