



## Community Coordinators' Corner

**Linda Folmar and Joan Ivory**



Last November, my topic in the Spirit article was about thanksgiving and gratefulness. In other editions of the Spirit over this past year, I have talked about the transition to our new community. This time I would rather focus on leadership.

Seven QAC members, including myself, are serving on a task force with the goal of recommending a leadership structure for the “new season” (soon to be named). After at least several more task force meetings, gathering input from all of you, deliberating over the input, meeting more times, and then making a final recommendation, there will be some individuals who are designated as “the leaders.” They will be caring and competent leaders – servant leaders – and they will have specific titles and job functions.

Here’s one of the truths that I learned during my career as a Human Resources professional: Leaders are not only the “elected” or “appointed” or “affirmed” ones; leaders are the people that the rest of the organization follow. [Back story: my boss once asked me if I could figure out why the controller of one of our companies didn’t seem to have as much control of the Accounting Department as he would like. I told him it was because it was really the bookkeeper who was the leader that the rest of the staff followed. He was amazed, but suddenly he was aware.]

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Informal leaders are known for their dedication to the organization’s values and mission, the ones who speak up at meetings (whether their “speech” is critical or complimentary), the ones who volunteer for tasks and jobs (no matter how small), the ones who motivate others to believe in and work toward goals, and the ones who inspire others to participate enthusiastically. These unofficial leaders can (and should) support the formal leadership members. They might never choose to be committee chairs or heads of ministries, but they are looked up to as vital members of the group (or, in our case, the membership of a community).

I know many people within our current community who fit that description. I know others who could easily fill that role. It only requires that you care enough to step up and show your love and support for the new community – contributing your own unique talents and time; continuing to voice your positive visions and ideas and opinions. Wouldn’t it be great if we were a community of leaders?

*God bless you all!*

*Joan*

## New Season's Reflection

By Colette Misenko



*I admit I am baffled by all the work being done to create a Lay Marianist Community at Queen of Apostles. Hear me out.*

*QAC began in 1973. Despite being a cradle Catholic in the Dayton area since 1960, I never heard of it. When I searched for a Catholic parish suitable for my adult life, I never heard of it. When my Father died in 2017, a friend of mine said, "I think you might like Queen of Apostles." I said, "I never heard of it."*

*Late one night, after searching the internet for weeks for some type of grief support that might fit what I was experiencing, I found the website for Queen of Apostles. "Hmm, I have heard of it. Wonder what they offer?" The website listed "Ministry of Consoling" as one of the activities. Those words touched my heart in a way nothing else I had seen did ~ so I called.*

*The first person I spoke with from QAC was Deacon Greg. Although he was friendly and informative, I found him to be a somewhat annoying little man who behaved more like a sibling instead of my version of a deacon ~ and, he was a bit bossy. He told me if I wanted to simply attend Mass, there were plenty of other parishes I could attend, but if I was looking for a Community, then QAC was what I wanted. When I left the meeting, I thought, "Whatever. I'll attend a 'Community Mass' there ~ how different can that be? But mostly, I will look for someone who runs their Grief Support (weekly? monthly?) meetings and maybe it will help."*

*Much to my surprise, there were no (weekly? monthly?) Grief Support meetings. Instead, there were the most kind hearted people I could have ever hoped to meet.*

*As a (relatively) new member of this parish, I joined with the understanding this was already a Lay Marianist Community. Imagine my surprise to hear people discussing the how, who, what, when, where details of how QAC would become one!*

*From the first time I attended a Mass, my experience of QAC has been going to a community meeting ~ where people also attend Mass. Sometimes, I found this quite frustrating. I love the old churches and the "old ways" of celebrating Mass. I like the bells. I like the incense. I like the warmth of bodies huddled close together under images of angels and saints and the sound of shushed footsteps on wooden floors and the option to light candles under a statue. I find it comforting ~ as a way to attend Mass. Generally, however, the people who attend those services do not spend much time talking to one*

*another. The church ~ and the parking lot ~ clear out fast. No time to ask if you are okay or has your heartache lessened during all this time?*

*I have called QAC twice during the past six years to tell them to take me off the parish list. I didn't fit. I couldn't reconcile how QAC was a Catholic parish and how I needed to attend Mass a different way and mostly, they talk to each other all the time. Fr. Tom called me each time and during our conversation, I found a connection that let me know QAC was still the right place for me to be. He did make one very helpful suggestion - because I am, by nature, a (strong) introvert, he suggested I start by focusing connections with the Adult Faith Formation Group.*

