



The Society Scoop

Moratorium Lifted on Home Visits



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
--- NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS ---

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The following recommendations and guidelines are given:

1. First and foremost, this is a decision of personal health safety. If the Vincentian volunteer or Neighbor in Need are not comfortable with a home visit, there should be no pressure to do so.
2. Follow [CDC guidelines](#) in respect to masking, vaccinations, and social distancing.
3. Conferences should act in accordance with the directives of their pastor or parish administrator in following through on the [St. Louis Archdiocesan mandates and directives](#) in respect to Covid-19.
4. Questions or concerns from Conference leadership should be directed to their District President.
5. When making home visits, for the wellbeing of all, continue to be vigilant with personal hygiene, hand washing, sanitizing, etc.
6. Continue to be open to practical solutions for providing ministry to Neighbors in Need that provide health safety. For example: meet outside, in the Church parking lot or in a park. When available, use ventilation in homes (fans and windows), etc.
7. Be responsive to any changes in CDC and/or Archdiocesan guidelines.

Thank you for all that you do to help our Neighbors in Need.


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[Click here or on the document to the left to read about recommendations and guidelines.](#)

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Program Updates

Housing Reminders and Resources:

- The CDC halt on evictions is set to expire at the end of June. Nonprofits across our region anticipate a surge in evictions and an onslaught of requests for financial assistance from our Neighbors.
- St. Louis City and County recently received additional rent and utility assistance from the U.S. Department of Treasury. Neighbors directly or indirectly impacted by COVID may be eligible for assistance. For information on St. Louis City assistance, please visit: [Emergency Rental Assistance Program \(ERA 1\) \(stlouis-mo.gov\)](#). For information on St. Louis County, please visit: [Emergency Rental Assistance Program - COVID-19 Information Site \(stlcorona.com\)](#). Neighbors outside of St. Louis City and County should seek assistance through the state at: [SAFHR for Renters | MO Housing Resources](#)

Emergency Broadband Benefit:

Due to the pandemic, the FCC is offering a temporary program to reduce the monthly cost of internet service to eligible households. Those who qualify can get up to \$50 per month off of their monthly internet bill. For details, visit: [FCC Emergency Broadband Benefit Help Page | Department of Economic Development \(mo.gov\)](#)

Rapid Rehousing Update:

The Council Office has received 19 referrals from participating Conferences. Of these, 14 Neighbors have been accepted into the program and are working with St. Patrick Center. Six have been successfully rehoused or stabilized in their current housing. Six are looking for housing and 2 are in the screening process.

New Mattress Pricing:

SVdP Thrift Stores have updated mattress pricing. Find information on promo plus mattress prices at: <https://svdpstlouis.org/vincentians/thrift-store-information>
Password: Vincent

Upcoming Formation Events

Ozanam Orientation

June 30, 2021

9:30am-12:30pm

<https://conta.cc/3yKB7hx>

Home Visit 101

July 21, 2021

10:00am-12:00pm

<https://conta.cc/2RNTS2l>

Ozanam Orientation

August 19, 2021

1:00-4:00pm

<https://conta.cc/34nvcAR>

[Click Here for More Formation Opportunities](#)

Did You Know: You can earn thrift credits to help your Conference's Neighbors in Need!

Why?

Volunteering in SVdP Thrift Stores is fun. Make new friends. And, you can use volunteer credit hours for Vouchers to help our Neighbors in Need buy items in SVdP Thrift Stores!

How many credits can you earn?

\$10 for each hour worked at an SVdP Thrift Store. (Volunteer must work a minimum of 8 hours each month to qualify)

Volunteer with friends . . . they can apply their credit hours to your Conference, too. Or, you can share your credits (twin) with other Conferences.

Begin collecting credits for your Conference:

Submit a Volunteer application to work at an SVdP Thrift Store.

Click Here to
Apply

Cool Breeze Fan Event



**Wednesday, June 9, 2021
from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.**

Be ready for the hot summer by reserving fans now for your Neighbors in Need.

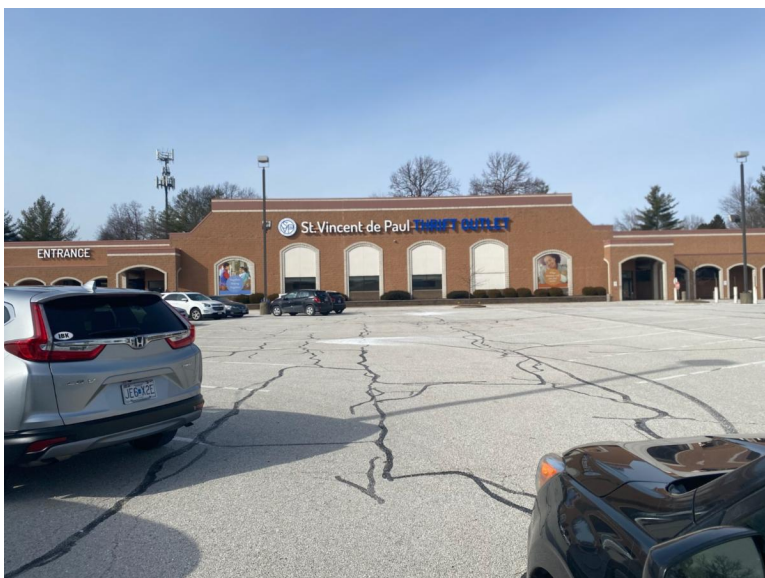
Conferences can pick up 15 fans at \$3 each.

