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Thank YOU Vincentians, for attending the Spring Assembly of 2024!



Vincentian Hearts Ablaze
Igniting Hope and Joy

What a blessing it was to have so many join us at Spring Assembly for a morning of prayer, fellowship, and inspiration!

The annual event drew hundreds of Vincentians from across our Archdiocese who shared in fellowship, and were filled with renewed purpose and joy by Archbishop Rozanski's moving homily, John Foppe's inspirational keynote address, and vocations on fire talks by Vincentians Edie Varley and Dennis Tonkovic.

Mass -

John Foppe's Keynote -



Edie Varley -



Dennis Tonkovic -



Whether you want to refresh your memory or share the experience with your Conference members, these videos will be a fantastic resource.

Vincentians also joined in table discussions and offered feedback. Your presence and participation made the event a great success, and we hope you found it as inspiring as we did

Once again, thank you for being a part of "Our Hearts on Fire" event. We appreciate your support and look forward to staying connected with you.

Our Vincentian Hearts Are Ablaze! We hope yours are, too.

Give STL Day is tomorrow, May 9! Last chance to give!

The St. Louis Community Foundation's Give STL Day celebrates and supports the nonprofits that make our region a wonderful place to call home.

This year, we have a generous donor who has offered to match up to \$10k in donations to our Give STL Day campaign!

Your gift today has double the impact!

Proud to Support:



Matching Funds up to \$10K from Generous Donor!



5.9.24

GIVE NOW!

Vincentian Meditation

You Are Who You Hang Out With

by Steve Rupp, Manager Member Support



My Dad always said, “You are who you hang out with.”

On Saturday April 27th, 450 Vincentians hung out at St. Louis University High School, attending the 2024 Spring Assembly. These were truly great people hanging out with great people.

When you give my dad’s quote some real thought, he was right. If you hang out with knuckleheads, you’ll probably be a knucklehead. If you hang out with people striving to grow closer to Christ, you’ll probably grow closer to Christ.

I grew up with 7 siblings and we had an above ground pool in the backyard, a basketball hoop on the garage, a pool table/ping pong table in the basement and we lived on a court where we played kick the can, stickball and sports we just made up.

I thought all those things were for us kids because there were so many of us. It wasn’t until as an adult, my dad told me those things weren’t for us, but for him. He wanted to know our friends and he knew those things would attract them. Wise man.

This might seem like simple logic. But it’s really a deep philosophy...

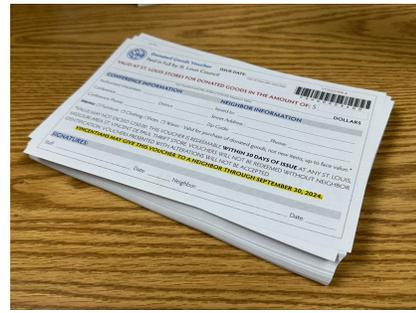
[Read the Full Meditation!](#)

Program Updates & Resources

[Voucher Best Practices](#)

- If your Conference needs additional Donated Goods Vouchers, please contact your District President.

- Please make certain to **spell out the name of your Conference and District on each voucher.**



- Donated Goods Vouchers can be used for donated clothing, housewares, and furniture. **While each voucher has a maximum value of \$250, you may also use them for smaller amounts if needed.**

5/15 - 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.

[Every 3rd Wednesday, 1 – 2 p.m.](#)

[MAY 15](#)

[JUNE 19](#)

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.

[Get Link for Zoom](#)

Learn About Transportation Programs

The Car Purchase and Car Repairs Programs are now available *outside* of St. Louis City and County.

Guidelines are available in the Online Program Handbook:

[Car Purchase Program](#)



Car Repair Program

Upcoming Formation Events

Seeking Formators to Support Trainings

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

Thanks for your consideration and God bless!