*In a group where people have known one another for fifty plus years, I found it challenging to find a way to connect. But in the smaller group, talking about a book ~ or whatever other topics arise ~ I feel the connection.*

*During most of 2023, I have watched QAC Masses on Zoom and monitored the New Season's progress. I was able to attend a Mass in person recently and was profoundly moved by how much cohesion and growth I felt in the Community. There is a new, deeper, connection ~ and a sense of purpose ~ palpable in person that one cannot feel merely by watching videos.*

*The journey being made by this Community is extraordinary. It is a Conception To Birth Dark Night Of The Soul opportunity being experienced by the group of people who are affected by these changes. People make up a Community. They may or may not attend Mass together. They may or may not share dinners or walks or the same political views, but they watch out for one another. They might all be from "the island of misfit toys," but they still "fit" together.*

*For me, QAC has always been a Lay Marianist Community ~ made up of people who care about one another and watch over others for whom they care.*

*Six years later, these are the people who have directly touched my life as part of the QAC Lay Marianist Community's Ministry Of Consoling.*

- *Pat Acker allowing me to help her ~ while she helped me.*

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- Cathy Adler coming over to help me sort through a mountain of clothes to figure out what to wear to a job.
- Chuck & Ruby Bauer setting an example of two people close in relationship and offering suggestions of safe places to go.
- Dan Berridge for sharing the loss of his mother.
- Cecilia Bidigare for sitting next to me in church when it took all I had just to get there.
- Terri Blanken for accepting a sofa I had and modeling bravery in her journey.
- Chris Bohmer-Stewart for asking me out to lunch when I reached some of my lowest points.
- Jeff & Kelly Bohrer, and their sons, for helping me when I was overwhelmed and needed help with my house.
- Kelly for inviting me, over and over again, to speak during the AFF meetings.
- Greg Cecere for being the kind of brother any sister would want to have.
- Barry & Pat Chmiel for sharing their journey.
- Cathy Dempsey for inviting me to plan a liturgy with her.
- Linda & Dennis Folmar for giving me a ride after I had my knee surgery and couldn't get to church.
- Linda Folmar for helping me dig out from an overload of stuff to sort after I moved into an apartment.
- Joanna Ganger for talking with me for hours on the phone when I was too scared to go to the cardiologist...and "promising" she would come and sit in the driveway at 6:00 AM to make sure I left for the Cleveland Clinic.
- Steve Guilfoos for moderating a Grief Group when I was finally ready to begin thinking about my Dad's departure.
- Cynthia Hall, and her daughters, for inviting me for Easter dinner and spending time after Zoom meetings to catch up.
- Marty Holda for sitting with me one lonely Christmas-time night when I felt all hope was lost.
- Margie & Tom Hudnell for sharing a space at the table for a QAC Community Christmas meal.
- Margie Hudnell for pausing to speak with me during Mass and reaching out; for introducing me to ISHA.
- Tom & Marilyn McCrate for allowing me to share my knee surgery "wisdom" with them.
- Sharon McKenny for asking me to participate in the readings during Mass.
- Bill & Mary Lou Meers for all they share during the AFF discussions.

- Kevin & Linda Murnane for helping me appreciate "another day in Paradise."
- Marilyn & Dan Nagle for the loving example they set.
- Marilyn Nagle for calling me one lonely, December night while I was driving on a dark, country road to see a Christmas display.
- Marti & Tom Quakenbush for driving me to QAC after my first knee surgery.
- Marti for taking me under her wings and giving me a suitable task in the kitchen for some event.
- Maria Rivera for asking for supplies for her class.
- Fr. Thomas Schroer for being exactly how and who he is.
- Phyllis Sharp for modeling strength in religious beliefs.
- Jack & Nimfa Simpson for accepting a computer donation and showing up with wisdom at the AFF Meetings.
- Chris Sitko for help organizing my financial papers and sharing her insights during the AFF Meetings.
- Kevin & Linda Skinner for their kind discussions regarding the QAC Spirit.
- Anita Smith for her smile and welcoming spirit.

And others whose kindness has touched my heart, but without name tags, I don't know their names.

It wasn't a weekly or monthly Grief Support Meeting that helped me get to where I am now, and it wasn't attending a weekly Mass at Queen of Apostles.

### *It was the QAC Lay Marianist Community.*

I feel so proud of the work the Community has done this year ~ and I look forward to seeing how this grand endeavor unfolds.

