

The Society Scoop



Cool Breeze



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OPEN HOUSE AND FAN PICK UP

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 1 - 3 PM

SVDP THRIFT STORE - FENTON - 625 S GRAVOIS

***Come by for food and fellowship, even if you aren't
picking up fans - all are welcome!***

A fan put into a family's home in the summer heat can make a huge difference in their lives. Please contact Steve Rupp at stevesvdpstl.org or 314-881-6018 to reserve your fans. The cost is only \$3.00 each! We'll reserve up to 15 fans to the first 30 Conferences to contact Steve.

- Tours of the Fenton Thrift Store
- 20% coupons for our Thrift Stores to all Vincentians!
- All kinds of refreshments including hot dogs, soda, fruit, healthy snacks etc.
- Give-aways including Dinner Packages and Eddie Bauer Throws
- Fellowship with fellow Vincentians from across the Council
- Fellowship with members of the Council Staff
- Fellowship with the members of the Thrift Store Staff
- Forging relationships among Conferences and the Fenton Thrift Store
- Some fans still available on a first-come, first-served basis - **HURRY!**

Friends of the Poor Walk/Run



**Mark your calendar:
Saturday, September 24, 2022
for the Friends of the Poor
Walk/Run**

This is a GREAT way for your Conference and Parish to join together on a beautiful, crisp, fall morning to enjoy the weather, enjoy each other, get to know the families of your Vincentians,

fellow parishioners, and the neighbors in your community. All while raising significant funds to help your Neighbors in need. All funds you raise stay right there in your Conference! One Conference raised over \$32,000 from their Walk.

More information will follow but now is the time to start forming your Walk Committee.

For more information contact Steve Rupp at stever@svdpstl.org or 314-881-6018

A Note from Elizabeth Barbieri

Dear Vincentians,

For the past few weeks – The Board of Directors has been receiving information regarding “**Words**” – how important it is for all of us - St. Vincent de Paul Archdiocesan Council, our District Councils and Conferences to use the same “words” to describe the good works that are an addition to their basic structure.

For Example: The St. Louis Archdiocesan Council has 9 stores – these are “**Special Works**” and are defined as such for all Councils. There are some Conferences that have established Food Pantries which are also classified as “Special Works”.

We have “**programs**” – which have been approved by the Board of Directors and are elements inside the stores such as the Bed Program and Voucher program. These defined programs are used by all Vincentians to give direct assistance to our Neighbors in Need.

(In the coming months, all of our programs will be reviewed by the Board of Directors)

Lastly, who are we? The **Board of Directors is the St. Louis Archdiocesan Council** and we are fortunate to have a “Council Office” led by our Executive Director and staff who collaborate with the Board of Directors and with you, to help our Neighbors in Need.

When your Conference fills out the CAR (report), the St. Louis Archdiocesan Council also submits a report which is sent to the National Office therefore, your accuracy flows into that report.

I am attaching the Rule: part III, Statute 20 or if you need more information, I am always available to you.

Elizabeth Boland Barbieri

[Click Here to Read Statute 20](#)

Program Updates

Prosperity Connection: A Resource for our Neighbors

Prosperity Connection promotes economic success for everyone in the St. Louis region by providing financial education and access to reliable financial products and services.

They offer free financial coaching and personal finance classes to make it possible for individuals to earn economic independence. To learn more about this resource, including eligibility guidelines and the referral process, please join us for an information session via zoom. You do not need to register, simply join the meeting at the scheduled time.

Thursday, June 9 10-10:30 AM

Wednesday, June 22 2-2:30 PM

[Click Here to Join Zoom Meeting](#)



Free Dental Clinic: A Resource for Our Neighbors

Friday and Saturday, July 15 and 16.

Chaifetz Arena at St. Louis University.

Doors open at 7 AM.

[Click Here for Details](#)

Vehicle Donations

The Council Office has fielded several questions from Conferences regarding vehicle donations. It is important to note that a person who gifts a car to a specific Neighbor in need is not eligible for a tax deduction.

To be deductible, the donation must be made to a qualifying organization (such as SVdP) and cannot be set aside for a specific Neighbor. Vehicles donated through the SVdP Vehicle Donation Program help fund the Council Office Car Programs. Individuals who want to donate a car to support our mission can call 800-322-8284 or visit www.svdpusacars.com

Car Purchase Program Reinstated!

