



The Society Scoop



Program Updates

Electronic Payments to Spire

Conferences can now make electronic payments to Spire!



Join us for a Zoom Information Session with Spire to hear the process for making ACH payments and creating/submitting reports to ensure proper credit on your pledges.

You do not need to register, simply join us on Zoom.

Thursday, Sept. 16, 10-10:30 AM

Meeting ID: 811 3258 0864
Passcode: 486406
Audio only: 312 626 6799

Zoom Meeting
Link

Tuesday, Sept. 28, 1-1:30 PM

Meeting ID: 820 5636 2115
Passcode: 630411
Audio only: 312 626 6799

Zoom Meeting
Link

Car Repair Partners

Please [visit our website](#) to see our updated and expanded list of car repair partners!



Ameren DIY Saving Kits



Neighbors may be eligible to receive \$250 worth of energy saving products from Ameren (including LED bulbs and weather stripping) and a \$150 credit on their bill if they notify Ameren that they have used to product. [Please share this](#)

[flyer with your Neighbors.](#)



Housing and Utility Assistance

The national moratorium on evictions has ended and many of our Neighbors will be at risk of homelessness. As Vincentians, we encourage you to help your Neighbors to the best of your ability. This may mean providing the assistance they need or referring them to other resources for help.

Most importantly, let us remember to pray for our Neighbors during this difficult time and to pray for each other. May our words and our actions be guided by the Holy Spirit.

[Click for COVID RESOURCES AND UPDATES](#)

PANDEMIC RELATED RENT AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE:

- For ALL Missouri Residents: [Missouri COVID Rental Assistance | MO Housing Resources](#)
- For St. Louis City Residents: **Apply for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERA 1)** [\(stlouis-mo.gov\)](#)
- For St. Louis County Residents: **Emergency Rental Assistance Program - St. Louis County Website** [\(stlouiscountymo.gov\)](#)
- For Jefferson County Residents: **Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) - JEFFERSON FRANKLIN COMMUNITY ACTION CORPORATION** [\(jfcac.org\)](#)
- NOTE: Mortgage assistance is expected this fall. For details, visit: **Missouri COVID Mortgage Relief and Assistance Program** [\(mohousingresources.com\)](#)

UTILITIES:

LIHEAP received additional funding due to the pandemic. Neighbors may seek assistance with utilities through this program. For general information about LIHEAP in MO: **Help with Energy Bills** | [mydss.mo.gov](#)

INTERNET ASSISTANCE: Up to \$50 per month for eligible households struggling to afford internet services **Emergency Broadband Benefit** | [Federal](#)

FUNERAL: Up to \$9,000 for funeral expenses for deaths related to COVID. **COVID-19 Funeral Assistance** | [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov)

OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION:

Child Tax Credit: Many Neighbors with children are benefitting from the new Child Tax Credit, which provides \$250-300 per child to qualifying families. Most families are automatically receiving these payments from July – December, 2021. These additional funds should be of help to many families we serve. For more information: [The Child Tax Credit | The White House](https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2021/07/02/child-tax-credit)

For a List of general resources, please visit: [Resources](#) | [Society of St. Vincent de Paul \(svdpstlouis.org\)](https://www.svdpsvlouis.org)

Rapid Rehousing Pilot Update

On January 11, the Society began a pilot program to help the homeless. Rapid Rehousing is the primary solution to homelessness and proven to be effective. The pilot is currently running in St. Louis City and St. Louis County, with plans for expansion to better serve our Conferences and Neighbors throughout our Archdiocese. As of September 3, we have 18 Neighbors enrolled in the program and 2 Neighbors completing the intake process. These Neighbors are being successfully housed and receiving case management services to become self-sustaining!

SVdP National Assembly in Houston, Texas



Enjoying fellowship at the SVdP National Assembly!

