

SPIRITUS WEEKLY UPDATE

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2025

NEXT GATHERING 10/5

SPIRITUS FAMILY GATHERING

SUNDAY 10/5

3:00PM

CHAMINADE CENTER MADELEINE ROOM



Pilgrimage For Hope This Weekend

Jennifer Melke-Marks is a member of the Nazareth Community. She is on the planning team for the Pilgrimage of Hope for Creation event at MEEC on Saturday, Oct. 4th. They are in need of volunteers and are reaching out to the local Marianist communities to help. Here are areas where we need volunteers:

Set up in the Madeleine Room in the Chaminade Center before the event, Greeters, Registration Table, Lunch set up and clean up

If anyone is interested in volunteering they can contact her at jmelkemarks@gmail.com.



DAYTON EAST

Marianist Environmental Education Center at Mount Saint John

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. We'll explore concrete solutions to environmental and social injustice - urban agriculture in a food desert, remediation of air, soil and water contamination in a low-income neighborhood, and a diverse haven for people and wildlife in a busy neighborhood.

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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 Phyllis Sharp, she was informed earlier this week that a former daughter-in-law of hers was killed in a car accident Saturday afternoon. She was struck in the rear & instantly killed. She leaves behind a daughter who is beyond devastated. Please pray for her family all those who loved her and are grieving her.

Terri Blanken and her husband Ron are asking for prayers for his younger brother, Denny. Denny is 78 and was an avid golfer until he started dialysis four years ago. Along the way, he's lost a kidney to cancer and has had many other serious health issues. He's made the very difficult decision to discontinue all treatments and is now in hospice care in his home. Denny has blessed us with his kindness and his sense of humor, even now during this time. Please hold our dear one in your prayers along his journey home to be with our Father.

A PRAYER LINDA FOLMAR AND HER FAMILY

Lord, please wrap our support and prayers around the family of Dennis Folmar who passed away last week. For Linda and her family during these days, may the love, support, and prayers we send be felt through the heaviness of this time and their hearts be filled with warmth and light.

Cards may be sent to 6818 Cedar Cove Dr
Centerville OH 45459



COMMUNITY INFO

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.



Marianist Family Counsel is hosting listening sessions and inviting people to attend.

The Marianist Family, Church, and world are at a pivotal moment, urging us to explore and envision what it means to embody the Marianist Charism and be "Family" today. To address this need, the Marianist Family Council of North America (MFC-NA) will sponsor and commission a Marianist Family Congress in April 2026. In preparation for the Congress, listening sessions are scheduled for Fall 2025 that will provide an opportunity for all members of the Marianist Family to share their insights on the current context and their hopes for the future. The discussions from these sessions will be compiled and directly inform the visioning conversations at the Congress. Delegates from each branch of the Marianist Family in the US will be invited to participate in the congress. Please [sign-up to participate in a listening session](#) and stay tuned for further updates on this significant initiative.



UPCOMING SPIRITUS EVENTS

- 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.
- November 2nd: Spiritus Prayer Gathering, 3:00PM, Madeleine Room
- November 16th: 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

Family Promise Shelter in Xenia is no longer requesting back-to-school snacks, but as flu season approaches, they are requesting "any and all cleaning supplies". 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!

Miami Valley Immigration Coalition Needs

Miami Valley Immigration Coalition currently has several families in need of financial assistance for medical bills, security deposits, and legal fees. They also are in need of beds, dressers, living room furniture, and table and chairs. Needs for clothing and toiletries should be forthcoming.

If you want to send financial assistance, go to www.MVICDayton.org/donate. This will take you to LEAD's donation page. They are MVIC's fiscal sponsor. Go to the section under Miami Valley Immigration Coalition and enter your amount under Accompaniment, and continue with further directions.

If you prefer to donate by check, put Accompaniment on the memo line and mail to 505 Riverside Dr, Dayton, OH 45405.



MARIANIST FAMILY

ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

Mission of Mary needs your support!

Mission of Mary's 13th annual Farm to Fork fundraising dinner is coming up very soon - October 24! It is a celebration that is enjoyed by a couple hundred attendees - and sells out quickly! All Spiritus members are invited to attend, but please register soon for this fun, meaningful event:

<https://www.missionofmary.org/farmtofork>

The Farm to Fork committee is also working to secure items and experiences for the event's silent auction.

Is there an experience or item you could contribute?

Contact Meghann (meghann.naveau@gmail.com/937-423-4730). Some ideas include:

- Exclusive dining experiences (chef's table, wine pairing dinners, private tastings)
- Golf at premier local courses or private lessons with a golf pro
- Travel opportunities or vacation packages (weekend getaways, Airbnb stays, or resort trips)
- Custom or luxury items (tailored clothing, handmade quilts, bedding, or jewelry)
- Professional expertise (consulting, photography, design, health/wellness sessions)
- Gift cards to high-demand restaurants, shops, or experiences

What is Mission of Mary again?

Mission of Mary Cooperative is located in the Twin Towers neighborhood and is a catalyst and a partner for sustainable urban development, with a focus on issues surrounding access to healthy food. Numerous programs at Mission of Mary occur throughout the year to provide access to fresh food and educate our neighbors about healthy and sustainable lifestyles. (We recently heard from Mike Schulz, executive director of Mission of Mary, at our early September gathering!)



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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Solidarity Sing-Along

Raise your voice for the sake of justice!

Second and Fourth Fridays of the Month, Starting September 26, 2025

Join in for twice monthly Friday drop-in sing-alongs! Come join a community to practice the tradition of protest music for our contemporary moment. We will sing songs of solidarity and freedom and love for all humanity, build some courageous joy, and learn the music we need for this moment.

No talent or experience required! Instrumentalists of all kinds are welcome to bring instruments to add to the music experience.

**Where: Society of Friends Dayton Meeting House
345 Wyoming St, Dayton, OH 45410**

When: Begins at 6:00, lasts for no more than two hours!

**How Can We Keep
From Singing?**

