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## Program Updates & Resources

### Preventing Homelessness - 2024 Housing Report

Emergency rent assistance is a cost-effective, best-practice solution for addressing homelessness. Read the report below to learn more!

[View the Council Office's Housing Report here:](#)

# Preventing Homelessness

Vincentians and the SVdP Council Housing Program unite in compassion to provide a cost-effective, best-practice solution for addressing homelessness.



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... NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS ...

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## New! Order your SVdP St. Louis Swag Today!

**For a limited time**, you can order SVdP St. Louis Apparel for purchase online:

- T-Shirts, Short Sleeve
- Collared Shirts, Short Sleeve
- Pullovers, Long Sleeve
- Pullover Jackets, Long Sleeve
- Hoodie Sweatshirt Jackets, Long Sleeve
- Unhooded Sweatshirts

**Hurry! Order by June 30.**

Purchases can be shipped to you or picked up at the Council Office by July 23.

**ORDER NOW!**





## Seeking Bi-Lingual Volunteers to Support Communication



Do you speak another language aside from English? Or multiple?

We are seeking Spanish and Bosnian-speaking Vincentians to assist with Neighbor communication.

Please [email Dave Little](#) if you can help!

## 6/19 - Pregnancy Care Partnership Zoom



Working with a pregnant neighbor?

Join us on the third Wednesday of each month to learn more about the Pregnancy Care Partnership.

[JUNE 19](#)

[JULY 17](#)

[Every 3rd Wednesday, 1 – 2 p.m.](#)

This partnership helps support pregnant women during and after their pregnancy.

SVdP is seeking Conferences willing to provide support and friendship to these women and their children.

For more information, contact Julie Komanetsky at [juliek@svdpstl.org](mailto:juliek@svdpstl.org).

Get Link for  
Zoom

## Vincentian Meditation

### Igniting Hope and Joy

by Tom Matoushek, Manager Conference Growth and Revitalization





A year has passed since “All Things New” was announced. Changes at parishes and SVdP Conferences are in various stages from “on-hold” to “complete”. Some transitions have been smooth and successful, while others are experiencing challenges and struggles.

Before “All Things New” was announced, we highlighted the need for every Vincentian to call on the Holy Spirit to guide and sustain our efforts in responding to the coming changes.

Our 2024 Spring Assembly offered a much-needed, respite for spiritual renewal and building of Vincentian unity. The Archbishop’s Mass, our speakers, and Vincentian fellowship gifted many Vincentians with a torrent of grace from the Holy Spirit! For those who may not be familiar, this year’s theme was: “Vincentian Hearts Ablaze: Igniting Hope and Joy”.

Based on participant feedback, the 2024 Spring Assembly was an overwhelmingly rewarding experience! Attendees enthusiastically described their morning as: beautiful, spiritually uplifting, refreshing...

[Read the Full Meditation!](#)

## Upcoming Formation Events

### Seeking Vincentians for Formation Trainers

Formation and Training are continuous processes, that are always ongoing. **Please consider becoming a Formator to help with these vital events!**

Someone once said, “The best way to learn is to teach.” Maybe you have a training or teaching background, or just a desire to help at a different level.

Please pray and discern if God is calling you to bring His word to others through Ozanam Orientations and Home Visit Workshops.

For more information, please contact Steve Rupp at 314-881-6018 or email [stever@svdpstl.org](mailto:stever@svdpstl.org)

**Thanks for your consideration and God bless!**

## Formation and Training Events At A Glance

JUNE 5 | 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm  
**Home Visits Workshop at St. Peter,**

JULY 9 | 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
**Vincentian Wisdom Series: Recruitment**

## Kirkwood

JUNE 8 | 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Ozanam Orientation at Holy Infant Church**

JUNE 15 | 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Ozanam Orientation at Immaculate Conception, Union**

JULY 13 | 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Ozanam Orientation at St. Pius V**

AUG 3 | 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Ozanam Orientation at St. Charles Borromeo**

AUG 6 | 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**Vincentian Wisdom Series: Servant Leadership**

AUG 20 | 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

**Home Visits Workshop at St. Gabriel**



**6/5 - Home Visits Workshop at St. Peter, Kirkwood**

**8/20 - Home Visits Workshop at St. Gabriel**

The Home Visit Workshop is a foundational offering open to all Vincentians.

