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November 2019

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Monthly Quote for Reflection

A charitable word is all that is sometimes necessary to convert an obdurate heart. In like manner one bitter word is capable of afflicting a soul and plunging it into a sadness that may be most injurious.
 ~ St. Vincent de Paul

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ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

November 2019

4 - St. Catherine of Alex

11 - St. Dominic

18 - St. John Neumann

25 - St. James, Men Falls

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.

2020 Meal Program Calendar

All Meal Program leaders have received a copy of the calendar of their conference commitment by email. The Meal Program calendar is also posted on the website under Member Info/Council Programs & Ministries/Meal Program.

November 6

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 and how 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. Registration is required.

[Register Here](#)

November 12

Voice of the Poor Meeting

6:00 – 7:30pm

Council Office

November 19

Best Practices

1:00 pm – 2:30

November 28

Happy Thanksgiving! Holiday Hours

Oconomowoc and Waukesha Thrift Stores and the Council office will be closed Thanksgiving Day, November 28. The Council Office will also be closed on Friday the 29th.

WAUKESHA COUNCIL

The Rule

Part III Statutes of the National Council were revised and approved by the General Council International in December 2018. It's first printing ran out quickly! The book sized Rule is not yet available but the pocket Rule is, at \$1.75 ea. These can be ordered on the svdpusa.org website, 'Shop' section. All members should have one!

Many of the revisions incorporated language in the new Bylaws, the content revised to be more understandable and some items were combined. In a document attached, and on the website on the Member Info home page, you will find Part III in document form, highlighting all of the revised areas.

Note, one of the new items is located in the Conference Agenda section. What has been added to the agenda is a reading of one Rule at each conference meeting. This is a great way for everyone to understand who we are and how we operate. This is another great reason for all conference members to have the Pocket Rule.

To easily identify the new RULE, the new edition displays the RULE in red.

W-9's – IRS 1099-MISC

Thank you to all Conferences for being diligent in gathering and sending landlord addresses and payment amounts to the Council office. If you will be submitting one form at the end of the year, please note the 1099 information is **due by January 3, 2019**. SVdP Accountants submit these forms to the IRS on our behalf.

990-N or 990-EZ

Please hold off on filing your 990EZ or 990N until we receive the Waukesha Council's Group Ruling number. If you file your 990 early, your form may be rejected. This has already happened to one of our conferences trying to file a 990N. We surmise it is because our application is currently in process. Let us avoid it happening to others.

Our attorney learned a couple weeks ago from the IRS that processing our Group Ruling application was in its final review. Our answer to when we will receive a response was 'soon'. In IRS language we really don't know what that means unfortunately. We are hoping to get news in the next few weeks. One thing I will say is, I do have faith we will receive it well before the 990 deadline of February 15, 2020. We do have some time.

Again, please hold off sending your 990 until you hear from the Council office.

Bylaws (Council and Conference)

The National Governance Committee has completed the revisions and editing process for the new Approved (formerly Model) Bylaws for SVdP Conferences and Councils.

Waukesha revised and adopted Conference and Council Bylaws in Sept. 2018. The national advised those that are in the process of gaining their own 501c3 or Group Ruling to hold off on adopting the new revisions until after the tax status is approved by the IRS. Note, the IRS will also receive any revision to Waukesha's bylaws. There is a likelihood we will be updating the Bylaws again. You will be notified.

Also note, with reference to the new RULE, many of the revisions were based on the Bylaws National model.

SVdP Member Handbook

All current members should receive the Member Handbook. A long overdue publication, this booklet provides a welcome, an overview of who we are, what we do and how we do it, and outlines member expectations. The book cost is \$1.00 ea. The expense will be placed on the Annual Report on line 13 Other Operating Expense – other. And of course, as new members join your conference please offer them the Membership Handbook, and to also notify the Council office.

Quarterly Membership Meeting 10-28-19

Presidents will receive an email and asked to notify fellow members when the minutes are completed and available to view on the website.

2020 Member Calendar of Events

The Calendar of Events calendar displays all Vincentian, trainings, events and meetings. In a snapshot by month it is easy to follow. As new gatherings are scheduled the Calendar is updated. The calendar is posted on the website on the Member Info home page.

Programs & Ministries

Back-to-School – 2019 Summary

The program ran from Aug 5 – Aug 16 in the gym at St. William Catholic church. 649 backpacks were distributed. 400 kids also received a \$15.00 gift certificate to Walmart.

Twenty conferences utilized the Back-to-School program to provide backpacks to children in their communities. Of the 12 conferences that held a supply or gift card drive at their parish, 2 of them provided backpacks from within their own parish and did not collect any from the program.

