



SPIRITUS WEEKLY UPDATE

WEEK OF MAY 8TH, 2025

NEXT GATHERING SUNDAY MAY 18TH

SPIRITUS GATHERING AND MEETING

SUNDAY 5/18

MAY CROWNING AT 2:30 PM

GATHERING AT 3:00PM

CHAMINADE CENTER MADELEINE ROOM

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR CAROL BOURNE WEIDLER

We will be celebrating the life of our dear friend and former QAC Member, Carol Bourne Weidler.

Saturday May 17 at 10:30 am in the Madeleine Room on the Mt St. John campus.

The service will be followed by a light breakfast. We hope you will join us.

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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.

A Note from Adam about Teesie Lupp.

Surgery was successful and they were able to removal all (that they were able to see) of her tumor. Her levels are back to healthy, just a matter of working on her strength and fatigue. But she's starting to talk and sound like herself again, which is great to see. The cancer truly took everything she had. But she is on the up and up. Long road ahead but she's doing much better. She is still at Miami Valley, but will be going to rehab or home here soon (maybe in a few days). Just not sure what PT and OT will recommend. She is doing well medically, but physically she still is very fatigued and worn down. She is welcome to visitors! She is in room 6530 at Miami valley downtown.

Please keep Tom Zawodny in your prayers.

Tom is doing ok after his brain tumor surgery on May 2. The tumor was a metastasis from somewhere else. The labs will be further analyzed along with tissue taken from a bone lesion last week. Praying for available treatment options to help him in this cancer battle!

A Prayer for the new Pope

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen.



SPIRITUS SHIRTS

At the next Spiritus Community Meeting on May 4th, we will be voting on the Spiritus shirt design.

We will decide between the navy blue shirt with a white side panel OR the navy blue shirt without the white side panel. Navy blue is the color chosen by our Branding Task Force.

All shirts will have the official Spiritus logo in white on the left side of the shirt. Shirts will come in your choice of mens or womens design and in multiple sizes (we will have samples of the various shirt sizes).

Shirts will cost \$35 each. Payment is expected at the time of ordering. Cash or checks made out to Steve Guilfoos are acceptable.

Orders will be taken at the May 4 and 18 Spiritus Gatherings. Shirts will be available in mid June.



Micropique Sport-Wick Polo

- COLOR IS Navy Blue
- one with white side
- one with no side panel
- Both come in Men's and Women's design
- Cost will depend upon number of shirts ordered (somewhere between \$30 - \$40)



COMMUNITY INFO

Register to help setup SPIRITUS Gatherings... Knowing in advance who will be available to help set up the Madeleine room and administration tables for each gathering allows us to plan accordingly and ensures we have enough help!

Please sign up online at <https://givepul.se/gw0wzw>, or use the QR code below which will take you to the Spiritus scheduling website.

Once there, scroll down to see the published events, then click on the event that you would like register to help.

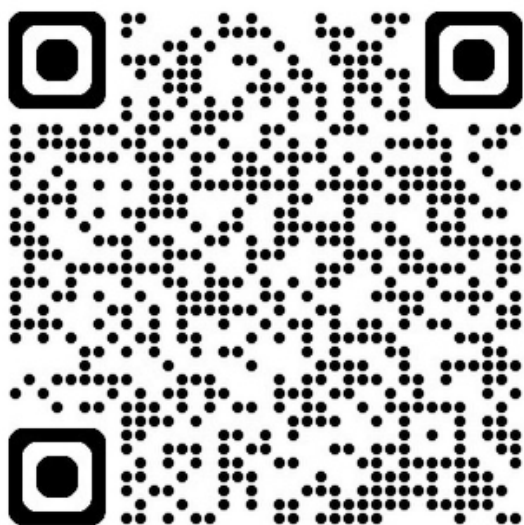
There are three event shifts available –

1) **Setup at 2:00pm:** Help set up tables in hallway, set aside tables in the Madeleine Room and set out chairs. This group will also help at the end of the gathering;

2) **Greeter at 2:40pm:** Welcome everyone as they arrive, invite new guests to create a nametag; and

3) **Last one out:** The last one out will make sure that all of the lights are turned off and the doors to the Madeleine Room are locked. Additional details about each shift can be found online. If you have any issues signing up, please email Linda Skinner at scheduling@spiritus-mlc.org.

We thank you in advance for your support.



