



WOW Moments In Our Lives

In his homily on Sunday, January 2nd, Fr. Tom shared a quote from Anne Lamott’s book “*Help. Thanks. Wow*” that defines “**Wow**” as “having one’s mind blown away by the mesmerizing or the miraculous in our life.” All of us at one time or another can probably relate to a WOW moment in our life.

In this month’s Spirit, we share some of the WOW moments that were submitted by a few QAC parishioners and included below, we begin with one about Bill Meers. We hope you enjoy these stories. May these move you to share your heartwarming stories in future editions of the Spirit.

Bill Meers, talks the talk and walks the walk of Peace!

Bill Meers was featured in a Dayton Daily News article that covered the Dayton Martin Luther King (MLK) Memorial March on January 17th. In the article, Bill said that he attended the MLK Memorial March many times, and mentioned that it is an emotionally powerful and uplifting event that is a meaningful way to be part of the community and connect with others. “If you say you believe in something, you’ve got to do it, to be it,” he said. “There’s still a lot of work to do, but there’s so many good people.”



In 1964, Bill was one of about 10,000 people who joined Martin Luther King to march on the Kentucky state capitol in support of a bill to remove racial barriers in public accommodations. In the picture below, Bill carries a sign that commemorates that first march.

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If there is anybody at QAC who walks the walk and talks the talk, it is Bill. He is very tenacious in his work for social justice, peace and international relations. Bill is a member of the Dayton International Peace Museum and an active host of international students. We also wish a Happy Birthday to Bill who turned 80 on January 31st.



WOW!

May the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary
Marianist Doxology

QAC Treasures

When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left and could say, "I used everything You gave me."

~ Erma Bombeck



As a child, **Sharon Herbert** grew up helping her mom with much of her volunteer work. When she and her husband Mike joined QAC in 1970, she was looking for a Catholic Church where she could be an active member. She says, "I wasn't happy just being a pew warmer." She found QAC to be the answer.

First she became a Eucharistic Minister, and Sacristan came next. She then became the Sacristan Coordinator and trained all of the Sacristans. Eventually, she became the altar server coordinator and trained both children and adults. In 1992, with Father Bob Ross, she became the Eucharistic Minister Team Captain.

Sharon taught Religious Education to 4th, 5th and 6th grade students for 24 years. She says she loved it because the kids were a joy! In 1996, Sharon became the wedding coordinator. She says, "I loved working with the bridal couples and meeting their families, especially when the bride, and sometimes the groom, were past religious education students of mine." The position of the funeral sacristan held many sad memories for her. She, and her daughter Amie, have coordinated several fundraisers including cake auctions, Christmas bazaars and QAC Days. In addition to making the tall candles at the altar for Mass, she also made, washed and ironed the purificators, corporals, altar clothes and the priest's alb that is worn at Mass.

"Doing church work feels like a prayer in action," she says. Once, one of her altar servers, a boy with Down's syndrome and a big smile, gave her a wall hanging that said "Working for the Lord doesn't pay much, but the retirement plan is out of this world!" Sharon agrees and his gift still hangs in her kitchen today. In all, Sharon has provided over 40 years of continuous service to our QAC Community.

THANK YOU, Sharon!



Amie Herbert was baptized at QAC in 1976. She grew up as a sacristan with her parents, who were sacristans before her birth. Then, at age 10, while attending St. Anthony's School, she became an altar server. She remembers that only boys were recruited as altar servers at her school and she bragged to the other girls about being able to do this at QAC.

Even before becoming an altar server, she held the communion basket for distributors. In her early teens, she became an "adult" Eucharistic server. Then she became the first Eucharistic Minister team captain, along with her Mother, to assist the priest, as there was no Deacon at that time.

Amie volunteered as an RE teacher's helper for several years and then branched out as the main teacher to high school students. She taught 1st, 4th, 5th and junior high students for 25 years. During the same time she spent years as the Eucharistic Minister Coordinator, Finance Coordinator, and Liturgy Coordinator. Since 2012, Amie coordinated the Liturgical Dancers, designing their outfits, which her Mother sewed.



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In addition, she coordinated Christmas bazaars, cake auctions, QAC days and many New Year's Eve parties over the years. Behind the scenes, Amie also washes altar cloths, linens, priest vestments, is a lector for readings, and decorates our chapel for Christmas and Easter. In all, Amie has spent her entire life volunteering for the QAC Community.

THANK YOU, Amie!



Kevin and Linda Skinner started their ministry over 40 years ago. Newly married, and stationed at Edwards Air Force Base in California, both immediately became involved at the base chapel serving as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, teaching Junior High Religious Education and leading youth ministry. It was at Edwards AFB that Linda was asked by the Priest to serve as the Director of Religious Education (DRE), but it didn't stop there. Over the span of 21 years in the military, they were active in every base chapel program serving in one capacity or another. It was during their tour at Andrews AFB that they, along with their Priest, developed and ran the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program, with Linda serving as DRE.



When they moved to Beavercreek in 1995, they were looking for a small church community that felt like what they had experienced during their Air Force assignments. Friends recommended that they check out QAC. While house hunting one weekend, they attended Mass and knew they were home. They were used to getting involved once they got to a new base, so Linda and Kevin volunteered to teach religious education since both their boys were in the program, and over the years taught the Confirmation, First Eucharist, and First Reconciliation sacramental programs, as well as coordinated and taught the RCIA classes. Linda also served on the Liturgy Committee, eventually serving as Co-Coordinator, and Kevin joined the choir. In 2002-2004, Kevin and Linda served as Community Coordinators and led a year-long planning process for the future of QAC.