Formation and Training Events At A Glance

MAY 13 | 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Home Visits Workshop at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

MAY 15 | 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Vincian Wisdom Series: Working Smarter, Not Harder to Help Our Neighbors

JUNE 4 | 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Vincian Wisdom Series: FUN in Fundraising

JUNE 5 | 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

JUNE 15 | 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Ozanam Orientation at Immaculate Conception, Union

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

AUG 3 | 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Ozanam Orientation at St. Charles Borromeo

AUG 6 | 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Vincian Wisdom Series: Servant Leadership

Home Visits Workshop at St. Peter,
Kirkwood

JUNE 8 | 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Ozanam Orientation at Holy Infant
Church

AUG 20 | 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Home Visits Workshop at St. Gabriel



5/13 - Workshop at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

6/5 - Workshop at St. Peter, Kirkwood

8/20 - Workshop at St. Gabriel

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

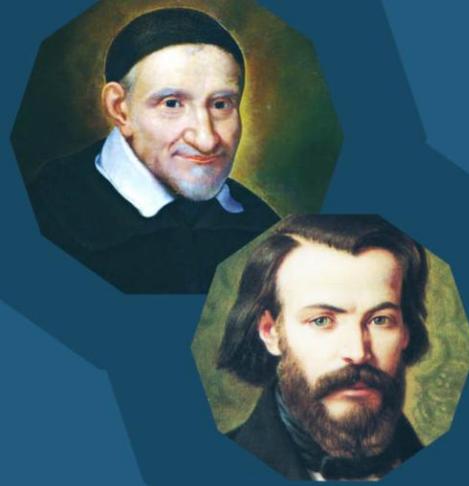
Rooted in our essential elements of spirituality, friendship, and service, the workshop provides guidance for meeting with our Neighbors in their homes and offering support.

Register for May 13
@ St. Elizabeth Ann
Seton

Register for June 5 @
St. Peter, Kirkwood

Register for August 20
@ St. Gabriel

VINCENTIAN WISDOM SERIES



5/15 - *Vincentian Wisdom Series:*

Working Smarter (Not Harder) to Help our Neighbors

presented by Voice of The Poor

Join us to discuss ways that we as Vincentians can:

- Access community resources
- Collaborate with other churches and groups
- Apply what we learn from our neighbors and each other to encourage change.

Featured Panelists:

- Mike Carosone
- Andy Graf
- Prudence Kramer

Register to
Attend

Working Smarter Not Harder to Help Our Neighbors

A Vincentian Wisdom Series Webinar hosted by the Voice for the Poor Committee



Wednesday, May 15, 2024

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.



To register, visit bit.ly/SVDPWorkingSmarter or scan the QR Code.

Join us to discuss ways that we as Vincentians can:

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Collaborate with other Churches and Groups
Apply what we Learn from our Neighbors and Each Other to
Encourage Change

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St. Margaret of Scotland
Conference
Saint Louis

VOICE
for
the POOR

The Voice for the Poor Committee
Archdiocesan Council of St. Louis
Questions? Contact vopstlouis@gmail.com.

6/4 - *Vincentian Wisdom Series:* FUN in Fundraising



Fundraising is an activity of importance at both the Council and Conference level. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul relies upon the generosity of our donors for much of our funding. Our donors are inspired by what you do every day in serving God and your Neighbors.

Fundraising is also an important spiritual component of your glorious service to your Neighbors in Need.

Hear from fellow Vincentians on insights, strategies, and tips on how to put the

Register for June 4

**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
9

**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



6/8 - Ozanam Orientation at Holy Infant Church

6/15 - Ozanam Orientation at Immaculate Conception,
Union

8/3 - Ozanam Orientation at St. Charles Borromeo

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.

