

The Society Scoop

175
YEARS of
NEIGHBORS
HELPING
NEIGHBORS



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

January 2020

Upcoming Events

St. Louis Spring Assembly

Saturday, March 14
8 am - 1 p.m.
See details below.

Ozanam Orientations

At Capacity - Registration Closed Saturday, February 8, 2020

St. Theodore
5059 Highway P,
Wentzville, MO 63385

Saturday, April 18, 2020

Seven Holy Founders
6741 S Rock Hill Rd
St. Louis, MO 63123

Home Visit Trainings

201 Advanced Home Visit Training

**Wednesday, February 19,
2020, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm**
St. Joseph Cottleville, 1375
Motherhood Road,
Cottleville, MO 63304

101 Basic Home Visit

"I Will Make You a Light to the Nations."

*It is too little for you
to be my servant, ...
I will make you a
light to the nations.*

Isaiah 49:6

We find this passage in Isaiah in one of the suffering servant songs; we see this prefiguring Jesus, our Lamb of God, who lights up the world by forgiveness of our sins and the sins of the world.

As Vincentians, we are often reminded how important it is for us to bring the light of Christ to our Neighbors in Need by doing all we do, empowered and reminded by the forgiveness of Christ which sets us free. As a Vincentian priest, I took vows of poverty, chastity and obedience in 1972. But I have never lived a moment of my life as someone who is poor, though I embrace through my vow a simplicity of life.

I have had to learn many times over that my assumptions and expectations born of my blessing of financial stability and security can lead to an inability to understand the behaviors and choices of those who live in poverty.

I remember the smile I received after waxing eloquently with a couple about the "how" and "why" of budgeting as they informed me



Training

Thursday, May 7, 2020,

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Mary Mother of the Church,

5901 Kerth Road, St.

Louis, MO 63128

**For more information
about any of these
events or to register,
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page
password: Vincent**

**Visit the SVdP
events page**

their problem was not an inability to appreciate budgeting, but their problem was not enough income for the necessities of life. Did they make dubious purchases? Almost certainly. But I recall the kindness they showed as they forgave me my assumption that they needed to be better. Their forgiveness of my presumption was a bright light to me.

Please let our Neighbors in Need light up your lives too.

Fr. Jim

**ALL Vincentians are encouraged to attend the
Vincentian Spring Assembly!**

Attendees from last year loved the experience!

**Click here to
register**

ST. LOUIS SPRING ASSEMBLY 2020



Saturday, March 14, 2020, 8 am - 1 pm

St. Louis University High School

4970 Oakland Ave, St. Louis, MO 63110

Keynote Speaker: Father Paul Hoelsing
Vice Rector for Formation, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary



Meet fellow Vincentians
Share stories
Grow in your Vincentian vocation

Admission is free
Mass will be celebrated
Breakfast and lunch offered

Register at svdpstlouis.org/register

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... NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS ...

Hardee's Rise and Shine for Heat SVdP Greeters Needed!

**Hardee's 20th Annual Rise and Shine
for Heat Up St. Louis**

Friday, February 14, 2020
during Breakfast Hours (6:30 am-10:00 am)

Hardee's needs Official Greeters to welcome customers and obtain additional donations. They will give back 100% of the proceeds from the special \$1 Sausage or Egg Biscuit Sandwich offer.



We are in urgent need of volunteers. If you have time on Friday, February 14 please consider volunteering to help your Neighbors in Need.

Last year, over 700 volunteers helped raise \$570,000 for people without heat in St. Louis. **For every SVdP volunteer, SVdP receives a portion of the donations to help our Neighbors in need of heat.** Volunteers receive an apron and a free breakfast sandwich.

To volunteer, [please fill out the volunteer form](#) and send to Tim Massey at timothym@svdpstl.org.

[Click here for the list of locations.](#)

For more information contact Tim Massey at timothym@svdpstl.org or (314) 881-6028

[Click here to view the volunteer form](#)

Resources for Neighbors in Need



United States[®]
**Census
2020**

The U.S. 2020 is in need of workers to help with census efforts as enumerators, clerks, etc. Pay is \$20-\$24/hour with flexible schedules (days/nights/weekends). Training starts March 1st and the job lasts through summer.

Applicants can apply at 2020census.gov/jobs



St. Louis Community[®]
Credit Union

Welcome to the community.®

St. Louis Community Credit Union is offering help to those trapped in a payday loan cycle with a Payday Saver Loan. They offer consolidation up to \$1,000 of payday loans at a reasonable interest rate and repayment period.

Applicants must be a member of St. Louis Community Credit Union to apply. For more information, [click here](#)

<https://www.stlouiscommunity.com/loans/payday-saver-loan>

175th Anniversary

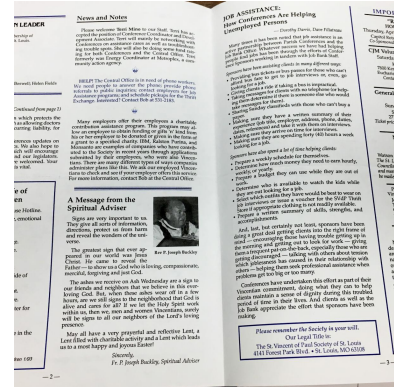
All throughout the year of 2020, we'll be incorporating the celebration of our 175th anniversary in our marketing efforts, events, materials and advertisements. We have many fun and exciting developments planned this year, some of which have already begun, like unveiling our new logo and sharing our SVdP history in our newsletters, on our website and through social media.