Kevin and Linda are still active today, volunteering wherever there is a need, currently serving as the publishers of the "Spirit", with Linda teaching 3rd/4th Grade RE and the First Reconciliation/Eucharist class, and Kevin serving as Stewardship Coordinator, arriving early to set up music equipment before Mass, singing and playing the bass guitar at Mass and much more. While they have and still enjoy serving where needed, becoming publishers of the "Spirit" has provided them with an opportunity to share the talents of our amazing community to the world.

Why have they stayed involved? Kevin and Linda believe that it's important to help out as it defines what it means to be a Catholic Christian—to give back to God what he has given to us. They went on to say that each of us have God-given talents that we can use to serve others, whether the task is small or large. To them, helping out means helping their brothers and sisters, as their church family and the surrounding community have become an integral part of their lives.

THANK YOU, Kevin and Linda!





Kevin and Linda Murnane

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

People from certain parts of the country associate February 2nd with Groundhog Day. If the groundhog sees its shadow, they are heartened to know there are only about 6 more weeks of winter and then ...Spring! And even in the worst case, if the groundhog perchance doesn't see its shadow, these individuals can console themselves that at least there are only about another 6 weeks of winter to endure before spring arrives. It is worth it to them to have something to anticipate. Regardless of the groundhog's appearance that day, spring will come – without the need for anyone to take personal

action to cause it to occur.

As January draws to an end, others immediately think of the approach of Valentine's Day – with or without the reminder from the Hallmark Channel with the non-stop love stories on the air. People celebrate Valentine's Day in different ways. Along the way, Linda and I met a couple who early on in their marriage invested in a Valentine's Day card. When I say invested, it was a large card. It might have been about 24 inches tall and 18 inches wide while folded closed. Each year, he would get it out of its cupboard and give it to her. She apparently always gave it back to him and then it found its way back to the cupboard again. While that apparently worked for them, and while, having grown up on a farm, I learned to be thrifty, I haven't resorted to that practice myself—nor do I recommend it to anyone.

Still others think of February as Black History Month and use the month to recall the history that was often unwritten. Some people undertake to identify and address inequities that the empowered originally deemed unnecessary to be documented. In other words, they take action.

On November 26, 2007, The United Nations General Assembly adopted the 10th resolution of the 62nd Assembly. In Resolution 62/10, representatives of the member nations of the Assembly declared that, starting from the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, February 20th will be celebrated annually as the World Day of Social Justice. The Assembly went on to invite all Member States to devote this special day to the promotion of concrete activities in support of the objectives and goals of the World Summit for Social Development. Since then, the day has been used to address issues such as poverty, exclusion, gender equality, human rights and social protections.

While Social Justice has become more widely known in recent years, the idea of it goes back to the time of St. Augustine of Hippo, a fourth century philosopher. Fr. Luigi Taparelli, S.J. (1793 – 1862) was an Italian Jesuit scholar who coined the term “social justice” and elaborated the principles of solidarity as part of his natural law theory of just social order. The term ‘social Justice’ spread during the revolutions of the mid-1800s as this was a time of political upheavals in Europe.

In the United States, social justice was widely cited during the Industrial Revolution. As the country prospered, the stark differences between the rich and the poor became increasingly obvious. Unfortunately, these stark differences still exist throughout the world.

Throughout the years, proponents have broken social justice down into five principles:

- Dignity of the human being – ensuring all humans have basic necessities and rights.
- Primacy of the common good – making choices that benefit everyone.
- Reciprocal rights and responsibilities – the right to have a conscience and the responsibility to be kind to others.
- Dignity of work and rights for workers – all people have the right to work safely.
- Fundamental options for the poor and the vulnerable – ensuring that the marginalized in society are looked after.

It seems that this is what we really mean when, each Sunday, we say, “We share this bread and cup and we proclaim our willingness to build a community of love, and to be the holy people God calls us to be”. As February arrives, it's a good time to examine whether you live those words each day.

Let's recommit in February to making our Community vision a reality.

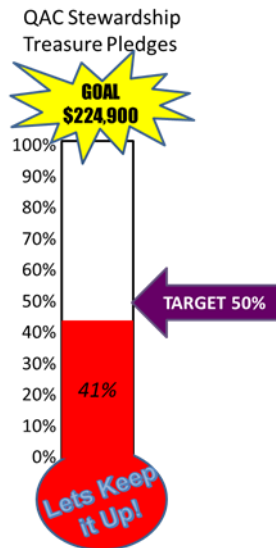
QAC STEWARDSHIP
A Way of Life

Valentine's Day

February is a month when we tend to express our love with flowers, candy, and special dinners, especially on Valentine's Day. Growing up we gave Valentines to classmates, and to me, it was a sign that you are special. It is said that the history of February 14th and St. Valentine himself dates back to the Roman Empire. This was a day to honor Roman gods and goddesses. As part of the celebration, the names of young women were written on slips of paper and placed into a jar. Young men would draw a young woman's name from the jar, and the two would be partners for the duration of the celebration. Sometimes the two would fall in love and later marry.



