

## Community Coordinator's Corner

~ by Terri Blanken

As I revisit memories of my term as Community Coordinator, I just sit back and smile to myself. It wasn't without challenges, but the rewards outweighed even the most trying times. I know that I had angels guiding me because hardly a week or two went by without finding a letter or card in my mail offering encouragement and thanking me. Knowing that someone took the time to do this made my heart swell with gratitude. Having the opportunity to lean into the wisdom of others who've taken this journey before me, gave me

the confidence to trust in myself.

I love this faith community of ours. When we say it's a family, it really is. Like many families, there are disagreements and sometimes personalities collide. But, love for each other is the thread that moves us past this. In my first article for the SPIRIT two years ago, I said that, "I see you. I see the face of God in each of you." I still do.

My thoughts about being coordinator are pretty much in line with the wildest roller coaster ride one can imagine. There's the anxious anticipation of what lies ahead, screaming and holding on tightly, laughing, more screaming and then coasting to an end where I exclaim, "WOW! That was FUN!"

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I'm ever thankful that I've had the honor to be QAC's Community Coordinator. I thank each one of you for your encouragement and patience as you put your faith in me!

May God bless you and keep you safe always.

I'm very pleased to announce that we have a new coordinator. In fact, we have four new coordinators! Linda Folmar and Joan Ivory will work together as co-coordinators for the community. Meghann and Matt Naveau will be co-coordinators overseeing the transition of QAC. I will, of course, continue to be involved in all of our ministries and assist on the transition team.

**THANK YOU, Linda, Joan, Meghann and Matt!**



*To all the Fathers and the  
Father's-at-heart*



Kevin and Linda Murnane

## SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Each week during the Easter season we heard about how inclusive the Catholic faith is intended to be. The message of Easter is a message of redemption for all of God's people, through the death of His only Son.

Each week as I enter QAC for the opportunity to worship with my QAC Faith Family, I stop to write a prayer request in our community prayer book. It asks that our Community pray for the family members of U.S. servicemembers who have been abandoned in Afghanistan and in particular to pray for the women and girls of Afghanistan and especially for the Afghan

Women Judges who have been targeted for assassination.

For several years, I have had the honor to come to know and work with some courageous women judges who have served in the Afghan judiciary. This occurred through my work with the International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ). The path these courageous judges took was difficult each step of their journey.

When the U.S. engaged in Afghanistan more than 20 years ago, these women judges took on the most difficult and challenging roles, including presiding over cases addressing corruption and domestic violence. The U.S. State Department and the U.S. Department of Justice paid for these judges to visit the U.S. and for some of our member judges to travel to Afghanistan to allow us to learn from one another about how to be better in our roles as judges.

When the U.S. withdrew from Afghanistan in August 2021, there was no plan to assist these women judges from Afghanistan. The individuals they had sentenced were, in many cases, released from the prisons. A letter from the Afghan Supreme Court Administrative Office was sent out to notify a provincial appeals court that a named member of the Taliban had ordered his men to target and to assassinate a specific judge on the Court.

The IAWJ undertook to relocate 270 Afghan women judges, and their families, to safety. This was an unfunded, one hundred percent volunteer driven effort. The IAWJ members who undertook this initiative worked 24 hours a day, around the clock, using Zoom and other tools to find the judges, their families, to identify countries that would grant these women judges visas, and arranged transport for them, using whatever tools and whatever funds they could obtain.

The logistics of this purely civilian relocation effort are too extraordinary to include in this short article. The wait time at the Kabul airport involved standing in a sewer, holding their children and all their belongings, sometimes for as long as 28 hours.

These are God's people, as we all are. All have been saved by the resurrection of God's only Son.

In the coming months, through the continued efforts of the volunteers who are now working to aid these individuals in resettlement, we anticipate having 70 to 80 of the women judges and their families in the United States. Initially these judges were relocated to what are referred to as "lily pad" locations to allow us to move them initially to safety. Thus far, only a dozen of the judges have arrived in the U.S.

The next steps for the resettlement effort is to assist these legal professionals in identifying jobs that allow them to provide for their families. All of them will be in the U.S. legally, and eligible to work.

If you know of opportunities for any of these individuals, please let a member of the Social Justice team know. Even if you don't know of any opportunities, please join me each week in praying for these members of God's Family.