The Car Purchase Program has been reinstated and is available for all Conferences to utilize! For information on the program please visit: <https://svdpstlouis.org/vincentians/svdp-st-louis-program-handbook>

Help for Pregnant Women

The Pregnancy Care Partnership is an ongoing initiative of the St. Louis Archdiocesan Council. Many Conferences participate in the initiative by offering prayer, friendship and support for pregnant women. We welcome you to join us via Zoom to discuss the women you are helping or to learn more about the initiative.

If you are a Vincentian working with a pregnant woman, please join us on Zoom to share support, resources, and prayers.

Pregnancy Care Partnership Informational Zoom Meetings:

Wednesday, June 1 at 1 PM

Meeting ID: 881 3423 6811
Passcode: 360366

[Click here to Join Meeting on 6/1](#)

Wednesday, June 15 at 1 PM

Meeting ID: 892 3402 0991
Passcode: 046766

[Click here to Join Meeting on 6/15](#)

Volunteers Needed for the National Assembly Steering Committee!



Volunteers are needed to join the 2023 National Assembly Steering Committee. The 2023 event is to be held right here in St. Louis, hosting Vincentians from Conferences all over the country.

Joining the steering committee is a great opportunity to make new Vincentian friends, work on the SVdP 2023 National Assembly and plan a host-city reception!

Interested? Email Ellen Harshman at ellen.harshman@gmail.com

Vincentian Formation and Support

Home Visit 101

June 27 @ 6:30 PM - 8:45 PM at Mary, Queen of Peace

Home Visit 101, a foundational offering open to all Vincentians, builds on the brief home visit section in the Ozanam Orientation. This introductory session, created specifically for St. Louis area Vincentians, covers home visit basics, the spirituality of the home visit, the why of the home visit, the how of the home visit, and self-care.

[Register Here](#)

Ozanam Orientation - July 16

July 16 @ 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM at Queen of All Saints Parish

The Ozanam Orientation is a foundational offering for all Vincentians covering the spirituality, purpose, history, approach, and structure of the Society.

New Vincentians are expected to attend an Ozanam Orientation within their first year in the Society.

This Ozanam is being offered by the St. Louis Archdiocesan Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and is being hosted by Queen of All Saints Conference. Continental breakfast items and lunch will be provided.

[Register Here](#)

Vincentian Meditation

In June, according to the Vincentian Manual, all Vincentian Conferences and Councils are instructed to make a Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This act of Consecration may be unknown to many, or seem from another time, especially with the language it is written in. However, it gets at the heart of Vincentian spirituality: Divine Charity or Divine Love.

Divine Love, as known through Christian faith in Jesus Christ, is the animating and unifying force of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. It is centered in our experience as a Eucharistic people from whom loving communion with the heart of Jesus is a living reality. We desire to share that love, like our Lord, with those most in need of it.

Indeed, inspired by the love of the heart of Jesus we offer the love of his heart to others as a healing balm, for emancipation from evils, in friendship, for the good of our communities. As many Vincentians have learned, when we offer Christ's love, we receive it back even more, especially in the poor and suffering.

In the Church, June is traditionally devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Typically, the Consecration to the Sacred Heart is prayed by a Conference in June.

What is most important, is the deeper meaning that underlies this prayer, that the Society is renewed spiritually by intentionally committing to and increasing communion with the loving heart of Jesus.

The Consecration Prayer to the Sacred Heart is provided below. [For a downloadable copy click here.](#)

Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart

Lord Jesus, Who, seeing the cold indifference of the world and in order to revive charity amongst all people, has unveiled before them Your Sacred Heart and revealed the infinite riches of Your Divine Love, behold us prostrate before You, we who form only one Family, by the bond of fraternal charity, scattered, it is true, throughout the world, but united under the standard of St. Vincent de Paul, and forming only one body and one soul in the common spirit of the apostolate of charity; we dedicate and consecrate to Your Divine Person and to Your Sacred Heart this our Council (or Conference), and all the members who compose it, the poor whom we visit in Your name, the youth and children to whom we respond in order to maintain them in Your service; in a word, all those of whom we have the care, and all the works we have undertaken in various places for Your Glory. Quite unworthy though we are, we beseech You to receive this offering in the odor of sweetness; inflame us with that fire which from the depths of Your Heart You desire to see burning more and more each day, in order that, filled with the tenderness of Your Heart, we may learn to despise things here below, to love and help our neighbor, by word and example, and that, among the vicissitudes of this world, we may fix our hearts on the riches and happiness that shall never end. Amen.