Kevin Skinner



As Valentine's Day celebrations have become more commercialized, we can also see stewardship moving away from its foundation in the Bible. We see stewardship being more of a professional fund-raising ministry. As organizations and institutions grew, the message became more about supporting the structure, and the personal connection was lost. Although it is important to give generously and joyfully, stewardship is about how we respond to the love and grace that God has shown us.

Let's make Valentine's Day - and every day - occasions for love-filled acts of faithful, generous stewardship.

This scale shows our weekly offering (Sunday collections) and our planned budget (target) for the 2021/2022 fiscal year, which started July 1st. Please remember that 10% our weekly offering goes to our Social Justice Ministry. Thank you for your support!

QAC FINANCIAL SUMMARY - DECEMBER, 2021			
	Monthly	Year to Date	Year to Date (Budget)
Collections	\$ 21,032	\$ 92,951	\$ 112,450
Other Income	\$ 150	\$ 2,761	
Total Operating Income	\$ 21,182	\$ 95,712	
Operating Expense	\$ 18,434	\$ 95,524	
Income Expense	\$ 2,748	\$ 188	
Report now EXCLUDES the following YTD non-operating items:			
Distribution: 2021 Grant Funds		\$ 4,000	
Excluded Income*		\$ 8,208	
Note: Excluded income and expenses are one-time items, not expected to repeat			
Thank you for your generosity!			

For those unable to attend Sunday Liturgy, please don't forget that we still need your financial support. Please mail in your weekly donations (address on front cover) or better yet, set up Online giving.

View the instructions to setting up online giving at
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dRMfgKncvhM&feature=youtu.be>

CORRECTION IN VIDEO—QAC Zip Code was changed, so please disregard the last four of the zip code



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WOW Moments Come in All Shapes and Sizes

- Chris Bohmer-Stewart

*There are the WOW moments of grandeur, like the sunrises and sunsets
when God teaches artists how to paint*

*And WOW moments of power, like repeated streaks of heat lightning
slashing thru the sky, illuminating the mountains in a light show*

*Or WOW moments of silence, like when the branches weave their shadows
across the newly fallen snow*



Even WOW moments of whimsy, like the squirrel who stopped me in my tracks as I watched him dangle upside down in a natural carnival act, as he feasted on the fruits of the Bradford pear tree outside my window.

And those milestone WOW moments, like the memory of my daughter with her arms raised against the night sky, dancing joyously in the rain at her wedding.

Or the everyday WOWs, like my granddaughter's big eyes getting even bigger as she dove into the joy of cutting "shapes" out of a piece of paper with child scissors for the first time, all over my rug.



Even WOW moments of the soul, like I experienced at an outdoor QAC liturgy, when I closed my eyes in the sunlit breeze during the closing song and a glowing orb appeared unbidden in my mind's eye. Vines began to grow – connecting with each other, covering the radiant sphere. A glowing reddish gold figure appeared at the top – a flower, a divine figure? I can't remember and does it matter? "Everything outside us and everything inside us comes from the Earth" (Thich Nhat Hanh) and "...we realize that God is not "out there", but God is in all, through all, and with all" (Richard Rohr). As Josette's voice faded, I opened my eyes and thought, "WOW"!

My WOW moment was when my 9 year old granddaughter had been opening her gifts and saw that her 5 year old sister had just opened up something that made her so happy. So the older sister stopped opening her gifts and gave her little sib a big hug. I simply said "WOW", as the 9 year old just grew up right in front of my eyes.

~ Marirose Sidoni

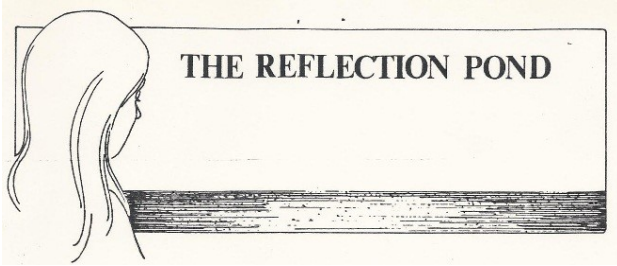
I had a WOW moment when on the way to lunch I missed the turn and took a round-about-way and came to a full stop! A large gaggle of geese were crossing the road in front of me - a beautiful sight!

~ Marti Quakenbush

There have been many WOW moments in my life which I am grateful for. One in particular came during the early stages of COVID when I was praying for a friend who was on a ventilator and fighting for his life. One morning as I lit my prayer candle, I turned around and saw an image of the cross. The next afternoon my sister called to share that our friend had been taken off of the ventilator and that he was going to be okay. The power of prayer and God's intercession never ceases to give me that WOW over and over!

~ Linda Skinner





THE REFLECTION POND

Sliding Down the Banister of Life

by Steve Guilfoos



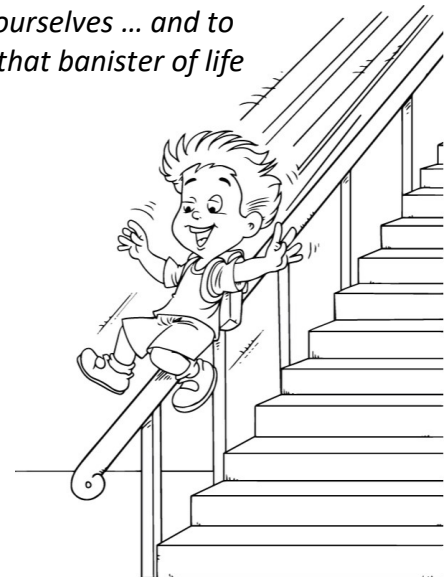
*The challenge was right there
All I had to do was ... climb aboard ...
Do I play it safe ... and take the stairs
Or do I take a chance
... I could slip and fall
... I could get into trouble
... I could get caught
... or I might just make all the way*

