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# REMINDERS

November 2017

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## ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

November 2017
6 - St. Mary, Waukesha
13 - St. Charles
20 - St. John Neumann
27 - St. Anthony

**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.

### November 18

#### Food Pantry of Waukesha County (FPWC) Home Delivery Program

1301 Sentry Drive, Waukesha

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

Jason Aide, SVDP Home Delivery Program Coordinator will continue to contact each conference in advance to confirm the number of vehicles, affirm automobile insurance, provide instructions and answer any questions. Jason Aide can be reached at 262-424-6017.

### November 23

#### Happy Thanksgiving! Holiday Hours

Oconomowoc and Waukesha Thrift Stores and the Council office will be closed Thanksgiving Day, November 23.



## DISASTER NEWS

### Hygiene Kit Assembly for Operation Lone Star



Spearheaded by Frank Schmanski and Peggy Fahl, St. John Vianney, St. Luke and their Mini-Vinnies, and other Vincentians totaling 20-25 assembled personal hygiene kits on October 7. They were then sent to Texas where local Councils, Conferences and Disaster Services will distribute them in shelters, parish centers, Multi-Agency Resource Centers (MARC)s and other areas where there are survivors.



THANK YOU to all you caring members for helping those in dire need of the basic necessities that we all take for granted.

### SVdP Domestic Disaster Relief Donations

Plea's from the National office are still coming. In light of all of the hurricanes this year, conferences are still in great need of help in these areas of the country. You can help by making a donation to the SVdP USA Domestic Disaster Relief Fund.

Send your check to the Waukesha Council office. Payable to St. Vincent Waukesha. Donations will be gathered and forwarded to the National SVdP Domestic Disaster Relief Fund. This practice allows us to track Disaster donations from the Waukesha Council.

Send your check to:

St. Vincent de Paul  
818 W. Sunset Drive  
Waukesha, WI 53189

*Be sure to write "Domestic Disaster Relief Fund" in the memo field.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS – Waukesha Council**

### **501c3 Status Changes Ahead for Waukesha Council and Conferences**

“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 and conferences will be 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. What this means is Waukesha District Council will serve as the tax-reporting entity for all its conferences.

A snapshot of what to expect:

- A resolution whereby Waukesha Conferences operate as Integrated Units of a Council.
- File a final Form 990-EZ or 990N for the tax year in which the transition is finalized.
- Conferences transition to using the Council FEIN number. (Changing the FEIN # at Banking institutions)

All conferences will receive instructions as this process unfolds.

### **St. Vincent de Paul Walk Results**

6 Participating Conferences! 100 Walkers! Raising \$24,547!

Wow! That’s a huge chunk of extra change for conferences to help their neighbors in need!

Many of you should consider joining in on the fun!

Many, many thanks to St. William parish for use of their site, RuthAnne and PJ White, St. William for coordinating the event, Debbie Schaefer, St. John Neumann, all of the many volunteers. and to Catholic Financial Life Chapters 40 and 272 for providing the refreshments. We can’t leave out Jackie Meyer for being instrumental in gaining a signed Packer Football for the raffle and everyone else involved in creating all of the phenomenal raffle baskets! Even the weather cooperated ... a beautiful day for a very successful SVdP event! Don’t miss out next year!

### **St. Joseph Catholic School-Big Bend Helps St. Vincent de Paul**

St. Joseph Catholic School in Big Bend held a 2017 Soles for Catholic Education Walk. 110 students participated and collected 488 pairs of shoes, which were donated to the Waukesha store. What great exposure for Catholic Education and St. Vincent de Paul!



### **Quarterly Membership Meeting Summary**

The Quarterly Membership meeting was held October 30 and included Council Program updates and business matters. Thirty-eight members representing 17 conferences attended. A commissioning ceremony was held for new Presidents Debbie Haddican-St. Charles, Lynn Morrison-St. Joan of Arc, Mike Lechtenberg-St. John Vianney, and John Doherty-St. Joseph, Waukesha.

Some key items discussed included:

- Program Summaries
  - Back-To-School: 536 backpacks filled with school supplies were distributed
  - Summer Lunch: A total of 5392 lunches were served to children and the parents that accompanied them
- Council Updates
  - 501(c)(3) status change
- Josh Barnickel, Stores IT person; Kaia Poulson, Waukesha Store Manager; and Bill James, Store Operations Manager provided an overview of the Electronic Voucher. This will undergo testing very soon with hopes it be released to the Conferences by the end of the year.

Minutes, 4QFY17 Financial Report and Exhibits are posted on the website.

*(Members Toolbox>Quarterly Member Mtg Tab)*



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS – Stores**

### **Store Volunteer Opportunities**

Join our family of volunteers! Stop in at the service desk to learn more! Volunteers are always welcome and needed at both store locations.

## Holiday Celebrations

Plan to do your shopping for Thanksgiving and Christmas items at both Thrift stores. Shelves are stocked almost daily with many great holiday bargains! Spread the word to your neighbors, friends and family.

### Store contact information:

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Waukesha: Kaia Poulson 262-547-3281 [kpoulson@svdpwaukesha.com](mailto:kpoulson@svdpwaukesha.com)

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Store Marketing & Development: Rod Colburn [rcolburn@svdpwaukesha.com](mailto:rcolburn@svdpwaukesha.com)

## COMING TOGETHER TO GET AHEAD

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

### Poverty Seminars

We are currently setting up our schedule for the 2018 Poverty Seminars! If your church or organization is interested in hosting one, please contact the CTGA Program Manager Jodie Cleary at 262.547.0654 or [jcleary@svdpwaukesha.org](mailto:jcleary@svdpwaukesha.org)

### Workshops

As with our Poverty Seminars, we are also getting the new Getting Ahead Workshop schedule set for the upcoming year. If you know anyone interested in making a real change in their life during these 16 session workshops, please refer them to the CTGA Program Manager Jodie Cleary 262.547.0654.



