

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Fond du Lac District Council

SERVANTS OF THE POOR
17TH
ANNUAL BANQUET



St. Vincent de Paul
Fond du Lac County

Tuesday September 22nd, 2026

Avenue 795, Fond du Lac, WI

Servants of the Poor Banquet Program

5:30 Cash Bar

6:30 Blessing & Dinner

7:30 Welcome / Program

Overview of the Society, Mike Breszee

Pat O'Hearn Award: Duane and Elaine Rebek

Guest Speaker: Jeanne Harper

Closing Comments

Previous Pat O'Hearn Award Winners

2009 Dorothy Klumpyan

2010 Ann Leestma

2011 Don Mueller

2012 St. Paul's Episcopal Church

2013 Leo Haensgen, Tom Hornby, Peter Mastricola

2014 Loaves and Fishes

2015 Solutions Center

2016 Jerry and Jan O'Connor

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2018 Dave and Diane Olson

2019 Reach

2021 Jerry & Dixie Sullivan

2022 Fondy Food Pantry

2023 John Schommer

2024 Holy Family Warming Shelter

2025 Bob Hartzheim

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Society Celebrates 92 Years in Fond du Lac County

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a Catholic lay organization of men and women who are guided by the St. Vincent de Paul mission "to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering." The Society was established in the United States in St. Louis in 1845. Today it has over 750,000 members serving in 145 countries with 128,000 members in the United States.



Frederic Ozanam 1813-1853

In the midst of catastrophic poverty in France in 1831, a young University of Paris law student asked his Catholic friends, "What do you do?" From this question the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was born and spread throughout the world. Along with six fellow students and a mentor, 20 year old Frederick Ozanam founded the "Conference of Charity" in 1833. Soon after, the name was changed to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in honor of its patron.

We serve all persons without regard for political affiliation, race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, age or handicapping condition.

The Work of the Conferences is the Strength of the Council in Fond du Lac County

This year Vincentians celebrate 92 years of doing "good work" in the Fond du Lac area. In 1934, the Society began with the formation of St. Joseph Conference. Over the next several decades the Council grew to include the city and surrounding parishes of Fond du Lac County - Fond du Lac conferences were formed at St. Louis and St. Mary's in 1939, St. Patrick's in 1949; and Sacred Heart in 1957. St. Joseph's in Waupun joined in 1942. Presentation of Blessed Virgin of North Fond du Lac joined in 1968 and Our Lady of Angels Church of Armstrong in 1971. In 2001, Our Lady of Angels became a part of the merged parish of Shepherd of the Hills in Eden. In 2013, St. Catherine Siena's from Ripon, WI joined the conference and in 2015, The Holyland became a conference.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Fond du Lac County ...Continued

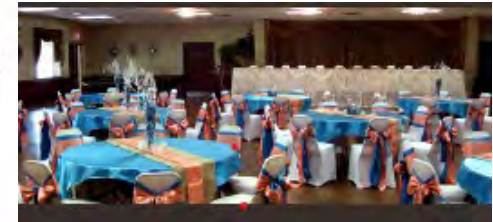
Each conference had its own president and each was responsible for how the Society operated within its jurisdiction. The Fond du Lac County area was covered by these combined conferences to better serve those in need within the county.

Following the merger of the Fond du Lac parishes into Holy Family Catholic Community in 2000, Society leaders merged the Fond du Lac Conferences into the present Holy Family Conference in 2001. In the past few years, Presentation Conference in North Fond du Lac joined with Holy Family Conference.

The Society in Fond du Lac has been best recognized by the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. The first store was located on West Division Street and soon became the public face of the organization. People in need called the store to be directed to the appropriate conference for assistance. Due to increased donations, sales, and client needs, the Thrift Store changed location to a building on Hickory Street. Again due to tremendous growth, the store was relocated to Rolling Meadows Drive. Later this building was enlarged and remodeled. Following several years of increase donations and sales at the Rolling Meadows site, it soon became apparent that the store was too small for the volume of business being done.