*My friends egged me on ...
Others had a look of terror
Begging me not to do it ...*

*Taking a deep breath ...
I realized I may never get another chance
... It's my life ... I gotta do it my way
So I closed my eyes
Plopped my butt on that banister
An away I went ...
Yahoo ... what a thrill
... with the wind in my hair
I did it ... I really did it
I slid down that banister*

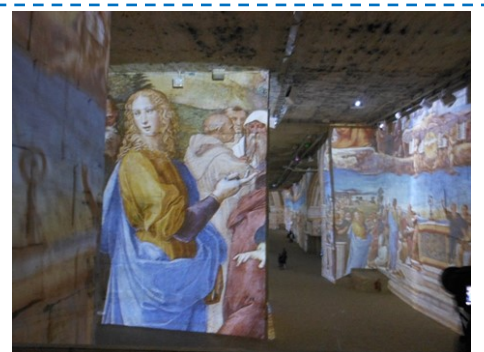
*OK, so I got school detention
But it was so worth it
Not so much to shock my friends
But simply it was a moment
For me to be me*

*Now it's time for each of us
To be true to ourselves ... and to
... Slide down that banister of life*

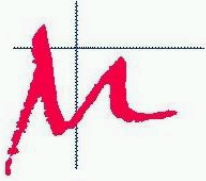


One of my favorite WOW moments was on our trip to France and seeing Carrieres de Lumieres in 2015. A limestone quarry was turned into a spectacle of sound and feast for the eyes. Masterpieces of great artists like Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, and Raphael were displayed on the huge stone walls twice the size of an IMAX theater screen. Walking through the cave brought a sense of awe especially the religious paintings depicting the wonder and power of God.

~ Kevin Skinner



Share your talent with QAC! We would love to feature your artwork, writing, photo or other creativity in an upcoming Spirit. Send your inspiration to qacspirit06@att.net by the 22nd of each month.



Welcome to our monthly section of The SPIRIT devoted to our youth

Building disciples of Jesus and true members of the body of Christ, grounded in his true presence in the Eucharist and ready to stand for the truth, that is the love of God, in any terrain of the battlefield

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Youth and RE

In 1999, during World Youth Day, Pope Saint John Paul II addressed youth's aimlessness and despair in searching for happiness and success in the ways of the world. He reminded them that Jesus is the light they must follow and love to get out of the darkness into a new life of hope and happiness. Young people fear so much today everything from the breakup of their families to the fear of being left out by their peers, or unsuccessful in the eyes of the world.

At QAC, our program merges RE and youth ministry and so we are faced with the challenge of conveying the truth about God's love and the human purpose while moving the youth to become active disciples and zealous witnesses of their Catholic Church. The following components are taken into account in this year's program:

- ◇ Ensuring that the youth have the fullness of our faith. This is especially true in the very current topics they are facing in the world today. This is fulfilled in the learning and discussion sessions centered around theology of the body and targeting topics like the dignity of the human person, dignity with disabilities, making our life as a gift to others, and our bodies beauty in making the invisible visible.
- ◇ Being exposed to the sacraments to obtain the sanctifying grace to face the problems and the confusion: This is fulfilled in youth Masses with one Mass per month led by our QAC RE youth. Also, they are being offered the Sacrament of Confession (such as during Advent and Lent, etc.) in Si lounge to constantly remind them of the endless mercy and the daily repentance that could be waiting for them.
- ◇ Having a community and being heard and understood: This is fulfilled by our L.I.F.E sessions that happen on average every month. These are student-led sessions with our moderator being Maggie Atkinson. Moderators and students plan the meeting as they see fit and both high schoolers and the Confirmation classes are merged.
- ◇ Social and service projects: This is fulfilled by planning one service project a month where the youth make of their time and their skills a self-gift to others. For January, the students were able to put together 250 journals for CRAYONS TO CLASSROOMS which is an organization that supports teachers in under-served schools with basic supplies for kids who usually cannot afford them.

On the next page, we have included a few pictures of our youth working on this wonderful project!

~Joelle Martinez

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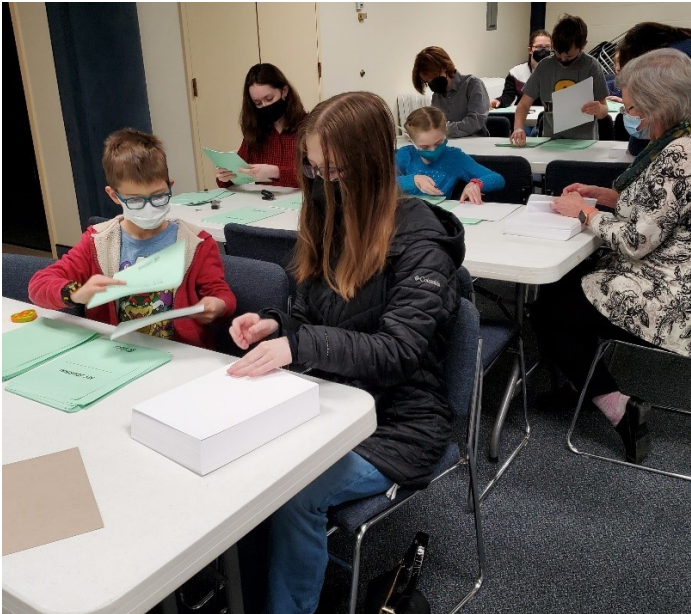


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Youth Service Project putting together 250 journals for CRAYONS FOR CLASSROOMS



Click on the Crayons to Classrooms image to the left to find out more about this amazing program that has helped over 40,000 students in the Dayton area.