With Prayers for Peace in the World  
Colette Misenko

Loving God,

During this transition time for our cherished faith community, please remind us that you are always with us and have not forgotten about us. When we are uncertain, afraid, or needing encouragement, remind us of your faithfulness in the past. Your Word in Paul's letter to the Philippians reminds us that you will provide all our needs according to your riches in Christ Jesus. While this transition is new and unfamiliar, may you cover us with your constant, secure, and familiar presence. Thank you for giving us wisdom through your Word, comfort when we are down, and hope when we look to the future. Help us to be led more by faith rather than our feelings. Amen.

(Prayer submitted by Marilyn McCrate)

## New Season Update

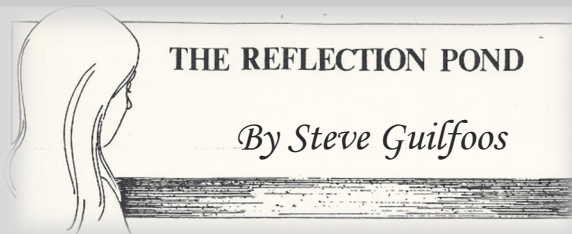
If you haven't had a chance to view the video of the October 22 community meeting, please be sure to do so! There were updates from our Community Coordinators, the Social Justice Task Force's presentation, educational information on branding and why it matters to our community by the Branding Task Force, and an update and recommendation on the gathering frequency/day/time by the New Gatherings Task Force. Remember to check out the New Season webpage, where you will find FAQs and updates that have been presented. Included below are two recent questions/answers that relate to gathering time and social justice.

### Questions and Answers

**Are the recommendations for gathering time and social justice activities presented last weekend final? Has the decision formally been made?** No. Like each step of this New Season process, community feedback has been gathered, the task forces have prayerfully created recommendations, and now we're soliciting additional input. In early November the Leadership Team and the New Seasons Committee will meet to make a decision about scheduling the Madeleine Room for the first part of 2024 for our community. As with all decision meetings, this meeting will be open and announced in advance. Feedback about the recommendation can be shared with [qacnewseason@gmail.com](mailto:qacnewseason@gmail.com) or any member of the New Seasons Committee or Leadership Team. And, we'll collectively evaluate our meeting time next year to learn if it's working and make changes if needed. Like so much of our New Season work, we'll start and learn as we go!

**If we are passionately pursuing social justice in our new community, will we lose the focus on our community? Will we just be focused on serving others?** No. In the new mission statement of the community, we state: "We are a community of disciples deeply rooted in love. We continuously work to be the holy people God calls us to be in our church and our world, embracing a "Martha and Mary" rhythm of spiritual growth and service." The time that we gather together will be our spiritual nourishment to then be sent out into the world to serve. Gathering, learning, and loving as a community will still very much be part of our collective identity.

**I have feedback from last weekend's meeting. Whom should I tell?** Please email [qacnewseason@gmail.com](mailto:qacnewseason@gmail.com) to reach the entire New Season Committee, or share with one of us, if you prefer. Like Matt often says, pick your favorite (or least favorite!) member, depending on your feedback. The New Season Committee includes Meghann and Matt Naveau, Tom Zawodny, Kelly Bohrer, Linda and Kevin Skinner, and Marilyn and Tom McCrate.



### The Stones of Time

Thousands of years have passed  
In the grassy fields of England  
Standing proudly  
... Standing all alone  
These stones steeped in secrets

We, as descendants of those  
Who've gone before  
Contemplate the stones' truth  
... And our truth  
... And our secrets



## Change and Be Changed Update

By Elisabeth and Thomas Hangartner



Dear QAC Family,

The oppressive late-dry-season heat, an invasion of termites, tiny but mighty ants as well as a variety of other uninvited house guests and quite a few road traffic related troubles have made “African time” fly by in a flash.

To be fair, let’s not forget an important reason for our busy schedule: Thomas’ three trips to Central Malawi, where he had to maintain the x-ray rooms of three mission hospitals. One hospital was the Anglican Hospital on Likoma Island. The crossing on the time-honored Ilala, built in 1948, from the Malawian mainland (Nkhata Bay) to Likoma Island turned into a pilgrimage of epic proportion. The ferry cannot dock on the pier, neither in Nkhata Bay nor in Likoma. Hence, all the goods to be loaded and unloaded as well as oodles of passengers have to be transported on a small rowing boat (Figure 1). This boat cannot unload the passengers onshore; everybody takes off their shoes and wades in the water to dry land, even the Bishop of the Anglican Church of Central Malawi and all the priests participating in the triennial Synod! (By the way, the largest cathedral in Africa is the Anglican Cathedral on Likoma Island with a population of a couple of thousand residents.) The twelve- and sixteen-hour delayed trips traveling to and from Likoma Island are a natural occurrence stoically endured by the passengers!



