

Neighbors Helping Neighbors



St. Vincent de Paul Waukesha County

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WAUKESHA COUNCIL

As mentioned in the last Reminders, the **Ozanam Medallion** nominations for both an individual and conference are due by **April 3**. Submit your **Nomination NOW!**

Registration for the **Virtual Ozanam Orientation** presented by the Milwaukee Council ends on **April 15**. See the **Flyer** for details.

Join us at the next **District Council Quarterly Meeting** on Monday, **April 27**. This will take place at Corpus Christi - St. Mary Campus from 6:30 - 8pm. **Register Here**

Tom Fahl of St. John Vianney and Tom Pipines of Queen of Apostles are organizing a retreat. It will be a **Morning of Reflection** on Saturday, **May 16** at St. John Vianney Parish, 1755 N. Calhoun Rd, Brookfield. The event will start with the parish Saturday morning 8am Mass with the program to follow, wrapping up at 11:30am. **RSVP Here**

Just what all you Treasurers have been waiting for...**W-9 and 1099-MISC Training!** Our auditors from Wegner CPA's will be holding a webinar just for us on W-9's and 1099-MISC's. They will clarify the need for these forms, why and how they should be filled out, and the process of filing the 1099-MISC with the IRS. All your questions will be answered by professionals who know what they're talking about (as opposed to Bonnie). This will take place on Tuesday, **June 9** at 10am. There will be a registration link in the next Reminders on May 15. With a webinar there is no limit but you will need the link to join. Mark it on your calendars now.

FINANCIAL & HOUSING STABILITY

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



Meals Needed for Spring Workshop - Our Spring Workshop is halfway through! Our Getting Ahead investigators have been working incredibly hard over the past weeks to build new skills, set goals, and take meaningful steps toward a more stable future. We are so proud of their progress. We are looking for supporters to provide dinners for our remaining night sessions. These shared meals are a special highlight of the program, offering a moment of community and enjoyment for our participants. Sign Up to bring a meal: <https://signup.com/go/bJCvXPk>

Mark your calendars - Our Graduation Ceremony is on **Tuesday, April 28th (5:30 – 7:30 pm) at First United Methodist Church.**

If you are interested in attending graduation, please let us know so we can plan accordingly. Click **Here** to see the invitation and event details.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Getting Ahead Team

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Housing Initiative - Tenant Opportunity Pilot: CURRENTLY AT CAPACITY. The original \$50,000 of the pilot has been used and we are moving into the evaluation stage as we explore next steps. Thank you to everyone who participated, we will be sending out a survey next week for feedback.

ST. DISMAS JAIL MINISTRY

Change has come to the St. Dismas Jail Ministry. For many years, the St. Dismas St. Vincent de Paul Conference provided support for people in Waukesha County Jail and also helped folks coming out of jail and prison. This past calendar year, our Council Board decided that the St. Dismas Jail Ministry should be administered as a special work of the Council as opposed to a standalone conference. All the ministry of the St. Dismas Jail Ministry continues, simply under a new governance structure.

Tom Pipines was recently in front of the cameras again! Fox 6 News interviewed him on his service to the Jail Ministry. Click [Here](#) to watch the clip.

RESOURCES

The **Computer Literacy Lab** at WCTC is open once again for the Spring term. If you have any Friends who need to sharpen up their computer skills, please share this [Flyer](#) with them.



One of the biggest needs of conferences is **Members!** *A Culture of Welcome* on the National [website](#) might provide you with ideas you can use to welcome new members into your group. Check it out.

STORES

The Oconomowoc Store recently had a visit from Pantheon Industries, who helps individuals with disabilities achieve their full potential through a variety of employment opportunities. Read about their tour of the store and the response from Pantheon [Here](#).



The stores have a new eBay website where they are selling donated high end, name brand items at a good price. Check it out here: [SVdP eBay](#)



Now that Spring is finally here, let's talk about SUMMER! The **Neighbors Helping Neighbors Golf Outing** is just around the corner, and we need your help making our raffle a success! Last year, your baskets and raffle items helped us **raise over \$6,000 for the Needy Family Fund** - let's make an even bigger impact this year. [Read More...](#)

If you're a golfer, reserve your spot now. Be forewarned, we sold out last year and expect the same for 2026. Register [Here](#) as soon as you can. There is a price break if you register through **May 31**.

PETITIONS

We are saddened to report that three loved ones have left us recently:
† *Mike Matancsi*, husband of member Nancy Matancsi, St. John Neumann Conference
† *Kathy Laszkiewicz*, wife of member Paul Laszkiewicz, St. Joan of Arc Conference
† *Arnie Uglum*, member of St. Bruno Conference

WHERE TO FIND GENERAL INFORMATION

Next Reminders: 5/15/26, 7/01/26, 8/14/26, 10/01/26, 11/16/26

[Council & Program Staff](#) - Need to reach someone at the Council, Getting Ahead, Housing or Jail Ministry? Click for the complete contact list.

[Meal Program Schedule & Contacts](#) - SVdP Meal Program Volunteer Commitment:
• 8 conference members/volunteers arrive at 4:50

- 5 gallons of milk (2 white & 3 chocolate)
- 100 desserts of any type

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A VIRTUAL PRESENTATION

2026 OZANAM ORIENTATION

April 28 April 30 May 5

6:00-8:00PM

**Attendance at all three sessions
is required for completion of
member orientation.**

Save the dates!

Pre-registration required.

Kindly register by

April 15, 2026. Call

Akeera at 414-667-0242

or [CLICK HERE](#).



