Program Updates and Resources

**Helpful Resource for StL City and County: HomeScreen**

Join us on Zoom to learn about a helpful resource for Neighbors seeking affordable, available rental units. HomeScreen is a nonprofit tenant screening software with a mission to create more equitable and stable rental housing. HomeScreen is part of the Tower Grove Community Development Corporation and allows local nonprofit agencies to find and secure housing for the people they serve.

Registration not necessary. Simply click the link below on May 23 to join!

Join Zoom Meeting | May 23

Tuesday, May 23, 3 - 4 PM
Meeting ID: 846 3957 6213
Passcode: 133942

**Pregnancy Care Partnership**

This partnership ensures pregnant women have the support they need 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.

**Pregnancy Care Zoom:** If your Conference is working with a pregnant mother and you would like to discuss her situation or learn about possible resources, please join us on Zoom!
SVdP Thrift Stores Need Furniture Donations

We’re seeking good, usable working order, free of breakage, rips, stains, pet hair and damaged parts.

Our thrift stores are one of our largest fundraising programs, and we rely on your generosity. Thank you!

To donate furniture, visit the thrift store nearest you or schedule a donation pickup.

Cool Breeze Fan Program

A fan in 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 receive fans.

The first 30 Conferences to contact Steve can reserve up to 20 fans.

Fans are $5 each and must be paid for at pickup.

Pick up will be Wednesday, June 7 from 1 - 3 pm at the SVdP Florissant Thrift Store
770 North Highway 67, Florissant, MO 63031 (In the Florissant Meadows Shopping Center)

Come by for food and fellowship, even if you aren't picking up fans - all are welcome!
Hot dogs, soda, fruit, healthy snacks.

Meet Council Staff and Fellow Vincentians
Tour the Florissant Thrift Store

A Message from Father Dan Thiess
"Peace be with you"

As we move closer to the All Things New announcement, remember the poor are still with us and still need us to be the Face of Christ and to spread God's love to them.

**Vincentian Meditation: Go To The Poor**

In just a few short weeks, Archbishop Rozanski will announce a new plan for our Archdiocese. It is likely that we will go from 178 individual parishes to less than 90 pastorates. This is because the Church of today is not the same as it was 50 years ago. Much has changed. Fewer practicing Catholics means less people at Mass and more churches than we need for worship. But much remains the same. The Society remains a stronghold in our Archdiocese because of you and your service to the poor.

Our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Dan Thiess, reminds us that we’re sent forth with the same spirit that Jesus sent the disciples to go forth and spread the good news. We give a simple message of "peace be with you" which is a message of peace for all of us. This is a peace that we encounter when we recognize the face of Christ in our Neighbors.

Indeed, St. Vincent de Paul told us: *Go to the poor; you will find God*

As we experience change in our Archdiocese, your commitment to the Society, to each other, and to the poor is more important than ever. Despite the changes, our Neighbors still need us. Through them, we grow closer to God and may His peace be with you.

Please enjoy these contemplations from the SVdP National Office.

**Contemplation — To Boldly Go – SVDP USA (ssvpusa.org)**

**Contemplation — Let Us Go To the Poor – SVDP USA (ssvpusa.org)**

Julie Komanetsky
Director of Programs and Strategic Partnerships

Changing Lives
Through Transformational Home Visits
As part of the Vincentian Wisdom Series, this workshop will help you better engage with those in need and build long-term relationships, identify barriers to upward mobility for families, and deepen spiritual growth for you and your Neighbors.

**Wednesday, May 10**
6:00-7:00 PM  
Zoom

You will receive the full Zoom information in your confirmation email.

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**All Things New Preparation for Conferences**

**New Beginnings And The Way Forward**

**Session #3**  
**New Session, New Information!**

The Archbishop will announce changes to the Archdiocese on Sunday, May 28. Join us on Zoom on Wednesday, May 31 from 6:30-7:30 PM to discuss the impact of All Things New on SVdP Conferences.

