



The Society Scoop

Nominations for the St. Louis Archdiocesan Council President

The President of the Archdiocesan Council Board of Directors is a very important role. This summer the Council will be electing its next President.

Are you interested, or do you know an ideal candidate?

Any Full, Active Vincentian can be nominated to serve as President. Nominations are open!

Upcoming dates:

- **September 1, 2022:** Nominations will be closed
- **September 29, 2022:** District Presidents will elect the Council President
- **October 1, 2022:** The newly elected President will take office

Each nominee will be asked to submit:

- [Autobiographical Statement](#) (Click for the document)
- [Platform Statement](#) (Click for the document)
- A photo of themselves

These should be mailed to:
Nominating Committee for the Council President
1310 Papin Street
St. Louis, MO 63103

The next term begins October 1, 2022.

The *Rule* (Part 3, Statute 12) states, "The term of office of a...Council President is three years, once renewable."

- [The basic roles and responsibilities of the president are at this link](#)
- [Desired Qualities in a Council President are at this link.](#)

If there are questions about this process, they can be directed to John Luth at jluth1@sbcglobal.net.

Please give this important matter careful consideration. There are benefits to becoming a Vincentian leader. The role requires prayerful discernment.

Thank you, and God bless.
John Luth
Chair of the Nominating Committee

You are Invited to the SVdP Council Office Open House (July 26)

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

Join us . . . Tuesday, July 26
8:30 - 9:30 AM -Or- 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Council Office
1310 Papin Street
St. Louis, MO 63103



Refreshments served . . . beverages and snacks.

RSVP to visit the
Council Office from
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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 steve@svdpstl.org or 314-881-6018

Program Updates

Paid Apprenticeships for Neighbors in Need

The Associated General Contractors of Missouri offers paid apprenticeships in the construction trades. Sergio Muñoz is

the outreach manager for 18 unions and can provide detailed information. They are especially interested in female and minority candidates from the city of St. Louis. Contact Sergio at smunoz@stl-cts.org or 314.678.1403.

You may also visit the AGCMO website at: [Apprenticeship/Journeylevel \(agcmo.org\)](https://www.agcmo.org/Apprenticeship/Journeylevel)



Agency Spotlight: Prosperity Connection



Prosperity Connection promotes economic success for Neighbors through financial education, credit reviews, and coaching. For more information about Prosperity Connection and how to refer a Neighbor, click the links below.

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Rapid Rehousing

In 2021, SVdP piloted a privately funded program to help families at imminent risk of homelessness or recently homeless. The goal was to help 25 families referred by Vincentians in St. Louis City and County. SVdP partnered with St. Patrick Center who helped families identify housing and provided case management. By November 2021, 25 families were enrolled in the pilot.



As of this June, 21 are housed and 4 exited the program without housing. We continue with the pilot in 2022 with the goal of helping up to 37 families in St. Louis City and County, Jefferson County, St. Francois County, and Ste. Genevieve County. For more information on the pilot, please visit: [council_program_handbook - _rrh_6.10.22.docx \(live.com\)](https://www.councilprogramhandbook.org/rrh_6.10.22.docx)

Resource for Neighbors in Need: Fresh Produce Available at St. Louis County Library



St. Louis County Library will provide fresh produce from Operation Food Search at select library branches starting on Wednesday, July 13, 2022. The program will offer seasonal produce boxes on Wednesdays starting at 8:30 a.m. Boxes are distributed curbside in branch parking lots. There is a limit of one box per family, and supplies are limited. The program will run through September. More details are available at www.slcl.org/produce.

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:



Roe v. Wade Overturned: Vincentians help mothers and their babies

We applaud the Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v Wade. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops responded to the news stating, *"Now is the time ... for coming together to build a society and economy that supports marriages and families, and where **every woman has the support** and resources she needs to bring her child into this world in love."*



For Vincentians, this is not new - the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has always supported pregnant women. In recent years, our Board of Directors authorized an initiative to formalize support of women and their unborn children.

Our Pregnancy Care Partnership ensures pregnant mothers, especially those in crisis, have the support they need **throughout their pregnancy and after**. This is PRO-LIFE! This is pro family! Now more than ever, our work is critical. If your Conference is not actively participating in the Pregnancy Care Partnership and would like to, please contact Julie Komanetsky at juliek@svdpstl.org or join us on Zoom to hear about the important work being done by Vincentians.

Pregnancy Care Partnership Informational Zoom Meetings:

Wed, July 20 at 1 PM

Meeting ID: 892 3402 0991

Passcode: 046766

Wed, Aug 3 at 1 PM

Meeting ID: 881 3423 6811

Passcode: 360366

Click here to join meeting on
7/20

Click here to join meeting on
8/3

Volunteers Needed for the National Assembly Steering Committee!

Volunteers are needed to join the 2023 National Assembly Steering Committee. The 2023 event will be held right here in



St. Louis, hosting Vincentsians from 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 Sharon Steis at steissharon@gmail.com

Job Opportunities for Neighbors in Need



SVdP is hiring -- positions available at each store location and at the processing center.

[View SVdP Thrift Store Opportunities](#)



ITALIAN RESTAURANTS

The Pasta House Company is hiring in St. Louis area restaurants.

[View Pasta House Opportunities](#)

Vincentian Formation and Support

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 Vincentsians covering the spirituality, purpose, history, approach, and structure of the Society. New Vincentsians 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](#)

Four Vincentsians Honored at Catholic Man of the Year Dinner!

Congratulations to the four Vincentsians recognized at the Catholic Man of the Year

dinner and awards ceremony on Sunday, June 26. They were:

- Johnny Fleming, President, St. Nicholas
- Larry Kendrick, Member, Incarnate Word
- Joe Willis, President, Immaculate Heart of Mary, New Melle
- Deacon Dave Osmack, Spiritual Advisor, St. Luke

Thank you for all that you do and for how you represent the Society of St. Vincent de Paul!



