



Sioux Falls District Council January 2026 Newsletter

January: Living the Holy Name of Jesus in Vincentian Love

January holds a beautiful and unique place in the Church's liturgical year. We begin the month still basking in the joy of Christmas before gently transitioning into Ordinary Time. January is also dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus, celebrated on January 3. Throughout this month, the Church invites us to reflect on the power and promise contained in His name — *Jesus*, which means "God saves." As Scripture proclaims:

"There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved" (Acts 4:12).

The first days of January remain part of the Christmas season, marked by the color white — the color of light, joy, purity, and innocence. It reflects the radiant hope Christ brings into the world. Soon after, the Church moves into Ordinary Time, symbolized by **green**. Green is the color of growth, renewal, and steady faith. It is the color of new life and hope of what is yet to come — especially the promise of our glorious resurrection and the eternal harvest of heaven.

This journey of seasons and faithful daily living mirrors the mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Rooted in Christ and inspired by His Holy Name, Vincentians seek to bring God's saving love into the lives of our neighbors in need. As our Mission states, we are called *"to seek out and serve those in need and so bear witness to Christ's compassionate love."*

The Rule of the Society reminds us:

“Vincentians serve the poor cheerfully, listening to them and respecting their wishes, helping them to feel and recover their own dignity, for we are all created in God’s image.” (Rule 1.8)

Just as January leads us from the light of Christmas into the steady walk of Ordinary Time, Vincentians are called to carry the light of Christ into everyday moments – into homes, places of work, SVdP Thrift Stores, and quiet conversations of hope.

The Holy Name of Jesus is not only to be honored – it is to be **lived**. The Rule teaches us:

“In the poor, Vincentians see the suffering Christ.” They strive to serve them as they would serve Christ Himself. (Rule 1.8-1.9)

Every visit, every prayer, every work, and every act of kindness is a proclamation of the Holy Name – **Jesus, our Savior**.

As we move through January, may the Holy Name of Jesus guide us, strengthen us, and send us forth in love. May we continue to grow in faith, hope, and love- bearing fruit through our service to our Neighbors in Need.

St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us.

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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](#) Or register from our website:

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

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FORMATION IN FRIENDSHIP

with Vincenian **Rhonda Kelsey**

(Sioux Falls Director of Walking with Moms in Need)

WHEN: TUESDAY, FEB. 3RD 6:00-7:30

WHERE: ST. MARY PARISH in the Fellowship Room

This event will be available on ZOOM and recorded: [Join on ZOOM](#)

Meeting ID: 634 825 8487 Passcode: 219944

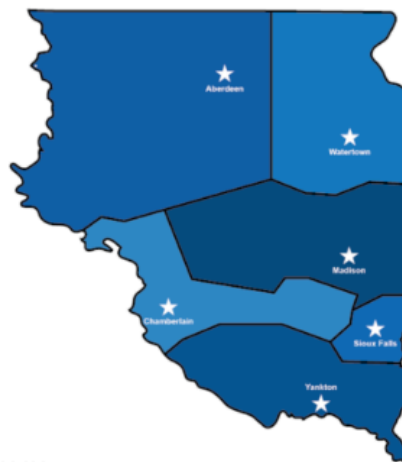
"In the Diocese of Sioux Falls, we're committed to supporting pregnant and parenting moms who may need a helping hand. Through Walking with Moms in Need, our parishes are working to connect these moms with practical resources, encouragement, and community. Each parish can approach this outreach in a way that best fits its own community, from collaborating with local pregnancy centers to organizing parish-led support efforts."

<https://sfcatholic.org/respectlife/walkingwithmoms/>

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Walking With Moms In Need

Diocese of Sioux Falls Pregnancy Resource Locations



www.sfcatholic.org/walkingwithmoms



*Serving in Aberdeen, Watertown, Yankton, Sioux Falls, Madison, and Chamberlain

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Vincentian Retreat Questionnaire

Susan would like your feedback on the next Spiritual Retreat. Some Vincentians and Conferences have already shared their feedback. If you have not, please vote on the next Spiritual Retreat and topic.

[Retreat Questionnaire](#)



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SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Sign Up to Join the SVdP Mailing List

[Click Here to join the mailing list](#)

- [Rule](#)
- [Teaching the Home Visit & resources](#)
- Advocacy: [Voice for the Poor](#); [Voter Voice](#)

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- [International SSVF](#)
- Vincentian Family: <https://famvin.org/en/>
- SVdP USA: [Vincentian Pathway](#)-develop a richer understanding of our [One Society](#)
- *Spirituality*: [Bulletin Announcements](#), [Vincentian Reflections](#) & [Contemplations](#)
- *Friendship*: [Feast Days & Celebrations](#)

- Youth, Young Adults & Emerging Leaders-SVdP USA YYAEL

<https://svdpemergingleaders.blog>

Still Time to Register for the Survival Kit for Conference Presidents. Also a great tool for upcoming President training!

