



SPIRITUS WEEKLY UPDATE

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15TH, 2025

NEXT GATHERING TODAY!

SPIRITUS COMMUNITY GATHERING
TODAY, SUNDAY 2/16
BEGINS AT 3:00PM
MADELEINE ROOM

SPIRITUS COMMUNITY GATHERING TODAY

Today we are gathering and have a wonderful guest speaker, Jan Futrell from Miami Valley Immigration Coalition. It is looking like the snow should be stopping soon. So we are going to hope for the best and gather at the beautiful Mt. St. John. If you are unable to make it, don't like to drive when there is snow, or just too cozy to leave the house today, please join us remotely!

If you didn't have an opportunity to read it yet, here is a link to the article with the Pope's letter to the US Bishops. As today's gospel is the beatitudes, it is a good lead in for today.

[CLICK HERE TO READ](#)

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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 say a prayer for the daughter of Katie Metzmaier's friend. Layla (11) who is facing several surgeries in the next few months.

The first one will be to remove the clip from her esophagus that was placed there in December. The second surgery will be a MAJOR surgery to fix holes in her esophagus. The surgeon & the ENT have been doing everything to avoid this surgery because of the risk of complications is so high. They are looking for other options to fix these holes that don't involve surgery near her heart.

Heavenly Father, please bless all the children who are in need of surgery and their families. Help them regain their strength and their health.
Amen.

Lord:

In the midst of Winter, when the days are cold and wind can pierce remind us of the warmth of your love.

In the midst of Winter, when days are short, dawn comes late, and dusk arrives early remind us that in the darkness your light still shines.

In the midst of Winter, when the flowers of spring still lie hidden in the earth, when leaves are off the trees, and the world can seem bleak remind us that Easter is but a short time away.

And when in our lives we feel as if we are experiencing a season of winter, reach out to us with the power of your resurrection so that we may feel the warmth of your love and see your light that alone can take away the darkness of our soul.

- Cal Wick



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 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

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

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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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