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June 2018

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ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

June 2018

4 - St. Mary, Waukesha

11 - St. Leonard

18 - St. James, Mukwonago

25 - St. Luke

Meal Program SVDP Volunteer Commitment

Please note it is very important that eight (8) volunteers are present each Monday evening at 5:00 PM. If you do not have enough conference members to serve, please seek additional volunteers through your parish.

Please check Stores Announcements each month for ongoing updates to the Electronic Voucher system

June 11

Summer Lunch Program Begins

Conference Commitments for June

Week of:

11 - 15 St. Joseph-Big Bend

18 - 22 St. Luke

25 - 29 St. St. Teresa

June 12

Vincentian Pathway - Achieving the Mission

5:30pm – 8:00pm at the Council Office

This training is part of our Vincentian Pathway formation series. It takes the Home Visit Training one step further by looking at ways to enhance the Vincentian-Patron relationship. We address spirituality; the role of faith and prayer; establishing and recognizing the importance of boundaries; are we enabling or assisting; skills of motivational interviewing; when to say No; the role of the Christian Community in being compassionate Christians; etc.

Whether you're a Home Visit team member, a new Vincentian, or want a better understanding of the Home Visit process for your conference discussions, you'll find it an invaluable tool. A light dinner will be provided. Registration is required. [Register Here](#)

June 15

Conference Insurance Renewal

If you haven't already, you will soon be receiving a renewal notice from Lockton Affinity on behalf of the National office regarding renewal of your Conference Insurance Policy. Please send in your insurance payment in a timely manner and let Bonnie know once it has been done for the Council's records.

Contact Sherry Brown at the National Council office at 314-576-3993 ext 200 (sbrown@svdpusa.org) if you have any questions.

June 16

Food Pantry of Waukesha County (FPWC) Home Delivery Program

1301 Sentry Drive, Waukesha

If questions, contact Jason Aide, SVDP Home Delivery Program Coordinator, 262-424-6017

Conference Commitment for 3rd Saturday of the month: **Holy Apostles**

June 21 – 23 *(It's not too late to register!)*

North Central Region Meeting

Kahler Grand Hotel

Rochester, MN

The District Council of Rochester Minnesota is currently preparing for the 2018 North Central Regional meeting in Rochester, MN. The registration fee for attending the district meeting is a legitimate conference expense, however this would not include other associated costs such as hotel or food during the event. To view the daily agenda (Full Description of Event) and register, click here. <https://npotogether.org/ncr2018/>

June 26

Poverty Seminar

5:30pm – 8:30pm at the Council Office

Check out the new format and shortened length!

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Waukesha Council

Conference President Elections

Records indicate four Conference Presidents will conclude their 2nd term and one will end their 1st term on September 30, 2018. It is time to place the election-nomination process on your conference agenda now. For record keeping purposes, both 1st or 2nd term Conference Presidents are asked to complete the Conference President Agreement Form and submit to Council office. Election materials are posted on the website under Conference Officer Forms.

2nd Term ending Sept 30, 2018	President Elects
Holy Apostles	Bob Nolan
Queen of Apostles	
St. Anthony, Menomonee Falls	
St. Dominic	Andy Orgovan
1st Term ending Sept 30, 2018	
St. Teresa of Calcutta	

Council President Election

Election Committee members Sue Powers, St. Joseph Waukesha and Mike Mischuk, St. Dominic announce: The three-year term of the Waukesha District Council President of Waukesha County will expire on September 30, 2018. As stated in Article XVII of the Rule, **The term of the President is three (3) years, once renewable.** In compliance with the rule, we are seeking nominations for this office from our conferences.

Zoltan Eszes will complete his first 3-year term and is eligible for reelection. Eszes has expressed his willingness to serve a 2nd term but would encourage other candidates to come forth. It is in the best interest of the Society to host a ‘healthy’ election with more than one candidate as an option for its members.

All conferences should prayerfully reflect on possible candidates for this position. The rule requires that the candidate:

1. Be an active member of the Society (member of a conference)
2. Receive no compensation from the Society (staff are not eligible)
3. Be a lay person (member of the clergy, Permanent Deacons, are not eligible)

Consideration should be given to the fact that this position requires a firm commitment of time, energy, and enthusiasm for the Society and its mission.

Conference Presidents were mailed the Election timeline and pertinent forms. Please be part of this conversation and consider this opportunity.

501c3 Status Changes Ahead

“Beginning October 1, 2018, the Society’s conferences and Councils will no longer be eligible for inclusion in the Society’s Group Ruling with the Internal Revenue Service. What does this mean? Councils are required to independently secure Tax-Exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service to continue to be tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3).”