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Below are insights from Maggie Atkinson, our L.I.F.E moderator and Sydney Atkinson, one of our L.I.F.E students about their experience with L.I.F.E and youth at QAC:

Marianist L.I.F.E. (Living in Faith Experience) is a small faith community of high school students and their moderators. This program is meant to mirror the small faith communities that Fr. Chaminade started the Marianist Family with during his life. It is a place where not only we discuss topics pertinent to our lives, but we do so in the context of our faith and how live out that experience in the world today. Marianist LIFE is where our youth take the catechesis that they have learned in their childhood and start applying it to how they can live in their faith throughout their life. As adults we are called to ongoing faith development. Marianist LIFE teaches our young adults how to continue that faith development in the context of community. We continue that in our QAC community, in Marianist Lay communities, and the Marianist Family.

This year Marianist LIFE is integrated with our high school catechesis program. In December we had the opportunity to pause and focus on taking a moment to explore Advent by preparing our hearts though tactile prayer stations. Our next Marianist LIFE morning will be in the beginning of Lent. We will be looking at what our lives have been like these past few years and how we can learn from the suffering and hardships to find, bring, and create new life. If you would like to pray along with us and take a moment to reflect with your own faith sharing community we invite you to watch this video to reflect, pray, and grow along with us. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pb9OMeGzyRg>.

~Maggie Atkinson

This summer I attended the 50th Year of Marianist LIFE Week. All my childhood I looked forward to attending and having this experience. LIFE Week sounded so amazing as it had lots of new opportunities to meet people from different Marianist communities around the US and Ireland, and build communities of faith. Unfortunately due to the pandemic the retreat was canceled in 2020 and moved to an online format for 2021. This changed the feeling and experience quite a bit. They did a great job and the best they could do with the limitations that had to be in place. We still were able to do fun things. We learned about Mary, had a great prayer fair, learned about our own personal faith journeys. It was still missing that very important part of community building, being together. I missed that we didn't get a chance to get to know one another, to hang out in the evenings, or to listen to music, dance, or play games. The most important part of building Christian community is to be together to form our faith.

This retreat has in many ways mirrored my experience as a teen at QAC. I was always excited to do all the things for youth whether it was LIFE Week, lock-ins, weekend retreats, Spaghetti Dinner, or just having weekly meetings. But again, unfortunately just as I got to high school it all stopped due to the pandemic and some changes in the community, the number of families with kids my age dropped quite a bit. Not having people to gather with makes it harder to build that community that Marianist LIFE is all about. This year we have a small group of us who meet every other week. We hope to have fun, build community, grow in faith, and rediscover what Marianist LIFE means at QAC.

~Sydney Atkinson

Stay tuned for more... next month we'll highlight the Youth Mass celebrated on January 30th.



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Happy Birthday to...

February Birthdays



- 2 ROBERT VOLK
- 3 LINDA MURNANE
- 4 AMIE HERBERT
- 5 ELISABETH HANGARTNER
- 7 JUSTIN ROSE
- 7 DAN WYSKIVER
- 11 PEGGY CASHERO
- 11 KATHRYN LANDRY
- 12 JOSEPHINE LAI
- 14 ADAM LUPP
- 16 VIOLET HUTCHISON
- 17 RON BLANKEN
- 18 ALEX FANTACI
- 19 MIKE HERBERT
- 20 ELISA NORDMEYER
- 20 MALLORY RICE
- 20 MICHELE TAKACS
- 21 JEANIE BOCHENEK
- 22 TOM COBEY
- 23 ROBERT BALLARD
- 23 JENNIFER JENNINGS
- 24 CAROL NORDMEYER
- 25 TOM QUAKENBUSH
- 27 STEVE GUILFOOS
- 27 DENNIS SEITZ
- 27 CHERI WYSKIVER
- 28 MARTINE BENNETT
- 28 ERIC NEER

Blessings to all those celebrating a Birthday this month!

Our prayers are offered on your birthday that God will bless you with infinite peace, love, prosperity and happiness.



Valentine's Day... Celebrating Love

New Love....

This is one of the first gifts Gary bought for me when he was a Junior at Notre Dame! He and a friend went shopping and his friend encouraged



him to get me a stuffed animal for Valentine's Day! So back in February 1967 Gary purchased this for me and I named it Valentines. This sweet stuffed puppy dog has been in our home since then, even though he's getting a bit worn, much like its owner! (Won't Gary be surprised to see this in the Spirit when he reads it). Happy Valentines Day!



~ Cathy Adler ♥

Love American Style

Some 70 years ago, while attending college and working on the side, courting money was hard to come by so one had to think hard on how to win a girl in a moderate way. As a result, we thoroughly enjoyed togetherness by:



- ♥ Parking on roads adjacent to a Drive-in-Movie and being able to see, (but maybe not hear too well), the show from a distance; or
- ♥ In making a few bucks, after cutting grass jobs and filling up a trash trailer with ground debris, and taking her to the County Dump to meet some of my weekly friends; or
- ♥ Finding two FREE tickets to Yul Brynner in The King & I; or
- ♥ Inviting her for a wonderful and different Sunday picnic outing to see the beautiful Spring Grove monuments in the nation's third largest cemetery.....did it work?

