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# REMINDERS

**January 2018**

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018

*Wishing you beautiful moments,  
treasured memories,  
and all the blessings a heart can know.  
Happy New Year!*

## New Website and Login

**Finally!** The New website will be up and running the first week in January 2018! It's been a long time coming! Take a look! You will see areas that may still be 'under construction' but for the most part you will find just what you need and quickly see that items are a lot easier to find!

Members will be driven to the Member Info page. This page will display what's been posted, current happenings, announcements, etc. On the left side of the margin will be the member login. The login is: svdp (lowercase) and the password is: vincent (lowercase).

The website will constantly evolve. The future may bring a Best Practices area, members and conference groups at work, etc. We plan to let the membership steer us! Offer input! For now, enjoy!

The website address remains [www.stvincentwaukeshacounty.org](http://www.stvincentwaukeshacounty.org) so if you've bookmarked it (and who hasn't?) you can continue using the bookmark. Please do not hesitate to contact Julie or Bonnie with questions or if you have any problems navigating.

## ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

January 2018
1 - New Year's Day - No Meal
8 - St. William
15 - St. James, Muk
22 - St. Luke
29 - St. Joan of Arc

### 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.

### January 20 Poverty Seminar

Our next poverty seminar is here at St. Vincent de Paul, on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 8am-1pm. The address is 818 W. Sunset Dr. in 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.

To register call Jodie at 262-547-0654 or [Register here!](#)

### January 20 Food Pantry of Waukesha County (FPWC) Home Delivery Program 1301 Sentry Drive, Waukesha

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

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.

**January 29**

**Quarterly Membership Meeting**

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Council Office

818 W. Sunset Drive in Waukesha

Come one, Come all! Receive updates on current programs, hear about what's going on with Council Programs, Stores, and business matters. The Quarterly Membership Meetings is a great way to stay informed about Conference and Council matters. All members are invited to attend.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – Waukesha Council**

**2017 IRS-990 Forms, Instructions, Schedules, etc. for 990EZ and 990N**

Click here to find your conference 990 filing instruction and forms:

<https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/current-form-990-series-forms-and-instructions>

Note: Due date: February 15, 2017

 **ANNOUNCEMENTS – Stores**

**Electronic Vouchers**

We are beginning to roll out our new voucher program and could not be more excited! With this program we will be able to continue assisting those in need in a new and more respectful way than ever before!

This initiative's focus is to allow our patrons the ability to shop in our stores for the items they desperately need, with the dignity and respect of any other customer that walks through our doors. The Care Card system is presently being tested in a select few conferences whose excitement about the future and willingness to embrace this change with positivity are assisting us in fine tuning this already fantastic tool for our mission!

**Store Volunteer Opportunities**

Stores are in need of extra hands! Spread the word. Stores are always looking for volunteers over the age of 18 who can commit to 4 hours a week to share their time and talent. Stop in at the service desk of either store location to learn more.

Store contact information:

Oconomowoc: John Erdmann 262-569-0761 [jerdmann@svdpwaukesha.com](mailto:jerdmann@svdpwaukesha.com)

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

Truck Pick-up/Delivery: Jason Schmittinger 262-569-0763 [js-svdp@outlook.com](mailto:js-svdp@outlook.com)

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

**COMING TOGETHER TO GET AHEAD**

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

**Workshop Update**

Our 9<sup>TH</sup> Getting Ahead workshop will begin on Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at the First United Methodist Church in downtown Waukesha. The workshop is an exciting 16 session opportunity for participants to look at creating change in their lives. And as we prepare for this workshop, here's how you can help!

1. If you know of a potential workshop participant, please refer them to the program!
2. Sign up to be a meal team [Click Here](#)
3. Become 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!

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](mailto:jcleary@svdpwaukesha.com).

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<http://stvincentwaukesha.org/>

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

## **PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES**

### **Meal Program**

Conferences are encouraged to ask their Pastors, Associate Pastors, and/or Deacons to serve at the meal site. Priests from St. John Vianney have come on a regular basis, which has given our diners an opportunity to interact with the clergy. For those priests who are asked and are willing to volunteer, cite that the meal is a 90-minute commitment dedicated to feeding the hungry.