**DONATIONS FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN UKRAINE:** There are many charities to choose from:

- **Catholic Relief Services** 92% of donations go to the cause (CRS is part of Caritas)
- **International Committee of the Red Cross** 90% of donations go to providing assistance
- **UNICEF** 88% of donations go to the cause
- **Save the Children** 85% of donations go to the cause

Please visit the above named agency's websites. Protect yourselves against scammers by making your donation directly to the organization's web page – do not send through an unknown 3<sup>rd</sup> party. Please do not click on links in emails – look at who you think it is linked to and then go to their pages from outside the email. Thank you for your kind generosity to those who are suffering.

### **Message from Nimfa Simpson, QAC Coordinator for the team of volunteers that provide meals to the Family Promise of Greene County:**

Thank you again for your dedication in providing meals to Family Promise of Greene County. This week has not been good weather-wise in the afternoon for delivering meals, as some of you got caught in a sudden downpour. On Friday, as Eric Groff was delivering the meal, he got caught in traffic due to a vehicular accident on US 35; but he made it, though a bit late and the clients were happy. Here's what Sandra Carey, Coordinator at FPGC said when I told her why there was a delay:

*Thank you for letting me know what happened. There is no way to prepare for something like that! Thank you for staying the course to deliver dinner in spite of the obstacles. I know the residents were thankful as well.*

You guys are terrific and may God bless you for your servant's hearts.

Blessings to all  
Nimfa



Thank you to Chris Sitko and all of the volunteers who helped make the QAC BBQ a truly wonderful celebration!

God Bless You All!



## Congratulations Linda Murnane

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, twenty-six inductees were honored at the Greene County Veterans Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, including our own Linda Murnane, who was previously inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame in November 2021, and will be enshrined in the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the National Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus, Ohio.

This is a recognition of post military service to the community and has to do with her work assisting veterans and with the Ohio State Bar Association as its Chair of the Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, her role in assisting veterans with VA benefits, and her work with the United Nations and the National Association of Women Judges, International Association of Women Judges, American Bar Association, Federal Bar Association and with the relocation and resettlement of Afghan Women Judges and US Allies being relocated from Afghanistan.

As most know, Linda is an active member of QAC and served in the United States Air Force, retiring at the rank of Colonel after 30 years of service. Linda continues to serve in so many ways, and we are truly blessed that she is part of QAC. Congratulations Linda, on this, yet another prestigious award recognizing all you have done and continue to do for our veterans and communities everywhere!

You can watch Linda's interview at <https://youtu.be/esWbiThxIJU>.



## Congratulations to all our QAC

### 2022 Graduates



*God Bless You!!*

*May our Lord...  
be a lamp for your feet,  
and a light to your path.*

*Shine over you.  
Fill you with spirit so  
that you may be  
successful in all your  
future endeavors.  
Bless you with your favor  
and peace.*

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

*Marianist Doxology*



## Seniors' Corner

by Chuck Bauer

All the cities and park districts have brought out their Summer Concert Series attractions. I collected a total of nine venues, and all the information is posted on my activity boards in the church vestibule. Printed copies are provided on the table below the boards. A listing of the websites with "active links" was emailed to the community in a general email on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM. Lawn chairs need to be brought to all, except RiverScape. Below are comments/ideas/info on each of the venues.

