

Sioux Falls District Council November Newsletter

In the month of November the Catholic Church commemorates those who have died. The following is an article from [Congregation of the Mission of St. Vincent de Paul](#)

This tradition, rooted in the history of the Church, dates back to the 9th century, when the Benedictine abbot Saint Odilon of Cluny established this date to remember all the faithful departed. The Church, with motherly love, prays for the dead, as for the living, because they too are alive in the Lord. Christian hope finds its foundation in the Bible, in the invincible goodness and mercy of God. "I know that my redeemer is alive, and that, last of all, he will stand upon the dust!" exclaims Job, emphasizing that our hope goes beyond death.

This solemnity, one of the most important for the Church, has ancient roots in the truth of faith of the Apostles' Creed that we recite during Holy Mass. The Creed reminds us of the communion of saints, the idea that Christians are not individual entities, but an integral part of the mystical body of the risen Jesus Christ. In it we profess:

"I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the remission of sins, the resurrection of the flesh, and eternal life. Amen."

This faith assures us that death is not the end, but a passage, a waiting of love and faith that will culminate in the ultimate encounter with those we love.

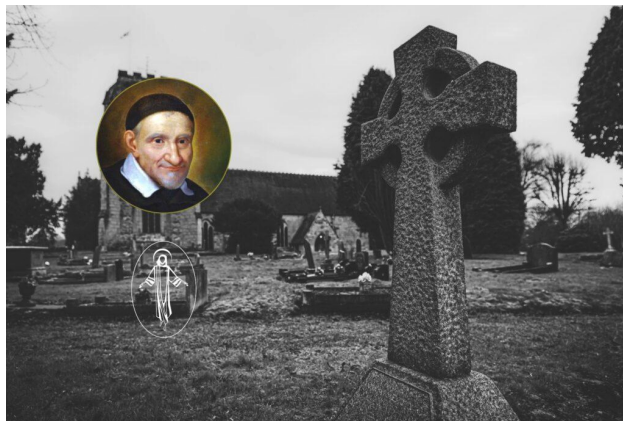
St Vincent de Paul, with his unconditional love for the poor, reminds us of the importance of carrying the names of the poor in our hearts, especially those who die

in pain and loneliness. These are the dead who are often forgotten, because no one carries them in their hearts. In a world scarred by the COVID-19 pandemic, ongoing wars and the persecution of many because of their faith, the message of St. Vincent resonates with even greater urgency. Every life is priceless, and every death is a loss for all humanity.

In this context, the commemoration of the dead becomes a time for deep reflection on the fragility of life and our responsibility to love and serve others, especially the most vulnerable. As Vincentian missionaries, we are called to be spokespersons for the voiceless, to remember those who have been forgotten and to bring hope in the midst of despair.

As we join in prayer for our deceased loved ones and all those who have died due to the tragedies of our time, we invite the brethren to share this special prayer. Certainly, here is a prayer that fits the context of the article:

Vincentian Prayer for the Dead



*Lord of Mercy and Love,
Welcome into Your loving arms those who have left us.*

*In particular, we think of the poor and the lonely,
those who have died in pain, forgotten by the world.*

*We also remember those who lost their lives because of wars
and persecution for their faith.*

*Inspired by St Vincent de Paul,
we ask You to bring comfort to their souls
and illuminate their path to Thy eternal light.*


May they find peace and serenity in Thy divine embrace and may we, still in this world, we can be inspired by their memory to serve with love and dedication.

Amen.

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Summary

Dates:	All Ozanam Orientations will take place in the Conference Room at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store at 3000 S. Ellis Rd.
Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025 	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Saturday, Feb., 21, 2026	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Monday & Tuesday April 13 - 14, 2026	5:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Saturday, August 8, 2026	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

*Aberdeen, Watertown, and Yankton may receive personal scheduled dates at their location for their Conference if unable to attend in Sioux Falls.

Ozanam Training- [RSVP Link](#)

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Nov. 15th- Vincentian Spiritual Retreat

**Theme: Gratitude with Deacon Dr. Ridder- Divine Mercy Pastorate
(CTK, ST. MARY, & JPPII)**

[Presentation Notes](#)

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The Yankton Conference's Home Visit Training took place on Monday, Nov. 10th

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SERVWARE

Dorothy Garciawill be hosting SerVWare Q & A

sessions on ZOOM every first Thursday of the month. Email Dorothy to register. She will send you the link. First Session: Thursday, Dec. 4th. executivedirector@svdpsd.org

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ServWare® Charitable Assistance Software

ServWare Login

“Vincentian Formation is the initial and ongoing process of growing and developing in the tradition, charism, and spirituality of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Vincentian formation means being shaped through the Holy Spirit, for and by our Vincentian work, into useful vessels God needs for the poor” (<https://members.ssvpusa.org/formation>).

Whether you have been a Vincentian for three years or ten and plus years, continued Formation and learning is essential!