Date & Time: Jan 28, 2026 07:00 PM in [Central Time \(US and Canada\)](#)

Do you feel swamped by the administrative work involved in running your Conference? This workshop can help! We'll show you how to define your Conference's key responsibilities and introduce practical tools to simplify planning and fulfilling those responsibilities. You'll have opportunities to interact and ask questions during this live session!

[Click Here to Register](#)

Upcoming Vincentian Feast Days:

***Feb. 7th-** Feast Day of Blessed Rosalie Rendu- mentor to SVdP founders, DC Nun

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Blessed Rosalie Rendu, DC (1786 - 1856)

The most Blessed Rosalie Rendu was a Daughter of Charity who served for 54 years in the Mouffetard area (the most impoverished district of Paris). Emmanuel Bailly, the President of the Society, sent the founding members of the Society to Sister Rosalie for guidance and direction. Sending the founders on Home Visits, she formed them in the spirit of St. Vincent, teaching them how to serve the poor with respect and compassion. The Feast Day of Blessed Rosalie Rendu is February 7th.

SVdP USA Events Calendar

<https://members.ssvpusa.org/events-calendar/>

UPCOMING DATES:

***Sunday, January 18th- @ 1:00-3:00- Ellis Store
Conference Room** Home Visit Review Training with Donna
Edwards and Susan Anderson (see "Home Visits" below for more info)

***Tuesday, January 27th @ 6:30- District Council Meeting**

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***Tuesday, February 3rd- @ 6:00-7:30** Formation in Friendship hosted by St. Mary Conference

***Saturday, Feb. 21st- 9:00 AM-3:00 PM** Ozanam Orientation

See the Calendar on our website for these events and more!

<https://svdpsd.com/calendar>

Calendar

All Events List view

JANUARY 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Feast Day of Holy Inn... 4:00p Online Assista...	29	30	31 4:00p Online Assista...	1	2	3 9:00 HIM- Diaper
4 Feast Day of St. Eliza... 4:00p Online Assista...	5	6	7 9:00 HIM- Diaper 4:00p Online Assista... 6:00p SKD SVdP Mee...	8 7:00p ServWare Q & A	9	10 9:00 HIM- Diaper
11 4:00p Online Assista...	12	13	14 9:00 HIM- Diaper 4:00p Online Assista... 5:00p HIM Diaper Giv...	15	16	17 9:00 HIM- Diaper
18 1:00p Home Visit Rev... 4:00p Online Assista...	19 6:00p Store Committ...	20	21 9:00 HIM- Diaper 4:00p Online Assista... 6:00p SKD SVdP Mee...	22	23	24

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Holy Innocents Ministry (HIM)

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DECEMBER STATS:

- 387 cases of diapers given to Neighbors in Need
- 312 Households Helped
- 102- \$50 formula vouchers handed out

Thank you to all our Vincentians and Volunteers who make this happen!

WE NEED YOUR HELP IN THIS MINISTRY!

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

2. Email Dorothy executivedirector@svdpsd.org

Holy Innocents Ministry (HIM)

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: January 7th, 14th, & 21st
Saturdays: January 3rd, 10th, & 17th

Wednesdays: February 4th, 11th, & 18th
Saturdays: February 7th, 14th, & 21st

at
St Vincent de Paul
Thrift Store
431 N Cliff Ave

Evening Hours:

5pm to 7pm

Wednesday, January 14th & 28th
Wednesday, February 11th & 25th

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

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Is your Conference low on funds?



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

JUST ASK!

Have you reached out to your parish to ask if SVdP news can be included in your church bulletin? Marsha from the Yankton Conference and Teri from St. Michael's Conference recently reminded me, "*Just ask.*" Those simple words are a powerful encouragement.

As we continue to share our mission and invite others to serve, this approach makes all the difference. By simply asking, we open doors to new Vincentians, strengthen our conferences, and help spread the heart of our work throughout the parish community.



JUST ASK- ask the Church, ask the Catholic Schools, ask parishioners, ask your neighbors, family, and friends.

Here is an example of a most recent post in St. Mary's and Christ the King's Conferences:

Divine Mercy Pastorate | St. Vincent dePaul

The Pastorate has a St. Vincent dePaul group at both Christ the King and St. Mary, and those involved visit families in need! Last month, Christ the King's conference assisted 3 neighbors with \$900 in rent and \$359.49 in utilities, and St. Mary's conference assisted 9 neighbors with \$7,123 in rent and mortgages, \$135.94 in transportation, and \$427.85 in utilities. This is possible with your support! Want to learn more or get involved? Email

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Susan at info@svdpsd.org, call 605-521-8197, or visit svdpsd.com.