Barry Schoedel, Iola Eden, Julie Komanetsky, Reba Hupfeld, Carole Johnson, Catherine Stainway, Mary Murphy, Mel Husman, Connie Hupfeld, Allison Pittman

The St. Louis Archdiocesan Council was well represented at National Assembly in Houston. In attendance were:

- Julie Komanetsky (Council Office)
- Andrew Kassebaum (Council Office)
- Barry Schoedel (Council Office)
- Carole Johnson (North Central District President, Board Vice President)
- Melvin Hussmann (North Central District, St. Ann, Normandy)
- Iola Eden (North Central District, St Nicholas Conference)
- Mary Murphy (Festus District)
- Catherine Stainway (Festus District, St. David, Conference President)
- Connie Hupfeld (West District, Holy Family, Port Hudson)
- Reba Hupfeld (West District, Holy Family, Port Hudson)

There was inspiring leadership offered by Ralph Middlecamp, National Council President, Dave Barringer, CEO, and Bishop Hying, National Spiritual Advisor. There was also a wonderful keynote by Dr. Jamie Walters, PhD, who talked about the importance of Pope Francis's teachings on brotherly love in a time where there is so much division. Attendees participated in workshops related to formation, growth and revitalization, and new and innovative programs. At the mid-west regional meeting the St. Louis Archdiocesan Council was asked to present on the Rapid Rehousing Pilot as well as the Pregnancy Care Partnership. There was considerable interest in these programs and the region asked if we would report back on these programs next year. It was a successful and motivating National Assembly. If you have never been, consider seeking a sponsorship to go next year.

Vincentian Holy Days



Bl. Frederic Ozanam – September 9th

Antoine-Frédéric Ozanam, literary scholar, lawyer, journalist, and advocate of the poor. With other students he founded the Conference of Charity, which later became known as the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. It is no mistake that Pope St. John Paul II chose to beatify Blessed Frederic Ozanam on a day where the Gospel read is of the Good Samaritan. The Samaritan was not of the priestly class and was considered a type of outcast from the Jews.

[\(Read More\)](#)



St. Vincent de Paul – September 27th

The feast day of St. Vincent de Paul is celebrated as a Solemnity in the Archdiocese of St. Louis because he is the secondary patron of the Archdiocese (after St. Louis). St. Vincent de Paul was part of a movement of renewal and reform in the French Catholic Church during his day that continues to bear fruit among those inspired by the spirituality of the Vincentian family.

[\(Read More\)](#)

Vincentian Meditations

Statute 1 of our Rule states: “The Essential Elements of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are Spirituality, Friendship and Service.” It is the Spirituality element that has allowed our Society to flourish throughout the world for 188 years. Our Spirituality also allows to be and see the face of Christ in our interactions with Vincentians and Neighbors. [\(Read More\)](#)

Vincentian Formation Resources

Many people are probably aware of the revamping of the SVDP USA website. They have done a wonderful job with updating. Recently, their new Members section was launched. Take some time to review the formation resources they have available for your Conference or District. They have resources for liturgies, for spiritual advisor formation, Vincentian reflections, formation plans, etc.. Make sure

to bookmark it so you can return to it and utilize it as a resource.

Available here: [Formation Resources – St. Vincent de Paul USA Member Site \(ssvpusa.org\)](https://ssvpusa.org)

St. Vincent de Paul Sunday is Sunday, November 7

The goal of SVdP Sunday is to spread awareness about SVdP's mission, recruit members and raise money for your Conference.

It's not too early to begin planning. Here are some things you can do:

If you haven't already, now is a good time to speak with your Pastor and plan parish activities to celebrate the work of the Society and familiarize parishioners with the work of your Conference. These activities may include:

- Work with your pastor to schedule a pulpit talk
- Plan for a special collection after mass
- Plan a meet-and-greet donut / coffee gathering to speak to fellow parishioners about the Society
- Host a Commissioning and Commitment Ceremony for your current members.