Rooted in our essential elements of spirituality, friendship, and service, the workshop provides guidance for meeting with our Neighbors in their homes and offering support.

**Register for June 5 @  
St. Peter, Kirkwood**

**Register for August 20  
@ St. Gabriel**

# VINCENTIAN WISDOM SERIES



## 7/9 - *Vincentian Wisdom Series:* Recruitment

Volunteer recruitment can be a major challenge. Finding, screening, and eventually onboarding new volunteers is not always easy. We want to help set your conference up for success. This event offers insights and tips on how to recruit outstanding volunteers for your conference events and programs.

Register for July  
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## 8/6 - *Vincentian Wisdom Series:* Servant Leadership

A servant-leader focuses primarily on the growth and well-being of people and the communities to which they belong.

Learn how a servant-leader shares power, discover the importance of putting the needs of others first, and help the members of your conference develop into the future leaders of the Society.

Register for August 6



# OZANAM ORIENTATION



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.

### 6/8 - Ozanam Orientation at Holy Infant Church

Register for June 8 @  
Holy Infant

### 7/13 - Ozanam Orientation at St. Pius V

Register for July 13 @  
St. Pius V

### 6/15 - Ozanam Orientation at Immaculate Conception, Union

Register for June 15 @  
Immaculate Conception,  
Union

### 8/3 - Ozanam Orientation at St. Charles Borromeo

Register for August 3 @  
St. Charles Borromeo



## Servware Instruction - Mondays & Thursdays

Have questions about ServWare? Do you want to know more about best practices, key features, useful reports, and much more?

The council office is now offering a new bi-weekly, open-forum style Zoom meeting to discuss all things ServWare. These meetings are open to all Vincentians, and the topics of discussion will be directed by you, the ServWare user.

In an effort to accommodate as many people as possible, we are offering weekly opportunities to join:

[Monday evenings at 6:30PM &  
Thursday afternoons at 3:30PM.](#)

Click to view available  
sessions!

## SVdP News

### Show Your Support, Vote SVdP for A-List Daily!



**VOTE NOW!**

Continue showing your support in the 2024 A-List Readers' Choice Awards! Make your voice heard!

Vote daily for St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores. Don't miss out on this opportunity to support our mission and let other St. Louisans' know what a great thrifting experience we offer!

You may vote once per day per category through June 17!

Plus, if you cast 25 or more votes, you will be automatically entered to win a \$50 gift certificate to a top restaurant!

The winners and two runner-ups in each category will be celebrated online and in the September issue of St. Louis Magazine

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### North District Golf Tournament



### 11th Annual Marty Bligh North District Golf Tournament

Friday June 14, 2024  
Florissant Golf Club, 50 Country Club Lane, Florissant, MO 63033

**Register Online!**

Questions? [Email svdpgolf23@gmail.com](mailto:svdpgolf23@gmail.com)

**Click flyer below for printable/clickable .pdf with full details!**





THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

## 2024 11TH ANNUAL MARTY BLIGH NORTH DISTRICT GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, June 14, 2024

Florissant Golf Club, 50 Country Club Lane, Florissant, MO 63033

- Cost: \$125.00 per person – 4-person scramble (\$500.00 per team)
- Includes: Mulligan, Skins, Green Fees & Carts
- Check-in begins at 8:00 a.m.
- Shotgun start at 9:00 a.m.

### FEATURING

\*Participation Gift, \*Grab 'n Go Breakfast & the Best Bloody-Mary Bar, \*Refreshments & Lunch, \*After Round: Meal (Mann Meats), Awards and Fellowship

### BENEFITS

All Proceeds support the North District SVdP serving Neighbors in Need within the 120 square miles of North St. Louis City and County.

### BECOME A SPONSOR

**Gold: \$500.00 Silver: \$250.00 Hole: \$100.00 or Other Donation**

As a sponsor you get VISIBILITY FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION!

You get your name on hole sponsor signage and Gold and Silver sponsors have additional signage displayed in the ClubHouse Shotgun Starting Area.

**All sponsors and donors are named in the Tournament Program.**

### REGISTRATION AND SPONSORSHIP

Scan to go to webpage:



[sites.google.com/view/northdistrictgolf](https://sites.google.com/view/northdistrictgolf)

### CONTACT/QUESTIONS

Email: [svdpgolf23@gmail.com](mailto:svdpgolf23@gmail.com)

Doug Oberlin 314-369-1147

or

Gene Meyer 314-684-9812

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## Seven New Members at Our Lady of Providence





We are grateful to member Rita Taylor's husband, Dale, for capturing an excellent group photo at the Commissioning Ceremony for our seven new members at Our Lady of Providence after mass on May 4.

