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Monthly Quote for Reflection

"God does not ask you to go beyond the means he has given you."

~ St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul Waukesha County Monthly Newsletter

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ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

July 2025

7 - St. Catherine
14 - St. Charles
21 - St. Mary
28 - St. Leonard

SVdP Meal Program Volunteer Commitment

- 8 conference members/volunteers arrive at 4:50
- 5 gallons of milk (2 white & 3 chocolate)
- 80-100 desserts of any type
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July 4

The Council and Stores will be closed for the holiday.

July 28

Quarterly District Council Membership Meeting

Council Meeting Room, 818 W. Sunset Dr., Waukesha

6:30pm – 8:00pm

RSVP [HERE](#)



WAUKESHA COUNCIL

Welcome Ivan Mejias & Megan Clementi

The Council has been growing by leaps and bounds! Ivan Mejias, Director of Finance, joined us in December and Megan Clementi started June 16 and is our new Finance Coordinator, filling Brenda's vacancy and working with Ivan. Per Ivan, their goal is to provide greater support to the expansion and growth of our stores, programs, and ministries, while ensuring fiscal accountability for the donations and gifts we receive. With Megan's experience, the two of them will be a force to be reckoned with.



Conference President Elections

If your conference is listed below, you should be discussing your President's successor at your meetings. Don't leave this important matter to the last minute.

1st Term ending 9/30/25

César Bojórquez, Our Lady of Guadalupe
Carol Fitzpatrick, Queen of Apostles
Mary Maus, St. Benedict
Jane Braam, St. Catherine
Dan Doornek/Joe Pease, St. James, Muk
John Goetter, St. Luke
Anne Konop, St. Mary MF

2nd Term ending 9/30/25

Bill James, St. Bruno
Rick Boettner, St. Jerome
Liz Berlyn, St. Leonard
John Graff, St. Mary Wauk

Once the election is completed, Conference Presidents for both 1st and 2nd terms are asked to complete the New Conference President Agreement form and submit to Rob Shelledy in the Council office. The form is posted on the website under Member Info/Conference Officer Forms.

Finalist in the Nonprofit Excellence Awards!

Congratulations! St. Vincent de Paul of Waukesha County has been selected as a finalist in the Social Enterprise category for the 2025 BizTimes Nonprofit Excellence Awards.

Each year, we recognize outstanding nonprofits and corporate citizens for their efforts to make Milwaukee a better place to live, work, and play. Finalists will be recognized at the event, and one winner will be announced in each category.



The event will be held on Thursday, July 24

2:30 PM Registration & Networking | 3:00-4:30 PM Awards Program | 4:30-6:00 PM Reception

Italian Community Center, 631 E. Chicago Street, Milwaukee

Tickets are \$65 each, however, register by **July 3rd** to take advantage of early bird pricing.

Email Scams

The Council experiences Scam Emails just like everyone else. If you receive a message from a member of the Council asking you to purchase gift cards to help us immediately pay a fee, fine, or for any other reason, please delete it. If you feel it might be legitimate, then call us to confirm before acting on it.

9am - Noon For more information on recognizing these scams, please click on this link: [Avoid These Common Scams Directed at Catholics](#)

Patron Grant Fund

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 Patron Grant Fund.

The Patron 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 Patron 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 Patron Grant Fund could be the answer to help them along in their journey to improve their situation. The next Patron Grant Fund Advisory Board meeting will be in September to review any applications that are submitted. **Applications are due no later than September 1.** You'll find information and the application on our website under Member Info / Council Programs & Ministries / Patron Grant Fund

Conference Insurance

Conference Insurance policies with Lockton Affinity/Philadelphia Insurance were emailed to the Treasurer or President of every conference. Since they were sent late in May, the payment grace period has been extended. Please look for your renewal invoice and pay it promptly. Contact Bonnie if you have not received your policy and invoice yet.