### **St. Vincent de Paul Sunday New Coordinator**

Larry Oberbruner Truck Scheduling Coordinator, is now overseeing the St. Vincent de Paul Sunday calendar. Choose your 2018 date now. Keep in mind, April and September book-up first! Contact Larry at 262-569-0763 or email [loberbruner@svdpwaukesha.com](mailto:loberbruner@svdpwaukesha.com)

### **Summer Lunch Program**

Summer Lunch conference participants will meet for a dinner meeting on March 8, 6:00-7:30 pm to finalize the 2018 Summer Lunch Program calendar. Please take the next couple of months to identify a leader and discuss your conference week's commitment. If you know in advance of a date change needed, please contact Julie ASAP. You'll find the full calendar on the new website under Programs and Ministries.

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

The month and date conferences committed to deliver groceries in 2018 have been carried over with the same date commitment as 2017. May this serve as a reminder to contact Julie to confirm your month for 2018. You'll find the full calendar on the new website under Programs and Ministries.

## **†SVdP Jail Ministry News**

### **Project Angel Tree**

Trudy Dobyns, Project Angel Tree Coordinator, reports there were 21 families with 44 children receiving gifts. 18 conferences participated and 1st Congregational handled the delivery of gifts.

Thank You to all the conferences who support this project. The Council heard from one family whose grandchildren received presents on behalf of their mother. The children were beyond excited when they arrived. Being incarcerated takes quite a toll on the families left behind. Project Angel Tree helps fill the gap and keep the connection between family members during the Christmas season.

### **Coats for the Jail!**

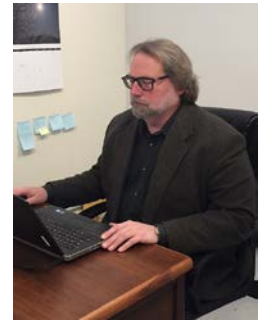
The Jail Ministry received an outstanding response to the request for men's and women's outerwear. Many coats have already been put into service and the St. Dismas on-hand supply and that at the jail have been replenished. Many thanks to St. Anthony on the Lake and St. William conferences and to all who dropped off warm coats without identifying themselves! There were many of you! Blessings to all who helped make this happen.

### **Meet the new Vincentian Re-Entry Organizing Project (VROP) WI State Coordinator**

Welcome Larry Coté! Larry comes to us with a wealth of knowledge in re-entry that stems from his vast experience as an attorney and great understanding of the many obstacles returning citizens face.

Larry will work closely Waukesha's Jail Ministry, with Barbara McPherson-National VROP Coordinator, local and National Voice of the Poor Committees and with others around the country to help reduce the barriers that block individuals as they journey to rebuild their lives and reintegrate into our communities.

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262-309-6772



Larry R. Coté Jr., J.D.



### **Voice of the Poor Committee News!**

Voice of the Poor Committee meetings will resume soon! Marian Lamoureux has agreed to serve as VOP Chair. Welcome back Marian!

A plan is being put in place to focus on important initiatives relating to Returning Citizens, the obstacles they face and how we as Vincentians with one voice, may be able to help advocate, educate and one day eliminate the many barriers so many face as they return to our communities.

Stay tuned! A date to gather coming soon!

## **CONFERENCE TO CONFERENCE**

The Conference to Conference section was recently added to the REMINDERS for members to question others about their best practices. How do you do this? That? What do you when? How? Etc. We can learn so much from each other.

In an effort to meet the needs of members, the Council reached out to Conference Presidents to find if they would be interested in an extra quarterly meeting to share best practices, concerns, conference operations, successes, etc. The Council is considering hosting these sessions outside of regular membership meeting months and start in February 2018. The agenda and topics for each session will be led by Conference leaders. A bonus will be that through discussions, the Council will also learn of areas where we may better serve you.

Conference Presidents were asked to respond to this idea. If there is no interest, the Council will not pursue.

Either way, we will continue to allow this space for member or conference questions and sharing. Send your questions or information to Bonnie at [bpranger@svdpwaukesha.com](mailto:bpranger@svdpwaukesha.com). Responses will be posted the following month.

