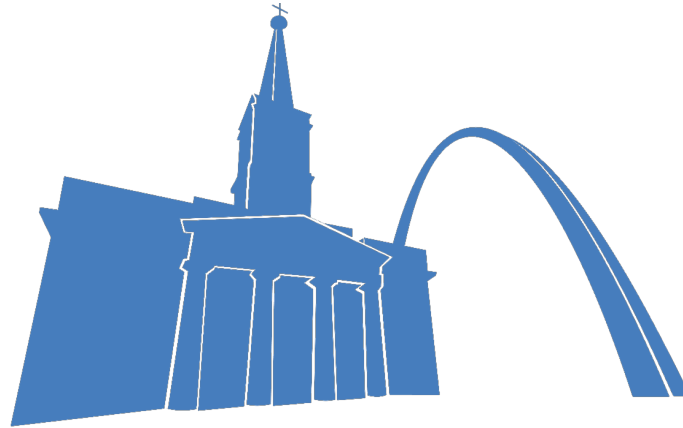




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## Program Updates

### SVdP Rapid Rehousing



Meg Barry, our case manager at St. Patrick Center, has accepted a new position and is no longer working with our Neighbors effective June 15. St. Patrick Center is currently working to find a replacement.

Those currently in SVdP Rapid Rehousing will continue to receive support.

Until a new case manager is hired and trained, we are unable to accept any new referrals.

## Pregnancy Partnership Monthly Zoom Meeting

Join us to talk about the pregnancy partnership!

Ask questions. Learn about resources. Share support and pray for these mothers and their unborn children.



Wednesday, July 19 from 1-2 PM

[Go To Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 883 4273 2618

Passcode: 301266

## 97th Annual St. Ann Novena

Join St. Nicholas Catholic Church for the 97th Annual St. Ann Novena

July 18-26, 2023 at  
St. Nicholas Catholic Church

Tues. July 18 Creation  
Wed. July 19 Vocations/Leaders  
Thurs. July 20 Our Elderly  
Fri. July 21 Our Children  
Sat. July 22 Christian Unity  
Sun. July 23 Emotional & Marital Well-Being  
Mon. July 24 Those in Physical Pain  
Tues. July 25 Gift of Reconciliation  
Wed. July 26 Sanctification

Times are:

- Mon-Fri: 12:15 pm and 6:30 pm
- Sat: 4:00 pm, and
- Sun 10:30 am



St. Nicholas Catholic Church  
701 N. 18th Street  
St. Louis, MO 63103

[Visit St. Nick's Website for More Info!](#)

## Urgently Seeking Furniture Donations



Have furniture you no longer need? Give it a new purpose and make a meaningful impact on the lives of others.

We're seeking good, usable working order, free of

breakage, rips, stains, pet hair and damaged parts, and donating furniture is easier than ever!

Drop off your furniture at the SVdP [thrift store nearest you](#) or [schedule a donation pickup](#) and let us handle the logistics, while you experience the joy of giving

## All Things New



can better support you!

To support Conferences, the Council has prepared a thorough compilation of Conference Merger Materials, which is available online to all Vincentians. Click the link below to access the resources.

In addition, our Council Office team is continuing to contact each merging Conference to support you and navigate changes with you.

We are depending on you, our Vincentians, to let us know what is going on in your parishes and how we

[Access Conference Merger Resources](#)

## Vincentian Meditation: Transformed New

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come.” 2 Corinthians 5:17

Heraclitus of Ephesus is attributed with the common adage, “the only constant in life is change” and Benjamin Franklin is attributed with the less common adage, “when you are finished changing, you’re finished.”

While these pithy insights appropriately acknowledge the physical reality of our mortal experience, they fail to acknowledge the eternal Truth ...

[Read the Full Article](#)

Contemplation - Dropping Pebbles

“Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s,” [Christ said](#), “and to God the things that are God’s.” With these words, Jesus answered His doubters’ attempt to find contradiction in His teachings, but also gives us some wisdom to carry with us on our home visits. After all, the neighbor we serve is made in the image of God. What is it, then, that is the neighbor’s due? What belongs to him?

Read the Full  
Article

## SVdP in the News



Julie Komanetsky, Director of Vincentian Programs and Strategic Partnerships, appeared on Fox 2 Morning News to be interviewed about the critical need for furniture donations to sustain inventory at our stores. She was an excellent advocate for our cause!

Watch the  
Interview!

## SVdP Events

Jul 15 | 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

[Ozanam Orientation](#)

Jul 25 | 9:00 am – 11:00 am

[Council Office Open House](#)

Jul 26 | 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

[New Beginnings and the Way Forward: Helpful Guidelines for Merging Conferences](#)

Aug 2 | 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

[Vincentians Fully Alive: Guidelines for Formation](#)

Aug 9 | 6:15 pm - 8:45 pm

[Home Visit 101](#)

Aug 30 | 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

[New Beginnings and the Way Forward: Helpful Guidelines for Merging Conferences](#)

Sep 5 | 8:00 am – September 9 | 5:00 pm

[2023 National Assembly](#)

## Ozanam Orientations



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.

**NOTE:** The Saturday, July 15th session at St. Peter's is full and registration has been closed. The next available session will be August 12th at St. Joseph in Imperial, MO.

**Saturday, Aug 12**  
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
St. Joseph - Imperial

[Click Here to Register](#)

## Council Open House - Tuesday, July 25, 9-11 am

**OPEN HOUSE**

Join us at the **Council Office Summer Open House** on Tuesday, July 25, from 9-11 a.m.