The Society purchased its current store and opened its doors at 330 North Peters Avenue location in March of 2012. This thrift store accepts community donations of quality used clothing, household goods, and furniture and sells them at greatly reduced prices to all shoppers. Since we moved into the building we have added retail space to increase sales, and a larger conference room and office space to facilitate training classes and after-hours meetings.

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Fond du Lac County ...Continued

Donations of various gently used goods provide us with the inventory we sell. Clothing, furniture and other household items are also given to the poor. In addition, the council & conferences have given financial support to the poor for necessities. We provide and maintain the building for the Fondy Food Pantry. They have helped our neighbors with food.

Additional funds come to the Society during its annual fund raising appeal, estates, grants and other gifts throughout the year. Administrative costs are minimal, and 95% of the money raised goes to serve the needy in Fond du Lac County. Financial assistance is provided to those in need by following Holy Scripture (Jesus sending the disciples out two by two, Mark 6:7), through the visitation by two Society members (Vincentians). Assistance is given to people without regard to race, creed, national origins, age or gender. The Vincentians respond to people who have called the hotline assistance number, which is staffed by volunteers. By visiting clients in their homes, assessments are made to best provide direct financial help with food, rent, utilities, and other basic needs.



A message from Council President , Mike Breszee

There is an old saying you may have heard, "It takes a village to raise a child." In our case it takes a village to help our neighbors in need.

Our **store** provides the bulk of the funds we require to provide assistance, run programs and the St. Katharine Drexel Shelter. We have a core of dedicated employees that make sure that the store is open and processing all of the donations that come in daily. This is a massive task as some days we get more than 50 gaylords of donations in addition to furniture. Sorting, cleaning, pricing, and putting the merchandise out in the store takes many hands. These employees are greatly assisted by our volunteers. Some areas of the store like toys and super discounted areas are run almost entirely by volunteers. We are so blessed to have volunteers that work up to 40 hours per week.

Our **Call Center** involves volunteers that listen to the neighbor's requests for assistance. These volunteers are the first contact that the caller has with our organization and they do amazing work. The Call Center is open 10 am – 4 pm Monday thru Friday. Once they get the necessary information they contact our home visitors.



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A message from President Mike Breszee....Continued

Home visitors then reach out to the neighbors in need to determine if and how we may help them. Our largest group of visitors is Holy Family Conference and they work in the immediate Fond du Lac area. We also have visitor groups in Ripon, Waupun, and Eden Areas. The most requested areas of need are rent, utilities, food, transportation, and clothing. Many people have a short-term emergency to deal with while others are dealing with chronic issues that can be overwhelming. The most significant problem we deal with is homelessness.

As a result of homelessness, we built the **St. Katharine Drexel Shelter**. The shelter has now been open for over 4 yrs and has been full with a waiting list the entire time. Our waiting list numbers in the hundreds and seems to be endless. We are so pleased to work closely with the Solutions Center in the shelter. The Solutions Center runs the family side of the shelter and St. Vincent de Paul runs the single side. Capacity for the shelter is over 90 and it operates 365 days a year 24 hours a day. Fund raising to keep the doors open in the shelter is constant as the cost runs over a million dollars a year. Most of the 30+ staff is paid but we also have a number of volunteers to support the facility. This year we have had good success placing people into stable housing but the larger economic conditions and limited available affordable housing keep our waiting list long.

Help Us, Help Others

A message from President Mike Breszee....Continued

We run a variety of programs within and outside of the shelter to help break the cycle of poverty. Our two largest programs that work to improve the lives of those in need are the **Getting Ahead program and GAPPS**. Getting Ahead is a nationally recognized program that offers training in communication skills, goal setting, and community resource availability. GAPPS over a variety of workshops relating to mental health, finances and health. These programs are led by trained staff but also supported by volunteers. Getting Ahead and GAPPS programs are offered to shelter residents and members of the community at large.