*Frederic Ozanam
founder*

About the Ozanam Orientation

Participation in the Ozanam Orientation is a requirement for new members of the Society in the United States. The traditional in-person agenda is separated into three shorter virtual sessions and includes opportunities for small group discussion along with pre-recorded presentations.

Topics of presentation and discussion include:

History & Mission Spirituality Focus

Conference & Council Life Understanding Poverty

Home Visit Best Practices

For more information:

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St. Vincent de Paul Waukesha cordially invites you to the

*42th Getting Ahead
Graduation Celebration*

April 28th · 5:30 to 7:30 pm

First United Methodist Church

121 Wisconsin Ave. Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186



As a valued friend and volunteer, you have helped neighbors in our community take meaningful steps toward stability and success.

Please join us as we honor the accomplishments of our Getting Ahead graduates and celebrate the journeys of our neighbors moving forward.

The reception will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed promptly by the ceremony at 6:00 p.m.

*The ceremony will feature guest speakers Dan Meyer and Kate Meyer,
co-publishers of the Milwaukee BizTimes.*

Waukesha, WI



Spring 2026

Getting Ahead

Mission: Create opportunities, increase awareness, and work to remove barriers for individuals and the community to become more financially stable.

Vision: A Waukesha County where everyone has the opportunity to be financially stable and thrive.



The Getting Ahead Program, supported by SVdP's Community Initiatives, offers pathways to self-sufficiency and long-term, systemic solutions. It helps individuals and communities become financially stable.

Visit our website to learn more.

<http://stvincentwaukesha.org/index.php/programs/getting-ahead>

Computer Literacy Lab



Acquire new skills / **Sharpen** existing skills
Instructors provide **individualized support**

Learn at your own pace – Tutorial based – **Always available:**

- Basic computer skills and Typing
- Microsoft Tutorials: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook

Spring Term 2 2026

March 24 - May 14, 2026 Open Lab Days & Times

Day	Time
Tuesdays	11:00am – 7:30 pm
Wednesday	1:00pm – 7:30 pm
Thursdays	9:00 am – 12:00 pm

WCTC Pewaukee Campus, B Building, room B042

800 Main Street, Pewaukee, WI 53072

Free parking available!

There is **no cost** for this open lab
Start any time!
Drop in **as often and whenever** you
want!

For questions, please call: 262-695-6520



Spotlight Tutorials:

April: Formatting in Microsoft Word 2019

~formatting text, page layout, working with graphics and tables

May: Level Up Your Typing Skills

~build speed and accuracy, dictation typing, master the keypad



WAUKESHA
COUNTY TECHNICAL
COLLEGE

Summer hours start
June 9, 2026



Across our logo reads, "Neighbors Helping Neighbors." We certainly know our Vincentians and Community Initiatives help neighbors directly. You may ask how our business operations live this out?

Bridgette, Store Manager in Oconomowoc shared pictures and an email she received from Pantheon Industries after a tour she provided last week. She is not alone in taking time out of her day to help neighbors; each of our stores regularly provide tours to young adults living with disabilities to highlight careers in retail. Stores have hosted young people through "work experiences" to discern their future or hired a job applicant who has made mistakes in the past. This school year we hosted [Cristo Rey](#) High School students providing support for their education as they gained valuable work experience.

Neighbors helping neighbors is not just a tagline — it's how we do business. It's seeing each person whether a shopper, employee or someone in need of assistance, not as a case or number, but a neighbor. Kudos to entire store team for their dedication to our mission.

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Dear St. Vincent de Paul Team,

Thank you for welcoming another group from the Pantheon Community Access Pre-Vocational Program. We appreciate the time you spent with our group and learning about the store, its operations, and the many services connected to your mission.

Our participants enjoyed learning about the different job roles within the store, including cashier, production, and sales floor positions. It was helpful for the group to hear about the skills needed for these roles, such as attention to detail, customer service, reading, computer use, and the ability to stand for much of the workday. Participants were also interested in learning about store policies, donation processing, electronics testing, pricing, and how items are sorted and prepared for sale. In addition to the retail side of the visit, our group appreciated hearing about the larger mission of St. Vincent de Paul and the many ways your organization supports the community. Learning about your programs, services, and donation work helped participants better understand how the store connects to broader community support efforts. Several participants especially enjoyed seeing the different departments throughout the store, including furniture, clothing, toys, shoes, movies, and household items.

Thank you again for your time, patience, and willingness to answer participant questions throughout the visit. We truly appreciate the opportunity to learn from your team and to better understand the work being done at St. Vincent de Paul.

Sincerely,
Taisha Moore
Vocational Assistant | Pantheon Industries

Kelly A. Moran
Community Integration Specialist | Pantheon Industries

Now that Spring is finally here, let's talk about SUMMER! Planning for the 9th Annual Golf Outing on August 10 is under way and we need your Raffle Baskets. Last year's baskets brought in over \$6,000. We have a few comments for this year:

Raffle ideas include:

- Theme baskets: car wash & detailing, game night, date night in/out, seasonal basket (fall, summer or holiday), children's toys and books or your conference's own fun twist.
- Gift cards or liquor – always a crowd-pleaser.
- Special nights out or unique experiences: tickets to movies or local concerts and events, or something unique like an afternoon on a boat or pontoon at a local lake with lunch provided.
- Please do not wrap your basket. Some baskets have come in overly generous, making it more valuable than the rest. We try to keep the value equal so it may be necessary to redistribute items a little.
- Drop off the finished baskets at the Council during the designated time frame (TBD). The Meeting Room is used often and we don't want them sitting out in the open any longer than necessary..