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REMINDERS

April 2018

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ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

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

April 2018
2 - St. John Neumann
9 - St. Charles
16 - St. Teresa of Calcutta
23 - St. Jerome, Mini-Vinnies
30 - St. Joseph, Waukesha

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.

April 9

Ozanam Medallion Nominations Due

The Ozanam Medallion is awarded to an individual or conference who has presented a model of service to the broader community, who has increased knowledge of the works of the Society and has assisted the Society in creating an image helpful in recruitment and resource development. Do you know an individual or conference who has achieved these goals? Nominations must be submitted by April 9 to the SVdP Archdiocesan office. Find the form on our website: *Members Info Home Page/Member Info, Forms and Supplies*

April 11-13

Mid-Year Meeting in St. Louis

Julie will be out of the office. Contact Bonnie if you are in need of assistance.

April 14

Spring Renewal at James Place Wellness Event

See Conference Resources section for details

April 16

St. Dismas Jail Ministry Conference Meeting

Council office – 818 W. Sunset Dr., Waukesha
6:30 pm

April 17

Voice of the Poor Meeting

Council office – 818 W. Sunset Dr., Waukesha
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

At our March meeting, Larry Coté, VROP Coordinator, provided detail to 24 possible issues that are impacting the formerly incarcerated. Then each member was asked to take a little time to consider these issues with a goal of determining the direction the VOP will take at the April 17th meeting. While there are many concerns, the issues of education (in prison), housing and transportation surfaced.

Your voice is needed. We should have representation from each Conference at these meetings. We will determine our next steps to raise awareness of VOP/VROP into our parishes and Conferences. Please join us on Tuesday, April 17 at 1:00 pm in the Council Office, all are welcome!

April 21

Ozanam Orientation by Milwaukee Council

Milwaukee Council Office, 9601 W. Silver Spring Dr.

8:15am registration; 8:30 – 1:30 program

RSVP by April 13 to Natalie at (414) 462-7837 or nbousquet@svdpmilw.org

April 21

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: **St. Mary, Waukesha**

April 21

Special Needs Resource Fair (St. Luke)

St. Luke Church, Carpenter Hall, 18000 W. Greenfield Ave, Brookfield

10am to 1pm

The Special Needs Resource Fair is held to share community resources available to individuals and families with special needs. The fair will feature over 30 representatives from community organizations, three guest speakers that are sure to inspire, a food truck, and a wheel chair obstacle course, in addition to the resources/materials to help those most in need. Visit our web site at <http://stlukebrookfield.org/special-needs-resource-fair> to get the latest line-up. For more information contact St. Luke Catholic Church at (262) 782-0032 or SNRF@stlukebrookfield.org.

April 22

Archdiocesan Spring General Meeting & Lunch

Holy Family Parish, 271 Fourth Street Way, Fond du Lac

Registration required.

Hear NCR Vice-President Tom Pilger share his vision and insights on the Society, and join in the presentation of the Ozanam Medallion. Cost for the lunch is \$15 per person and registration is required. You will find the Registration Form on the SVdP Waukesha website. As a reminder, the Ozanam Medallion nominations are due by April 9th. *Members Info Home Page/Upcoming Meetings & Events*

April 24

Safeguarding All of God's Family Training

See details under Council Announcements

All members are invited to attend this 3rdnd Annual Safeguarding session hosted at St. Vincent de Paul. This is our 2nd annual event that initially started for our Summer Lunch Participants, but it is inclusive to all!

Everyone interested in attending MUST register on the Milwaukee Archdiocesan website in advance.

A background check is part of the registration process, which will be completed by the parish at which you volunteer. You will be asked to complete a background check consent form.

See detailed instruction in 'Council Announcements'

April 26

VROP Movie Showing ~ Ava DuVernay's documentary "13TH"

Workforce Development Center

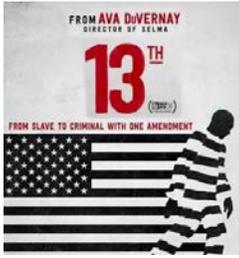
892 Main St, Pewaukee (Building W). Movie is in Room WF108-WF110

11:30 am – 2:00 pm

Cost: **FREE**

The event is hosted by the Vincentian Reentry Organizing Project (VROP) to bring awareness to mass incarceration. All members, spouses, guests and the general public are invited to attend to learn more about this issue.