It would be impossible to do our work without the many people who support our efforts. Local government, churches, organizations, and many businesses step forward to help us financially and at times with other direct assistance. Finally, I cannot forget to mention the thousands of donors who help with both financial and physical donations. Because of this help and the work of many we are able to help approximately 5,000 people with nearly \$1 million in housing, programs, and assistance each year



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I would like to thank all of the hundreds of volunteers, employees, partners, vendors, and other that help us help others. The need continues to grow, and I am sure we will find a way to meet the needs as they arise. We are always looking for more volunteers so if you would consider asking a friend if they would like to volunteer, we have lots of opportunities.

Blessings on you and your family.

**Mike Breszee Council President,
Fond du Lac County**



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About St. Vincent de Paul

The Mission of the St. Vincent de Paul Society

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is committed to ending poverty through person-to-person service to our neighbors in need.

- ◆ We support: the Thrift Store, Donation Center, Home Visitor Program, Call Center, Getting Ahead, and the St. Katharine Drexel Homeless Shelter
- ◆ 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 .



PATRICIA "PAT" O'HEARN
SERVICE AWARD

Recognizing the value of volunteering with a strong sense of justice, integrity and humility, the Pat O'Hearn Service Award honors individuals who reach out to those in need with faith and compassion, and is named for the late Patricia O'Hearn, who was influential in initiating Loaves and Fishes and Bethany House (now the Solutions Center). Through her volunteer efforts, Pat also supported Broken Bread, the Samaritan Clinic, New Beginnings, the Fond du Lac County Jail, and Morality in Media.

Patricia O'Hearn passed away on March 6, 2005. During her life, she was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, and sister, who demonstrated a strong love and close relationship to God, always ready to help others with compassion and unassuming humility.

Through the Patricia O'Hearn Service Award, Pat's memory and legacy of service to those in need continues to inspire others and lives on through the work of those who strive to make a difference in the lives of others.

**The 2026 Winner of the
Pat O'Hearn Service Award:
Duane and Elaine Rebek**

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“Getting Ahead ” continued

New this year, we will be developing the **Graduate Program**. This support program reinforces GA topics of particular interest to the graduates. They gather for a meal, community building and a chance to review the Getting Ahead topics and their progress. Our initial gathering was well-attended (24) and a positive experience for all.

We always would like more participants hoping to get ahead. We depend on our fabulous volunteers and are exploring ways to create more and varied volunteer opportunities. We have plenty of ideas for GAPPs presenters and always want more.

We are supported by donations and grants and always need and appreciate more. A heartfelt thank you to SVDP-FDLC for securing the resources and energy to present the Getting Ahead Program to our neighbors in need.

Carol Schumacher, Ann Herbst, Co-Managers

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PATRICIA “PAT” O’HEARN SERVICE AWARD 2026

From Duane:

“A friend invited me to help wrap gifts for the people with special needs in 1972. (The Special People’s Christmas Party). I ended up chairing this event through the charity of the Knights of Columbus. My family (wife and kids) assisted over the years. This event kicked off our holidays since then. The guests were treated to a dinner, dance, and visit from Santa. In 1972, when I saw the joy on the faces of the guests I was hooked. Our children still help out and we all look forward to the event.”



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Council Call Center

We go forth to serve the people in our community two by two.

“Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join, to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to the needy and the suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and its patron, St. Vincent de Paul.”

“Good Morning/Afternoon, St. Vincent de Paul Society. How may we help you?” The SVDP Call Center Volunteers answer each call with compassion and empathy. This is the first step to receiving assistance for our Neighbors in Need. Information is gathered and shared with those who can help. The Call Center answers calls for all the Conferences in Fond du Lac County. We strive to hear the voice of Christ in everyone we serve.

The Call Center operates Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. in 2 hour shifts, with 3 shifts per day. There are around 25 volunteers who staff the office on a rotating basis. Weekly calls average about 30, some weeks over 80. If you or someone you know is significantly impacted by poverty, we encourage you to contact us for assistance. Call Center Help Line 920 922 3650

We invite anyone who would like to join us in this mission to call Barb @ 920-979-0840, Joanne @ 920-904-5521 or Mary @ 920-579-5240. We will schedule a time for you to observe and see if you would like to be trained. All are welcome!