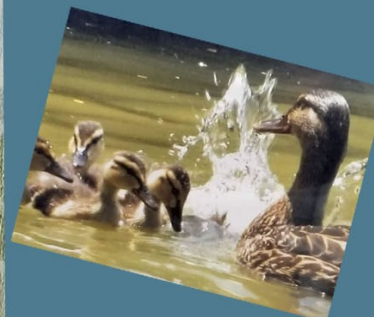
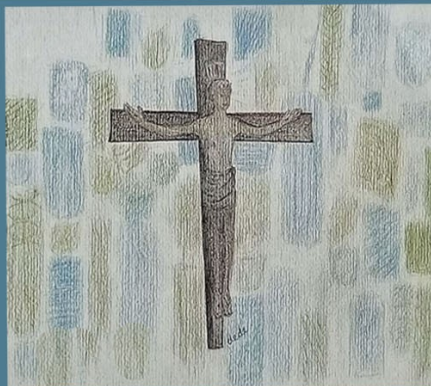
Yes it did..., as we ultimately took our Honeymoon on a camping trip through the Swiss Alps to Rome where we had a balcony visit and blessing from Pope Pius XII at Castel Gandolfo, his summer residence.....

And 65 years later.....I still call her my "Bride".

~ Dan and Marilyn Nagle ♥

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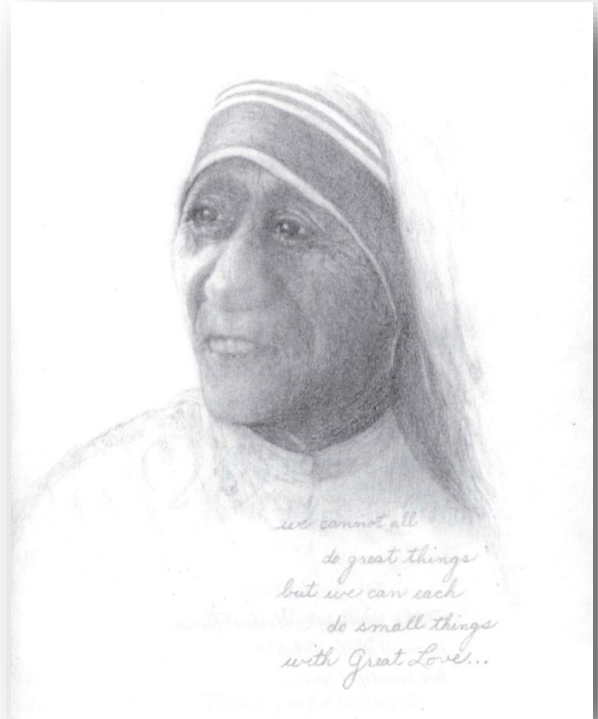
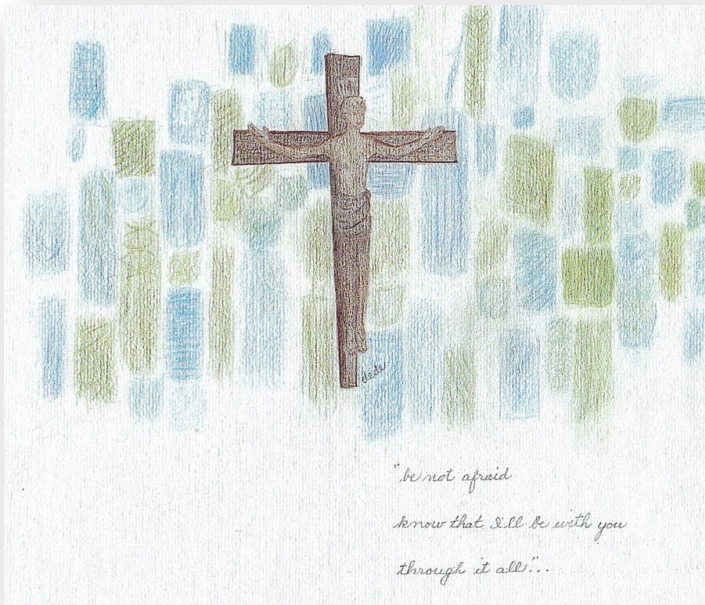
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In Memory of Rita Flohre

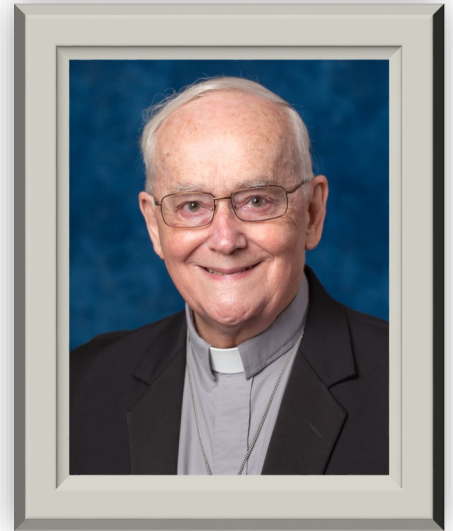
The Sunset photo at the top was created by Rita as she enjoyed sitting at her cottage on the lake enjoying the sunsets; the Cross is a sketch she created that represents her love for the QAC community and being a founding member; the cottage (her second home) where she loved to relax with all of her precious family; the ducks - her painting of the love in watching and protecting wildlife. Additional sketches that Rita created are included on the next page. Thank you Rita for all you have shared with us!