(This act of consecration is to be renewed annually by all units of the Society.)

Join the St. Vincent de Paul Young Adult Conference!

Needed . . . young adults to make a difference for Neighbors in Need!

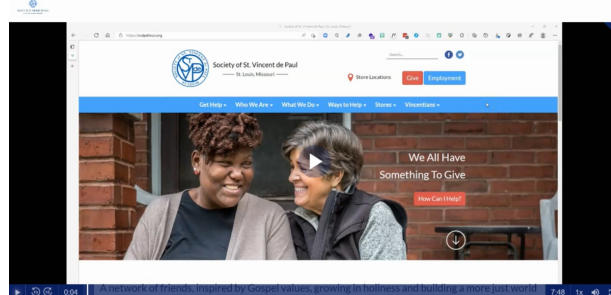
The founder of SVdP, Frederic Ozanam, was a college student himself when he started the Society. Young adults are a key part of the transformational work that the Society is doing in our area. This is an excellent time for them to grow in fellowship and in their faith as they volunteer to serve those in need.



For more information, please email Bryan Kirchoff at bryankirchoff@att.net

New formation resources and training materials!

Please take some time to view how Vincentian Formation and Member Support has expanded our web presence with new resources and trainings!



[Click to Watch Video](#)

Our Florissant Store is Moving!



St. Vincent de Paul
Thrift Store in Florissant

WE'RE MOVING!

Visit our new location at 770 North Lindbergh in the Florissant Meadows Shopping Center at the corner of N. Hwy 67 and Rue St. Denis Street.

GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION

Wednesday, June 15

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Store Blessing – 9 a.m.
Ribbon Cutting – 9:15 a.m.
Doors Open!



Saturday, June 18

Join us for Free Pretzels
and Soda – Noon - 2:00 p.m.

Our Florissant thrift store is moving! Our new location at 770 North Lindbergh in the Florissant Meadows Shopping Center opens on June 15.

Join us on Wednesday, June 15, for our Grand Opening celebration!

Store blessing - 9 AM

Ribbon cutting - 9:15 AM

On Saturday June 18, join us for our customer appreciation day for free pretzels and soda from 12 - 2 PM!

Thrift Store Open House at Fenton (June 8)

Thrift Store Open House

When:

Wednesday, June 8
1 – 3 p.m.

Where:

SVdP Fenton Thrift Store
625 Gravois
Fenton, MO 63026



What:

Tour the store, meet the very friendly, hard-working store staff and learn how St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores serve you and our community.



Free hot dogs, soda and other delicious refreshments!

Who can pass up a good hot dog?

Food, friends and fellowship!

NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY FOR THRIFT STORE OPEN HOUSE.

Win:

Vincenitian members . . . when you visit, get a 20% off coupon to shop in any of our stores
Plus, enter for a chance to win one of two restaurant gift cards or one of two Eddie Bauer Throws.

Council Office Open House (July 26)

Council Office Open House

When:

Tuesday, July 26

8:30 - 9:30 AM

-Or-

9:30 - 10:30 AM

Where:

Council Office

1310 Papin Street

St. Louis, MO 63103



What:

See the Council Office, meet the Council Office Staff, and learn more about how the Council Office supports you, our Vincentians.



Refreshments served . . .
beverages and snacks . . .
something yummy planned by
Julie, Tim, Brenda and Varrietta

RSVP to visit the
Council Office from
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

RSVP to visit the
Council Office from
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Call for Nominations for SVdP National Presidential Election

From SVdP National . . .

Ralph Middlecamp retires his position as SVdP's National President at the end of his current term. The SVdP National Council Presidential election process is now underway and there is a Call for Nominations. Click the links for information in the nomination packets.

Please pray about and invite recommendations about potential nominees.

Questions regarding the election of the next National President should be directed to Elections Chair Ray Sickinger: RSICKING@providence.edu.

- [Resolution: Election of National President](#)
- [SVdP Presidential Election Schedule](#)
- [Prayer for the Election of a National President](#)
- [Cover Letter Info Packet for Nominees](#)

- [Candidate Nomination Form](#)
- [Candidate Notice](#)
- [Attention to NCM Decide to Nominate Candidate](#)
- [Reminder to NCM of Nomination Deadline](#)

Church Bulletin Announcements: June 2022

Click below to get church bulletin announcement suggestions for May 2022. Please work with your Parish's bulletin creator/coordinator to submit the copy. Placement in your Parish bulletin will help get visibility and support for your SVdP Conference. Of course, you can always customize these to meet your specific Conference needs.