(See next page for details)



“Powerful, infuriating and at times overwhelming, Ava DuVernay’s documentary “13TH” will get your blood boiling and tear ducts leaking. It shakes you up, but it also challenges your ideas about the intersection of race, justice and mass incarceration in the United States...” *New York Times*, (September 29, 2016).

DuVernay’s 13th is a broad historical survey that tracks the evolution of slavery as an economic system through to the current day prison industrial complex. Though often historical in nature, the film could not be more timely. The current crisis of mass incarceration means that here in the U.S. we currently incarcerate 2.3 million people, amounting to 25% of the world’s incarcerated population; it means one in three Black men will be incarcerated; it means more Black men are currently incarcerated than were enslaved in 1850. DuVernay convincingly draws into question the political and policy choices of the last 30 years, confronting us with the undeniable outcomes of those policies. Ultimately, the film challenges us to look beyond mere calls for reform and to view mass incarceration as a moral crisis that cannot be addressed until we fundamentally change our views on human dignity and racial justice. Movie Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V66F3WU2CKk>

**April 30
Quarterly Membership Meeting**

Waukesha Council office
818 W. Sunset Dr. Waukesha
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
All members are invited and encouraged to attend!

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Waukesha Council

Family With 9 Children

Good news! St. John Vianney reported that this family has now found housing in Waukesha.

Conference President Elections

Records indicate 6 Conference Presidents will conclude their 1st or 2nd term on September 30, 2018. It is time to place the election-nomination process on your conference agenda now. Ideally, the newly elected Conference President, shadows the current President for 3 months.

Also, inform the Council office if you will serve a 2nd term. For record keeping purposes, 1st and 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.

Congratulations to St. Dominic’s President Elect, Any Orgovan! Kudos to Belle Flannery and Mike Mischuk for identifying their successor so far in advance.

1 st Term ending Sept 30, 2018	2 nd term ending Sept 30, 2018
St. Dismas	Holy Apostles
St. Teresa of Calcutta	Queen of Apostles
	St. Anthony, Menomonee Falls

Rebuild~Restore~Renew Fundraising Campaign

Two team members of the Fundraising Campaign would like to make a visit to one of your conference meetings to bring you more information about the campaign, its status, discuss initiatives and answer questions. Julie will be contacting you to set a date but invitations are welcome! 262.522.3240 jmcintyre@sudpwaukesha.com

April 24

Safeguarding All of God's Family Training

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Code of Ethical Standards and Mandatory Reporting Responsibilities

Copies of these documents can be found on the Safeguarding All of God's Family site, please read the document, print off the signature page and return the signed page to the Safe Environment Coordinator on April 3.

<http://www.archmil.org/Resources/Code-Ethical-Standards-Leaders.htm>

<http://www.archmil.org/Resources/Mandatory-Reporting-Responsibilities.htm>

There is a new registration process. Register and download the instruction sheet [HERE](#)

If you cannot attend the session held at St. Vincent de Paul on April 24, you may attend a Safeguarding session at any location listed on the Milwaukee Archdiocesan website. Follow this link to see the calendar of Safe Environment Events. [Safe Environment Events](#)

Vehicle Donation Program ...

We don't talk about this enough.

Last year Waukesha County car donations brought in \$1,700. While this may seem minimal, how many families were we able to help with those dollars? All car donation revenue is placed in our Needy Family Fund. We can definitely increase this amount by simply telling people about the program! To learn more, visit the National SVdP website at <http://svdpusa.careasy.org/HOME.html>



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ANNOUNCEMENTS – Stores

Here at the Oconomowoc store we have made some cosmetic changes over the past month. We have added new jewelry cases to match the Waukesha store, this has gotten a large amount of positive feedback. We also made some changes to the different displays throughout the store including new product, high end purses, and our scarf wall.

Up and coming we will be changing the layout of the clothing floor and adding a new display for the front window! The display will include mannequins and amazing themes set up by our wonderful employees.

Also, the Oconomowoc store would like to say congratulations to Felicia on her new position as the stores Volunteer Coordinator and E-commerce Development Coordinator.

We are externally grateful to have added 5 new volunteers to our team this month. Some jobs that our new

volunteers will be fulfilling are organizing and cleaning the floor, pricing clothing and helping in our electronics room! We are always looking for new volunteers to join the St Vincent De Paul Family.

