



SPIRITUS WEEKLY UPDATE

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20TH, 2025

NEXT GATHERING FIRST SUNDAY IN MARCH

SPIRITUS COMMUNITY GATHERING

SUNDAY 3/2

MEETING BEGINS AT 3:00PM

MADELEINE ROOM

SPIRITUS ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Spiritus has an online adult faith formation group. This group used to meet in person on Sunday mornings before Mass. They have been meeting using Zoom very successfully for the past year. They meet two Sundays a month except for during Lent and Advent when it is more frequent. Below is the information for what they will be doing throughout Lent. If you are interested in joining, please let us know and we will get you on their email list and you will receive the information each week on how and when to login to participate.

- On Sunday mornings, at 8:45 am online
- For Lent: We will share with each other based on the book is "Jesus, Guide of My Life: Reflections for the Lenten Journey" by Joyce Rupp. Reflecting on the daily reflections from the previous week.
- Our first meeting with this book will be Sunday, March 2nd.
- We will meet every Sunday morning during Lent
- It is not required for folks to join every week - you can join for one or three or every other. Whatever works for you!

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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 Mary Jo Pfander's sister -in-law. She has just been transferred to Hospice and is transitioning after being an Alzheimer patient for about 10 years. Please pray for her Mary Jo's brother and all their kids, family and loved ones.

For Katie Metzmaier's friend, Layla (11) who is facing several surgeries in the next few months to fix holes in her esophagus.

For all those who are facing uncertainty and do not have access to care and support.

A Pope's Prayer for Immigrants

Merciful God, we pray to you for all the men, women and children who have died after leaving their homelands in search of a better life.

Though many of their graves bear no name, to you each one is known, loved and cherished. May we never forget them, but honour their sacrifice with deeds more than words. We entrust to you all those who have made this journey, enduring fear, uncertainty and humiliation, in order to reach a place of safety and hope.

Just as you never abandoned your Son as he was brought to a safe place by Mary and Joseph, so now be close to these, your sons and daughters, through our tenderness and protection.

In caring for them may we seek a world where none are forced to leave their home and where all can live in freedom, dignity and peace.

Merciful God and Father of all, wake us from the slumber of indifference, open our eyes to their suffering, and free us from the insensitivity born of worldly comfort and self-centeredness. Inspire us, as nations, communities and individuals, to see that those who come to our shores are our brothers and sisters.

May we share with them the blessings we have received from your hand, and recognize that together, as one human family, we are all migrants, journeying in hope to you, our true home, where every tear will be wiped away, where we will be at peace and safe in your embrace.

- by Pope Francis



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!



**Mark your calendars!
Spiritus will have a
community Mass
Easter Sunday at 10:30
am in the Queen of
Apostles Chapel.
April 20th, 2025**

**Don't forget to sign
up for the 2025 US-
COPAJU ANNUAL
CONFERENCE
March 26th - 28th at
the University of
Dayton.
Click [HERE](#) for more
information and to
register.**



UPCOMING SPIRITUS EVENTS

- 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, Easter 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.



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Cooking Ministry for Family Promise of Greene County. Especially all who provided meals this week of February 17 - 21. You are doing great work!

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!

Full of Grace Ministries Game Days-Need Volunteers

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 with this or any other game day, please contact Cathy Adler, cathy.adler@att.net. We could set up carpooling too!



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

Urban Solidarity Initiatives: Many Opportunities to Get Involved!

Support Full of Grace Ministries in the Five Oaks Neighborhood

- Saturday March 1, 9:00 am. – 11:00 am: Join the Five Oaks Neighborhood Association and Full of Grace Ministries to help clean up the streets, sidewalks, and Park surrounding DECA and Our Lady of Grace – Corpus Christi in preparation for the Fish Fry later that evening. Coffee, donuts and bagels will be provided. Click the link to learn more and sign-up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040448AEAA23A7FF2-54406127-five>
- Wednesday, March 12, 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm: Refreshments and Bingo. Our goal is to give those who attend the Food for the Journey Project Tuesday meal an added social experience during the week. This program will be hosted at the Holy Spirit Family of Parishes – Corpus Christi Campus (527 Forest Avenue, Dayton) in the Madonna Room. We are aiming to do this on the second Wednesday of the month. Volunteers are needed to help set-up tables and chairs and prepare simple refreshments from 3:30-4:30 pm; serve refreshments to neighborhood guests from 4:30-5:00pm and facilitate play Free BINGO from 5:00-5:30. If you are interested in helping, please contact Donna O'Neill at djtoneill@aol.com or Nancy Woeste at nancywoeste19@gmail.com
- Respite Bag Sign-up Dates Are Still Available: Please consider signing up for one of the following upcoming dates to deliver Respite Bags to Food for the Journey Project (FJP): April 15, April 29, June 3, July 15, July 29, August 5 and additional dates in the fall. In addition to filling bags with shelf stable snacks, please consider adding a few of these items during the winter months, either in the same bag as the snacks, or in a separate Ziploc bag that can be given out separately. Suggested items include: lip balm, throat lozenges, travel size hand lotion, band aids, masks, toothbrush, travel size toothpaste, or hand warmers.

Support Dakota Center:

- The Dakota Center is seeking donations and volunteers for their Baby Shower on Saturday April 19th from 11-2 pm. They need 5-10 volunteers to help with the resource fair to direct moms to the organizations. Also please consider collaborating with your community to fill a laundry basket, diaper bag, or backpack with items for baby or mom! Suggestions for the baby bag include baby shampoo and lotion, onesies, sleepers, hats, and of course lots of diapers (size newborn-5) and wipes! Fill a mommy bag with deodorant, toothpaste, lotion, and nursing pads. Thanks for your help!



MARIANIST FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

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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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