The Waukesha District Council Board has determined to follow the recommendation of the National office and file an application to gain its own 501(c)(3) status. We have also been advised to pursue a Group Ruling for the Waukesha District Council. The applications will be filed in succession however, this determination

resulted in the application process becoming more complex. An attorney has been retained to guide us with the IRS filing.

Through these application processes, we will gain a better picture of conference requirements. We are aware that the current Conference By-Laws will be amended and there is the possibility of other issues that may need to be addressed as well. All conferences will receive instructions as this process unfolds.

Rebuild ~ Renew ~ Restore Fundraising Campaign

Julie McIntyre and possibly one more member of the Fundraising Campaign Committee will be visiting each conference to discuss the Campaign that launched in late December 2017. This meeting will offer an overview of the campaign, its status and an invite to get involved. Invitations are welcome!

Amazon Smile

You may have heard about this foundation established by Amazon.com. You'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. The Council Office is one of those organizations! If you enjoy shopping on Amazon (and who doesn't?) please consider signing up with Amazon Smile at <https://smile.amazon.com> and set the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Waukesha as your preferred charitable organization.

Don't forget to bookmark Amazon Smile to make it easier to use for your shopping needs. You must log into Amazon Smile (not Amazon.com) for your purchases to be included in this program.



ANNOUNCEMENTS – Stores

Electronic Voucher Changes

All changes are made to the Electronic Voucher cheat sheet and posted on the website as soon as they occur.

- The same phone number can only be entered in a Household record in one of the two areas that accept phone numbers: the first section of creating a new patron that includes a field to enter a Mobile Phone number, **OR** the second section that has a field to enter a Home Phone number. Both fields can contain different phone numbers but the same phone number can only be entered into either of these fields.
- You may have tried to add children to a household using the Quick Children link in the 'Add' area (same area where Voucher is located) only to find it added one less child than you told it to. This will happen if you do not enter the Patrons date of birth. Thrift Works assumes any entry without a date of birth is a child. You can still use the Quick Children link, you'll just have to add one extra to the number needed.
- There is an option to use Thrift Works on a non-Windows based computer/tablet by using a virtual desktop, however the programs may not work on older equipment. You can Google more options but the best free choices seem to be: WineBottler <http://winebottler.kronenberg.org/> and VirtualBox <https://www.virtualbox.org/>
Please be aware that the Council cannot provide support for these programs and members who are not computer savvy may have difficulty negotiating the programs.

Changes to Bakery Delivery

At the Quarterly Membership Meeting on April 30 the topic of the Waukesha store discontinuing the practice of providing free donated bakery items was met with opposition by several members who felt the act was part of our "feeding the hungry" mission. The store committee revisited the matter and revised this decision with the stipulations that the volunteers take the responsibility of stacking the bakery racks upon delivery and do not leave any surplus behind. This will keep the volume down and not take employees away from their duties.

Volunteer Newsletter

The first issue of the new Volunteer Newsletter is hot off the press! Thank you Felicia Nelson, Supervisor to Volunteer Relations for developing this great communication tool between the Stores and our valuable Volunteers. Check it out [HERE](#)

Great Volunteer Opportunity at the Waukesha County Fair! It's time to sign-up!

Join other SVdP volunteers at the SVdP booth at the Waukesha County Fair, July 18-22 and have a great time doing God's work!

SVdP's booth will be set up during the entire event. One half gives information on the Stores and the other focuses on a Council program. This year it is CTGA. After a brief orientation volunteers will have brochures to hand out to people regarding becoming involved in the operation of the program, or becoming an Investigator in a workshop.

And don't lose this opportunity to share our work! Neighbors Helping Neighbors. That's how we help our community. Let people in our community know about the great things that we do!

Volunteer to work the booth! Each day, 11:00 am – 8:30 pm we would like a minimum of 2 and maximum of 4 volunteers to work the SVdP booth. One to two volunteers will be present to represent stores ~ one to two volunteers are needed to represent SVdP ministries. Can you help? Choose a fellow member or volunteer to join you! For scheduling purposes, it would be easiest to schedule in 3 or 4 hour intervals. If you can only offer 2 hours, we will make it happen. All time slots are available.

Fair entrance and parking will be provided.

Contact Julie at 262.522.3240 or jmcintyre@svdpwaukesha.com

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Store Marketing & Development: Rod Colburn rcolburn@svdpwaukesha.com

COMING TOGETHER TO GET AHEAD

[Like on Facebook! Click here!](#)

Workshop Update

Our workshops continue to be an excellent opportunity for anyone looking to make a change in their life and create a pathway to financial self-sufficiency. Our next workshop will begin September 4th in Waukesha and we are excited to be able to offer it in English and Spanish!