SVdP NATIONAL AND NORTH CENTRAL REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Survey from the National Council

Susan Wiland, National Council VP is asking each Conference President (or their delegate) to complete a survey to update their conference leadership and member records and create a public locator of all SVdP Conferences across the United States. You are asked to complete the survey by **July 15**. Every conference is expected to comply. Survey Link: <https://form.jotform.com/250444923448056>

PROGRAMS & MINISTRIES

Back-to-School Program

Aug 4 – 14 at St. William gym

Will your conference be hosting a Back-to-School supply drive? Parish calendars book up quickly! Please consider any weekend on or before August 10 to get fellow parishioners involved in this program. School supply donation drives greatly help keep the cost to the Council down. Once you get your weekend in place, please contact Robin to let her know.

And don't forget to turn in your conference referrals to Robin as soon as you have them. Please remember there are a limited number of gift cards this year and when we're out, we're out! First come, first served. Thank you all!

Jail Ministry News

Christmas in July?

We are looking for three volunteers to help coordinate our participation in Angel Tree Christmas. Each year

our St. Dismas Ministry is the local coordinator for Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree Christmas, which supports children by delivering a gift, a prayer, and a personal message of love on behalf of their mom or dad who is currently incarcerated. This helps maintain family relationships which in turn provides support to the person once they are released from prison. Elf hats are optional. If you are interested, please contact Rob Shelledy at rshelledy@svdpwaukesah.com or 262-327-8089.

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

jlachapelle@svdpwaukesha.com

262-765.0744

Financial Stability - Getting Ahead

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

Getting Ahead – Be a Part of Changing Lives This Fall!

This fall, we're inviting all SVdP members to be part of something transformative. The Getting Ahead program helps individuals take control of their financial future, and when they thrive, our whole community grows stronger.

Here's how **YOU** can make a difference:

- ♦ **Refer someone today!** Just connect them with us - your introduction could be the first step in changing their life.
- ♦ **Sponsor a meal for a workshop session** – A warm meal is more than just food; it's a message that someone cares. You can sign up to provide a main dish, side, dessert, or even make a monetary contribution. Reserve a night (or more!!) here: SignUp link <https://signup.com/go/NLxqCCp>
- ♦ **Volunteer as a mentor or facilitator** – We're always looking for compassionate individuals to join our team of mentors and facilitators. They provide encouragement, guidance, and motivation as participants work toward a better future. Your presence can make a lasting impact.

Have questions or want to get involved in another way? Call us at **262-547-0654** or email us at gettingahead@svdpwaukesha.com

Thank you for being a vital part of this journey. Together, we're not just helping individuals, we're transforming our community.

- 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.

Housing Team Update

The Housing Team is actively connecting with conferences and would love the opportunity to meet with your conference. If you're interested in scheduling a meeting, please don't hesitate to contact us.

We are also available to assist with your conference with:

- ✔ Daily census updates for the shelters and support with emergency shelter cases.

- ✓ Community resources.
- ✓ Review of housing cases, with additional support with prevention and diversion.

✦ Sentry House Update:

Sentry House (formally the Winter Overflow Shelter) is now open and **accepting new intakes for both single males and females as of June 23, 2025.**

Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to serving our community!

- The Housing Team

📞 **General Housing Contact**
housing@svdpwaukesha.com
 262.875.6346

✦ Tenant Opportunity Update (A note from our Landlord Specialist, Ramon Candelaria)

I am past our first 90 days in this role as Landlord Engagement Specialist! During this time there were 31 housing requests from conferences that resulted in 8 patrons securing stable housing. We also began executing our Tenant Opportunity pilot, which helps remove the barrier of the security deposit. In the 3 months of this pilot, there has been \$11,958.36 in combined conference and SVdP expenses to support four individuals being placed in stable housing. The pilot doesn't just focus on the financial piece to GET someone house, there is also a component of ongoing tenant support to KEEP them housed.

