



SPIRITUS WEEKLY UPDATE

WEEK OF DECEMBER 19TH, 2024

NEXT GATHERING COMMUNITY MASS 12/29

SPIRITUS COMMUNITY GATHERING

SUNDAY 12/29

MASS BEGINS AT 2:00PM

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CHAPEL

MAY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST BE BORN IN OUR HEARTS

This week we enter into the final days of Advent. As we prepare for Christ's light to be born in our hearts once again, may we find the time to sit in the quiet and in the dark to be present to Christ's in our lives, to the love that

Mary taught us that binds us to others, and to the intentional communities we have built in our lives. May we be prepared to pour light into them during the upcoming Christmas season.

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This poem by Thomas Merton is one of my favorites for this season. I hope you have had a fruitful Advent. Enjoy! ~ Maggie

ADVENT BY THOMAS MERTON

Charm with your stainlessness these winter nights,
Skies, and be perfect!

Fly, vivider in the fiery dark, you quiet meteors,
And disappear.

You moon, be slow to go down,
This is your full!

The four white roads make off in silence
Towards the four parts of the starry universe.
Time falls like manna at the corners of the wintry earth.
We have become more humble than the rocks,
More wakeful than the patient hills.

Charm with your stainlessness these nights in Advent,
holy spheres,

While minds, as meek as beasts,
Stay close at home in the sweet hay;
And intellects are quieter than the flocks that feed by
starlight.

Oh pour your darkness and your brightness over all our
solemn valleys, You skies: and travel like the gentle Virgin,
Toward the planets' stately setting,
Oh white full moon as quiet as Bethlehem!



PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

For all those in our community, those that we love, those who are alone, those who are ill, 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 prayers for those in our community who are grieving.

For Lois Bigler and her family, for Laura Fike and her family, and for Marilyn Nagle and family.

That they feel the love and support of our community during this difficult time.

For Steve Guilfoos' niece and her family as they grieve the loss of her father -in law from a terrible tragedy.



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!



**Community Mass
Sunday
December 29th,
2 pm at
Queen of Apostles
Chapel**

**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 29th – Holy Family Sunday Spiritus Mass, 2PM, Queen of Apostles Chapel.
- January 5th-Spiritus Prayer Gathering - Epiphany
- January 11th - Memorial for Al Fike
- 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.



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

Thank you so much for everyone who donated to help with all the items collected for the Advent Season.

Special Thanks to Chris Bohmer Stewart and Sarah Stewart for organizing and finding volunteers to make sure all of the items got delivered. We really appreciate the time, effort, and love you pour into this community and working with social justice.

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!



MARIANIST FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

Check out the new edition of
Marianist Family Online!
<https://www.marianist.com/familyonline/>

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MARIANST FAMILY - <https://www.marianist.com>

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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