- ◆ **Beavercreek Lofino Park:** Generally good, but only one hour. Easy in and out. Ruby and I attend most Sunday evenings.
- ◆ **Beavercreek The Greene:** Good line up of Saturday "Summer Block Parties." I divided them into Family and Adult, where a "Beer Garden" is available. Park in the south parking garage. Go through the tunnel and go to the left. Set your chairs on the walk way overlooking the stage.
- ◆ **Centerville Stubbs Park:** Very good. This starts June 5<sup>th</sup>. The lower paved main lot is reserved for the handicapped. You can go to this lot to drop off your passengers and then go to the north grass parking lot. They open the rear gate after the concert. Check the map on how to get through the plat easily.
- ◆ **Dayton RiverScape Park:** Good line up of entertainment. If you cannot find street parking, go to Second Street Market for parking on second street or in back. I generally put my bike on the back of the car. I never miss the Celtic Festival that is held July 29, 30, 31 (I did truly miss it the last two years).
- ◆ **Dayton Levitt Pavilion:** Good line up of 48 concerts (Thur, Fri, Sat) for 16 weeks. Details of the performances can be found on the internet, just Bing/Google Levitt Pavilion Dayton. Free on-street parking is generally difficult.
- ◆ **Kettering The Frazee:** Full line up of entertainment, 38 events, including 4 Free Festivals and 4 - \$5 concerts (Free and Nearly Free).
- ◆ **Kettering Civic Band at Polen Farm, 5099 Bigger Rd:** 3 Thursday night concerts at 7:00 PM. This is a great mid-week break.
- ◆ **Miamisburg Riverfront Park; 3 N. Main Ave:** Concerts start June 6<sup>th</sup> and go through Aug 28<sup>th</sup>. Some outstanding groups.
- ◆ **Springfield Summer Arts Festival:** Six weeks (Thur through Sun) of entertainment starting June 9<sup>th</sup> at Springfield Veterans Park Amphitheater. Very good and diversified.

I hope this gives you ideas on what to expect at each venue. I will organize several events (snacks, drinks etc.) at several of the concerts, and I will discuss it at church as to which concerts. This is going to be a great summer.

*Remember: Keep Positive, Healthy and Strong. Thinking of you!*

Chuck

## In the Spirit of June

By Chris Bohmer-Stewart



Baby robins begging for donations to the Baby Pantry

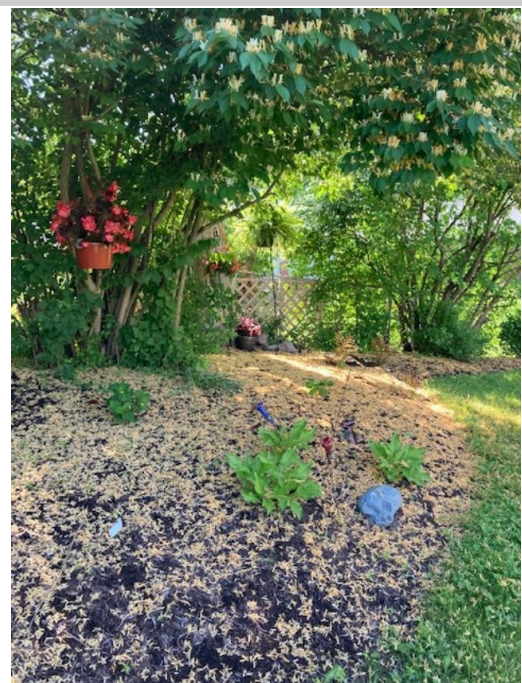


Supply chain interruption to baby pantry donations due to invasive photographer. Note protective parent robin glaring from the gutter. Did you know that mom and dad robins need to supply their babies with their weight in worms, bugs, and berries every day?



My favorite day in June will undoubtedly be the day my newest grandchild will be born. And it better be in June, closer to her due date! This impatient little girl needs to hold off her debut until her lungs are fully developed, her teacher mother is out of school, and her grandmother finishes the quilt she's making from her Grampa's shirts!

Follow the yellow bloom road! Yes, I know World Environment Day is coming up...and I'm a member of MEEC, whose staff and volunteers have been diligently purging Mt. St. John of this invasive non-native species...but such wonderful childhood memories and current shaded privacy...Is that an ecological sin?



**QAC STEWARDSHIP**  
*A Way of Life*

**Marianist Charism.** QAC has always been a model of Stewardship by sharing the gifts given by God to our community and those in need. We are also a Marianist Parish based in the tradition of the Marianist Charism. In simple terms, the Marianist Charism is also a gift given by God.



Kevin Skinner

As we continue our journey, let us look at ways in which Lay Marianists live the pillars of the Marianist Charism in their daily lives:

**Faith** – Flowing from one’s baptismal promise, a Lay Marianist embraces the vocation to follow Christ. Prayer and scripture are central to embodying the virtues of Jesus.

**Community** – Marianists live our faith within the context of our inclusive and welcoming relationships with other people, characterized by the tenet of Discipleship of Equals. Generally, this is done through participation in a small Christian community known as a Marianist Lay Community (MLC).