As we continue our efforts and outreach to your connections, property owners and landlords are essential to our success. If you have any referrals for me, PLEASE feel free to contact me at: rcandelaria@svdpwaukesha.com Also, feel free to call me at 1-262-225-5760 for any questions you may have. We are sincerely grateful for all you have done, continue to do and will do to ensure all the lives we touch together live healthy, blessed lives! Gracias!

STORES

Raffle Baskets for the Golf Outing

A couple reminders to those Conferences who are providing raffle baskets for the Golf Outing

- Contact Rob Shelledy to let him know you are supplying a basket. Thanks to those who have already done so.
- Drop off at the Council Office anytime from Monday, July 28 to Friday, Aug 1. Use the blue door on the right side, inside the store. Knock to get it, or text Rob or Bonnie ahead of time and we'll prop it open for you.
- Put a tag on/in the basket with your Conference name and list of contents with values.

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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 St. John Neumann Conference is one of the four conferences in the City of Waukesha. We cover the southwest corner of the city. We have 18 members in our Conference, and we help serve, along with St. William, the census tract with the highest level of poverty in Waukesha County. As a result, we completed 172 home visits last fiscal year.

There are several developments that make our lives interesting. First, Hebron Housing just opened Sentry

House within our boundaries that will house single men and single women. This was the Emergency Overflow Shelter during the winter so we are happy to see a better year-round use of the building but realize this may put more strain on our conference. In fact, we had our first home visit there last week.

Second, St. John Neumann parish is part of the merger of the four parishes in Waukesha and the parishes are now one parish, Corpus Christi. We have been involved in a series of planning meetings over the past several months with St. Mary Conference and St. William Conference on how we will work together as the Corpus Christi Conference in the new fiscal year.

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: Is it allowed, or permitted, for an associate member to “go on a case with an active Vincentian?”

Can an associate member take an active part in deciding what should or should not take place with a case once a case has been visited by an active Vincentian and this associate member?

A: Associate members can go on home visits and represent the Society properly along with an active/full member. If an associate member is allowed to go on home visits it means that the Conference has confidence in their judgment. It would be wrong to take an associate member along on a home visit just to fulfill the two Vincentians rule. An associate member in whom the Conference lacks confidence in their judgment should not go along on a home visit just to fulfill the two Vincentians rule.

Note from the Waukesha Council: Please remember that two important requirements for holding an Active status are: the member has attended an Ozanam Orientation, and they have completed SVdP Safeguarding training that has not expired.

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

August 2025	September 2025
4 - St. Joan of Arc	1 - LABOR DAY
11 - St. Bruno	8 - St. Teresa of Calcutta
18 - St. Jerome	15 - St. William
25 - St. Anthony	22 - St. Luke
	29 - St. Leonard

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August 4 - 14

Back to School Program

St. William Gym, 440 N. Moreland Blvd.

Drop off your parish supply drive donations Aug 4-7 and Aug 11 from **9am - Noon**. Send in your conference backpack referrals to Robin Hernandez now through Aug 12.

August 11

8th Annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors Golf Outing

Broadlands Golf Club

<https://www.eventregisterpro.com/event/neighborshelpingneighbors>

August 27 – 30

National Assembly, Louisville, KY

September 1 - Labor Day and Meal Service

The Council Office is closed but the Meal Service goes on. Volunteers are needed to serve. Please contact Peggy Fahl if you are willing to help. Bring your Friends! Call/text 414-828-6999 or email pegfahl@gmail.com

September 9 - Blessed Frédéric Feast Day

Celebrating Vincentian Feast Day this September

"Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:15-16. How will your conference shine the light on the good work of the Society to attract new members, build fellowship and generate additional support for our neighbors in need during the September Feast Days for our Founder and Society namesake? Looking for some ideas?

<https://members.ssvpusa.org/communications-branding/>

September 27 - St. Vincent de Paul Feast Day

PETITIONS

Prayers for Health

Joan Lapczynski, St. James Muk

Gene Maurer, St. Joan of Arc

Steve Holtorf, St. James Muk

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