## Vincentians Serve Together at Affton Christian Food Pantry on Memorial Day Weekend



From left to right: Mike Carosone and Carol Hund from Seven Holy Founders, Diane Rasch from St. Simon and Pat Biggerstaff from St. Marks.



Hunger never takes a holiday, that is why these Vincentians give up part of their long weekend to help process food at the Affton Christian Food Pantry to feed the poor and marginalized in our community even on this holiday for this coming Tuesday.

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## [Americans are Waking Up to the Homelessness Crisis. Here's How to Fix It.](#)

By John Berry  
May 03, 2024

On April 22, the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in *City of Grants Pass, Oregon v. Johnson*—a case which aims to determine whether local governments can make it a crime for someone to live outside and unsheltered if they have no home.



Proponents argue that criminalizing public camping is a necessary measure for cities seeking to deal with unsafe and unsanitary homeless encampments. Opponents argue that criminalizing the involuntarily homeless only compounds injustice and inequality.

The hotly contested case is the latest eruption of a long-simmering problem that is rapidly becoming a full-blown crisis in communities around the country. And regardless of what the Supreme Court decides, a stubborn fact remains: Neither strict nor lenient laws will end homelessness. But a systematic and community-wide focus on homelessness prevention measures just might...

[READ THE FULL STORY](#)

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## [Hear John Foppe on "Live Inspired" with John O'Leary](#)



John Foppe had the incredible opportunity to be a guest on John O'Leary's ["Live Inspired"](#) podcast!

John O'Leary welcomes John Foppe on the Live Inspired Podcast to remind us that a full and vibrant life is achievable, once we overcome the barriers within ourselves.

In this podcast, he opens up about his journey of overcoming obstacles that





once seemed insurmountable.

He also dives into the importance of lifting others up and about his role as Executive Director of Society of St. Vincent de Paul in St. Louis.

This conversation is a powerful reminder that a full and vibrant life is achievable once we overcome the barriers within ourselves.

Listen here:

[John Foppe: Born Without Arms](#)  
(ep. 672) ([johnolearyinspires.com](http://johnolearyinspires.com))

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## Belleville SVdP Council Seeks Asst. Executive Director

**Assistant Executive Director**

A SPIRITUAL CALLING FOR THE CATHOLIC MINISTRY & A COMMITMENT TO LIVE FAITH THROUGH CHARITABLE WORK

Send your resume and cover letter to:  
[svdphr@svdpsouthil.net](mailto:svdphr@svdpsouthil.net)

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville, IL Council is seeking an ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Is this the career opportunity you've been looking for?

Send your resume and cover letter with interest to:

[svdphr@svdpsouthil.net](mailto:svdphr@svdpsouthil.net)

[View Full Job Description](#)

## All Things New

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.

We continue to depend on you, our Vincentians, to let us know what is going on in your parishes and how we can better support you!



[Access Conference Merger Resources](#)

# VOICE *for* the POOR

*Tell Congress Not to Cut Vital  
Nutrition Programs!*

The farm bill is our nation's most important anti-hunger legislation. It incorporates many of our country's nutrition programs, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and international food aid.

The House version of the bill would cut SNAP benefits by nearly \$30 billion dollars over ten years. We need to protect our nation's largest anti-hunger program.

**Tell Congress not to cut vital nutrition programs!**

*Take  
Action*

*Do you know a Legislator? Become a Key  
Contact!*

## Reminder... Rosary Every Wednesday Night



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

[Click Here to Join](#)

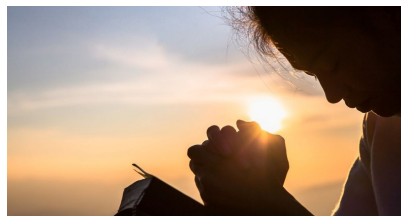
Meeting ID: 989 8066 7271  
Passcode: Vincent  
or dial in: (312) 626-6799

Please Keep in Your Prayers

### Please Pray for The Sick:

Sandy Van Mill, St. Charles Borromeo

Chris Fernandez, Seven Holy Founders



### Prayers for the Deceased:

Matt Luca, All Saints, St. Peters



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

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