



The Society Scoop



Cool Breeze



**COOL BREEZE
FAN PROGRAM**

Wednesday, June 8, 1 - 3 PM
SVdP Thrift Store - Fenton
625 S Gravois

Well, it looks like we skipped over spring and are jumping right into summer. It's hot!

SVdP is hosting the "Cool Breeze Fan Program" on Wednesday, June 8 from 1 - 3 pm on the parking lot of the Fenton Thrift Store at 625 Gravois Rd., Fenton, 63026.

Please come and tour the Fenton Store and meet Jan Longenecker, Store Manager along with her great staff and volunteers. We'll have lots of festivities, including food, drink and fellowship. More information on the activities will be sent out as we get closer to June 8.

A fan put into a family's home in the summer heat can make a huge difference in their lives. Please contact Steve Rupp at stever@svdpstl.org or 314-881-6018 to reserve your fans. The cost is \$3.00 only each! We'll reserve up to 15 fans to the first 30 Conferences to contact Steve.

Don't hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Friends of the Poor Walk/Run



**FRIENDS OF THE POOR
WALK/RUN**

Saturday, September 24, 2022

**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

Vincetians, 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 stever@svdpstl.org or 314-881-6018

Program Updates

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: <https://svdpstlouis.org/vincentians/svdpst-louis-program-handbook>
(Password: Vincent).

Pregnancy Care Partnership

The Pregnancy Care Partnership ensures pregnant mothers, especially those in crisis and considering abortion, have the support they need to make life-affirming decisions for their unborn child. Often, these women are assisted by their home Conference. If the home Conference is unable to help, other Conferences can elect to help these women and their families as part of their special works. Sometimes these mothers have multiple needs. Your prayers, friendship, and financial support for them is critical. Conference participation is voluntary. If your Conference is interested in this special work, please contact Steve Rupp at SteveR@svdpstl.org or Julie Komanetsky at JulieK@svdpstl.org.

If you are a Vincentian working with a pregnant woman, please join us on Zoom to share support, resources, and prayers.

Pregnancy Care Partnership Informational Zoom Meetings:

Wednesday, May 18 at 1 PM

Meeting ID: 892 3402 0991
Passcode: 046766

[Click here to Join Meeting on
5/18](#)

Wednesday, June 1 at 1 PM

Meeting ID: 881 3423 6811
Passcode: 360366

[Click here to Join Meeting on
6/1](#)

Housing Update

Affordable housing continues to evade many of our Neighbors. The National Low Income Housing Coalition recently published a report on the lack of affordable housing. To read the report, visit: <https://nlihc.org/gap>.

Help for Our Neighbors!

Looking for resources to help your Neighbor? Check out:

<https://www.mercy.net/practice/mercy-neighborhood-ministry/mercy-neighborhood-ministry-resources/>

Volunteers Needed for the National Assembly Steering Committee!



Volunteers are needed to join the 2023 National Assembly Steering Committee. The 2023 event is to be held right here in St. Louis, hosting Vincentians from Conferences 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 Ellen Harshman at ellen.harshman@gmail.com

Vincenian Formation and Support

New formation resources and training materials!

Please take some time to view how Vincenian Formation and Member Support has expanded our web presence with new resources and trainings!

[Click to Watch Video](#)



Join the St. Vincent de Paul Young Adult Conference!

Needed . . . young adults to make a difference for Neighbors in Need!

The founder of SVdP, Frederic Ozanam, was a college student himself when he started the Society. Young adults are a key part of the transformational work that the Society is doing in our area. This is an excellent time for them to grow in fellowship and in their faith as they

volunteer to serve those in need.

For more information, please email Bryan Kirchoff at bryankirchoff@att.net



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 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.

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](#)

Vincentian Meditation

As Catholics, it can be easy to get discouraged by decline. Churches are closing. Faith practice is diminishing. Catholics are leaving the faith.

Frederic Ozanam lived in a similar reality in Paris after the religious turmoil of the French Revolution. But Frederic discerned the will of God, trusted in divine providence, and founded the Society of St. Vincent de Paul with six of his confreres.

The first twenty-seven years of the Society were marked by extraordinary growth. Between 1833 and 1860, the Society grew from seven members in Paris to a worldwide movement, with 2,500 conferences and 50,000 members. The Society now has 800,000 members in over 150 countries!

There are 3,400 Vincentians right here in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Imagine the power! Each Vincentian, each conference, is a potential engine of renewal for the Society and the Church.

Inspired by the theme of our recent Spring Assembly, let us “always give witness” to our faith and to Christ!

Call for Nominations for SVdP National Presidential Election

From SVdP National . . .