Holy Family Conference Home Visits

As usual, the past year kept all of our volunteers busy with the increased needs of our struggling neighbors. We are grateful for the generosity of our volunteers who staff the Call Center which receives the requests for assistance; our volunteers who do the contact visits with those requesting help; and the numerous other volunteers providing the secretarial, financial, and data entry.

“Getting Ahead ”

Our Getting Ahead Program (GA) reflects St. Vincent de Paul -FDLC’s commitment to systemic change to alleviate poverty. The core ten-module investigative program supports persons desiring to move beyond their current financial insecurity into self-sufficiency. With trained volunteer facilitators and assistants, small groups of participants examine and discuss conditions that create and reinforce poverty. They explore options and opportunities to get ahead. Identifying personal and community resources, participants develop a viable future story and begin putting their plan into action. Over 85% of our graduates recognize the value of GA and indicate improvement in their lives since participating in GA.

SVDP-FDLC provides four types of Getting Ahead (GA) program:

Our **GA Community Program** is now offered in 2 locations. 16 sessions/8 weeks are held at Open Circle Unitarian Church on 3rd street, downtown FdL. We recently began offering programs at the ADVOCAP Opportunity Center. These programs will begin again this fall.

Our **GA Shelter Program** is the primary transformational programming for the residents of SKDHS. This specialized program has multiple continuous sessions allowing all SKDHS residents the opportunity to participate. 189 residents have graduated since the shelter opened.

GAPPs is our own program for past, potential and current GA participants. One hour sessions introduce or reinforce topics and concepts from GA: Emotional and mental health through yoga and art, financial and banking insights, physical health.... Presenters are from our local community.



The Fondy Food Pantry

Since 1973, Fondy Food Pantry has been dedicated to ensuring that no neighbor in the Fond du Lac area goes hungry. In 2025 alone, we distributed an average of 93,000 pounds of food each month - more than 1.1 million pounds throughout the year. Through our walk-in pantry, home delivery service, and emergency food assistance programs, we provided food and support to more than 42,000 individuals. Every person who comes through our doors is welcomed with compassion, respect, and dignity because we believe everyone deserves access to nutritious food and caring support.

Our **Food for Thought** program, established in 2011, helps bridge the weekend hunger gap for local students who depend on school meals during the week. In 2025, the program distributed 107,624 pounds of nutritious food, ensuring children had reliable meals when school was not in session.

None of this would be possible without our incredible volunteers. In 2025, they generously donated more than **18,117 hours** of service, packing food, stocking shelves, unloading deliveries, making home deliveries, and welcoming neighbors with kindness and compassion. Their dedication is the driving force behind everything we do.

As food costs continue to rise and more families seek assistance, our commitment remains unwavering. We will continue providing dependable access to healthy, nutritious food while treating every neighbor with dignity and respect. We are deeply grateful for community partners like **St. Vincent de Paul**, whose generosity helps make this mission possible. Together, we are strengthening our community, reducing food insecurity, and ensuring that hope is always on the menu.



Holy Family Conference Home Visits Continued

We continually encourage you to consider being part of our dedicated staff. There are a variety of areas to assist in. Those who become involved often find SVdP to be a lifelong cherished activity providing meaningful use of their time. We can accommodate whatever schedules you may have.

This past year the overwhelming needs were keeping up with rent, avoiding eviction or in some cases foreclosure, preventing electric shut off or getting lights turned back on. We have had several incidences of particularly elderly being vulnerable to eviction and electric shut off but also struggling with serious physical and mental health issues. Some of these elderly are homeless and on the street.

We appreciate and thank other local organizations that have collaborated with us in serving the needs of our neighbors, notably CARE Inc. and Advocap.

Here are some stats of our activity from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026:

- Calls for assistance received: 2659 (+115)
- People helped: 5134 (+498)
- Children helped: 1965 (+155)
- Homeless assisted: 539 (+2)
- Total \$ assistance: \$313,363 (+\$56,230)
- Total In-Kind assistance (SVdP Store): \$49,503

In summary, thank you for all your prayers, financial support and donations to the SVdP Store which primarily funds our assistance to our neighbors in need. Our main fundraiser is the weekend before Thanksgiving when we present at all of the Holy Family parishes.

