



SPIRITUS WEEKLY UPDATE

WEEK OF AUGUST 14TH, 2025

NEXT GATHERING SUNDAY AUGUST 17TH

SPIRITUS GATHERING AND MEETING

SUNDAY 8/17

GATHERING AT 3:00PM

CHAMINADE CENTER MADELEINE ROOM

A Pilgrimage of Hope for Creation

October 4th 9am - 3 pm

This pilgrimage is on the Feast of St. Francis, the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of Laudato Si, the 800th anniversary of the Canticle of the Creatures, and the Jubilee Year of Hope! It is one of four pilgrimages co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and one of hundreds worldwide during the 2025 Season of Creation which is September 1st through October 4th. We will engage with people and communities in East Dayton who are committed to responding to the cry of the poor and the cry of the Earth.

The day begins with opening prayer at 9 am at Mt St John before heading to two or three urban sites. We will then return for Mass and a luncheon with remarks by environmental justice leader Gayle Covington Fowler. MEEC & MSJ staff will lead optional land-based experiences after lunch open to everyone.

We are in need of volunteers for hospitality. Please contact Marti Quackenbush to let her know you are available to help with this event. Thank 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.

For all our prayers in our book of petitions.

Special Prayers for

Mary Bane and her family as they grieve the loss of Mary's mother, Donna Everly.

For Patti Rosner and family who are grieving the loss of Dan this past week. [HERE](#) is a link to read Dan's obituary.

Continued Prayers for

For Maria Rivera who had surgery yesterday, and for the family of Eileen Rehg.

Heavenly Father, we turn to You today, bringing forth the plight of those who are unhoused, those without homes. We ask that You bless them with comfort in their discomfort, strength in their struggles, and resilience in the face of adversity.

May Your love envelop them, reminding them they are not alone or forgotten. Please provide them with hope, a hope that can pierce through the darkest nights and the harshest realities. Fill their hearts with courage to face each new day despite the trials they encounter.

Lord, we pray for those who extend a helping hand to those experiencing homelessness. Bless them with patience, compassion, and the resources needed to make a difference. Guide them as they strive to provide physical nourishment, emotional support, and a sense of community.

May those who are unhoused feel Your presence in their struggles, Lord. Let us show each other the love of Christ so each may know they are loved and valued. Provide comfort during cold nights, strength during challenging times, and hope for a brighter future. Amen



Register to help setup SPIRITUS Gatherings

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:*
- 2) *Greeter at 2:40pm:*
- 3) *Last one out:*

If you have any issues signing up, please email Linda Skinner

at scheduling@spiritus-mlc.org. We thank you in advance for your support.



Minutes from the
July Leadership
meeting are online
and available for
viewing
[CLICK HERE TO
READ](#)

FACILITATOR TRAINING

We are going to hold a facilitator training for those who are interested in learning/practicing to facilitate a Spiritus Gathering.

We will provide an opportunity to practice with the technology in the Madeleine Room.

The training session is being arranged and the date is TBD.

Please contact Linda Folmar if you are interested in attending. Thank you!

SPIRITUS SHIRTS

We recommend wearing your shirts when you go to mass at your various parishes.

This provides an opportunity to answer questions from those that are staring at our logo.



UPCOMING SPIRITUS EVENTS

- August 17th : Spiritus Prayer Gathering, 3:00PM, Madeleine Room.
- September 7th : Spiritus Prayer Gathering, 3:00PM, Madeleine Room.
- September 21st : Community Mass, 10:30AM, Queen of Apostle Chapel followed with a Picnic lunch
- October 4th: Pilgrimage of Hope for Creation 9-3 Mt. St. John
- October 5th: Spiritus Prayer Gathering, 3:00PM, Madeleine Room.
- October 19th : Spiritus Prayer Gathering, 3:00PM, Madeleine Room.

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

Xenia's Family Promise Donations

As the children at Xenia's Family Promise prepare to head back to school, they are requesting donations of juice boxes, snacks, and chips. Please leave them in the marked area for our next three gatherings and Nimfa Simpson will take them to the shelter. Thank you for your generosity!

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

Full of Grace Ministries, as a part of our Marianist outreach, will be helping with bingo at Corpus Christi parish in West Dayton on the second Wednesday of every month. We help from 3:30 to 6:00pm, doing set up, offering a chili dinner prepared by Food for the Journey folks, playing bingo, sitting among the guests, and giving prizes! If you know of a Wednesday you'll be around, please reach out to Cathy Adler (Cathy.adler@att.net), and let me know your availability. Looking forward to hearing from you! Thank you!



MARIANIST FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

Our Founders Adversity and Us: Courage and Prudence

Thursday September 18th 7 pm

Madeleine Room

Dr. Tim Phillips and Dr. Caitlin Capolla-McColloch

RSVP to Anne.Petratis@ketteringhealth.org

[A New Exhibit at the Dayton Peace Museum](#)

Ohio Justice and Policy Center is a non-profit law firm that serves both incarcerated individuals and formerly incarcerated/folks with criminal records while also fighting the Ohio criminal legal system as a whole.

Their Beyond Guilt Program created an exhibit of artwork/poems/stories/etc. that will be on display at the International Peace Museum in Dayton for a while (a few months). They are having an opening reception this Saturday, August 16th from 12-3pm. Snacks will be provided and there will be a program with a panel discussion and audience activity also.

Registration is free (just put in \$0) but they are hoping for a headcount. If you can't make the opening reception I encourage you to see the exhibit another time if your schedule allows.

<https://www.peace.museum/events-1/opening-reception-beyond-guilt-from-ojcp>



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>

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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