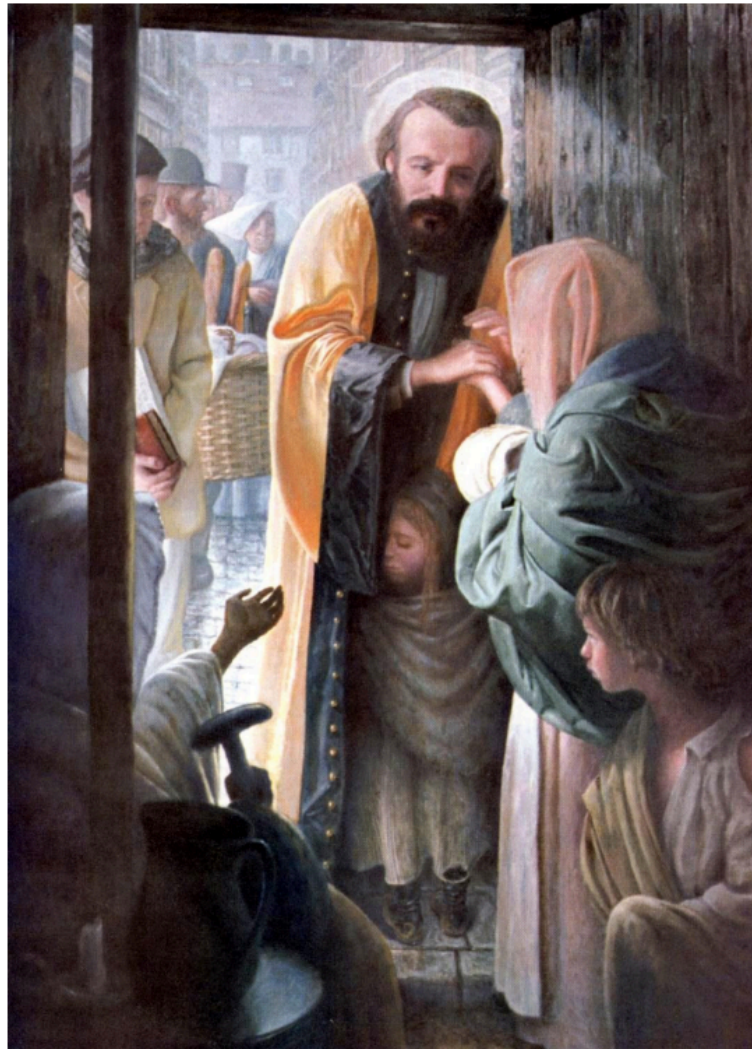
If you need help, just ask! Contact your Conference President, Kevin, Dorothy, or Susan

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- ☐ Feel Free to email Susan to include your Conference news/updates to be included in our monthly newsletter.
vincentianservices@svdpsd.org

Say Hello to the Yankton Conference!



Home Visits



"The Home Visit is the distinctive and the most important work of the Society." — *Rule of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Part I, Article 1.2*

Topic: Home Visit Review Training

with Donna Edwards and Susan Anderson

Training for existing members- Home Visitation Training is highly recommended to Vincentians every three years.

Home Visits

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

Where: SVdP Thrift Store Conference Room: 3000 South Ellis Road
Sioux Falls, SD

Time: January 18, 2026 01:00 PM- 3:00 PM

[Click Here to RSVP](#)

OR Join Zoom Meeting:

[Click Here to join the Zoom meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 923 8532 7557

Passcode: 734056

"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>).

Financial Workshops with Chase Bank

with Dan Mueller

Vincentians can now refer to free banking and budgeting workshops to our Neighbors in Need.

Home Visits

*Vincetians may enter the referral of Chase classes in ServWare. See this link for instructions: [Chase Financial Education Sign Up Instructions.docx](#)

Dan is also offering these workshops in January:

Jan 16th @ 2pm: Understanding credit

Event URL: <https://events.chase.com/300076517> Chase Bank Western Ave and Virtual Via Zoom

Jan 27th @ 1pm: How to set goals/budgeting Event URL: <https://events.chase.com/300076518>
Virtual Via Zoom and Virtual Via Zoom

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- ☐ **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 Susan- vincetianservices@svdpsd.org

[Google Form for Binder](#)



Example:

Home Visits

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
- *Updated Sioux Falls Sunday Mass times
- *Prayer magnets to give to our Neighbors in Need
- *Some Outreach Resources along with 211 info

Let Us Not Be Blinded

“O Lord, do not let us turn into “broken cisterns” that can hold no water... do not let us be so blinded by the enjoyment of the good things of earth that our hearts become insensible to the cry of the poor, of the sick, of orphaned children and of those innumerable brothers and sisters of ours who lack the necessary minimum to eat, to clothe their nakedness, and to gather their family together in one roof.”

Home Visits



— Pope St. John XXIII (1881-1963)