HIM

- Vincentian volunteer sign up slots open! **WE NEED YOUR HELP FILLING IN OPEN TIMESLOTS!**

Ways you can sign up: 1. [HIM Signup Genius](#)

2. Email Dorothy executivedirector@svdpsd.org
or Deb debfsiouxfallsSVdP@gmail.com

Need Diapers?

Provided by Holy Innocents Ministry a
Special Work of SVdP District Council of Sioux Falls

FREE Diapers, Wipes, & Formula Vouchers

9 am to 11 am

Wednesdays: October 1st, 8th, & 15th

Saturdays: October 4th, 11th, & 18th

Wednesdays: November 5th, 12th, & 19th

Saturdays: November 1st, 8th, & 15th

Wednesdays: December 3rd, 10th, & 17th

Saturdays: December 6th, 13th, & 20th

at

St Vincent de Paul
Thrift Store
431 N Cliff Ave

Evening Hours:

5pm to 7pm

Wednesdays: October 8th & 22nd

Wednesday, November 12th

Financial Literacy Night

Tuesday, November 25th

Wednesday, December 10th

Tuesday, December 23rd

at

St Vincent de Paul
Thrift Store
3000 S Ellis Road



To receive Diapers, Wipes & Formula Vouchers, you must present:

1. Child's SD Medicaid Card or
2. Child's Social Security Card, Birth Certificate, or Passport and
3. Proof of SD residency and Parent Drivers License or ID

Frequency to Receive:
Every 30 days

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UPCOMING DATES:

- **Tuesday, Nov. 25, 7:15 DC Meeting @ SVdP Ellis Store in the Conference Room. All Vincentians are invited to attend.**

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- **THE BANQUET** Monday, Dec. 8th The St Lambert Conference is going to serve breakfast at The Banquet, 900 E. 8th Street on December 8th. There is a normal group that preps the food, and we are looking for 20 volunteers for the kitchen and dining room. Volunteers should arrive by 6:30am and plan on serving until 8:00am. If you are interested, please email or text Kathleen Metzger by November 20th at either 605-331-6060 or kathleen@picaboicu.org. Thank you for considering participating in this wonderful ministry!

NEWS:

The Neighbors' Fund- Conference Presidents may email a request to Dorothy about receiving additional funds from the District Council for our Neighbors in Need.



School Partnership:

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St. Michael Conference

- **Dress-Down Day Tradition:** St. Michael School sells “dress-down day” coupons as a fundraiser. Previously, monthly donations were distributed to 10 different charities, each invited to speak to a grade level.
- **Shift to SVdP:** After discussing SVdP visibility, the principal proposed donating all dress-down funds to the Society. Families purchased a \$10 coupon for 10 dress-down days. Some gave extra to cover families unable to pay.
- **Financial Impact:** The school raised **\$3,600** for SVdP, allowing all students to participate in dress-down days.
- **Faith Family Formation Project:** Looking for a service project, the school partnered with SVdP to focus on the **Corporal Work of Mercy: Clothe the Naked** by collecting clothing and household items for the thrift store.
- **Donation Process:** Each month, one grade brings donations on the first Friday. Volunteers (parents and Vincentians) sort items in the gym. Last month’s donations fit in a single car and sorting took about 25 minutes.
- **Outreach at Grade-Level Mass Mingles:** After Friday Mass, parents and grandparents gather in the gym, giving SVdP a platform.