The sketches below were created by Rita Flohre during Mass. Truly two of many masterpieces created by such a beautiful woman! WOW!!!!



In Memory of...

Fr. Jim Bartlett who passed away on January 10th at the age of 85.
Fr. Jim served as our Pastor from 1992-2006.





In September, the Marianist Mission launched a new video ministry called “FatherSide Chats” hosted by Fr. Gene Contadino, spiritual director for the Marianist Mission. The weekly videos focus on issues that people often struggle with, such as



Fr. Gene Contadino

prayer life, social media, or laughter. Since September, Fr. Gene has hosted 20 episodes with the most recent titled “Why are you called Marianists?” To view the latest posts, go fathersidechats.com.

For those new to QAC, Fr. Gene served as Pastor of QAC from 1977-1983 and returned to QAC in 2006 joining Fr. Tom, and two other priests, rotating as celebrant of our weekly Masses. Fr. Gene was ordained in January 1970 and his ministry included 26 years at the University of Dayton (UD), serving in a variety of positions, including campus ministry and several terms as rector. He also served as Pastor at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Cincinnati, retiring in 2020, and today serves as Spiritual Director at the Marianist Mission.

On January 30th, Fr. Gene celebrated 52 years as a Marianist Priest. Happy Anniversary Fr. Gene! You are a true gift to so many, and we are blessed to have shared so many wonderful years with you, and look forward to many more!

Keep up on Marianist happenings! Download the Marianist app <https://www.marianist.com/app> for easy access to important collaborators, such as Marianist LIFE, NACMS, JPIC, and the Marianist Mission, or visit the Marianist website at www.marianists.com. There is so much information to keep you up on the latest news, including reading through current or past issues of FamilyOnline or ALIVE Magazine, and so much more.

Follow the Marianists on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/marianistfamily/>.

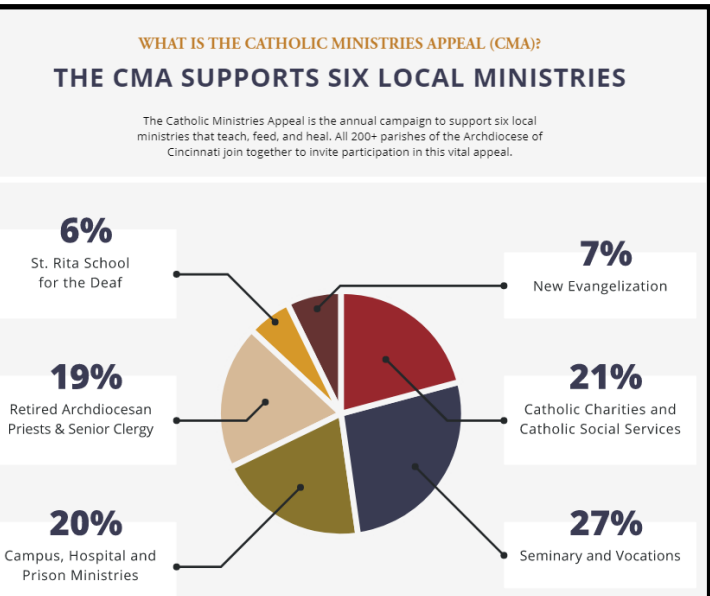
You can also view Marianist Family photos at <https://www.flickr.com/people/marianistfol/>.



2022 CMA CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

“Let your *light shine* before others, so that they may see your *good works* and give glory to your *Father in heaven.*”

— MATTHEW 5:16



Your gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal impacts the lives of thousands and provides a great sense of hope in their time of need. The graph above displays the six local ministries that are supported through CMA. In addition, once QAC reaches its goal, 50% of the over-goal funds will be returned to QAC to be used for its greatest ministry needs. Make a gift today by returning the postcard you received in the mail or go online to CatholicAOC.org/CMA to donate online.



Seniors' Corner

By *Chuck Bauer*

How bad is the present COVID-19 pandemic with OMICRON? You need to be very careful with what is reported. (possibly take it with a grain of salt).

Hospitalizations: Deaths: Cases/Breakthrough Cases/Test Cases:

COVID-19 at our age (65+) is nothing to be taken lightly. Note below, the Over 65-year-old population with Break-Through cases, this was with Delta.

"CDC Admits 40% of COVID Hospitalizations Are "Non-COVID Patients" Being hospitalized "with COVID" rather than "from COVID".

<https://www.uspresidentialelectionnews.com/2022/01/cdc-admits-40-of-covid-hospitalizations-are-non-covid-patients/>

The CDC admitted on January 11, 2022 that 40% of reported COVID Hospitalizations are 'Non-COVID' Patients. Every person entering the hospital is tested for COVID. If you enter the hospital for a non-COVID reason and you test positive for COVID you are classified as a WITH COVID PATIENT. The same goes for deaths. Review the above web site. In my December Spirit article, I reported that the CDC stopped reporting detailed information on break-through cases. The last detailed info was provided October 18, 2021 (see table below). The CDC kept the same website but completely revamped the information, and at that time reported that 26% break-through cases were hospitalized "with COVID" rather than "from COVID". This information is no longer available through the CDC on the internet since the website is updated every week. I noted the info was being updated every week so I copied/saved the weekly info to a word file. The last entry to the word file from the CDC web site is provided below.