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

## PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES

### 2017 Program Calendars – Conference Commitments

#### Meal Program Calendar

Peggy Fahl, Meal Program Director has completed the Meal Program calendar for 2018. Each conference Meal Program leader will receive a letter of expectation, instructions and the 2018 calendar by month and by conference. If the Meal Program leader has changed or if there is a date conflict, contact Peggy at [pegfahl@gmail.com](mailto:pegfahl@gmail.com) or (414) 828-6999.

#### SVdP & Waukesha Food Pantry Home Delivery Program Calendar

For now, the month and date conferences committed to deliver groceries in 2017 will remain the same in 2018. Please confirm with Julie McIntyre. [jmcintyre@svdpwaukesha.com](mailto:jmcintyre@svdpwaukesha.com)



### Key Events Calendar

This calendar provides a description of key on-going National, Regional, Archdiocesan and Waukesha Council events. At the end of the document you will find a running list of events scheduled to date.

There will be continual changes and additions to the calendar as the year progresses. Please be sure to check the calendar on a monthly basis. Additional meetings or changed dates for events will be marked by the date of the revision entered in red.

### 2018 St. Vincent de Paul Sunday Calendar

What weekend does your conference choose in 2018? Reserve it now! Those premium weekends fill up fast!

Contact Jason Schmittinger, Truck Scheduling Coordinator at 262-569-0763.

*\*All calendars will be posted on the Vincentian Member Home Page in the Calendar section as they are completed.*

### [Vincentian Member Home Page](#)

### **Project Angel Tree**

A note from Program Coordinator Trudy Dobyns:

*"We are providing presents to 83 children this year, up from 77 last year. The phone calls were interesting, and very personal for me. I feel blessed to be able to speak to all these families of the incarcerated, as they are sometimes wary of the "project." I think we are bringing Christ to them in what we have done and continue to do with this effort.*

*Thank you to all who have helped again this year. Now the fun starts! I will sort the tags and on October 28 mail them and detailed instructions to the conferences, which will give groups a month plus to buy gifts. Each child receives 2 gifts at a cost of \$15.00 - \$20.00 for each gift.*

*Gifts are to be dropped off at the Council office (818 W. Sunset Dr. in Waukesha) on or before Tuesday, December 12 for sorting and delivery.*

*Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas" ~ Trudy D*

Contact Trudy Dobyns, Program Coordinator with any questions:

E-mail: [tdobyns6@gmail.com](mailto:tdobyns6@gmail.com) Home Phone: 262-547-0960 (leave a voice mail)

## **SVdP Jail Ministry News**

### **Winter Coats Needed**

Coats will be needed at the Jails when inmates are released this winter. Inmates are released in the same clothing they had on when they were incarcerated, this could be a T-shirt and shorts. The Jails keep a supply of winter coats on hand to hand out when released in cold weather. Men's and women's coats are needed in all sizes but especially the larger XL and XXL. Please consider holding a winter coat drive at your parish. The collected coats can be delivered to the St. Dismas office inside the Council Office (do not take them to the store's Donation Collection area). Thank you for helping keep warm the men and women who have been released as they begin to re-enter our community.

## CONFERENCE RESOURCES

**We want to hear from YOU!**  
« « « **CONFERENCE TO CONFERENCE FORUM** » » »

At the request of Members, 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](mailto:bpranger@svdpwaukesha.com), or to put you in contact with the person inquiring! Responses will be posted the following month.

*From St. Dominic: Our donations have been down for quite a while. What do you do to promote your Poor Boxes or raise money in novel ways through collections?*

### November 10

#### Helping Children with Grief and Trauma

Healing Hearts of Waukesha County is hosting a conference on Friday, November 10 from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm at Oconomowoc Community Hospital. Those attending are sure to gain some understanding of how trauma affects our children and how through the use of simple, time-efficient strategies, make a positive change in the lives of these children. Please register by Wednesday, November 1.

#### Thanksgiving Meals

Here is a list of food distribution or hot meals to help our patrons celebrate Thanksgiving.

**TRUE LIFE CHURCH, 1615 Silvernail Road, Pewaukee (262-542-7538)**

Will distribute food Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, from 2pm to 6pm. A photo ID is required.

**BRING BAGS**

**CATHOLIC MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL, 601 E. College Ave., Waukesha**

Will be providing a meal on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:30 to 6 pm in their cafeteria.

**THE SALVATION ARMY, 445 Madison St., Waukesha**

Will provide a meal on Thanksgiving Day, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1pm to 2:30 pm

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

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

## WHAT'S AHEAD

December 2017
4 - St. James MF
11 - St. Dominic
18 - St. Jerome
25 - Christmas Day-No meal

### Meal Program SVDP Volunteer Commitment

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### December 12

#### Project Angel Tree Gift Drop-off

Drop off Project Angel Tree gifts (wrapped and labeled) on or before Tuesday, December 12 at the Waukesha Council office.

### December 16

#### Food Pantry of Waukesha County (FPWC) Home Delivery Program

1301 Sentry Drive, Waukesha

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

## PETITIONS

### Prayers for Good Health

*Mary Freisleben*, St. Luke Conference

*Rich Laven*, St. James, Mukwonago Conference

*Kathy Noe*, St. James, Mukwonago Conference

*Frank Schmanski*, St. John Vianney Conference