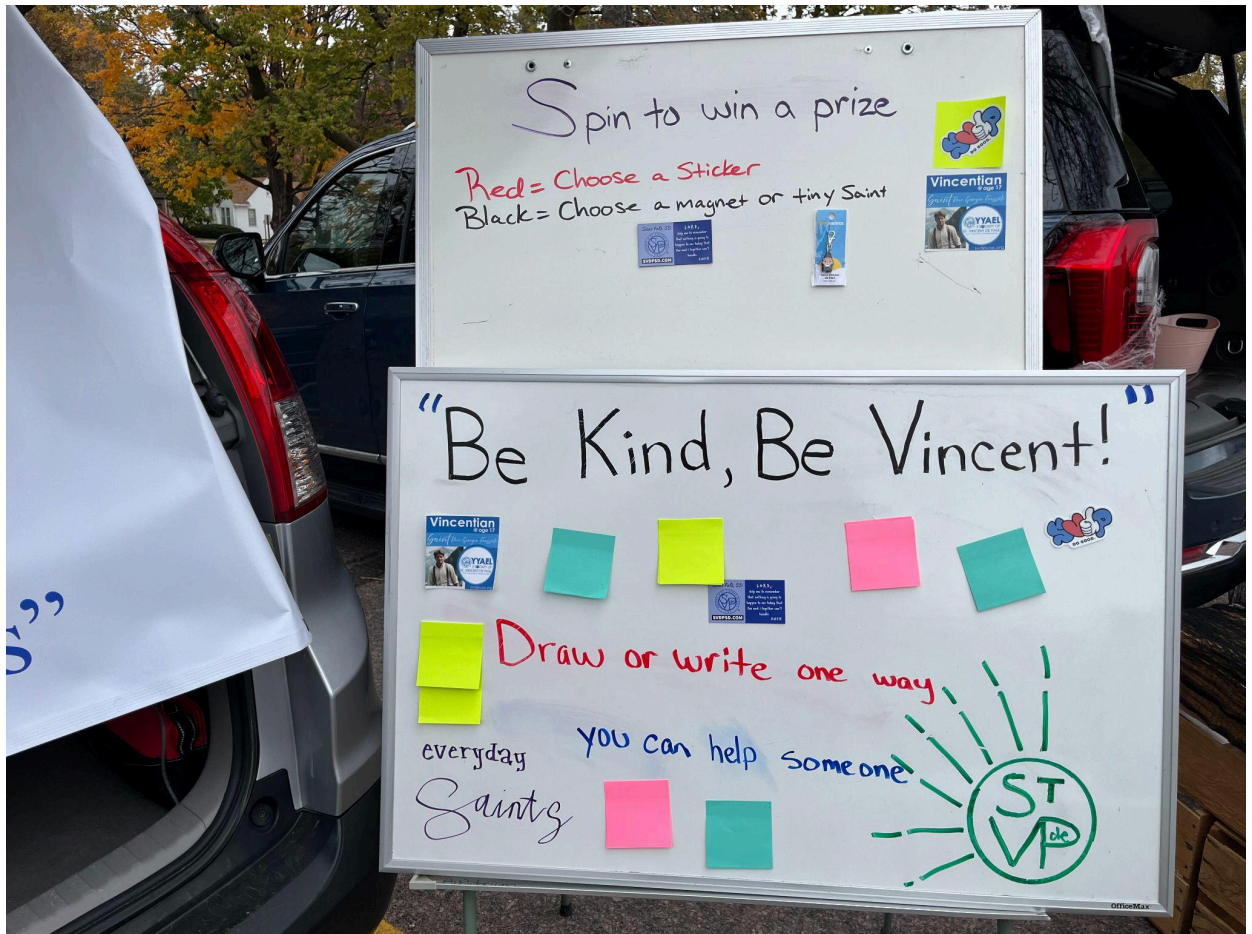
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The principal provides 5-10 minutes for explaining SVdP's mission, how donations help, and how dress-down dollars support families in need locally.

- **Overall Impact:** This partnership has increased awareness of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul among families, engaged students in service, and strengthened community support.



St. Mary's Conference hosted a Trunk or Treat. SVdP flyers, magnets, tiny Saints, and SVdP stickers were given away to students who wrote down an act of kindness.



Home Visits



211

988

Find Help

Suicide
Grief

There is Hope.
There is Help.

You are not alone. No matter what you are experiencing, whether or not you're thinking about suicide, or if you need someone to talk to for emotional support, call or text 988. The Helpline Center is the only accredited suicide crisis center in South Dakota.

Sioux Falls Home Visit Brochure:

The Sioux Falls Conference Presidents have a **new SDvP brochure**, along with 211 flyers, for Home Visits. FYI- the new brochure was recently edited to remove the blue colored background to a white background for more clarity. This was a mistake on my part.

Vincentians can still use the same brochures and change them out with the edited ones. More brochures will be handed out at the District Council meeting.

- Aberdeen, Watertown, and Yankton Conference may contact Susan Anderson for brochure/flyers for their Conference.*

WEBSITE:

Home Visits

Vincetians can also download the brochure and other materials from our website under the tab "Members- Vincentian Services."

<https://svdpsd.com/other-resources>

And sign up for HIM



Checkout our SVdP Website! <https://svdpsd.com/>

- Attention Vincetians!** Are you in need of a new Home Visit Binder? Maybe yours is lost, broken, or just outdated...Open to anyone Vincetian who wants one. Complete the Google Form- or email

[Google Form for Binder](#)

Susan- vincetianservices@svdpsd.org

- 10 Vincetians from the Yankton Conference received a new Home Visit binder along with some Vincetians from St. Michael's Conference.

Home Visits



Example:

Binders will include the following items:

- *Personalize Conference title cover**
- *Section Tabs with binder pouch**
- *Release Forms**
- *Home Visit Guidelines**
- *Home Visit Prayers, Meditations, and Reflections**
- *Our SVdP Home Visit Brochure**
- *Prayer magnets to give to our Neighbors in Need**
- *Some Outreach Resources along with 211 info**

Home Visits



Hear what our dedicated Vincentians have to say

“Our mission is to serve those in need – people without jobs or without money, people who are hungry, people sitting in darkness because their electricity has been cut off, people who are losing hope. We go to them in a Home Visit, we listen to them, we pray with them, and we provide whatever help we can to meet their needs. We show them that even in their darkest hours, God has not abandoned them.”

Tim Williams, Senior Director of Formation and Leadership Development

Spread the word at Home Visits!

Note: November’s Banking Workshop for our NIN/FIN with Dan from Chase Bank has been canceled. The next one will be hosted on Wednesday, Dec. 10th

- Updated signs will be posted at both SVdP Stores. You may download and print a copy from our website.