We will have enough fans for the first 36 Conferences that reply. Don't wait!

Contact Steve Rupp at stever@svdpstl.org or 314-881-6018. Fans can be paid for at time of pick up.

Fans will be available for pick up on the parking lot at your **Cool Valley Thrift Outlet and Processing Center!** (1225 S. Florissant Rd., Cool Valley, MO 63121)

Come Tour the Cool Valley Facility!



We are very excited to invite you to come take a tour of your 55,000 square-foot facility that is serving all 10 SVdP Thrift Stores. It is VERY impressive!

Tours will be at 1:30, 2:00 and 2:30 PM on June 9, the same time as the Cool Breeze Fan distribution. There will also be refreshments and fellowship in the new meeting rooms!

AND, you don't even have to pick up fans to take a tour and enjoy fellowship and refreshments. Just come on by! **SEE YOU JUNE 9!**

RSVP to Steve Rupp stever@svdpstl.org or 314-881-6018 by June 8!

District Presidents' Meeting (May 20)



This photo is of District presidents that were present for the meeting - the first in person for the first time in over a year!

(From left to right: Bill Blow, Wes Karna, Dan Asahl, Judy Belford, and Jeanette Aubuchon, Board President Elizabeth Barbieri and Finance Committee Chair Phil Schwab.)

Mary Queen of Peace Donation Drive

Congratulations and thank you to all those who helped make the weekend clothing and



furniture at Mary Queen of Peace so successful!

Thank you so much to all who volunteered their time as well as those who donated. Your generosity helps SVdP take care of our neighbors in need. Well done, everyone!

Friends of the Poor Walk/Run



Get your walking or running shoes on—It's time to start preparing for the September 25 Friends of the Poor Walk/Run.

Host your own Walk at your parish, school or local park. Or, tap into one of many existing Walk sites hosted by fellow Conferences and Districts.

This event is always a beautiful, crisp, fall morning spent with your Vincentian friends, families, and fellow parishioners. You can walk, run or just sit and watch. Walks always have prayer, fellowship and the

ability to help your Conference raise funds. Last year, a Conference raised \$32,000--and every penny stayed in their Conference!

Now's the time to start your plans. September will be here before you know it. For questions or to start your own Walk, contact Steve Rupp at 314-881-6018 or stever@svdpstl.org

June Vincentian Superstars



JUNE 2021

Honoring and celebrating your Vincentian call to serve those in need.
Thank you to all Vincentians!

11 Star Vincentians for the Month of June, 2021

- Southwest - Barb Toth – St. Michael the Archangel - Shrewsbury, Mo.
- Southeast - Diane Nowak – St. Joseph - Bonne Terre, Mo.
- Festus - Vickie DeLong - Our Lady Queen of Peace, House Springs, Mo.
- Gravois – Jim Konrad – St. Joan of Arc - St. Louis, Mo.
- West - Frank Stockell – St. Bridget's - Pacific, Mo.
- South Central - Dee Aubrey – St. Clare of Assisi – St. Louis, Mo.
- North - Gary Moellering - Our Lady of the Holy Cross – St. Louis, Mo.
- Mid Central – Kathy Danzo – St. Francis Xavier – St. Louis, Mo.
- South - Gloria Haar - St. Francis of Assisi – St. Louis, Mo.
- North Central - Bill Updike – Our Lady of Lourdes – St. Louis, Mo.
- Northwest - Bill Weisrock – St. Cletus – St. Charles, Mo.

Promoting recognition of our volunteers and creating a feeling of unity with other Districts promotes “fellowship” with each other. We are not one District, we are many and that is wonderful.

Every month we will have “11 Stars” giving an “*extra thank you*” to our fellow Vincentians.

Mission Moments

For It Is in Giving that We Receive

St. Francis of Assisi reminds us of the blessing that comes to us when we serve others. As Vincentians, we help Neighbors every day, but sometimes a Neighbor touches our heart in ways we never imagined. This is the case for Jane Garvin of the Annunziata Conference who recently worked with a young pregnant woman in crisis. Jane just attended an SVdP Pregnancy Care Partnership information session and shared the following afterward:

My Neighbor in Need's baby is now three weeks old. Mother and son are both doing well, thank God.

My husband and I visited them Sunday and all are ready for the next part of the journey. She knows she needs to find a job and childcare. Thanks to Dolly Darmody, who is wonderful, I now have resources for the childcare subsidy. I'll help as I'm able to, and the Neighbor in Need will eventually be set in the transition to being a "working mom". We know that eventually she will be confident on her own, but for now, she is fine.