Register for June 8 @
Holy Infant

Register for June 15
@ Immaculate
Conception, Union

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

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**

[Click for Online Registration!](#)

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 Blich 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

CONTACT/QUESTIONS

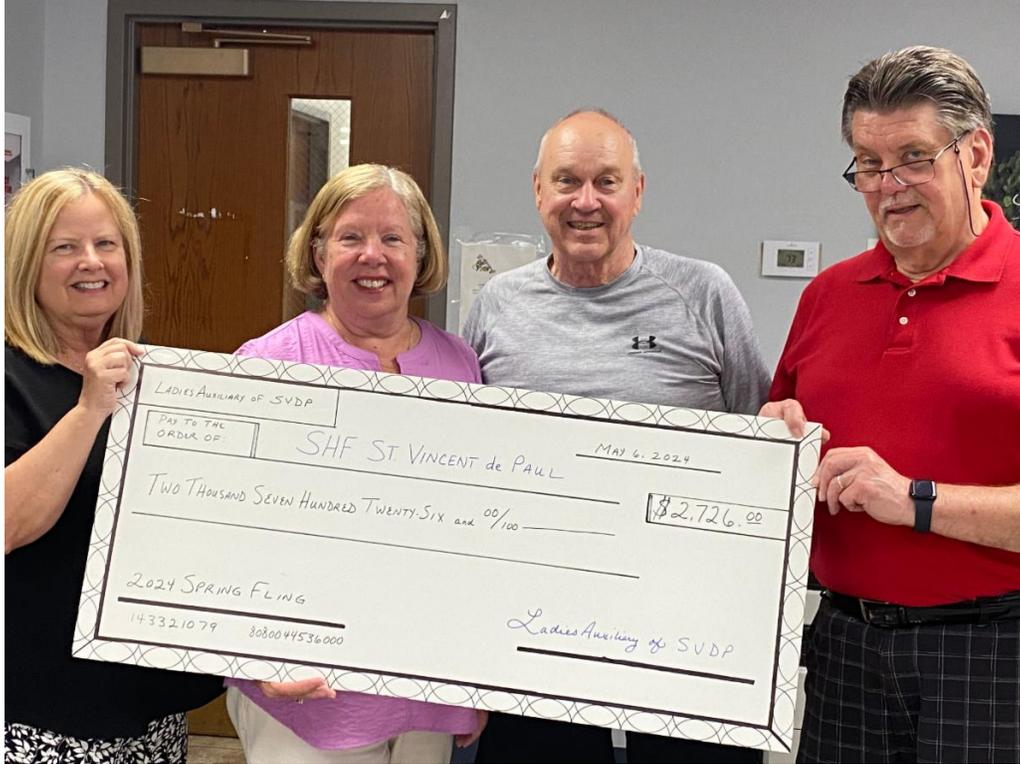
Email: svdpgolf23@gmail.com

Doug Oberlin 314-369-1147

or

Gene Meyer 314-684-9812

Ladies Auxiliary presents for ~\$3k Check to SHF SVdP



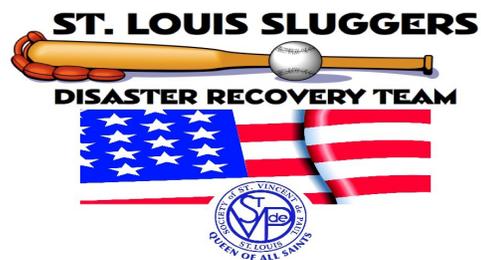
The Ladies Auxiliary of SVDP at Seven Holy Founders presented a check for \$2,726.00 to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul! The check represented the proceeds collected from their annual Spring Fling social event. Pictured presenting the check from the ladies auxiliary is member Carol Hund and president Carolyn Landwehr to Pat O'Brien, SVDP treasurer and Michael Carosone.

St. Louis Sluggers Return from TN Floods

The Queen of All Saints "St. Louis Sluggers" just returned from their fifth mission to flood-ravaged Humphries County, TN. They contributed nearly 5,000 hours assisting in the rebuilding of flood damaged homes.

Recently they started building the first homeless facility in Humphries County. This is their second mission trip this year, having worked hurricane recovers in Ft. Myers, FL in February. Mission 37 is tentatively scheduled for the week of October 13. If you are a man or woman that is handy with tools - join us!