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/effectiveness/index.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fvaccines%2F covid-19%2Fhealth-departments%2Fbreakthrough-cases.html

Hospitalized or fatal COVID-19 vaccine breakthrough cases reported to CDC as of Oct 18, 2021 - As of Oct 18, 2021, more than 189 million people in the United States had been fully vaccinated against COVID-19. During the same time, CDC received reports from 50 U.S. states and territories of 41,127 patients with COVID-19 vaccine breakthrough infection who were hospitalized or died.

Total number of vaccine breakthrough infections reported to CDC:

	Deaths		Hospitalized, non-fatal*	
Total	N=10,857		N=30,270	
Females	4,619	(43%)	14,453	(48%)
People aged ≥65 years	9,172	(85%)	20,008	(66%)
Asymptomatic or not COVID-related**	2,299	(21%)	7,866	(26%)

**Includes cases in which the patient did not have symptoms of COVID-19, or their hospitalization or death was not COVID-related. For example, people may be hospitalized for reasons other than COVID-19, such as an auto accident, and test positive when screened upon hospital admission.

On a brighter side: COVID, case counts and hospitalizations are decreasing in many states and in some states very dramatically.

Okay, enough about that.. On the "Free and Nearly Free boards in the Chapel vestibule, I will post:

- ◆ Wright State Music Department - Spring Term Recitals and Concerts.
- ◆ Other "Free and Nearly Free" entertainment activities

Stay warm!

Kid's Corner

The Kids' Bulletin

The Kids' Bulletins are available every Sunday at <https://thekidsbulletin.com>. Check the website for Gospel readings and more, including fun activities and puzzles!

February 14th is St. Valentine's Day. St. Valentine lived in the third century and his name comes from the Latin word *valens* meaning worthy, strong, or powerful. Valentine was martyred around the year 269. His Feast Day is February 14, and he is the patron Saint of love, young people, and happy marriages.

You can learn more about St. Valentine by going to [Saint Valentine: Love One Another - My Catholic Kids](https://mycatholickids.com/saint-valentine-love-one-another/) (<https://mycatholickids.com/saint-valentine-love-one-another/>).

Make your own Valentine card by cutting out the box below and writing a special message inside the heart. Be sure to sign your name after the word Love below. You can give it to your Mom or Dad or Grandparents, or anyone else, to show how much you love them and thank them for all they do for you.

Be My Valentine...



Love,



For Family Promise of Greene County!

Hilton Garden Inn **Thursday, February 10, 2022**
3520 Pentagon Park Blvd. **7:00-9:15 p.m.**
Beavercreek, OH 45431 **Doors open at 6:15**

Come early to check out auction items and order dinner!

HOW IT WORKS

PADDLES UP! is a fast-paced raffle with tickets! When an item you're interested in is offered, toss in your ticket(s) and get your **PADDLES UP!** If your paddle number is drawn, **YOU WIN!**

BID AMOUNT	RETAIL OF ITEM
1 TICKET (25¢)	\$12-\$25
2 TICKETS (50¢)	\$26-\$50
3 TICKETS (75¢)	\$51-\$75
4 TICKETS (\$1)	\$76-\$100+

DETAILS

\$3 at the door

**INCLUDES BIDDING PADDLE.
LIMITED TO THE FIRST 180 PEOPLE.
BRING EXACT CHANGE AND GET A
SPECIAL TICKET FOR A DOOR PRIZE!**

Due to the nature of this event, we ask that participants and guests be 18 or older. (Nursing babies are welcome.)

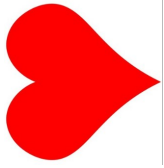
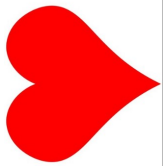
The Hilton Garden Inn offers a full-service menu at the bar and grill, where you can also order cocktails. Feel free to come early, to get food ordered before the event starts. (No outside food/ beverages may be brought in.)

COLLECTING TANGIBLE ITEMS FOR FAMILY PROMISE OF GREENE COUNTY: Twin sheets, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, bleach, copy/printer paper, mops, brooms, dust pans, buckets, dish cloths, and cooking pans.

**AVON • CHALK COUTURE • COLOR STREET • MARY & MARTHA • MARY KAY • NORWEX • ORIGAMI OWL
PAMPERED CHEF • PARTYLITE • SCENTSY • THIRTY- ONE
TOUCHSTONE CRYSTAL BY SWAROVSKI • TUPPERWARE**

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February 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 7:00PM QAC Leadership Team Meeting (virtual) 7:30PM Choir Practice	4	5
6 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:30AM Mass (Live Stream Available) 10:30AM Religious Education Fresh Produce Collection	7	8	9	10 7:30PM Choir Practice	11	12
13 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:30AM Mass (Live Stream Available) Liturgy Planning after Mass	14 Happy Valentine's Day	25	16	16 7:30PM Choir Practice	17	18
20 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:30AM Mass (Live Stream Available) 10:30AM Religious Education World Day of Social Justice	21 Presidents Day	22	23	24 7:30PM Choir Practice	25	26
27 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:30AM Mass (Live Stream Available) Community Meeting following Mass in Chapel	28					