1. If you know of a potential workshop participant, please refer them to the program!
2. Becoming a mentor! Be there to encourage the participant as they work on their personal plan and be a bridge to community resources. To begin the mentor process, please attend our next Poverty Seminar!
3. Sign up to provide a meal for the workshop!

To get involved or for more information, please contact Jodie Cleary, CTGA Program Manager. Jodie can be reached at 262-547-0654 or jcleary@svdpwaukesha.com.

Poverty Seminar

Our next poverty seminar is going to be here at the St. Vincent De Paul office, on Tuesday June 26th from 5:30-8:30pm. The address is 818 W. Sunset Drive, Waukesha. As always, the event is free but pre-registration is required. Through video presentation and discussion, you will consider new ways to view poverty. This is great information for new and seasoned Vincentians.

If you are interested in attending, please reach out to Jodie!



Coming Together to Get Ahead

A Society of St. Vincent de Paul Mentoring Program

Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Waukesha County
Office: 262.547.0654
Email: ComingTogether@svdpwaukesha.com
<http://stvincentwaukeshacounty.org/>

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

PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES

Summer Lunch Program

We are very pleased to announce that the remaining four days in the July 23-27 week have been filled! The St. Charles Outreach Services Team has come forward to cover July 23, 24, 25 and 27. We are blessed to have them join the Summer Lunch program and look forward to a long relationship with the St. Charles Outreach Services Team.

The Summer Lunch Program kicks off on June 11 and will run through August 31, the last day of the kid's summer school break. Each Monday-Friday (except July 4) from 11:30 am – 12:00 noon a lunch will be served to kids and to the parents that accompany them.

The Summer Lunch schedule of Conference Volunteer Commitments will be posted each month in the 'Activities This Month' section.

Back-to-School Program

Will your conference host a school supply drive this year? It's not too early to place this on the parish calendar! Think about it! We can use your help! Please look ahead and make your plans now.

The Back-to-School Program will run August 6 – Aug 17. St. William has graciously offered us use of their gym again this year.

Supply donations need to be dropped off at St. William, in the gym, during the week of August 6th through Noon on Monday, August 13th. Please contact Bonnie if you wish to drop off supplies past Noon on any day to ensure someone is there to accept delivery. Note we cannot accept donations after Noon on Monday August 13. This allows enough time to purchase items not donated and assemble the back-packs prior to distribution.

PLEASE NOTIFY JULIE OR BONNIE IF YOUR CONFERENCE WILL BE HOSTING A BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE. This will greatly help determine the quantity of items that need to be purchased.

St. Vincent de Paul Sunday

Choose your date now! The SVDP Sunday calendar is filling up fast! To schedule your conference weekend, contact Larry Oberbruner, Truck Scheduling Coordinator, at 262-569-0763 or loberbruner@svdpwaukesha.com.

Note: If you are scheduled on one of these dates, no worries! The store has 2 trucks available and you will be sharing the same weekend with another conference!

DATES AVAILABLE	
June: All Weekends Open	Sept: 14-16 / 28-30
July: All Weekends Open	Oct: 19-21 / 26-28
Aug: All Weekends Open	



June 19

Voice of the Poor Meeting

1:00 pm at the Council Office

VOP is focusing on Compassionate Release; the early release of inmates who no longer pose a threat to society due to advanced age or infirmity, allowing them to die at home with dignity. The process for applying for Compassionate Release is extremely complicated, includes multiple layers to the application and very difficult to apply without council. Very few inmates are able to successfully apply and receive early release. Attend this meeting and learn more.

VOP- VoterVoice Sign-up (This takes less than 2 minutes!)

As VROP and Partner, VOP ramped up activities, the VoterVoice tool will become an important method of communication.

What is VoterVoice? Do you remember Capwiz? **VoterVoice** now replaces Capwiz and is the Society's online tool that you can use to send advocacy messages to legislators (federal, and in some cases state representatives) to voice your support or concern for certain legislative bills.

Organizers from St. Vincent also use VoterVoice to inform us of issues that require our attention and VoterVoice is used to provide us with sample letters to send to our representatives. We are asked to add stories of the people we serve in our letters to help our legislators know how real people are being impacted by current laws and proposed legislation. While we never share the identities of the people we serve, we do share how they are impacted by current policy if we can help improve the laws that effect their well-being.