I appreciate the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and the assistance it provides to so many people. This is my first time working with one person for an extended time, and it is a different, but wonderful commitment. Thank you for the opportunity.

Jane Garvin
Annunziata Conference

A Letter from Fr. Mark



Dear Vincentians,

May 1985 was one long month. It began late on April 30 during a call with my sort-of-recently widowed mother about her going to Mexico for laetrile treatments. Pancreatic cancer. For weeks I had offered to accompany her. No. On the eve of trip to Playas de Tijuana, yes.

United from Boston to Denver very early on May 1. Met Mom at gate of flight to San Diego. Bus to Mexico. Walked into clinic at 5 PM. May 3: Mom set-up. Home to Boston. Daily calls. Mom perking up. Flowers delivered on May 10 for Mother's Day. Aunt Phyllis and Uncle Bill visit May 14 – 16.

May 19: she wasn't herself. Doctor says come. May 20 I arrive to take her home. She can't get out of bed. I stayed. May 22: forged her signature on her traveler's checks to pay for her care. May 23 worked from the pay phone. May 24 kept family informed. Closed a big sale that day. When, when? May 26 no. May 27 no. May 30 at 6:30 AM final kiss goodbye.

A nice man from the funeral home gets me and her cremains across the border on June 1. Airline strike. In San Diego until the 3rd. Closed another sale. June 4 wake

up in Denver in Mom's house. Met with pastor, landlady, banker. June 5 cooked. June 6 hosted wake. June 7 funeral. June 10 left empty, very clean house driving Dad's car to Boston. Long month, worth remembering.

Fr. Mark Pranaitis, C.M.

Introducing Steven Weathers, Data Entry Specialist!



Please welcome Steven Weathers, the new data entry specialist at the Council Office!

Steven has lived in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Illinois, but now calls Missouri his home as he completes his degree in Psychology from Missouri Baptist University. After he graduates this fall, he plans on going into social work.

"I started as an intern here at the council because I was interested in the services that SVdP does," says Steven.

Steven also works at the SVdP Ballwin location, and in his free time, he trains Brazilian Jiu jitsu and teaches wrestling to kids. His dream is to one day own a gym that teaches wrestling and Jiu jitsu.

We are so happy to have you on our team, Steven!

You Don't Want to Miss the North District's 8th Annual Golf Tournament!

Join us at the Florissant Golf Club for what promises to be a great day on the links, enjoy an early round with 18-holes of golf & lots of familiar faces. Space is limited, we **ONLY HAVE SPACE FOR 36 TEAMS - MAX**. We want the golf to move along at an enjoyable pace and make sure to get all the teams back to the Clubhouse for food and drinks, prizes and awards.

Friday, June 18

Four-person Scramble:

Registration & Individual Breakfast

Bloody Mary Bar - 8:00a.m – 8:45a.m

Shotgun start: 9:00am

\$105.00 per golfer includes:

- o Green Fee's Golf Cart, beer on & off the course

- o Mulligans, Skins game entry and Greenie's
- o Breakfast Grab n Go Items & Bloody Mary's
- o Food Included
- o Participation Gift for each golfer
- o Prize Money & Awards to winners

To register or for more information contact

Pat @ 314.372.1780

or email: pjbettis@aol.com

[Click here to download the info flyer](#)

[Click here to download registration](#)

[Click here for hole sponsor form](#)

*** * * Make Checks Payable to SVDP - North District* * ***

Mail to: SVDP * Attn: Pat Bettis

1807 Kilmory Dr. * Florissant, MO 63031

Church Bulletin Announcements: June

Click below to get church bulletin announcement suggestions for June 2021. 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.

[Click here for April - June bulletin suggestions](#)

Monthly Mass - Invitation

All Vincentians are welcome.

Monthly Mass - June

No mass is planned for the month of June at this time.

Monthly Mass - July

Mass officiated by Fr. Pranaitis will be at St. Bridget Catholic Church in Pacific, MO, on July 29th.

Monthly Mass - August

Mass officiated by Fr. Pranaitis will be at St. Genevieve Parish in St. Genevieve, MO on August 12th.

ServWare



Ann Yeager from the St. Joseph Conference in Cottleville talks about how ServWare has helped her Conference collaborate with and assist other Conferences and their Neighbors in Need.

To contact Tom Matoushek,
ServWare Facilitator:

- tomm@svdpstl.org 314-881-6025

Reminder... Rosary Tonight!



Join us --
**SVdP St. Louis
Rosary Wednesday**
8 p.m. tonight!
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:

Deacon Dave Amelotti
Our Lady of Providence

Please Pray for The Deceased:

Joan Brown
Immaculate Conception (Dardenne)

Rosemary Eder
Immaculate Conception (Dardenne)

Bill O'Neill
Immaculate Conception (Dardenne)

To add a name to the list contact Steve Rupp at stever@svdpstl.org
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