Fall District Meetings

North Central: Saturday, September 18, 2021 at St. Ann, 10:00 AM

Gravois: Thursday, September 30, 2021 at Mary Mother of the Church, 6:00 PM

South: Monday, October 4, 2021 via Zoom, 3:00 PM

Upcoming Zoom Formation Opportunities

Home Visit 101
Tuesday, September 14
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
[Click here to register](#)

Ozanam Orientation
Saturday, October 9, 2021
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
[Click to register](#)

Home Visit 101
November 8, 2021
6:30 PM - 8:45 PM
[Click to register](#)

Click Here for More Formation
Opportunities

A Letter from Fr. Mark



Dear Vincentians,

Having put it off long enough, I went to get my Missouri driver's license. I know what to expect. It would be anything but uplifting. It always is.

I checked-in using the computer terminal and then went back outside into the heat to wait for a text message calling me back inside. Eventually the message came. The air conditioning felt good.

As I read a delightful novel, I noticed a set of triplets. The woman behind the counter was very patient with them as they primped to ensure their photos would be Instagram worthy. Their mother stood nearby. I wondered what it would be like to have not one, not two, but three new drivers. Holy Mary, Mother of God. . .

While the triplets were primping, a woman of a certain age came in guiding her mother by the hand. She asked her mother to sit. Nothing doing. The mother wandered. The woman checked in. Then she went and brought her mother back. Clearly, I wasn't the only one who noticed this. The woman was called to the counter. The mother began to wander. Several people stood to steady her wobbly walk. They struck up conversations with her, complementing her necklace, how pretty her hair looked. The mother beamed! The woman at the counter wasn't able to do what she needed to do but would have to return with her mother another day. May she find other kind people who will help her mother when she does.

Monthly Mass - Invitation

Monthly Mass - September

St Rose of Lima,
523 S 4th St, De Soto, MO 63020
September 23 at 12 p.m.
ALL VINCENTIANS WELCOME!
Celebrant: Father Mark Pranaitis

Blessing of St. Vincent de Paul Society

SVdP St. Matthew the Apostle Conference
Invites all Vincentians to a special Mass and blessing

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

District President Highlight: Get to Know Judy Belford, Gravois District President



How long have you been a Vincentian with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

Judy Belford: I joined in 2013, as soon as I retired from 45 years in education.

What inspired you to join?

JB: We were very poor growing up and I vowed to do whatever it takes to help people out of similar situations.

How has your spirituality grown with your service to the poor?

JB: I am so blessed to work with faith-filled people who live the Beatitudes daily. Sharing faith through prayer, discussion, and work creates a strong bond and support for whatever befalls us.

What is your home parish?

JB: Mary, Mother of the Church.

Tell us a little about you, your family?

JB: I am a widow with one son and two granddaughters who live in Michigan.

What are your hobbies? What do you like to do in your free time?

JB: My hobbies are genealogy and quilting. I love to read and have been the volunteer Book Lady at the Lemay Thrift Store since it opened.

Are you originally from St. Louis or grew up elsewhere?

JB: I moved to St. Louis from the Ste. Genevieve-Farmington, MO area when I was 7.

Any words of wisdom for other Vincentians?

JB: Micah 6:8, "You have been told what is good and what the Lord requires of you: Only to do what is right and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with God."

Dining Table Truckload Sale!



More than 200 Brand New Dining Tables!

\$150 each.

Various styles and table heights.

Donated from a St. Louis Furniture Retailer.

Wednesday September 15 –
Saturday September 18,
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

SVdP Cool Valley Thrift Outlet
1225 S. Florissant Road
St. Louis, MO 63122
(Just down the road from the UMSL Campus)

As-is. Cash and Carry.
While Supplies Last.

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:

Rick Allgeyer
Assumption - Mattese

Judy Belford
Gravois District President

Marty Bligh
Holy Name of Jesus

John Foppe
Council Office

Craig Haynes
St. Sabina

Brad Hook
Son of former Festus District President, Bob Hook (St. Anthony, High Ridge)

Dr. Jack Kelly
Immacolata

Karen Turgeon
Immacolata

Dave Winslett
Midwest Region



Please Pray for The Deceased:

Mary Reed
St. Ferdinand

JoAnn Renaud
Assumption - Mattese

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