

St. Vincent De Paul-  
Fond du Lac Council



# SVDP-FDLC Connections March 2026

*Joining together to serve those in need*



**The Society of St. Vincent De Paul (SVDP) is committed to ending poverty through person-to-person service to our neighbors in need.**

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SVDP-FDLC has robust evidence of commitment to this mission:

- We support: Home Visitor Program, Call Center, Getting Ahead, St. Katharine Drexel Homeless Shelter, Thrift Store, Donation Center
- Through our various programs, over \$1,000,000 annually spent directly helping our neighbors in need & systemic change programming
- Only 3% of our annual total operation expenses go to administrative activity

<https://svdpfdlc.org>

## Shepherd of the Hills



The Saint Vincent De Paul, Fond du Lac Council (SVDP-FDLC) is comprised of **four active conferences representing Fond du Lac County**

<https://svdpfdlc.org/about-our-faith/parish-units-conferences/>

### 4 Conferences in Fond du Lac County

**St. Joseph-Waupun**

**St. Catherine-Ripon**

**Holy Family-FdL**

**Shepherd of the Hills-Eden**

Shepherd of the Hills conference meeting Feb-26



**Food**

**Transportation**

**Homeless prevention**

**Utilities**

**Personal items**

<https://svdpfdlc.org/community-services/>

Each of our four conferences **Home Visitor programs** is experiencing increased assistance requests. Our goal is to avert family and individual poverty by contributing to their specific needs. If you or someone you know is significantly impacted by poverty, we encourage contacting our

**Call Center Help Line 920-922-3650**



358 N Peters Ave, Fond du Lac



## St. Katharine Drexel Homeless Shelter

During that week of the January Deep Freeze the homeless shelter opened its space to 24 additional homeless persons. The broader FdL community individuals, organizations and businesses responded quickly and generously to the request for help. Food, meals, coats, blankets, toiletries were among the many contributions. ***Thank you, your support truly made a difference.***

The Shelter still has a wait list over 500 Fond du Lac County residents giving clear evidence of the growing need.

<https://skdsfdl.org/>

In addition to the service needs of Fond du Lac homeless, maintenance and ongoing building expenses continue. Your generous contributions are always appreciated.

**Watch for coming fund raising events:**

**Spring Donation Request Letter, Guys Who Grill (May 17) and more!!**

**SVDPFDLC  
Finance Committee  
opening prayer**  
Feb 17, 2026

...God of all life, be with us as we gather in your name to discuss important issues for us and for our neighbors... Guide us in helping the poor and needy of our community. Help us to remember that you are always with us.  
**St. Vincent de Paul, Pray for us.**



The **Thrift Store** will hold its second **brainstorming session** on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. To generate and prioritize ideas to improve the Store, employees and volunteers are invited to participate in the facilitated brainstorming session. Session topics include: receiving, inventory management, sorting, stocking, pricing, Store presentation, checkout, and marketing. FY 2026 sales have exceeded budget expectations to date. We believe these sessions contribute to the success of the Thrift Store and Donation Center.



St. Mary Springs Academy volunteers help with clothing donations

In **The Donation Center** warehouse staff and volunteers sort donated items for in-store sale. The donation drop off center (just drive around behind the **Thrift Store**) handles all donated items to SVDP: furniture, clothing, household items, office items, toys, and more. Check our website for lists of donation do's and don'ts. Our **Thrift Store** sales provide over 50% of the costs for SVDPFDLC services and assistance to the poor in our county. *Thank you for your donated items.* We and our neighbors appreciate them.  
<https://svdpfdlc.org/thrift-store/>



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

We are your charitable organization who responsibly focuses your contributions in “person-to-person service to the needy and suffering”



Please, join our mission as volunteers, shopping at the Thrift Store, donating usable goods, and contributing dollars. Also encourage others. Could your organization/ business be a donor and/or encourage volunteers?



For more ways to participate in our mission, visit our website:

<https://svdpfdlc.org/thrift-store/>      <https://svdpfdlc.org/donate-money-to-charity/>



The **SVDP Thrift Store** and our **Getting Ahead Program** participated in the FdL CommUnity Diversity Event, Feb. 22, at the Fairgrounds bldg. Our 2 booths shared information about the programs and services provided by SVDP-FDLC, giving the community an opportunity to chat with us, learn more about us and understand how to support the work we do.



Getting Ahead Completion Certificate

Our three **Getting Ahead** programs have started their 2026 sessions with a combined enrollment of 26 participants. Each program, Getting Ahead Drexel Shelter, ADVOCAP Opportunity Center, and the Community Getting Ahead at Open Circle, offer multiple sessions throughout the year. You or someone you know may benefit from these programs, either as a participant or a facilitator volunteer.

Contact our co-managers for more information about the program and new sessions start dates. Ann Herbst or Carol Schumacher

<https://svdpfdlc.org/gettingahead/>