Ralph Middlecamp retires his position as SVdP’s National President at the end of his current term. The SVdP National Council Presidential election process is now underway and there is a Call for Nominations. Click the links for information in the nomination packets.

Please pray about and invite recommendations about potential nominees.

Questions regarding the election of the next National President should be directed to Elections Chair Ray Sickinger: RSICKING@providence.edu.

- [Resolution: Election of National President](#)
- [SVdP Presidential Election Schedule](#)
- [Prayer for the Election of a National President](#)
- [Cover Letter Info Packet for Nominees](#)
- [Candidate Nomination Form](#)
- [Candidate Notice](#)
- [Attention to NCM Decide to Nominate Candidate](#)
- [Reminder to NCM of Nomination Deadline](#)

Church Bulletin Announcements: May & June 2022

Click below to get church bulletin announcement suggestions for May 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.

[Click here for Bulletin Suggestions](#)

From the Voice of the Poor Committee

11 OF THE 20 LARGEST OCCUPATIONS IN THE U.S. PAY LESS THAN THE HOUSING WAGE

Two-Bedroom Housing Wage	\$ 24.90
One-Bedroom Housing Wage	\$ 20.40
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	\$ 20.22
Motor Vehicle Operators	\$ 20.02
Financial Clerks	\$ 19.51
Other Office and Administrative Support Workers	\$ 17.69
Information and Record Clerks	\$ 17.41
Material Moving Workers	\$ 15.15
Building Cleaning and Pest Control Workers	\$ 13.99
Home Health and Personal Care Aides; and Nursing Assistants, Orderlies, and Psychiatric Aides	\$ 13.94
Cooks and Food Preparation Workers	\$ 13.35
Retail Sales Workers	\$ 12.95
Food and Beverage Serving Workers	\$ 11.87

Source: National Low Income Housing Coalition. (2021). *Out of Reach 2021*, p. 5. https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/poor/2021/Out-of-Reach_2021.pdf.

The Unaffordability of Housing

As Vincentians, we daily encounter Neighbors in Need who struggle to retain the housing that they have. *Out of Reach 2021*, a publication of the National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC), examines why even modest housing

remains out of reach for low-income workers.

NLIHC defines the “Housing Wage” as the full-time hourly wage a household must earn to afford a modest rental home at HUD’s Fair Market Rent (FMR) while spending no more than 30% of their income on housing costs. Nationally, the 2021 Housing Wage was \$24.90 per hour for a modest 2-bedroom rental and \$20.40 per hour for a modest 1-bedroom rental.

Astoundingly, 11 of the 20 largest occupations in the U.S. pay less than the housing wage. Full-time workers in these occupations must, on average, spend more than 30% of their wages—often far more—to rent a modest apartment.

[Click here to read more.](#)

Congratulations, Ernestine Jackson!

Ernestine Jackson, the Mid Central District President, has been awarded as a featured person of “Who’s Who in America.”

Ernestine is honored as an inspiring person in our country and is listed among Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winners, legendary athletes, best-selling authors, entrepreneurs, corporate executives and more!

Congratulations, Ernestine!



Introducing John Doyle, Manager Vincentian Data



John is from St. Louis and grew up attending Mary, Queen of Peace parish in Webster Groves, and graduated from St. Louis University High School. After working at the Missouri School for the Blind for several years, he attended Carroll College in Helena, MT, receiving a bachelor’s degree in Psychology and Communication. He received a master’s degree in Psychology from the University of West Georgia where he explored the similarities and differences of modern western psychological science with more ancient spiritual traditions. He has worked for many years at Washington University in the departments of Psychiatry, Neurology, and Radiology assisting several labs coordinate clinical research studies investigating a variety of subjects including adolescent neurological development, Alzheimer’s disease, and HIV/AIDS cognitive disorders. He also worked within the Catholic Charities organization at the Queen of Peace Center as a SBIRT health coach and an adolescent counselor with the adolescent resource center.

John is extremely excited about joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul allowing him to share his professional expertise working in the data sciences along with his personal desire to live out his Catholic identity and vocation to assist in the mission of serving those in need. He has always felt called to work in the helping professions and feels very blessed to be able to work with the Vincentian community in their ministry to assist our neighbors in need. He has been married to his wife, Liz, for 15 years and they live with their three children in Fenton and are

members of St. Paul Catholic Church. When he is not running around from different sporting events, he enjoys camping and floating in the Ozarks with his family.

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:

Sandy Little
Queen of All Saints

Please Pray for The Deceased:

John Wich
Mary Mother of the Church

To add a name to the list contact Steve Rupp
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