Arrowhead Football Team did not volunteer. In error, the date had been placed on the Arrowhead Activities calendar on the wrong day. A plea went out to members to help with the assembly. With many thanks, 40- 50 members showed up as a result of that plea to help with assembly the morning of 8/14. The assembly was done timely for patron distribution.

Volunteer hours totaled 202.25. Slightly lower than last year due to how well it was organized!

Backpack and supplies value = \$35.00

Shoe Gift card value = 15.00

Total: \$50.00

Summer Lunch Program - 2019 Summary

The program ran June 11– August 30, 2019. Fourteen conferences, St. Charles parish Outreach Committee and St. Jerome Mini Vinnies participated.

An average of 72 lunches were served each day valued at \$2.46 per lunch.

A wrap-up meeting was held October 2, 2019. As a result of that meeting one conference will not be participating in 2020. Due to the way the calendar falls **we will be short of volunteers 6 days in 2020.** If your conference is interested in participating in the program, contact Julie at jmcintyre@svdpwaukesha.com

Final conference commitments are due in January 2020.

12th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk Summary – 2019 Summary

- 9 Conferences participated in the SVdP Walk
- Approximately 70 Walkers
- \$22,994 (all conference donations combined)

Many, many thanks to Marcia Slowinski, St. William member for spearheading the Walk in 2019!

2020 St. Vincent de Paul Sunday Calendar

What weekend(s) would your conference like in 2020? Those premium weekends fill up fast! Contact Leah Forester, Truck Scheduling Coordinator at 262-569-0763 to reserve your weekend now!

SVdP Jail Ministry News

Project Angel Tree

Conferences have been contacted regarding their participation in Project Angel Tree. Wrapped and tagged gifts should be dropped off at the Council Office from 8am-4:30pm between Dec 2 – 5 (no earlier). Contact Bonnie if you can't make it during those hours. A couple more Santa's Helpers are still needed. If interested, contact Dawn at dawniwalsh@yahoo.com or (262) 443-9977.



VOICE OF THE POOR

November 12

VOP Meeting

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Council Office

The Voice of the Poor working group will review the VOP conference surveys and determine a course of action.

COMING TOGETHER TO GET AHEAD

Workshop: We are almost done with workshops 14 and 15 in downtown Waukesha, and our investigators have

been hard at work. We will be getting ready to celebrate at Graduation on Tuesday, November 19th. Please let us know if you would like to join us for the important event.

We are also preparing for our 2020 workshops in Waukesha and the Greater Menomonee Falls area, starting in February and March. If you know anyone ready to make a financial change in their life or if you want to get involved and support that change, please let us know!

Community Voice for Change: CVC is a monthly dinner and discussion about barriers and solutions for Getting Ahead in Waukesha County. Having done employment, mental health, and housing, we just had our first night on transportation! Our next night is on Wednesday, December 4th from 6-8pm at First United Methodist Church located at [121 Wisconsin Ave](#) in Waukesha. We encourage everyone to attend. From these

nights, we create a Community Voice for Change report that is shared with the community to inform and inspire change. If you are not currently receiving these invitations and reports (and would like to), please let us know!

To refer someone, register for an event, or ask questions please contact CTGA at ctga@svdpwaukesha.com or 262.547.0654



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

STORES

***** Electronic Voucher Update *****

The Voucher program is being moved to a new Server by the developer. Unfortunately, this will entail uninstalling your current program and downloading the new. There are few changes to the program itself, just the hassle of uninstalling and reinstalling. Detailed instructions are in the works and will be sent out soon.

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:

Waukesha: John Erdmann, 262-547-3281, jerdmann@svdpwaukesha.com

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Truck Pick-up/Delivery: 262-569-0763, dispatch@svdpwaukesha.com

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

CONFERENCE RESOURCES

WEAP Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (October 1 – May 15)

Learn more about the 2020 program and eligibility here: [WHEAP](#)

Cold Weather Shelter

- Hope Center will be open again this year seven days a week for meals & our Day Center. Starting November 2nd our hours will be the same as our current daily times. Day Center operations will start at 8am and run until 4:30pm. We will serve Breakfast at 9:30 am, Lunch at noon, and evening meals on Mon, Wed, Fri. at 5:30 pm.

The Day Center will be open every day at 8 am for those who need a place to come to stay warm and have a hot meal. Sundays will be open until our Loaves & Fishes meals are completed. Any questions, please feel free to call the Hope Center office for assistance at 262-549-8726

- The overflow homeless shelter will reopen for its first full winter season on Dec. 1, located at 1210 Sentry Drive. The shelter is expected to be open from 3pm to 9am, Monday-Friday and from 5pm to 9am on Saturday and Sunday. The shelter will need volunteers to get ready to welcome guests, and others to assist with the Meal Train. Read this [article](#) for more information:

Thanksgiving Food and Meals

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

Waukesha Food Pantry, 1301 Sentry Dr., Waukesha (262-542-5300)

A turkey will be included during the 2 weeks prior to Thanksgiving. Pantry opens 1-3pm Monday thru Friday; 9:30-11:30am Saturdays; and 6-8pm Thursday; closed on holidays. Must be registered clients; bring ID for every person and proof of address.