Thank you.

Timothy Lanari, President, St. Vincent de Paul Holy Family Conference

SVDP Thrift Store

The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift store not only provides help and hope to our neighbors in need, but also employment, volunteer opportunities, and “thrift store treasure hunting” for the local community.

The wonderful amount of donations we receive from our generous community gives us the resources to provide hope to local families in need. Store sales helped over 830 neighbors in need and we could give away over \$51,000 by in store merchandise vouchers. The revenue the store generates helps to fund the various programs our fellow Vincentians provide.

These programs include our volunteer visitors who meet with Fond du Lac County neighbors-in-need to listen, provide spiritual support, and offer financial assistance. Our financial assistance prevented evictions, kept utilities on, fed hungry families, clothed children, supported necessary transportation, and more.

Our dedicated employees and volunteers ensure every item for sale in the store is presentable and ready for the sales floor. We are blessed **with over an average of 110 volunteers a month totaling to 20,000 hours last year.** This fellowship continues the successful mission of our Patron and founder, and we cannot thank them enough.

Check out our monthly auctions and events at: Svdpdfdc.org



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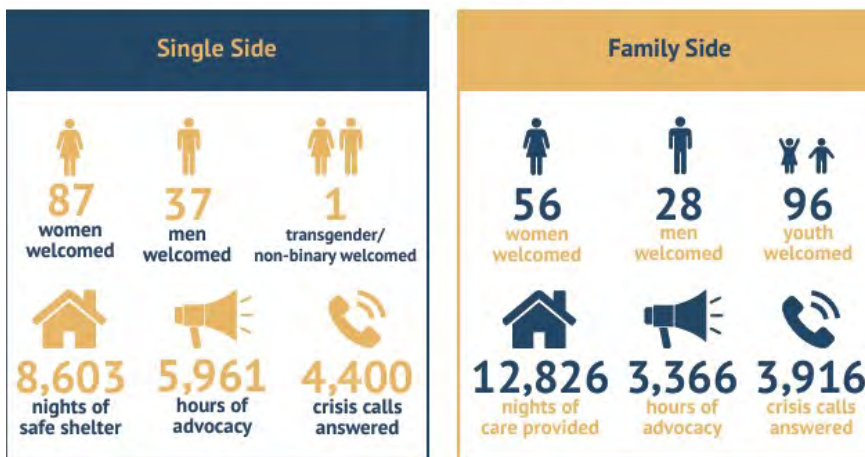
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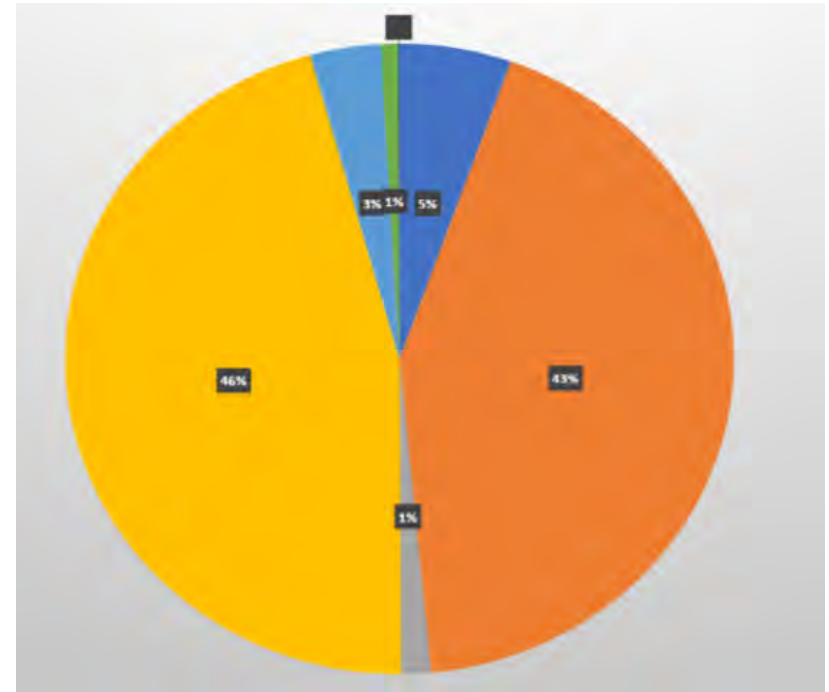
St. Katharine Drexel Shelter



Every number represents a life touched, a crisis met with compassion, and a path toward stability. Across both our single and family shelter programs, hundreds of individuals found safety, support, and advocacy when they needed it most—totaling thousands of nights of care and critical moments of intervention that changed lives.