Enjoy coffee, donuts, and great conversations with our staff and Vincentians!



Learn more about how your St. Louis Council supports you and helps you help our Neighbors in Need.

Start your visit and join us for morning prayer at 9:30 a.m. Visit the SVDP St. Louis office chapel. Then, work your way around the office and meet the staff and find resources that will help you and your Conference.

**We kindly request that you register which allows us to prepare for your visit.**

Mark your calendars for the Open House on Tuesday, July 25. We can't wait to welcome you with open hearts and extend our gratitude for your support in our mission to make a difference in the lives of those in need.

[Register to Attend](#)

## New Beginnings and the Way Forward: Helpful Guidelines for Merging Conferences

Is your SVdP Conference potentially merging with another because of the Archdiocese's "All Things New"?



Your SVdP Council is here to help and support you.

Join us for informational Zoom sessions and learn more about the steps to take to make a successful collaboration. How-to's, checklists and Q&A's.

**Wednesday, July 26**  
**6:30 - 7:30 PM**

[Click Here to Register](#)

**Wednesday, Aug 30**  
**6:30 - 7:30 PM**

[Click Here to Register](#)

## Vincentians Fully Alive: Guidelines for Formation

"Membership in the Society involves lifelong formation" (Manual 2.1).



As part of the Vincentian Wisdom Series, this workshop will cover the 4 areas of formation, formation guidelines, and the Vincentian Lifelong Engagement Model.



**Wednesday, August 2**  
**3:00 - 4:00 PM**  
**Zoom**

[Click Here to Register](#)

## Home Visit 101

**Wednesday, August 9**  
**6:15 - 8:45 PM**  
**St. Patrick (Wentzville)**

[Click Here to Register](#)

## 2023 National Assembly - Seeking Volunteers



### Volunteers Needed! Sign up Today!

SVdP is seeking volunteers to fill the following roles for the upcoming National Assembly in St. Louis:

- Greeters
- Host City Table
- Registration Support

**SVdP National Assembly**  
**In St. Louis**  
**“Where It All Began”**  
**September 5 – 9, 2023**

Several time slots are available, so click below to register to volunteer!

[Sign Up to Volunteer](#)

[Register to Attend](#)

## Benefits Cliff Legislation Awaiting Governor's Signature



During the last session, the Missouri legislature passed benefits cliff legislation as an amendment to SB 45/90, a bill that also expands Medicaid for post-partum women from 60 days to one year.

Instead of cutting off benefits altogether when an income threshold is reached, SB 45/90 provides for gradually reduced SNAP, TANF, and childcare benefits as a recipient's income increases to 200% of the Federal Poverty Level, or approximately \$60,000 for a family of four.

Governor Parson has until mid-July to sign the bill, veto it, or take no action. Please consider contacting the Governor and urging him to sign SB 45/90. If he takes no action, the bill still becomes law.

The benefits cliff legislation was passed "subject to appropriation", meaning that there will be more work next session to secure funding for the program.

Assuming SB 45/90 becomes law, stay tuned for more action alerts in 2024 regarding funding.

## Credit Empowerment Pilot Program Launched

In April, the St. Louis Council launched a Credit Empowerment Pilot Program with Midwest BankCentre.

For eligible Neighbors with existing high-interest loans, Midwest BankCentre will (1) convert the Neighbor's high-interest loan to a low-interest loan secured by an SVDP Certificate of Deposit, and (2) coach the Neighbor on credit and money management periodically through the term of the loan.

On June 8, the first Neighbor in the pilot closed on a 6.43% APR loan at Midwest BankCentre that replaced her two high-interest loans with APRs of 358% and 246%.

To be eligible for the pilot, Neighbors must owe \$500 - \$3,000 on high-interest loan(s) from a payday, car title, or high-cost installment loan lender, have monthly income that exceeds monthly expenses (once expenses are adjusted for lower loan payments), and agree to periodic financial coaching.

A Credit Empowerment Team comprised of Vincentians with financial backgrounds assesses Neighbors' eligibility and walks them through the loan process.



Nine Conferences are currently participating in the pilot, and we are seeking up to three additional Conferences to participate. The role of the Conference is to identify that the Neighbor has a high-interest loan, confirm the Neighbor has compiled the documents needed for the budgeting meeting with the Credit Empowerment Team, and for approved Neighbors, follow up monthly during the term of the loan to ensure nothing has arisen to prevent loan repayment.

Since in-person visits to the bank are required, pilot Conferences should be located within a reasonable distance of one of the four participating Midwest BankCentre branches: Hazelwood, Pagedale, Chesterfield, and Lemay.

The pilot will last approximately one year, after which a decision will be made on whether to expand. For more information, please email [credit@svdpstl.org](mailto:credit@svdpstl.org) or call Mary Kreienkamp at 314-852-2305.

[Click Here and Learn How to Help](#)

## Reminder... Rosary Every Wednesday Night



Join us --  
**SVdP St. Louis**  
**Rosary Wednesday**  
8 PM via Zoom

[Click Here to Join](#)

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

## Please Keep in Your Prayers

**Please Pray for The Sick:**

Danielle Massey

Sam Tremont,  
St. Joseph, Manchester

Father Dan Thiess,  
Council Spiritual Advisor

Marty Bligh,  
Holy Name of Jesus

**Please Pray for The  
Deceased:**

Betty Newberry, Our Lady of Guadalupe

To add a name to the list, please contact Steve Rupp at [stever@svdpstl.org](mailto:stever@svdpstl.org) or (314) 881-6018



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