

<p>St. Vincent De Paul- Fond du Lac Council</p> 	<h1>SVDP-FDLC Connections</h1> <p>Sept 2025</p> <p><i>Joining together to serve those in need</i></p>
 	<p>The Society of St. Vincent De Paul (SVDP) is committed to ending poverty through person-to-person service to our neighbors in need.</p> <p>+++</p> <p>SVDP-FDLC has robust evidence of commitment to this mission:</p> <p>Home Visitor Program and Call Center, Thrift Store and Donation Center in FdL, Getting Ahead Program, St. Katharine Drexel Homeless Shelter (partnering with Solution Center)</p> <p>https://svdpfdlc.org</p>
<p><i>The Society of St. Vincent de Paul</i></p> <p><u>Fond du Lac Council</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ St. Joseph-Waupun ★ St. Catherine-Ripon ★ Holy Family-FdL ★ Holy Land Conference ★ Shepherd of the Hills-Eden 	<p>The Saint Vincent De Paul, Fond du Lac Council (SVDP-FDLC) is comprised of five active conferences representing Fond du Lac County. These conferences and their members are responsible to address the needs of the poor specifically in their areas. Combined as a Council, each conference functions separately with officers and members managing their operations. This July the conferences combined helped over 250 people (adults and children) providing \$9,000 for rent and an additional \$11,000 for other needs of the poor in their areas.</p> <p>https://svdpfdlc.org/about-our-faith/parish-units-conferences/</p>
	<p>Pat and Tim Lanari, home visitors and members of the SVDP Holy Family Conference, met with a neighbor to help secure reliable transportation. They discuss providing car repair assistance through both dollars and meeting with a car parts distributor. After considering the need of the neighbor and the SVDP mission and local guidelines, the Lanaris provided conference funds of \$200 towards car repair. The neighbor was able to drive the car again maintaining transportation for work and other personal activities. Home visitors serving person-to-person offer understanding, hope and immediate assistance.</p> <p>https://svdpfdlc.org/community-services/</p> <p>In order to effectively serve the poor we also partner with and refer neighbors to multiple community agencies and resources.</p>
 	<p>12 Individuals graduated from The Community Getting Ahead Program July 2025. Community classes are offered 2-3 times each year for members of our community desiring to 'get ahead'. The 8-week Fall Session starts in October. The SKD Shelter program runs continuously for the St. Katharine Drexel Shelter residents. 136 shelter residents have graduated to date.</p> <p>https://svdpfdlc.org/gettingahead/</p> <p>You or someone you know may benefit from these programs, either as a participant or a volunteer. Contact: Ann Herbst or Carol Schumacher</p>



In **The Donation Center** warehouse, volunteers sort donated items for in-store purchasing. These items are then selected and priced to go into the **Thrift Store** for resale. ***Our Thrift Store sales this July resulted in significant profits available to provide services and assistance to the poor in our county.*** This financial success is possible due to the generous tangible donations given to the Store and to our shoppers who purchase the resale items. *And 3 cheers for our staff & volunteers! Thank you!*

<https://svdpfdlc.org/thrift-store/>

Employee Walter prepares pallets for transferring donations that arrive daily.



March 2022 August 2025

The **St. Katharine Drexel Homeless Shelter** opened in June 2022. **The building was fully paid for in July, 2025!!!** Thank you to all our Donors. To date (2025) 185 persons (adults and children) have found temporary housing in SKDHS. The wait list remains over 500. <https://skdsfdl.org/> Yes, this building is paid for but of course maintenance and ongoing expenses continue. Your generous contributions are always appreciated.

SVDP-FDLC personnel, 2022, examine basement in process.

Ryan, SKDHS staff, 2025, gathers supplies in the basement storage area.



Membership—we do so much more than go to meetings!

You are invited to **participate in our mission to the poor.**

Become a volunteer. We have multiple options for service, time commitment, locations. <https://svdpfdlc.org/volunteer/>

Become a member or associate member of the Society of St. Vincent DePaul. Join dedicated individuals, “Vincentians,” giving direct service to the poor through commitment to the friendship, spirituality and mission of the founders of the Society.

<https://svdpfdlc.org/about-our-faith/>, <https://members.ssvpusa.org/our-members/>



SVDP-FDLC operates successfully through donations: upcycling tangible, useful items and direct monetary and estate contributions.

+Please consider donating your unneeded, unwanted resalable items to our Donation Center behind Thrift Store, 330 N Peters. <https://svdpfdlc.org/donate/>

+ Shop at Thrift Shop: <https://svdpfdlc.org/thrift-store/>

+ Monetary gifts qualify for tax benefits and are one way you contribute to taking care of our neighbors, the poor and needy. We are a qualified 501c(3) charitable organization, an option for RMD and estate planning.

+ Could your organization or business be a donor and/or encourage volunteers? <https://svdpfdlc.org/donate-money-to-charity/>



Bob Hartzeim
Service Award
recipient



Ralph
Middlecamp
Guest

**Celebrating
FDLC
91 years**

Our **Servant of the Poor Banquet** is the major gathering of our SVDPFDLC community. Our SVDP volunteers and society members celebrate our 91 years of exemplifying our mission as **servants of the poor.** The annual “Pat O’Hearn Service Award” is presented to a local individual or organization that has gone above and beyond serving those in need in our shared community. This year we recognize Bob Hartzeim, former president with an impressive history in our Council. Our guest speaker is Ralph Middlecamp, International VP SVdP, and Past National President SVdP The Banquet will be held Sept. 29, at Avenue795. All are welcome to come celebrate with us.

<https://svdpfdlc.org/servants-of-the-poor-banquet/>