Council Operations Expenses



Amount	
\$ 70,716	Getting Ahead
\$ 562,888	Service to our Neighbors
\$ 18,721	Food Pantry
\$ 597,944	St. Katharine's Shelter
\$ 44,483	Voucher Clothing
11,000	Audit
860	Fun Raising
\$ 1,306,612	

Council Operations Income & Donations



- Donations 1,157,034
- State Grants 64,881
- Raffle 41,639
- Twining, 6,707
- Fund Raising 12,340
- Misc Revenue 4,714
- Interest Income 190
- Total Receipts 1,287,505

St. Katharine Drexel Shelter



The Drexel Youth Empowerment Program and our combined shelter services reflect the full scope of our mission—meeting urgent needs while building long-term pathways forward. With over 21,000 nights of care and thousands of advocacy hours, this work represents not just shelter, but sustained, life-changing support.

Drexel Youth Empowerment Program


928
case management
hours


4,026
hours of
advocacy

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individuals
served


21,429
nights of
care provided

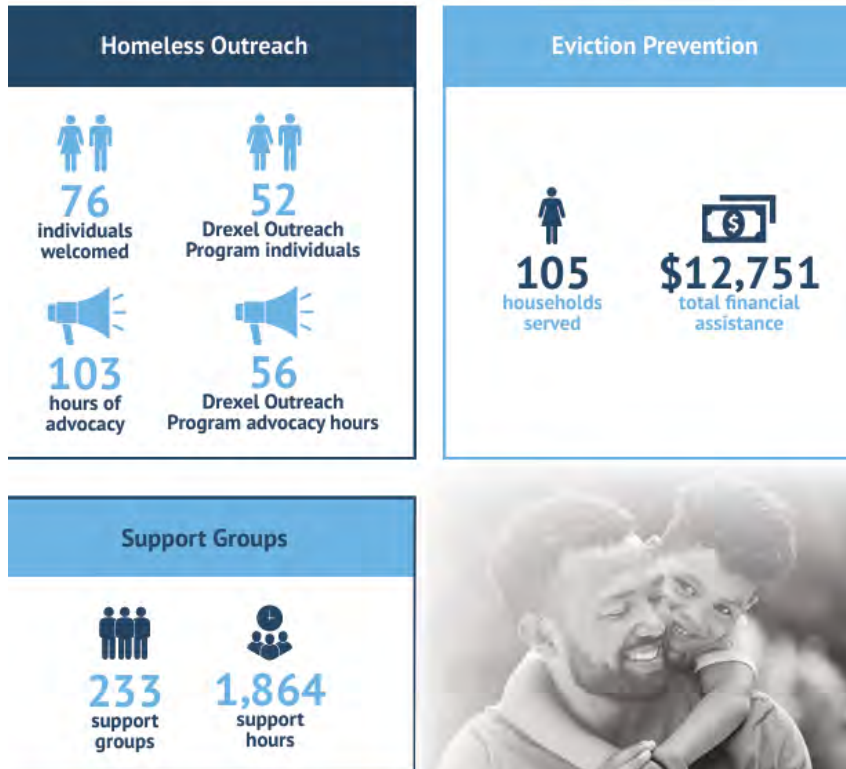

14,284
hours of
advocacy


8,316
crisis calls
answered

St. Katharine Drexel Shelter



Prevention is powerful. Through outreach, eviction prevention, and support groups, we are meeting individuals before crisis escalates—providing resources, financial assistance, and community connection that help keep families housed, supported, and moving forward.