**Wednesday, May 31**
6:30-7:30 PM  
Zoom

You will receive the full Zoom information in your confirmation email.

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**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
Next Ozanam Orientation in July

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.

Saturday, July 15
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
All Saints - St. Peters

Click Here to Register

May 9, Feast Day - St. Louis de Marillac

St. Louise de Marillac was born August 12, 1591. She married Antoine LeGras on February 5, 1613, had a son named Michel, and was widowed on December 21, 1625.

St. Vincent de Paul then became her spiritual director and, under his guidance, she became active in caring for the poor and in visiting the Confraternities of Charity. With Vincent, Louise cofounded the Daughters of Charity on November 29, 1633. She died March 15, 1660, and was canonized in 1934. In 1960, Pope John XXIII proclaimed her the patron saint of all Christian social workers.

Give STL Day is Thursday, May 10

Give StL Day is Thursday, May 10 . . . and we need your help!
Give StL Day is a community-wide day of giving throughout St. Louis. All day on May 10, St. Louisans will be giving to their favorite causes.
Can you please help us spread the word? Please share posts from SVdP St. Louis Facebook page on your social media pages, or email your friends. If you aren't already following us on Facebook, here's the link: 
www.facebook.com/saintvincentdepaulstl

Donations can be made at: 
https://www.givestlday.org/svdpsstl

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**Conference Spotlight: Perryville**

Council President, Carole Johnson, and staff from the Council Office visited our Vincentian friends at St. Vincent de Paul in Perryville to share and discuss the three essential elements of friendship, service, and spirituality.

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**10th Annual North District Golf Tournament**

**June 17, 2023**
**Check-in begins at 8:00 a.m.**
**Shot gun start at 9:00 a.m.**

Join us for what promises to be a great day of golf, enjoy an early start with 18-holes of golf & familiar faces. Space is limited, WE HAVE SPACE FOR 34 TEAMS TOTAL.

**Four-person Scramble:**
**Registration & Individual Breakfast**
Bloody Mary Bar - 8:00a.m – 8:45a.m

$125.00 per golfer includes:
- Green Fee, Golf Cart, beer on & off the course
- Mulligans, Skins game and Closest to Pin entry
- Breakfast Grab n Go Items & Bloody Mary’s
- Lunch during the round and Dinner after
- Participation Gift for each golfer
- 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 info flyer
Click here for registration form
Click here for hole sponsor form
SVdP's St. Louis Sluggers, a Ministry of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, just returned from Mission 33 in Waverly, TN. On August 18, the area was inundated with over 17 inches of rain overnight. The downpour turned into a torrent of water taking the lives of 20, including 7-month-old twins. Many were rescued by boat, jet ski or helicopter. A total of 272 homes were destroyed and 199 were damaged.

The Sluggers crew of 23 came together in friendship and service and made major renovations to two homes and made countless repairs to 10 others. The St. Vincent de Paul Conference from St. Patrick's Church in McEwen, TX worked with and hosted the Sluggers crew.

Handy with tools? Interested in learning more about joining the SVdP Sluggers? Text or call Jerry Mueller 314-406-4330

From the Voice of the Poor Action Alerts

Your help is needed on the following priorities:

- Watch For and Action Alert about Benefits Cliff Legislation
- Protect SNAP Reauthorized Farm Bill
- Support Investment in Affordable Housing
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:

Fr. Daniel Thiess
SVdP Spiritual Advisor

Marty Bligh
Holy Name of Jesus

Brother Ralph Kreikemeier
Immaculate Conception, Dardenne

Fred Weckenmann
St. Mary Magdalen, Brentwood

Sam Tremont
St. Joseph, Manchester

To add a name to the list, please contact Steve Rupp at stever@svdpstl.org or (314) 881-6018
Click the icons below to follow us on social media and stay up-to-date with what's happening at SVdP!