Text Jerry Mueller at 314-406-4330 to learn more.



**The St. Louis Sluggers are a Ministry of
Queen of All Saints Society of St. Vincent de Paul**



Our host, Barbara Hooper
 St. Vincent de Paul,
 St. Patricks Catholic
 Church, McEwen, TN

St. Pius V Conference Aggregation Form from 1907

Aggregated November 6th 1922 273.

SUPERIOR COUNCIL
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Society of St. Vincent-de-Paul
 Application for Aggregation.

Conference of St. Pius
 City or Town of St. Louis State of Missouri
 Diocese of St. Louis founded Nov. 29, 1907 19

The Conferencier denotes itself to the following Works:

- To the visiting of, and distributing relief to poor families at their homes.
- Look after the spiritual welfare of our poor; assist other Catholic Charitable Institutions; assist other conferences
- unable to look after all of their poor.

The Conference meets weekly on Monday
 at the hour of 8 o'clock P.M., at Grand & Utah Street.

COUNCIL OF THE CONFERENCE.

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.	PROFESSIONS.
Spiritual Director	Rev. T. E. Hooper	3310 S. Grand
President	J. B. Biley	3660 Humphrey St.
Vice-President	E. F. Buddy	3620 Utah Pl.
Treasurer	A. J. Deeman	2029 Hartford St.
Secretary	D. A. Walsh	3754 A Meramec St.

* The visiting of Poor Families is the first work to be set forth, because it is the foundational work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul; it is the only and really essential one; others, such as Establishing Schools; placing dependent children; visiting hospitals and public and private charitable and correctional institutions; organizing boys clubs, etc., are secondary, and are only undertaken according to the circumstance of each particular locality or city.

St. Pius V recently received from the National Council the original aggregation application submitted by their conference's founding members!

St. Pius was founded November 29, 1907 and issued a Letter of Aggregation by the Council General International (CGI) in Paris on November 6, 1922.

What is Aggregation?

After the formation of a first executive and following a satisfactory trial period of one year, a new conference, working through the intermediate councils, can submit an Application

[Click the image above to view the full application document!](#)

for Aggregation.

The President of the National Council reviews all applications, and forwards them to the International Council General when approved.

Mission Moments

When A Little Means A Lot

by Robin Orzel, Store Manager, Lemay Thrift Store

A homeless neighbor recently came in to the Lemay store with a special request. She had money to purchase a cup of coffee but the restaurant refused to serve her. She asked if someone could walk over to the restaurant and purchase the cup of coffee. Stephanie was kind enough to go and purchase the coffee for her. The neighbor was so grateful for that small act of kindness!

Jack ended his shift recently and noticed a customer unable to start his car. Jack asked if he could help and was able to jump start the car and the customer was so happy and very appreciative!

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!



ALL THINGS NEW
STEADFAST IN FAITH • FORWARD IN HOPE

[Access Conference Merger Resources](#)

From the Voice for the Poor

VOICE for
the **POOR**

*Urge Your Senators to Pass
the Child Tax Credit*

The expanded Child Tax Credit (CTC) has been stuck in the Senate since January, when the House passed it with an overwhelming bipartisan majority.

It is critical that Senators pass the expanded CTC before it is too late.

The legislation would expand the CTC so that lower income children and families receive the full credit. The proposal prioritizes children whose families currently receive only a partial credit or no credit at all because their incomes are too low – **approximately 16 million children will benefit from the expansion.**

We have a narrow window to pass a strong Child Tax Credit bill. Inaction will kill the bill.

Please contact Senators Hawley and Schmitt and ask them to pass the Child Tax Credit bill now!

*Take
Action*

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:

[Iola Brown, St. David](#)

[Janet Leitterman, Our Lady](#)

[Marty Bligh, Holy Name of Jesus](#)



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

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