



SPIRITUS WEEKLY UPDATE

WEEK OF JANUARY 2ND, 2025

NEXT GATHERING THIS SUNDAY

SPIRITUS COMMUNITY GATHERING

SUNDAY 1/5

MEETING BEGINS AT 3:00PM

MADELEINE ROOM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SPIRITUS!

It is hard to believe that it has been one whole year since we have embarked on this journey together. The changes and challenges we encountered have helped us find both growth and grounding. May we continue to learn about each other, learn how to be in community, and learn to be Christ in the world around us. May we look to the model Mary has given us to receive the gifts and tasks of community, and may it be fruitful in our lives, in the Marianist Family, and in the world.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION JANUARY 5TH

We will be having a celebration on January 5th immediately following our prayer service. Please stay to help celebrate the community you have created and participated in this past year.

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

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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 prayers for Chris Bohmer Stewart. She has fractured a couple bones and is currently unable to drive. Currently surgery is not expected, but treatment plan has yet to be decided. Prayers requested for healing and for her family who depends on her as “chauffeur”.

Also, continued healing prayers Linda Skinner’s sister and her family, and all those who are dealing with an illness and for those who have cancer.

A Prayer For Epiphany

“God of surprises and gifts, you revealed yourself as a newborn baby and, with a star, you led the peoples of earth to worship Jesus, your only Son: lead us to see you face-to-face, and help us to discover our gifts and talents so that we may offer them up to you and your service. Let us be Jesus’s light in the world today. Amen.”

Common Prayer for Children and Families by Jennifer Gamber and Timothy J. S. Seamans, p. 62



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!



This Sunday Maggie Atkinson will be scheduling people to help for meetings January through March. If you have not helped before, this is the perfect time to sign up.



UPCOMING SPIRITUS EVENTS

- January 5th – Spiritus Prayer Gathering, 3PM, Madeline Room.
- January 11th – Memorial Service for Al Fike, 2 pm Queen of Apostles Chapel
- January 19th – Spiritus Prayer Gathering, 3PM, Madeline Room.
- January 25th – Dayton Area Marianist Founder’s Day Mass, 4PM, Queen of Apostles Chapel (Saturday), Reception to follow at the Bergamo Center

REMOTE VIEWING

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

January 5th – Spiritus Prayer Gathering, 3PM, Madeline Room.

Live Stream: https://youtube.com/live/D_45X5a34MM?feature=share

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

We are in need of volunteers to help deliver the donations to St. Vincents while Chris Bohmer Stewart is healing and unable to drive. You can let us know what dates you are able to help out via email or in person on Sunday. Please reach out to Chris with any questions. Thanks in advance for your time and help.

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.

With the weather getting colder, warm clothing is always welcome.

Thank you!

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



MARIANIST FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

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

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MARIANIST 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>

FIAT INITIATIVE

This Christmas the national director of the Marianist Lay Community of North America sent out an important letter about a new plan for the lay Marianists. Please read the letter below and follow the link to the website to get additional information.

This Christmas Season, we celebrate the time over two thousand years ago when Mary said "Yes" to God and brought Christ into the world.

As Marianists, we continue in alliance with this same mission of bringing Christ to the world as we live out this Marianist charism.

In honor of Mary's *fiat* - her "Yes" to God - as well as that same "Yes" made by each of our Lay Marianists, MLC-NA is proud to announce our new 3-year plan to build up the lay branch of the Marianist Family: the

Fiat Initiative. Through the Fiat Initiative, MLC-NA will build up the resources to:

- Welcome and form at least **100 new Lay Marianists** each year
- Provide **new resources for MLCs**, and help communities share best practices
- **Connect all Lay Marianists in search of an MLC** with a new or existing community
- So much more (see our website!)

By accomplishing these goals, MLC-NA will be a dynamic community of communities that will animate the Marianist Family of the future.

This is an exciting time to be Marianist! I hope you will take some time to learn more, get involved, and help support MLC-NA as we take this new step forward together!

United in Mission,

Rob Brodrick

National Director, MLC-NA

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