Some other things to look out for this year that celebrate our heritage are:

- TV commercials
- Print ads in the *St. Louis Review* and *St. Louis Catholic Magazine*
- Potential news stories in local newspapers
- The Vincentian Spring Assembly: *Bringing Frederic Ozanam's Vision Into 2020 Focus* (see details above for how to register)
- Thrift store celebrations

For now, you can take a look at one our **Vincentian newsletters from 1993!** Newsletters then (titled *The Vincentian Leader*) were printed and mailed to all Vincentians, a big difference from our emailed *Society Scoop* today!

Click the image to the right for a closer look at *The Vincentian Leader* and see if you can spot any similarities between the Society's efforts from 30 years ago and our efforts today.



Voice of the Poor Committee

VOP Committee Advocates for Policies that Promote Intact Families

As Catholics, we recognize and promote the family as **the fundamental cell of society**. The USCCB, in laying out the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching, states that **"Marriage and the family are the central social institutions** that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined." In 1986, Pope St. John Paul II highlighted the central role of the family in society: **"As the family goes, so goes the nation, and so goes the whole world in which we live."**

We are proud to announce, therefore, that promoting intact families will be one of the five Voice of the Poor legislative priorities in 2020. The Voice of the Poor Committee will support legislative policies that encourage intact families and oppose those that do not. While we are aware of the sad reality that not every marriage will be successful, we cannot ignore the indisputable link between poverty and the breakdown of the intact family.

Read more

Sign up for Voter Voice: votervoicenet/SVDPUSA/home (Enter St. Louis in the Membership Group field.)



Tidbits from Elizabeth Barbieri



"Just a reminder to our conferences to invite new members - a social gathering is the opportunity for you to talk about the Society - the work we do, the Catholic values we share, and the friendship with each other. Plan your events for 175th Birthday Year."

Help for Your Conference! Parish Bulletin Announcement Suggestions January - March 2020

You can work with your Parish secretary to get regular placements in your weekly bulletin. Bulletin placements help bring visibility to your SVdP Conference, donations and recruitment of Vincentians.

Remember, these are only suggestions to help you get SVdP visibility in your Parish. You can write your own or customize these for your specific Conference.

[Click here for bulletin announcement suggestions](#)

Catholic Women for Christ Conference

There's still time to register for the Catholic Women for Christ Conference! The event takes place on Saturday, March 7 at Touhill Performing Arts center from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.



Vincentians can get discounted \$15 tickets now through February 23.

For more information, contact Andrew Kassebaum at andrewk@svdpstl.org or (314) 881-6008.

[Click here to register](#)

February 7 - Feast Day of Blessed Rosalie Rendu

On Aug. 21, 1997, Pope John Paul II beatified Frederic Ozanam, the principal founder of SVdP, at the Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris.



Frederic Ozanam Mosaic Dedication

On Jan. 26, Mass at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. was dedicated to the 175th Anniversary of SVdP.



In his homily, the Holy Father evoked Sister Rosalie's name. He stated, "The bonds among the members of the Vincentian Family have been strong since the origin of the Society because it was a Daughter of Charity, Sister Rosalie Rendu, who guided the young Frederic Ozanam and his companions toward persons who were poor in the Mouffetard section of Paris."

Afterwards, the brand new mosaic of Blessed Frederic Ozanam was blessed by Bishop Donald J. Hying, Episcopal Advisor to the Society.

The celebration was live-streamed and is available to watch by clicking below.

[Click here to watch the Mass and dedication](#)

ServWare Update

As you may know, ServWare implementation is well underway within the Conferences. As we continue to progress further with ServWare usage, we want to share some updates from your fellow Vincentians on how ServWare has benefited their Conference!



If you want to share your story about ServWare, please email Tom Matoushek (tomm@svdpstl.org).

From Seven Holy Founders...

It further shows the dedication of our Vincentians to each individual NIN. Servware allows us to take the time to input the information accurately, so that we can give aide to those who need it and when they need it. Great system!

Barb Buhmann

From St. Norbert...

St. Norbert's is moving aggressively toward transition to use of ServWare for their data storage and coordination needs. Starting in Nov. 2019, all new client and updated client data will be entered into ServWare. The majority of Conference members have provided accounts and have begun experimenting with the ServWare system.

Douglas Oberlin

From St. Anselm...

The St. Anselm Conference began using ServWare as one of the five pilot Conferences in April 2019. In the past 10 months our Vincentians have recorded over 260 home visits in ServWare. ServWare has had a number of positive implications related to our Conference's operations and communications.

Dave Schopp

Thrift Store News

MATTRESS SALE!

TWO-SIDED
QUEEN SET
ONLY **\$249**

Originally \$309, Save \$60

Pay No Sales Tax

Your purchases support
programs that help
Neighbors in Need



We deliver!



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... HELPING NEIGHBORS STARTS AT HOME ...

TRUCK DRIVERS WANTED!

Our thrift stores are in need of truck drivers.

The Driver position facilitates the efficient movement of cargo from donor locations to facilities, from stores to customers' homes and recycling center delivery.

The truck driver position is **full-time** and starts at **\$15/hour**.

If you or anyone you know would like to apply, **please direct them to this link:**

<https://bit.ly/2UphQ3I>

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