Catholic Memorial High School, 601 E. College Ave., Waukesha (262.542.7101)

Wednesday, November 27 from 4:30 to 6 pm in the cafeteria.

Christ the King Lutheran Church, 1600 N. Genesee St., Delafield (262.646.2343)

Wednesday, November 27 from 3:00 to 6:30 pm

The Salvation Army, 445 Madison St., Waukesha (262.547.7367)

Thursday, November 28, doors open at Noon, serving from 1:00 pm to 1:55 pm, doors close at 2:30 pm. This replaces the evening meal.

St. William, 440 N. Moreland Blvd., Waukesha

School children are collecting and packing boxes with Thanksgiving food items (turkey not included). These will be delivered in the St. William area. Call the SVdP St. William help line at 262.547.2763 ext. 204 to request a box.

National Vehicle Donation Program

This is a great time of year to promote the National SVdP Vehicle Donation Program. Consider placing this in your parish bulletin. *There are many vehicle donation programs out there. Let's make sure fellow parishioners know about the St. Vincent de Paul Vehicle Donation Program!*

Do something good for others during the holidays by donating a vehicle to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The proceeds generated from vehicle donations in your community will go right back to Waukesha County neighborhoods to help feed the hungry, keep the lights and heat on, fund programs to help people to help themselves, and more. We accept most cars, trucks, trailers, boats, RV's, motorcycles, off-road vehicles, heavy equipment and most other motorized vehicles. If you have any questions about what you can donate, please call toll-free at (800) 322-8284 seven days a week."

Perhaps you or someone you know are considering donating a vehicle? It's easy to donate!

Click here! [Give a Vehicle to Help People in Need](#)

-or-

1. Call us at toll-free at **800-322-8284**
2. We will tow your vehicle at no cost to you!
3. Get a tax-deductible receipt and help our cause

All proceeds from a vehicle donated in Waukesha County are placed in the Needy Family Fund.

Substance Abuse Rehab for Veterans

View Help.org for this resource. This link is also on the website in the Get Help/Community Resources section <https://www.help.org/substance-abuse-rehab-for-veterans/>

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

Q: A person in need contacted us for food, and then we saw his name on TV on the Crime Stopper's most wanted list. What should we do in that situation? Deliver the food anyway? Contact the police, and if so, where does confidentiality fit in? What's the policy of the Society?

A: First of all, I would hope that our members are not checking the names of the people we serve against Crime Stopper's Most Wanted List! It is not appropriate for us to do background checks in any way on those who call for help. If you are positive that it is the person being sought, then consider that people do not get on the "most wanted" list for shoplifting or running a red light. It usually indicates a very dangerous person. The recommendation would therefore be to stay out of harm's way, do your civic duty and report your suspicion to the police. However, understand that the police will not get back to you with any information. So, if it is not the same person, then he/she will be going without the help requested, and may contact you again.

Index of Conference & Member Q & A

Conference and Member questions and answers appear in the E-Gazette, the National E-newsletter. Each month questions and answers are chosen for the monthly REMINDERS. The National office has put together the collection of all Questions & Answers since this practice started! 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

WHAT'S AHEAD

December 2019
2 - St. Joseph, Wauk
9 - St. Bruno
16 - St. Charles
23 - St. James, Muk
30 - St. Jerome

Meal Program SVDP Volunteer Commitment

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December 10
Voice of the Poor
6:00 – 7:30pm
Council Office

NCR 2020 (June 11-13)

Mark your calendars now! The NCR meeting is coming to Waukesha! The SVdP Archdiocesan Council will be hosting this event and planning has already started!

Zoltan Eszes, Waukesha President and Pennie Krafczyk, Milwaukee President are co-chairs. The event will be hosted at the Marriott-West in Waukesha.

Volunteers will be needed for the registration sign-in, the hospitality area, as greeters & guides to help guests find their way, help on a banquet committee, etc. Volunteers will be sought in both Counties.

Please consider helping out! Why not? You will already be at the meeting, yes? 😊

PETITIONS

Prayers for Health

P.J. White, St. William member
Nancy Karl, Waukesha Council

Rest in Peace

Peter Wegmann, St. Teresa of Calcutta
Mary Navin, St. Mary Waukesha

