



# St. Vincent de Paul Waukesha County

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## DECEMBER

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### Monthly Quote for Reflection

"The joy of Christmas is not a joy made up on childhood memories, of Christian customs piously retained; it is a profound and ever new joy, a joy of today."

~ Reverend Joseph Jamet, CM

## St. Vincent de Paul Waukesha County Monthly Newsletter

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## ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

### December 2025

1 - St. John Neumann
8 - St. Charles
15 - St. Jerome
22 - St. Anthony
29 - St. Leonard

### 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 (due to higher attendance)
- Contact Peggy Fahl to confirm: Call/text 414-828-6999 or [pegfahl@gmail.com](mailto:pegfahl@gmail.com)

### December 9

#### Getting Ahead Graduation Celebration

5:30pm

First United Methodist Church

121 Wisconsin Ave Waukesha

See more in Getting Ahead section below.

#### Christmas Dinner from the Waukesha Food Pantry

During the two weeks before Christmas, the Food Pantry will be distributing food items needed to prepare a holiday meal. This generally includes a turkey, stuffing mix, instant mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, mushroom soup and french fried onions, cranberry sauce, and canned pumpkin.

#### Christmas Day Meal Delivery

Corpus Christi-St. William Church is providing a meal at no charge to anyone in the Waukesha County area who is alone, homebound, or unable to afford a meal that day. See the attached flyer for details on how to make arrangements to receive this Christmas Meal. **Must reply by Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>.**

## WAUKESHA COUNCIL

### VIRTUS

Our Safeguarding program has been changed from CMG Connect to Virtus. All your Safeguarding training and records have been ported from CMG Connect to Virtus. If your email was on record with CMG Connect then you have already received a message regarding this changeover. Those who did not enter their email due to the issues we were having with being redirected to the Archdiocese Safe Environment website were not sent the email. However, you can easily log into your new Virtus account by entering your username and password at [https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/forgot\\_password.cfm#](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/forgot_password.cfm#). You should enter your email now so you don't miss any messages regarding expiring training, updates, or other information from Virtus.

Bonnie will be sending a list of each conference member's user id's and training history to the Conference President in the near future, along with instructions for creating new accounts in Virtus. You will find it very similar to CMG Connect and hopefully, easy to navigate. Log in, poke around and check when your training is due for renewal.

### W-9's – IRS 1099-MISC

Thank you to all Conferences who have been diligent in gathering and sending W-9's and payment tracking spreadsheets to the Council office all year. Reporting is for the 2025 calendar year, not our fiscal year. Bonnie needs copies of your W-9's and tracking reports no later than January 7, 2025 so send what you have now and the rest later. This information needs to be combined and sent to our accountants, who submit 1099-MISC forms to the IRS on our behalf.

To reiterate, all payments totaling \$600 or more for the year made to **sole ownership businesses** needs a W-9 on file. These are mostly landlords but can include car repairs, storage facilities, etc. Payments for the year that total under \$599 do not need to be recorded on the tracking form. You'll find a blank W-9 and the tracking form on our website under Conference Officer Forms/Treasurers.

## 990-N and 990-EZ Filing

As the Manual states: *"The Society of St. Vincent de Paul must meet the legal, reporting, and financial obligations required of all nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations."* Therefore Conferences need to be aware of their obligations to file federal tax form, either a 990-N or 990-EZ. The 990 filing deadline is February 15, which is a Sunday in 2026. Please also send Robin Hernandez (rhernandez@svdpwaukesha.com) a copy of the 990-N Acceptance from the website or the complete 990-EZ form and Schedules that were submitted to the IRS.

## SVdP NATIONAL AND NORTH CENTRAL REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please save these important 2026 dates

- North Central Region Conference - July 9-11 in Green Bay. Theme: "Lead with Love. Serve with Humility" GB has not finalized the hotel but the conference includes an event at Lambeau Field.
- National Assembly - Sept. 9 -12<sup>th</sup> in Salt Lake City, Utah. Theme: "New Frontiers: Friendship. Service. Spirituality." <https://ssvpusa.org/national-assembly/>

Scholarships are available from the Council and the North Central Region.

## PROGRAMS & MINISTRIES

### Jail Ministry News

#### Angel Tree Project

All Angel Tree gifts must be returned to the Council meeting room at the Waukesha store December 8-12. Make sure the tags are attached to the gifts. If gift cards were purchased for a caretaker, please put it in a Christmas card and label it 'Caretaker'. Thank you. If you have any questions, please contact Karolyn Krueger at [karolynk321@gmail.com](mailto:karolynk321@gmail.com) or text her at 262-893-8527.

## 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, Community Initiatives Director

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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 Graduation, December 9

As a valued member 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 ahead.

The reception begins at 5:30 pm.

The ceremony will follow promptly at 6:00 pm, featuring guest speaker Melissa Baxter, President & CEO of the Waukesha County Community Foundation.

**Please RSVP to Monique at the email or phone number below.**

- The Getting Ahead Team

Liliana Cavazos, Getting Ahead Program Manager

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## CONFERENCE RESOURCES

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

**Q: If a Conference is going through some difficult times due to behaviors from an officer that are against the most basic and fundamental values of the Society, is it proper to involve the Spiritual Advisor? I believe we are obligated to involve our Spiritual Advisor, as I am concerned about the spiritual health of the members and the Conference. Is this proper?**

**A:** One of the most important functions of a Spiritual Advisor is to help all of the members keep things in perspective (spiritually and in service). Yes, it would be important to include the Spiritual Advisor. Also, keep in mind that only the president is an elected position. All other officers are appointed by the president who may remove them from office if they are not fulfilling their roles properly and appoint someone else. The Rule, Part III, Statute 12 states: "All officers named by the president serve at the pleasure of the president." This indicates the ability of the president to remove an officer and appoint someone in his/her place.

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

## WHAT'S AHEAD

January 2026	February 2026
5 - St. William	2 - St. James, MF
12 - St. Teresa of Calcutta	9 - St. Leonard
19 - St. Luke	16 - St. James, Muk
26 - St. Dominic	23 - St. John Vianney

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### January 2

*Look for a rejuvenated format for the Monthly Reminders in January! Streamlined for your convenience and ours!*

### January 26

**6:30pm – 8:00pm**

### Council District Quarterly Meeting

Waukesha Store, Council Meeting Room

## PETITIONS

### Prayers for Health

*Rick Boettner, St. Jerome Conference*

### Rest in Peace

*Diane Mueller, St. Leonard Secretary*

## YOUR COUNCIL STAFF

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