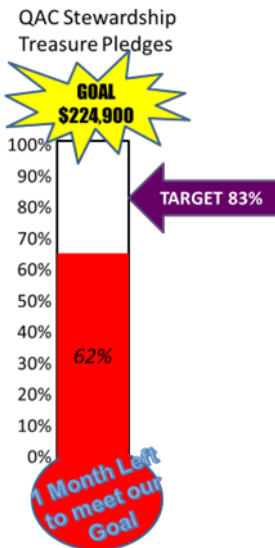
**Mission** – Marianists are always called to make our church and our world a better place. We do not exist only for our own well-being but to respond to those in need, both near and far. As a prophetic witness to our faith, we seek to reach out to all without regard to status or hierarchy. Lay Marianists support one another in their personal ministries. Some work for or have started Marianist ministries.

**Mary** – All of our work is done in the spirit of Mary bringing Christ to the world. We seek to live the spirit of humility and justice of Mary’s Magnificat and to say ‘yes’ to God’s call as Mary did.

*Reference: Living The Marianist Charism (https://www.marianist.com/Marianist-charism)*

If you look at these characteristics, QAC can identify with each one of them. Although it may be difficult to describe the Marianist Charism, finding the right words may not be as important as what is experienced. It’s like love that can open us to new potential and possibilities.

As we move forward, reflect on our mission and how we continue to proclaim our willingness to build a community of love and be the holy people God calls us to be.



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

| QAC FINANCIAL SUMMARY - APRIL 2022 |                  |                  |                       |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
|                                    | Monthly          | Year to Date     | Year to Date (Budget) |
| Collections                        | \$ 12,262        | \$139,340        | \$ 187,417            |
| Other Income                       | \$ 463           | \$ 4,423         |                       |
| <b>Total Operating Income</b>      | <b>\$ 12,725</b> | <b>\$143,763</b> |                       |
| Operating Expense                  | \$ 13,669        | \$164,834        |                       |
| Income Expense                     | \$ (944)         | \$ (21,071)      |                       |
| Distribution of 2021 Grant Funds   |                  | \$ 9,000         |                       |
| Excluded Income                    |                  | \$ 18,208        |                       |

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=dRMfgKncvM&feature=youtu.be>

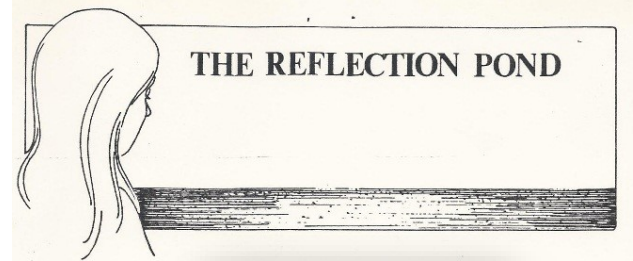
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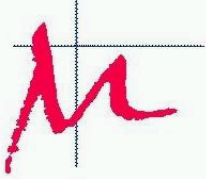
## *There's Gotta Be a Parade*

*By Steve Guilfoos*

*There always needs to be a parade  
The kind where ...  
... our American flag leads the way  
... and each of us stands with respect  
Then comes the obligatory political folks  
Followed by  
... a big red fire engine  
... with that spotted dog  
... and the volunteer firemen  
... and women  
Then the local high school marching band  
... their twirlers  
... and cheerleaders  
... and the mismatched height of the bandsmen  
And you can't forget the boy scouts  
... and girl scouts  
And then there was the flatbed truck  
... with the senior's ukulele band  
... playing music my grandpa would like  
Followed by maybe a police car or two  
And then another American flag  
... followed by all these veterans  
... dressed in old uniforms  
... some were pushing others in wheelchairs  
... and we all stood up again  
... some of us with a tear in our eye  
And you gotta have all the peewee teams  
... Boys and girls' marching along  
... cute in their colorful uniforms  
And if you were lucky  
... the Shriners has a unit  
... tossing candy to the crowd  
Followed by sun baked farmers  
... driving their tractors  
... and the 4H club  
... and some gussied up riders  
With their big strong horses*



*Yeah ... there's gotta be a parade  
Even if it is only in your memory  
With the full complement of  
... 76 trombones leading the way ...*