Through her St. Joseph Conference, she continues to conduct weekly home visits and serves as Conference Secretary from 2000 to present.

Apart from tirelessly serving National and North Central Region St. Vincent de Paul, Jeanne is the SVdP Spiritual Advisor for youth in local Mini Vinnies (20 children), Youth Vincentians (13) and Young Vincentians (14) Conferences. The STAA students have a corporate work of mercy each month August to May: Uganda Bake Sales (International Twinning project), clothing drives in their schools and the three supportive parishes for the Marinette District Council SVdP Thrift Store, as well as, food and hygiene drives for SVdP Marinette District Pantry.

As a retired psychotherapist, Jeanne holds a Master's of Pastoral Studies in Family Ministry from Loyola University. She and her husband David have two children and four grandchildren.

Thank You Jeanne for sharing with Us Tonight



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Guest Speaker, Jeanne Harper

Jeanne Harper is North Central Region Spiritual Advisor, and husband, David assists in this position. Due to this appointment, Jeanne serves as a member of the National Spirituality Committee.

Jeanne's tenure with SVdP is wide ranging and distinguished. From 2011 to 2017 she served as North Central Region Vice President and a member of the National Board of Directors and chair of National Growth and Revitalization. Under Ralph Middlecamp's Presidency, she continued on the National Board of Directors for three (3) more years until 2020. She also served as a National and Diocesan Vincentian Formator as well as National Getting Ahead sub-committee Chair from Fall 2011 until Jan 2026. She continues to co-facilitate Getting Ahead for the SVdP Marinette District Council.

Previously 2006 to 2011 Jeanne served as Green Bay Diocesan Council President and served locally as Secretary of Marinette District Council under President Sue Johnson.



St. Katharine Drexel Shelter

Programming, partnerships, and community presence are at the heart of meaningful impact. Through collaborative programs, educational initiatives, and active participation in community events.

We meet people where they are—equipping individuals with tools for stability while raising awareness and strengthening connections across our community. Every partnership formed and every event attended helps expand our reach, build trust, and ensure that support is visible, accessible, and ready when it's needed most.

Programming & Community Partners

- Getting Ahead Class
- Art in a Cart
- NAMI Coming in Monthly
- Rent Smart with UW Extension
- Financial Literacy with Fox Valley Saving Bank
- FSET Monthly with Forward Services
- ASTOP monthly program Summer for youth

Community Events Attended

- Celebrate Community
- Juneteenth
- Pride Picnic
- Boys & Girls Club Resource Fair
- National Night Out
- FallToberFest Trunk or Treating
- ClearWater Mortgage Christmas Event
- Pilgrims Church Alternative Giving Fair

Awareness Events

- Child Abuse Awareness month April Post
- Homeless & Hunger Awareness
- Candlelight vigil
- Panel Discussion
- Facebook Awareness post



St. Katharine Drexel Shelter



St. Katharine Drexel Shelter FAQ's

What is the Role of the St. Katharine Drexel Shelter?

St. Katharine Drexel Shelter is the physical Shelter facility that provides housing for families and individuals in crisis. The shelter is operated in partnership between Solutions Center and St. Vincent de Paul. The Shelter:

- Offers a safe and stable environment for those facing homelessness
- Hosts life-skills programs such as Rent Smart, Getting Ahead support groups, and individual advocacy sessions

What is the role of St. Vincent de Paul in this partnership?

St. Vincent de Paul Society owns and maintains the St. Katharine Drexel Shelter facility and plays an essential role in the shelter's operation. Their contributions include:

- Providing and maintaining the shelter building
- Operating the single adult side of the shelter
- Collaborating with the Solutions Center to support families in need
- Offering additional community resources, such as clothing, furniture, and food assistance.

Who provides the staff and services inside the shelter?

Shelter services and staffing are shared between the Solutions Center and St. Vincent de Paul. **Solutions Center** staffs and operates the family shelter side, as well as a separate domestic violence shelter. **St. Vincent de Paul** staffs and operates the single adult shelter side. Services include:

- 24/7 shelter staff coverage.
- Advocacy and case management .
- Child and family support services.