JOHNNY
FLEMING
St. Nicholas Parish



LARRY KENDRICK
Incarnate Word Parish
(Chesterfield)
ACTS Core

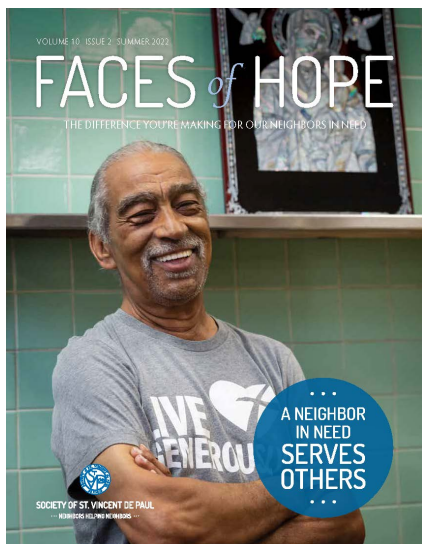


JOSEPH A. WILLIS
Immaculate Heart
of Mary Parish
(New Melle)



DEACON DAVE
OSMACK
St. Luke the
Evangelist Parish

Read SVdP's Faces of Hope



The Summer issue of SVdP's *Faces of Hope* has just been published.

Read about a Neighbor in Need who gives back by serving others . . . and about the Roberts family who want others to be given the chance like their father had when he was a young boy.

[Click here to read more](#)

Our Lemay Store is Moving! Opens August 10



St. Vincent de Paul
Thrift Store in Lemay

WE'RE MOVING!

Visit our new location at 2500 Lemay Ferry Road in the Dierbergs Lemay Plaza.

**GRAND OPENING
CELEBRATION**

Wednesday, August 10

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Store Blessing and
Ribbon Cutting – 8:30 a.m.
Store Opens – 9:00 a.m.



Saturday, August 13
Join us for Free Pretzels
and Soda – Noon - 2:00 p.m.



Church Bulletin Announcements: 3rd Quarter 2022

Click below to get church bulletin announcement suggestions for July - September 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

Check out Voice of the Poor on the Web!



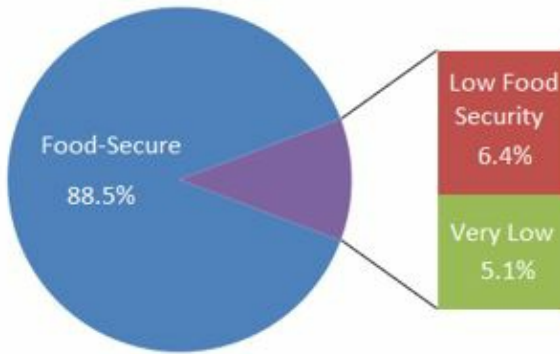
The St. Louis Council website now includes many new Voice of the Poor features and resources. The [“What We Do” pages](#) include the Voice of the Poor Committee’s goals, priorities, bill positions, action alerts, and more! The [Vincentine Resources page](#) provides many ways that you can engage in the Voice

of the Poor mission, such as subscribing to Voter Voice to receive legislative action alerts, reviewing home visit mentoring tips, submitting Voice of the Poor announcements in your parish bulletins, and discussing recommended books, pastoral letters, and videos in your Conference meetings. Check it out! Feedback is welcomed at vopstlouis@gmail.com.

**Hunger and Food
Insecurity**

Missouri Households by Food Security Status

More than 283,000 Food-Insecure Households
in Missouri (2018-2020 Average)



Source: Coleman-Jensen, Alisha, Matthew P. Rabbitt, Christian A. Gregory, and Anita Singh. 2021. *Household Food Security in the United States in 2020*, ERR-298, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service.

"The fight against poverty and hunger must be fought constantly and on many fronts, especially in its causes."

– Pope Francis, Address to Congress, Sept. 2015

Each year, the USDA publishes a report on household food security in the United States and individual states. In Missouri, more than 283,000 households experience food insecurity at some point during the year. Those with low food security (nearly 158,000 households) cannot afford balanced meals and reduce the variety and nutritional quality of the food they purchase at times during the year. Those with very low food security (more than 125,000 households) cut or skip meals at times

during the year, usually in three or more months.

As Vincentians, we provide food vouchers and run food pantries to relieve the stress of our Neighbors who are experiencing food insecurity. The St. Louis Council website provides a list of SVDP food pantries on its [Resources page](#), and [Operation Food Search](#) maintains a directory of 150 food assistance locations in the bistate region.

[Click to Read More](#)

Thank you from the SVdP North District

The Annual North District Golf Tournament Was A Success Because of You!!

The SVdP North District is happy to report that the 8th annual North District Golf Tournament held on June 17, 2022 was a resounding success. The North District reached out to SVdP conferences throughout the Archdiocese for their support and fellow Vincentians and their conferences came through in a big way. In addition to the 34 teams that enjoyed a day of "blazing hot" golf and Vincentian friendship, 28 conferences sponsored the tournament.

Here are some important facts about the size and scope of this year's tournament: Total net income was \$35,500 which will go directly to provide support for the Neighbors in Need in the North District.

The SVdP North District is very grateful for fellow Vincentians throughout the Archdiocese for ongoing support of our district and conferences in providing much needed help to our Neighbors in Need.

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:

Dolly Darmody
St. John the Baptist

Jane Mazurek
St. Mary Magdalen, Brentwood

Please Pray for The Deceased:

Norma Roth
Our Lady of Lourdes, Washington

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