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

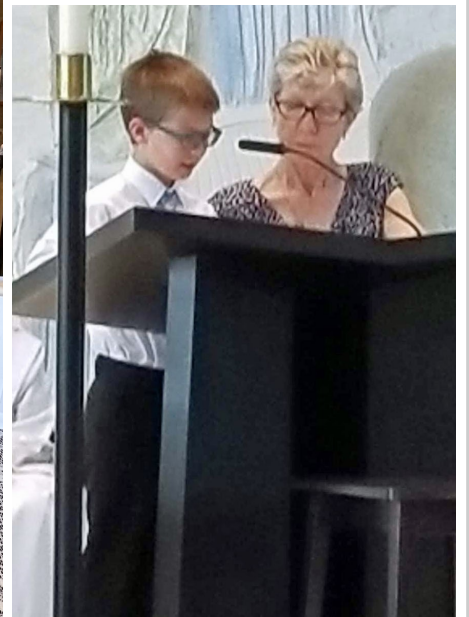
Building disciples of Jesus and true members of the body of Christ, grounded in his true presence in the Eucharist and ready to stand for the truth, that is the love of God, in any terrain of the battlefield

May was a busy month for our RE program...starting with our May Crowning, then the celebration of Andrew Seibert's First Eucharist and our end of year program, which was held on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. This special session involved all of the students and their families. Activities included *Setting the Marianist Table*, which helped us to understand who we are as a Marianist family and who we, as a Marianist family, strive to become; and an activity that focused on the *Hail Mary*, and how this beautiful prayer fits into our lives.

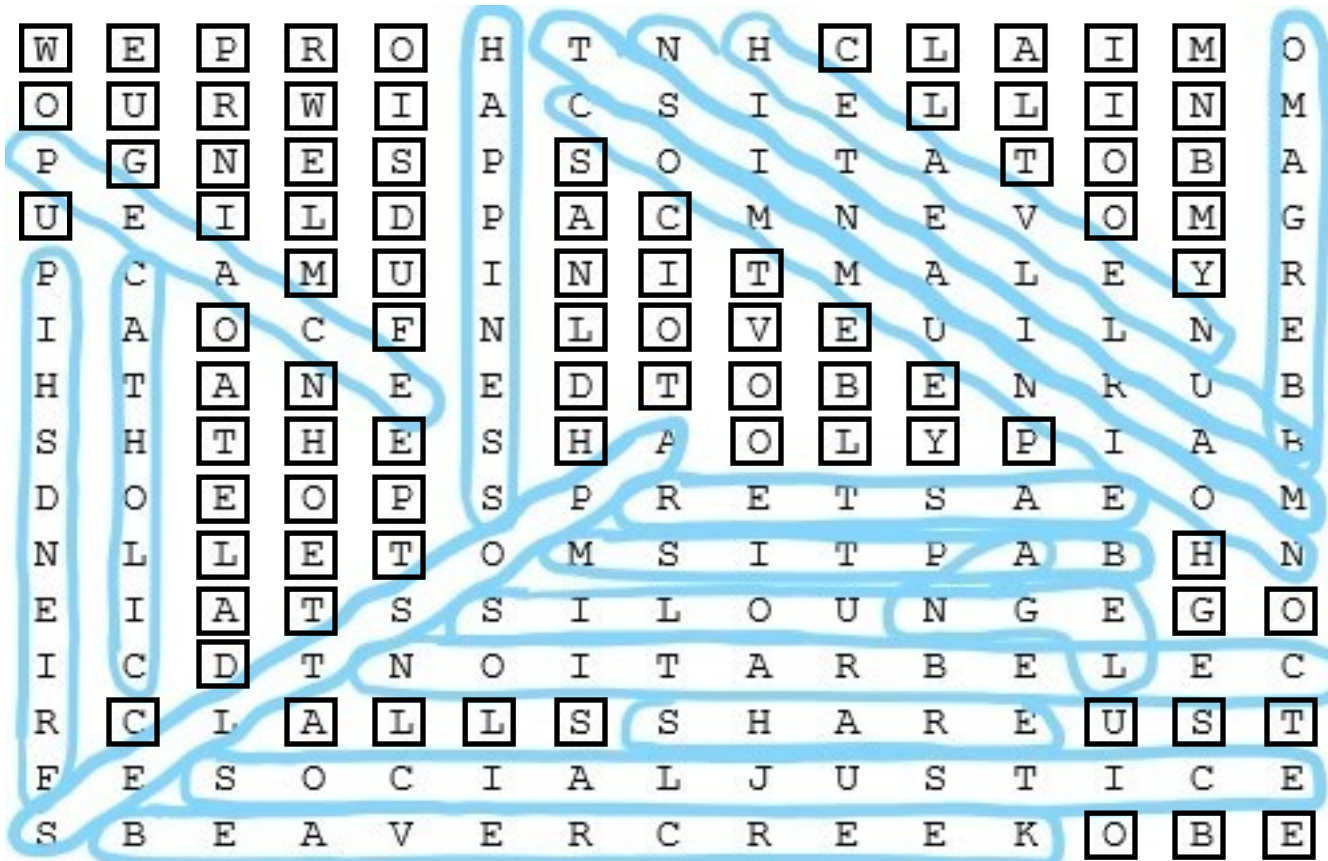
This year could not have been successful without the dedicated catechists who volunteered their time to share our Catholic faith with the children of our parish and those who helped with the drop off/pickup administration. A very special thanks to the parents for allowing us to team up with you in your child's/children's faith formation. We've included a few pictures of this special session. See you in the fall!



