



SPIRITUS WEEKLY UPDATE

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7TH, 2025

NEXT GATHERING SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16TH

SPIRITUS COMMUNITY GATHERING

NEXT WEEK, SUNDAY 2/16

BEGINS AT 3:00PM

MADELEINE ROOM

COPAJU CONFERENCE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Spiritus is supporting US Chapter of Committee of Pan American Judges for Social Justice (COPAJU) conference at the University of Dayton in March. Linda Murnane is chair of this organization. The conference theme is “The

Crucial Role of the Courts as the Final Safeguard of Democracy”. There will be international, high-quality speakers including Cardinal Peter Turkson attending.

Spiritus is helping to sponsor with a \$5000 donation.

All Spiritus members are invited to attend free of charge

March 26 - 28 at the University of Dayton

<https://www.uscopaju.com/>

[HTTPS://SPIRITUS-MLC.ORG](https://spiritus-mlc.org)



PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

For all those in our community, those that we love, 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 continue to hold Linda Skinner and her family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of Linda's sister.

A prayer for Valentine's Day
Open my heart oh God to a greater
sense of your love for me.

In you I find my truest and best self,
as one created in your true,
relational image. Thank you for
your grace, and thank you for your
love. In Jesus' name, 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!



**Spiritus MLC has a
Community Mass for
Easter Sunday
April 20th,
10:30 am at
Queen of Apostles Chapel**

Funeral Ministry - Recent Clarifications from Leadership Team

Supporting our community in their time of grief is an important priority for Spiritus. Those who were previous members of QAC and those who are members of the Spiritus community will be supported by Spiritus for funerals/memorial services.

If desired by the family Spiritus will support with scheduling, Mass, and reception hosting, as desired by the family Spiritus will financially offset costs up to \$1000 per funeral. Maggie is the primary coordinator and point of contact



Full of Grace Ministries Game Day

Full of Grace Ministry (FGM), which is one of the Urban Solidarity Initiatives of the Dayton Marianist Family Council, is setting up game days (Bingo) for the people who typically come to the Food for the Journey Project (FJP) meals served on Tuesdays at Our Lady of Grace Parish - Corpus Christi campus.

This is an outreach for the residents of the Five Oaks area of West Dayton. FGM are seeking volunteers from our Lay Ministry communities to join in the fun by helping out on the second Wednesday, every other month, from 3:30pm to 6:00pm. Volunteers are needed to set up, help with simple food prep for refreshments and have fun helping with the Bingo games, then help with clean up.

This will be in the Madonna Room at Our Lady of Grace Parish - Corpus Christi campus. We are planning the first game day March 12, with further details coming soon.

If you have an interest in helping, please contact Cathy Adler, cathy.adler@att.net. We could set up carpooling too!



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

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!

Catholic Relief Services has an extremely urgent request on behalf of the millions of people the Church serves every day.

Last week, the Administration released an Executive Order pausing U.S. foreign assistance for a 90-day review period to ensure that all foreign aid is aligned with the Administration's goals to make the U.S. safer, stronger, and more prosperous.

Subsequently, almost all foreign aid and development programs have received immediate stop-work orders, interrupting the flow of life-saving assistance to vulnerable communities around the world.

They are asking for people to send letters requesting that they resume foreign assistance programs while they are under review.

<https://support.crs.org/act/foreign-aid-operations>



UPCOMING SPIRITUS EVENTS

- **February 16, Spiritus Gathering**
 - Madeleine Room, 3:00 PM
- **March 2, Spiritus Gathering**
 - Madeleine Room, 3:00 PM
- **March 16, Spiritus Gathering**
 - Madeleine Room, 3:00 PM
- **April 6, Spiritus Gathering**
 - Madeleine Room, 3:00 PM
- **April 20th, Spiritus MLC Community Mass**
 - Queen of Apostles Chapel, 10:30 AM

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.



MARIANIST FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

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

STAY CONNECTED !

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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