



SPIRITUS WEEKLY UPDATE

WEEK OF DECEMBER 8TH, 2024

NEXT GATHERING SUNDAY 12/15

SPIRITUS COMMUNITY GATHERING

SUNDAY 12/15

MEETING BEGINS AT 3:00PM

MADELEINE ROOM

ADVENT DONATION DUE 12/15

If you had not yet had the opportunity to bring in items for Advent donations, there is still time. Next Sunday will be the last day to bring in your donations. There are many opportunities to provide support within our community.

We have adopted a family with three children for Christmas at FAMILY PROMISE. Please click on this link [HERE](#) to sign up for an item that is needed. There are a few spots left. Please be sure to click on the “DONATE NOW” button when signing up online. Otherwise, we could end up with duplicate items.

DAKOTA CENTER has requested donations for two different age groups. They are in need of toys for children ages birth - 3 years, especially learning toys, and receiving blankets. Their seniors have requested lap blankets and household items like cleaning supplies, toilet paper, toothpaste, and deodorants.

If you have already purchased donations for Family Promise Adopt-a-Family and/or Dakota Center, please bring them in this Sunday and place them on the marked tables. ALL ITEMS MUST BE BROUGHT IN NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15TH.

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PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

For all those in our community, those that we love, those who are alone, those who are grieving, those in war torn areas, those without anyone to pray for them and anyone else in need of loving support, prayer, or comfort.

Please send pray for Lois, Don, and Jason Bigler. Don was moved to Hospice earlier this week. That they are surrounded in love and support during this difficult time.

Prayers for Linda and Kevin Skinner and their family. Their daughter-in-law's father passed away last Sunday. For all those who are dealing with an illness, loss, and are in need of prayers.

A Prayer For Those Who Are Feeling Loneliness

Heavenly Father, in this season of togetherness, we reach out to those who feel alone. Comfort their hearts with your presence, fill their lives with your love, and remind them that even when surrounded by emptiness, you are always with them. Be their solace, their strength, and their guiding light, especially during these difficult times. Amen.



COMMUNITY INFO

Spiritus Gathering Setup...Please Sign Up: A scheduling tool that allows us to plan for volunteers who can help with the setup and/or serving as greeters for our Spiritus gatherings has been in place for quite a while, but is not being utilized. Knowing in advance who can help with the setup, alleviates any concern that we won't have enough volunteers to help. By clicking the link below or using the QR code provided, you can easily sign up for a future gathering, which will also send a reminder to you in advance of that gathering. If you need any help with the scheduling, please contact Linda Skinner at scheduling@spiritus-mlc.org. Thank you so much for your help!



Click below to read an article about shopping locally this holiday season with commentary by Kelly Bohrer!

[CLICK HERE!](#)

If you have not had the opportunity, please take a moment to read the article in the National Catholic Reporter about Spiritus.

[CLICK HERE!](#)



UPCOMING SPIRITUS EVENTS

- December 15th – Spiritus Prayer Gathering, 3PM, Madeline Room. Respite Care Bags will be put together for Food for the Journey.
- December 15th-ALL ADVENT DONATIONS DUE
- December 29th – Holy Family Sunday Spiritus Mass, 2PM, Queen of Apostles Chapel.
- January 5th-Spiritus Prayer Gathering - Epiphany
- January 19th- Spiritus Prayer Gathering
- Dayton Area Marianist Founder’s Day Mass -Saturday January 25 at 4:00 at Queen of Apostles Chapel

REMOTE VIEWING

Check the website (link at bottom of each page) for link to remote viewing for Sunday.

Viewing of all past meetings are available on the Spiritus website. Just click the banner at the bottom of the page for access.

If you are interested in being trained to stream meetings, please see Kevin Skinner or send inquiries to contact@spiritus-mlc.org
To rewatch all past meetings click on the link for our website at the bottom of the page

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SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

On December 15, we will again be preparing respite bags for FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY. As before, Spiritus will provide what is requested for the bags, but this time we will also be collecting warm socks, hats, and gloves. Please bring in your donations to our 12/1 and 12/15 gatherings and place them in the marked locations. Please contact Chris Bohmer Stewart with questions. Thanks in advance for your generosity!!!

ST. VINCENT'S

Our Dayton-area St Vincent Needs:

FOOD: Cereal, items for sack lunches, and #10 cans of food
CLOTHING: As always they need new underwear and socks, hygiene items, and gently used clothing, shoes, and linens.

Look for Chris and Sarah at the gatherings to deliver them.

Thank you!

Looking For Volunteers for Family Promise of Greene County Cooking Ministry

We are looking for Spiritus MLC volunteers to join the Family Promise of Greene County Cooking Ministry. Specifically, we need at least two or three individuals, one to partner with an existing cooking team (Nimfa Simpson) and one or two others to serve as back up meal providers when someone is ill or out of town.

This service started as a QAC cooking ministry in 2012. Our Spiritus community expressed the desire to continue with our active involvement in this Cooking Ministry in 2024 as part of our Social Justice Ministry.

Spiritus cooking teams provide meals for one week, four times a year. There are five cooking teams; each team providing the meal for one day of the week, so each team serves a total of 4 meals in a year. A team is usually made up of two households and meal plans are coordinated among the team members. Meals are cooked and prepared at home and delivered to the shelter, before 5:00 p.m. The shelter's location is at 124 South Detroit St., Xenia, Ohio. Anyone who is interested in being part of this ministry, please email nimfa.simpson@gmail.com.



MARIANIST FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

Check out the new edition of
Marianist Family Online!
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MARIANIST SOCIAL JUSTICE COLLABORATIVE - <https://marianistsjc.net>

MARIANIST LAY COMMUNITY OF NORTH AMERICA - <https://www.mlcna.org>

MARIANIST ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER - <https://meec.center>

NORTH AMERICAN CENTER FOR MARIANIST STUDIES - <https://www.nacms.org>

SPIRITUS CONTACT UPDATES

If there is anyone who is seriously ill or facing a significant surgery or procedure the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is available.

You can call the Spiritus office and leave a message if it is something that can be scheduled in advance, or if more time sensitive, you can reach out to Fr. Tom. His telephone number is 937-903-0943.

Also if anyone needs to receive Eucharist at home please notify Linda Folmar at Linda_folmar@sbcglobal.net.

If you need to change any contact information, please let us know by responding to this email or by writing any changes that you need to have made on the clipboard available by the nametags at each Spiritus gathering. We want to make sure that everyone is getting information in a way that is helpful and suits them.

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