Sign up now and don't be left behind. Signing up is quick & easy:

1. Click on the link or cut & paste it into your browser of choice: <https://votervoicenet/SVDPUSA/home>
2. Scroll to the "Quick Sign Up" box at the bottom of the page
3. Enter your email address & zip code
4. Click the arrow on the right side of the zip code
5. Complete your sign up.

Yes, it is that easy to stay informed & be heard. Sign up now!

CONFERENCE TO CONFERENCE

Best Practices Meeting

The recent Best Practices Meeting was well attended and focused on Conference Guidelines. Minutes from that meeting have been posted on the website under Meetings & Trainings. If your Conference would like to share your Guidelines or request input from other Conferences, send your responses to Bonnie. There is much interest in learning what other Conferences do.

We will post questions, concerns and best practices in this section from Conferences who would like to share or request input from other Conferences. Send your responses to Bonnie at bpranger@svdpwaukesha.com, or to put you in contact with the person inquiring. Responses will be posted the following month.

CONFERENCE RESOURCES

Wisconsin Child Tax Rebate

The State of Wisconsin is providing a \$100 Child Sales Tax Rebate. Filing started May 15, 2018 and ends July 2, 2018. If qualified, a family can receive \$100 for each child under age 18. Let all your Patrons, Family and Friends know about this offer. Click here for details. [CHILD TAX REBATE](#) This form is also located on our website in the Member Info unsecured area for easy access by anyone.

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

Q: Considering the Church's stance on gay marriages and the gay lifestyle, does the Society have a right to refuse service to a gay couple, specifically providing them with a double bed?

A: There are a lot of moral issues that present themselves to our members over time. The issue you present comes up on occasion - providing, room, rent, bed for a gay couple. How about the case of a couple (man and woman) who indicate they are not married? What about someone who is known to be a sex offender? The Rule of the Society, both in Part I (Article 1.4) and Part III (Statute 8), states that we are not allowed to discriminate. "The Society serves those in need regardless..." The teachings of the Church make it clear what is good and what is bad, what is right and what is wrong. Those values are used to determine our own actions. However, our faith also insists that we are not to judge - God is the sole judge. Whether we provide room, rent, or bed does not mean that sin will be committed. For example, consider the case of giving furniture to a family in need. The father takes the furniture (which now belongs to him), sells it, and then buys drugs or alcohol with it. Should we not have given the furniture to the family? Should we stop giving furniture to other families in the future? The bottom line is that we are not to discriminate.

Index of Conference & Member Q & A

Conference and Member questions and answers appear in the E-Gazette, the National E-newsletter. Similarly, each month questions and answers are chosen to publicize in the monthly REMINDERS because the question was asked at the Waukesha Council office.

The National office has put together the entire stream of all Conference and Member Questions & Answers since this practice started! This will be a great tool for conferences. Many inquiries are common throughout the US. This is a link worth saving!

[National Office Log and Index of Conference & Member Questions & Answers](#)

Pam Hudson, National Director of Governance & Membership Services
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WHAT'S AHEAD

July 2018
2 - St. Bruno
9 - St. Dominic
16 - St. Catherine
23 - St. Anthony on the Lake
30 - St. Charles

Meal Program SVDP Volunteer Commitment

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Summer Lunch Program

Conference Commitments for JULY

Week of:

- 2 - 06 St. John Vianney (excluding July 4)
- 9 - 13 St. James, Mukwonago
- 16 - 20 St. Dominic
- 23 - 25 St. Charles Outreach Services Team
- 26 St. Jerome Mini-Vinnies
- 27 St. Charles Outreach Services Team
- 30 - 01 St. William

July 18 - 22

Waukesha County Fair

Join in the fun! Have a great time promoting St. Vincent de Paul to fairgoers and have a little fun while you're doing it! Sign up now to volunteer in the SVdP booth!

July 21

Food Pantry of Waukesha County (FPWC) Home Delivery Program

1301 Sentry Drive, Waukesha

Conference Commitment for 3rd Saturday of the month: ***St. Charles***

July 30

Quarterly Membership Meeting

Waukesha Council Office

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Quarterly Membership meetings have something for everyone to improve their ability to serve others. In 90-minutes we update Council and conference happenings and provide an opportunity to build a stronger Vincentian community.

ALL Vincentians are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

August 20

Par for the Poor Golf Outing

Western Lakes Golf Club

For event details or to register, click [HERE](#)

September 2017 - SVdP Awareness Month

September 29

Friends of the Poor Walk (St. William)

PETITIONS

Prayers for Health

Mary Newsome, Waukesha Store Employee