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UPCOMING SPIRITUS EVENTS

- May 18th – Spiritus Prayer Gathering, Madeleine Room, 3:00 PM
- June 1st – Spiritus Prayer Gathering, Madeleine Room, 3:00 PM
- June 15th – Spiritus Prayer Gathering, Madeleine Room, 3:00 PM
 - Set-up for this day will be at 2:30. UD's Wayfinders group (Religious studies/Theology grad students/undergrads working with high school students) will be in the Madeleine room before us with MEEC.

REMOTE VIEWING

Thank you to all those who help with the streaming and make it possible.

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

A letter from Miami Valley Immigration Coalition...

We just received a request to assist with an unconscionably high immigration bond of \$35,000! This is for a woman we will call "Melinda" who has been a U.S. resident for more than fifteen years. She is the sole provider for her teenage son and his father who has a serious medical condition. She was taken by immigration near her work place and is now in detention at Butler County Jail. Like half of the people taken into immigration detention during the current administration, she has no criminal history and is only "guilty" of the civil offense of being in the country without authorization. The request is urgent; it is estimated that without bond payment she is likely to be deported. If she is released on bond then a different "calendar" goes into effect, and she and her attorney will have time to gather the information to make her case to remain in the country, and continue contributing to her family and community. In some ways, she is "fortunate," in that a bond has been set; many are being held with no option to pay bond and be released.

The attorney asked the judge to repeat the bond amount because he thought he misheard as \$3,500 seemed correct, for someone with long community ties, supporting her family, and no criminal record. It is unlikely that we alone can raise \$35,000 but the hope is to reach \$35,000 when combined with funds from other sources: her extended family and friends are putting together what they can and we are seeking to partner with another bond fund elsewhere.

Disclaimer: Almost all of the bond funds we have raised have gone to pay immigration bond. However, we have used, and may in the future use, some funds for related relief, such as transportation, legal fees, and commissary fees (for phone, hygiene, and food in immigration detention). Since 2022, we have assisted five people: with three bonds (\$8,000, \$3,000, \$7,000), and \$1,040 for transportation for two people released on bond (from Arizona and Texas to Dayton). As expected, bonds are higher under the current administration. We did recently partner with others for "Gabrio's" January bond of \$10,000: we paid \$7,000 from our bond fund and immigration activists in California paid \$3,000. However, with the exorbitant and unjustifiable bond of \$35,000, if our efforts combined with "Melinda's" family and another bond fund, still do not succeed, then funds raised will be saved for a future bond and/or for related relief.

In Closing: Please share this fundraising appeal with others who might donate! Feel free to contact us if you have questions.

Our collective action is so important as we combat the harm our broken immigration system inflicts on so many, especially in this time of heightened fear-mongering and scapegoating and the repeated and blatant lack of due process for our immigrant neighbors.

Thank you so much!

Miami Valley Immigration Coalition (MVIC)

Donate Now! Make a tax-deductible donation through 501(c)3 LEAD, the fiscal sponsor for Miami Valley Immigration Coalition (MVIC). Giving options are:

Go to <https://www.mvicdayton.org/donate>. Choose "click to give," then choose "MVIC Immigration Bond Fund" under Miami Valley Immigration Fund. You can also set up recurring donations.

Send a check made out to LEAD with "MVIC Bond Fund" in the memo and mail to LEAD at 505 Riverside Dr., Dayton, Ohio 45405.

If it is more convenient, you may donate via PayPal with the comment "bond fund," but this will not provide a tax deduction. PayPal to ABUFFLG@gmail.com, Lynn Buffington.

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Urban Solidarity Initiatives: Many Opportunities to Get Involved!

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): 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.



MARIANIST FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

Marianist Lay Community of North America Community Animation Workshop Series Welcoming New Members to our MLCs Saturday, May 17, 2025

3-4:30pm Eastern | 2p Central | 12p Eastern | 10a Hawaii

The next Community Animation Workshop is coming up Saturday, May 17! This workshop will highlight the work MLC-NA has done to improve ways that all of us can use to invite new people into our Marianist Family!

This workshop will feature stories from the recent efforts of Roxann Rowe and Bro. Chicago Schuller, as well as exciting updates from Allie Brizzi!

RSVP today!

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82743403196?pwd=nY9fD1eyoXEvsM0H40bWYa4C7YIYxg.1>



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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>

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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