In addition, all our summer product will be hitting the floor this month! So, make sure to come out and check out all the great deals! Thank you for shopping SVDP stores.

Golfers Needed

We now need golfers to sign up for our first annual Golf Outing on August 20th. Proceeds will go to the Needy Family Fund.

The website for sign up is: www.stvincentdepaul.golfgenius.com

Electronic Voucher Changes

All changes have been made to the Electronic Voucher cheat sheet and posted on the website.

- Mattress & box spring prices have gone up slightly and since the conference is charged “at cost,” the increase has to be passed on.
 - Bed frames- Twin/Full- \$22; Queen- \$33
 - Twin mattress- \$53.00; Twin Box Spring- \$37.00; Twin Set- \$90.00
 - Full mattress- \$63.00; Full Box Spring- \$39.00; Full Set- \$102.00
 - Queen mattress- \$75.00; Queen Box Spring- \$43.00; Queen Set- \$118.00
- Winter Boots (\$15) are now categorized under Shoes & Accessories instead of Clothing.
- Tents (\$15) have been added to Sporting Goods and Sleeping Bags (\$10) have been added to Linens (yes, it's linens) for our Homeless Patrons.
- Do not enter multiple items in different categories in the same entry. One entry can only contain items in a single category.
- Do not enter multiple items in the same category individually. The system cannot match specific items to the specific value associated with it. (This was just discovered.) Combine all items in the same category.
- This is a reminder that no one should be using their conference Admin account to login for entering new patrons or creating vouchers. Use your conference member user name (firstinitiallastname@conference_city) for recording all activities in Thrift Works.
- Updates are made to the Electronic Voucher cheat sheet and posted on the website as they occur. The revision date is listed so you can always tell if you have the most current information. The most recent version is dated 3/20/18.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Come join the fun and help our mission in a new way. Both stores are in need of volunteers. Do you have a favorite area that you'd like to work in? We can accommodate that. Do you have favorite people you'd like to work with? We can arrange that. Bring your family and friends with you to work side by side. Take the first step and contact Rod Colburn at 262-751-9720



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Oconomowoc: Chandler Papa, 262-569-0761, cpapa@svdpwaukesha.com

Truck Pick-up/Delivery: Larry Oberbruner, 262-569-0763 loberbruner@svdpwaukesha.com

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

Store Website: www.svdpthrift.com

COMING TOGETHER TO GET AHEAD

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

Workshop Update

We are wrapping up our ninth Getting Ahead Workshop 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 while this workshop is underway, we are planning for our next one to begin in September. Please let us know if you have any interest in the following:

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 being hosted by First United Methodist Church on Saturday May 19th 8am-1pm. The address 121 Wisconsin Ave 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, please email Jodie at jcleary@svdpwaukesha.com. Also, if you or your parish are interested in being the host for a poverty seminar, please reach out to Jodie!



Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Waukesha County

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<http://stvincentwaukesha.org/>

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

PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES

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	July: All Weekends Open
April: 6-8 / 13-15 / 20-22	Aug: All Weekends Open
May: 11-13 / 18-20 / 25-27	Sept: 7- 9 / 14-16 / 28-30
June: All Weekends Open	Oct: 5-7- / 19-21 / 26-28

Summer Lunch

Conference participants met on March 6. There was a lot covered from recapping last year to organizing for 2018. Two important announcements were also brought forth.

1. The week of July 23-27 is vacant. The two Mini-Vinnie groups have been asked. We are also in wait of one more conference to confirm. Once these dates are filled we'll be all set!
2. The other great announcement was due to the Stores Round-up Program, conferences will receive a check in the mail to cover food costs. Thank you stores!

[To view the minutes click here.](#)

Back-to-School

It's hard to believe we are talking about the Back-to-School Program and school isn't even out yet! But organizing is already underway. We have confirmed use of the gym at St. William August 6 – August 17 where all operational aspects: donating, organizing, assembling back-packs and patron pick-up, will take place. The Arrowhead Football team is looking forward to donating their time and muscle again this year. Wheels are in motion!

This announcement is also out early so you can arrange for your School Supply Donation Drive. We rely heavily on donated new school supplies. Please discuss holding a parish drive now. Parish calendars and busy summer schedules fill quickly!