## CONFERENCE RESOURCES

### Waukesha County Winter Resources

#### Emergency Overflow

- The Winter Emergency Overflow Shelter will be in full operation as of Friday December 15, 2017. The shelter serves single adult males. For more information regarding intake please call (262) 650-3087.
- The Salvation Army has added overflow beds for the winter season. The shelter serves single adult males. For more information regarding intake please call (262) 650-3087.  
2000 W. Bluemound Road  
Waukesha, WI 53188  
7:00 pm – 7:00 am with varying hours for weekends and holidays
- Hebron House of Hospitality provides emergency shelter and services to help single men and women, as well as families overcome homelessness.  
445 Madison Street  
Waukesha, WI 53188  
24 hours

All three shelters (Jeremy House, Siena House and Hebron House) can take up to 4 drop-in guests per night, in addition to those in the emergency shelter program. Drop-in guests can utilize available couches and floor space, as available. Drop-in guests are first come, first serve - starting at 7pm each evening. The drop-in hours are 7pm-7am. Guests can stay for up to five nights in a 30-day period. For more information, or to be added to the waitlist for the emergency shelters, please contact the Hebron House Shelter at (262) 549-8722.

- The Housing Action Coalition of Waukesha has motel vouchers available. Vouchers will not be issued unless ALL available shelter beds within the County are filled. Households must receive a referral from a shelter program or provider member of the HAC (262) 522-3815.

#### Warming Centers

- Jeremy House and Hebron House are warming centers that can be utilized for up to two hours each day. Warming center hours are closed from 5pm-7pm, daily. For more information, please contact the Hebron House Shelter at (262) 549-8722.

#### Daytime Resource Centers

- The Hope Center provides a Day Center with breakfast and lunch served. The center is open to the community from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm seven days a week. The center also serves evening meals Mon, Wed, and Fri at 5:30 pm and Sundays at 2 pm. The facility is open to the public for socializing, meals, and additional resources. For more information please call (262) 549-8726.

## Street Outreach

- The PATH outreach team at NAMI Waukesha will provide outreach to encourage people to come into warming spaces. If you become aware of someone who is outside and is unable to get to a shelter and/or their illness is providing a barrier to their willingness to come in, please contact Sunnie or Matt at (262) 524-8886.  
502 N. East Avenue  
Waukesha, WI 53186

## Conference and Member Questions and Answers

### (E-Gazette National Newsletter)

### Index of Conference & Member Q & A

**Q: We have a Conference president approaching the end of her second term and trying to plan her succession. No current member of this active Conference seems willing to step up to succeed her. If that does not change, what should happen with the Conference?**

A: There are two choices, either elect someone from within or close the Conference. It is up to the Conference members to step forward and provide leadership for their Conference. A District Council president can temporarily appoint someone to be Conference president if no president is nominated before the current president term ends; but an election has to take place as soon as possible and within a reasonable time. The current president should NOT stay in office by either appointment or re-election.

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! *(The National Log and Index of Q&A is temporarily unavailable.)*

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

February 2018
5 - St. Mary, Waukesha
12 - St. Catherine
19 - St. John Vianney
26 - St. Bruno

### Meal Program SVDP Volunteer Commitment

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### February 10

#### Ozanam Orientation

Council Office – 818 W. Sunset Dr. Waukesha

8:15 am registration / 8:30 am Program start / 1:00 pm conclusion

(Continental Breakfast and Lunch provided)

Ozanam training has been recently updated by National and is a must for all wishing to be active Vincentians. This training gives us the opportunity to learn more about the spiritual journey we share, our Vincentian heritage and our core ministry, the Home Visit. If it's been more than 3 years since you've attended an orientation, attending this updated training is strongly encouraged. You'll be receiving an invitation via email with a registration link, or register online through the SVdP website Member home page to reserve your seat now!

### February 12 – 28

#### Friends of the Poor Grant NCR Applications Accepted

Friends of the Poor® is an original SVDP USA program to provide direct service to the poor in the United States. It is coordinated by the National Council through the national volunteer network of SVDP Conferences and Councils.

Through a standardized simple application process which ensures capacity and accountability from start to finish, SVDP Conferences can apply for grant funds from the National Council's Friends of the Poor Fund. Grants are to be targeted to the specific current needs of the poor, above and beyond available Conference and community resources.

Each year the National office produces a grant application schedule. The North Central Region (NCR) Conferences (of which Waukesha District Council conferences are part of) are eligible to apply for the National Friends of the Poor Grant and must be received at the National office February 12 through February 28, 2018. Applications received after February 28 will not be considered.

Please discuss applying for the Friends of the Poor Grant now. The process, eligibility, requirements and the application are on the national website. [Click here for instructions and application](#)

### **February 17**

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

1301 Sentry Drive, Waukesha

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

## **PETITIONS**

### **Prayers for Health**

May 2018 bring good health to all.