Congratulations to Andrew Seibert who received his First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>



Here is the answer sheet for the word search puzzle that was included in last month's Spirit created by Puzzles Plus. Did you see the hidden message? Using the letters in the squares, spell out the hidden message. The answer is on page 14.



Puzzles Plus is owned by QACers Steve and Lisa Nordmeyer. There are two convenient locations to shop at and they are online too:

Fairfield Plaza                      The Greene  
 1273 N. Fairfield Rd              4465 Glengarry Dr  
 Beavercreek, OH                      Beavercreek, OH

[Puzzles Plus](http://www.puzzlesplus.net/): <http://www.puzzlesplus.net/>



|             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| ANGEL       | EASTER         |
| APOSTLES    | HAPPINESS      |
| BAPTISM     | HEAVEN         |
| BEAVERCREEK | FRIENDSHIP     |
| BERGAMO     | MARIANIST      |
| BULLETIN    | PEACE          |
| CATHOLIC    | SHARE          |
| CELEBRATION | SI LOUNGE      |
| COMMUNION   | SOCIAL JUSTICE |



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This picture from 2015 is truly fitting in honor of Bicycle Day

1981 - 25<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversaries -  
Bournes, Nagles and  
Hermans







1981 - Advent  
Liturgical  
Dance





# June 2022

| Sun  | Mon                                 | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri  | Sat                               |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|
|  <p><b>June 5th</b><br/>PENTECOST SUNDAY<br/>Wear red</p>                                     |                                     |  |  <p>1</p> | <p>2 Leadership Team Meeting, 7:00pm - Si Lounge</p> | <p>3 Bicycle Day</p>  | <p>4</p>                          |
| <p>5 <b>Pentecost Sunday</b><br/>8:45AM Adult Faith Formation<br/>10:30AM Mass<br/>(Live Stream Available)<br/>Liturgy Planning Meeting after Mass<br/>World Environment Day</p> | <p>6</p>                            | <p>7</p>   | <p>8</p>  | <p>9 7:30PM Choir Practice</p>                       | <p>10</p>  | <p>11</p>                         |
| <p>12 <b>Trinity Sunday</b><br/>10:30AM Mass<br/>(Live Stream Available)<br/>Social Justice Meeting after Mass</p>   | <p>13</p>                           |  <p>14</p> | <p>15</p>   | <p>16</p>  | <p>17</p>  | <p>18</p>                         |
| <p>19 <b>Body and Blood of Christ</b><br/>8:45AM Adult Faith Formation<br/>10:30AM Mass<br/>(Live Stream Available)<br/><b>Happy Father's Day</b></p>                            | <p>20 Juneteenth Day celebrated</p> | <p>21</p>  | <p>22</p>   | <p>23</p>  | <p>24</p>  | <p>25 MIEEC Native Plant Sale</p> |
| <p>26 <b>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br/>10:30AM Mass<br/>(Live Stream Available)</p>  | <p>27</p>                           | <p>28</p>  | <p>29</p>   | <p>30</p>  |  |                                   |

Answer to puzzle on page 12: To proclaim our willingness to build a community of love and to be the holy people that God calls us to be.