Just click and the announcements will download as a Word document.

[Click to Download Bulletin Announcements](#)

From the Voice of the Poor Committee

Join the Credit Empowerment Team



As Vincentians, we encounter Neighbors in Need who are unable to pay their bills because they are trapped in excessively high-interest loans, such as payday, car title, and high-cost small installment loans. Two recent examples include a Neighbor who was paying \$1,501 in interest on a \$700 loan and another paying \$4,830 in

interest on a \$2,110 loan.

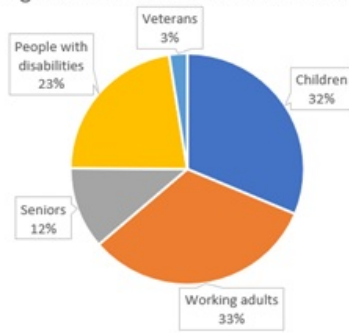
Last September, the Board of Directors of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Archdiocesan Council of St. Louis (SVdP), authorized the formation of a Task Force to advance the establishment of a Credit Empowerment Pilot Program similar to programs in ten other Councils. In the pilot, SVdP would partner with a financial institution who would (1) convert the Neighbor's existing high-interest loan to a low-interest loan secured by a SVdP deposit account, and (2) coach the Neighbor on credit and money management with the goal of improving the Neighbor's credit opportunities.

Once the Task Force has fully defined the pilot, the Board will vote on final approval of its launch. In the meantime, a key activity of the Task Force is to build a Credit Empowerment Team: a team of approximately eight volunteers with financial backgrounds who will complete a budget with the Neighbor, assess the Neighbor's ability to repay a low-interest loan, and walk qualifying Neighbors through the loan process. If interested in joining the team, please contact the Task Force Co-Chair, Mary Kreienkamp, at mkreienkamp@sbcglobal.net or 314-852-2305. For more information about the prospective pilot, please click [here](#).

[Click to Read More](#)

**The Housing Situation in
Missouri**

Who Forgoes other Necessities to Remain Housed?



As Vincentians, we daily encounter Neighbors in Need who struggle to keep a roof over their heads. The housing statistics for our Archdiocese and for Missouri as a whole underscore this struggle:

In the Archdiocese of St. Louis:

- The HUD fair market rate for a modest 2-bedroom rental ranges from \$662 in less populated areas to \$938 in the greater St. Louis metro.
- The income needed to afford a modest 2-bedroom rental ranges from \$26,480 annually (\$12.73 hourly) to \$37,520 annually (\$18.04 hourly).

- 1.2 to 1.8 full-time jobs at minimum wage are needed to afford a modest 2-bedroom rental.¹

In Missouri:

- 345,000 low-income Missouri renters pay over half their income in rent. Rent is considered unaffordable if it costs more than 30% of a household's income. These Missourians must often forgo other necessities like food and medicine in order to remain housed.
- 34,030 Missouri schoolchildren live in unstable housing—on the street, in shelters, with other families, or in motels.
- 6,530 Missourians experienced homelessness on a single night in 2020.²

[Click to Read More](#)

Blessing Baskets from St. Joseph Academy



Thank you to St. Joseph's Academy Freshman Class 2022 for creating "12 Blessing Baskets", for our Rapid Rehousing Program. These baskets with a note from the students to the family, will be given to our Neighbors in Need. We are so appreciate of this participation from St. Joseph's Academy and look forward to continuing this Service Project for our families.

Reminder... Rosary Every Wednesday Night!

Join us --
SVdP St. Louis
Rosary Wednesday
 8 p.m.
 via Zoom.

[Click Here to Join](#)



Meeting ID: 989 8066 7271 **Passcode:** vincent
or dial in: (312) 626-6799

Keep in Your Prayers

Please Pray for The Sick:

Joanna May
Assumption, Mattese

Pat Merlo
St. Ambrose

David Orzel
St. Joseph, Bonne Terre

Please Pray for The Deceased:

Chris Brennan
Son-in-law of Paul Kohl
St. Clement

Bart Connors
Ascension

Joyce Kamer
St. Ambrose



To add a name to the list contact Steve Rupp at stever@sudpstl.org or (314) 881-6018