†SVdP Jail Ministry News

Easter at the Jail

The Jail Ministry provided a few treats for inmates: homemade cookies, candy, a soda, and a stamped envelope in celebration of Easter. This small gesture goes a long way for many in their time of darkness.

April 16

St. Dismas Jail Ministry Meeting

6:30 pm

Council office meeting room area



VOP Meeting

April 17 – 1:00 pm

Council Office

Join us! Details in 'Activities This Month' section.

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.

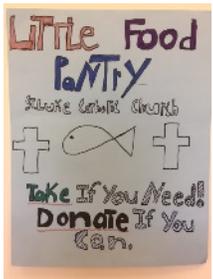
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1. Click on the link or cut & paste it into your browser of choice: <https://votervoice.net/SVDPUSA/home>
2. Scroll to the "Quick Sign Up" box at the bottom of the page
3. Enter your email address & zip code
4. Click the arrow on the right side of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

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

CONFERENCE TO CONFERENCE

From St. Luke Mini Vinnies



You may recall an article in the May 2017 Reminders regarding the St. Luke Mini Vinnies "Little Food Pantry". The Mini Vinnies repurposed an unused newspaper dispenser into a little food pantry and placed it outside the Waukesha store. Usage has turned out greater than expected and has put a strain on St. Luke's own pantry. They are reaching out to other conferences and parishes to see if volunteers, possibly youth, would like to join their efforts to keep the box filled. Currently, the Mini-Vinnie families take two-week rotations, refilling the LFP three times a week to meet the needs of those who have enjoyed its contents. If interested in becoming a part of this well-used food resource, contact Marian Lamoureux at marianlamoureux@gmail.com.

In this Conference to Conference section, we will post questions, concerns and best practices 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

Community Action Coalition (CAC)

The CAC has published an updated Waukesha County Directory of Basic Services. This booklet provides resources for most of the issues on which we receive calls for assistance. You'll find it on the SVdP website under *Get Help / Community Resources*.

April 14

Spring Renewal at James Place

Spring Renewal at James Place, 129 W. Broadway in Waukesha, 10am to 2pm

Renew your heart, mind and body at this Wellness Event hosted by James Place. The FREE events include haircuts, manicures, blood pressure checks, 15-minute breakout sessions on a variety of wellness topics, and healthy snacks throughout the day. For further details, see a copy of the flier on our website on the *Member Info Home Page / Upcoming Meetings & Events*

April 21

Special Needs Resource Fair (Details in Activities this Month)

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

**This month, the question surfaced from the Waukesha District Council!*

Q. We are hosting a Fundraising Campaign at the Council level. We are targeting 4 areas – Housing for returning citizens, Coming Together to Get Ahead Expansion, Needy Family Fund and our Endowment Fund. We do know that members may personally donate toward the campaign.

The question is, can conferences donate funds for this initiative from their conference treasuries?

A. Yes, Conferences resources can be used to support their Councils initiatives, just as they and their Councils support national initiatives. For example, the national Haiti Scholarships program, domestic disaster appeals, etc. Collaborations with Councils and Conferences are encouraged and helps all to recognize and support Vincentian unity within a diocese. Besides, the campaign target areas will provide more resources for those friends in need whom the Conferences serve.

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

May 2018
7 - St. William
14 - St. Joan of Arc
21 - St. John Vianney
28 - 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.

May 12

Spiritual Advisors Regional Morning of Reflection, “Feeding the Spiritual Advisor”

St. Anthony on the Lake, Pewaukee

8:00am – 12:30pm

All past, present and future Spiritual Advisors are invited to attend this morning of reflection for all North Central Region. More details to come.

May 19

Food Pantry of Waukesha County (FPWC) Home Delivery Program

1301 Sentry Drive, Waukesha

Conference Commitment for 3rd Saturday of the month: **St. Mary, Waukesha**

PETITIONS

Prayers for Health

Marie Swick, St. James-Mukwonago

Pat Humphriss - St John Vianney

Rest in Peace

Steve Sobieski, President of St. Catherine of Alexandria Conference

Ferdinand (Fritz) Sajdak, Former conference President and longtime member of St. Dominic Conference

Helen Rupinski, Mother of Joan Lapczynski, St. James-Mukwonago Conference