Figure 1

As some of you know, our driver, Ally, was involved in a fatal accident just two days after our arrival in Malawi. Two young children ran from a field adjacent to Kaseye Road right in front of the car; one child escaped the accident, the other one was severely injured and later died at Kaseye Hospital. Ally was/is very troubled by this unfortunate accident and cannot show up anytime soon in our area because the family swore vengeance. Thanks to the kindness of the Deputy Chief of Chitipa Police, Ally’s case, referred to the High Court of the district capital, could be accelerated. He is now free after several weeks of imprisonment and reporting duty, confiscation of his driving



Figure 2

license and passport as well as impounding of our car. We were able to use our car, registered in Tanzania, for yesterday’s departure from Kaseye to Tukuyu, Southern Tanzania. The car presents itself now in blue, no longer its original black, to avoid damage by irate villagers in the greater Kaseye area. Ironically, we had a close call in the borrowed Kaseye Hospital car last week on our way home from shopping in the nearby small town of Chitipa. We had just made a visit to the Deputy Police Chief to thank him for his kind assistance in Ally’s case. As we drove from Chitipa to Kaseye, a motorcyclist shot out of the blue, right in front of the car. Thomas’ instinctive response avoided a severe accident. We felt our guardian angel hover above the car. It is true that the roads of Malawi are the most accident prone in Africa as it is reported in Malawi travel guides.

I mentioned above the sweltering heat and the ubiquitous dust at the end of the dry season. We think the dust and the heat are worse than in previous years. Climate change?? Before every meal, wiping off the table results in the transformation of a white napkin into an adobe napkin (Figure 2). We have come to understand why adobe is widely spread in the desert states of the United States.

Regarding the termite invasion into the Kaseye guesthouse, the creatures must have been very hungry judging from the damage they left behind (Figure 3). We



Figure 3

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Figure 4

pretty much had to replace the entire bathroom, furniture, wall surface and all (Figures 4 & 5). Arduous work! Also, the ants had a feast in our bedroom. They built several anthills behind my bed. Second only to the anthills behind the bed were the cockroaches dashing from one hiding place to the next. Yesterday, stripping our beds, I found a sizable cockroach in my bed. It must have paid me a visit one night while I was sleeping and perished tragically in my bed, pressed into the flat appearance of a small chopping board. My favorite house dwellers are the geckos (Fig. 6) climbing up and down the walls, attaching themselves with their tiny Velcro feet on the steep inclines. With a jubilating heart, I love to observe geckos munching on mosquitos.

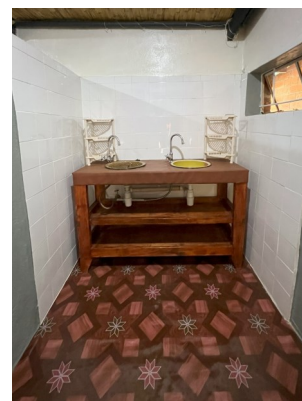


Figure 5

I would not do justice to Thomas without mentioning his hard work in the hospital. He initiated the start of the perimeter wall around the storage containers (Figures 7 & 8);



Figure 7

he repaired the blood analyzer and replaced the oil-leaking x-ray tube; he fixed the water connection from the tank to the washing machine, which in the end just did not want to fully collaborate. Thomas contacted the manufacturer in Germany; the response of the director came back, in typical Germanic manner, with lightening speed. It looks like the exit valve needs to be cleaned or, if worse comes to worst, replaced ... next time! Last,



Figure 6

but not least, an unfinished drainage system for the washing machine needed to be completed; Thomas discovered that it just ended somewhere in the dirt.

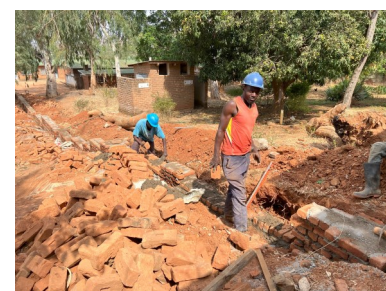


Figure 8

We are concluding our report with warm greetings from Malawi, the Warm Heart of Africa, and a heartfelt thank-you for the collection in support of Change and Be Changed.

Elisabeth and Thomas

### **QAC BOOK OF LIFE**

The **QAC Book of Life** will be presented at Liturgy on the first three Sundays in November and placed on the table in front of the Ambo.

This beautiful book is a compilation of scrapbook pages designed by QACers in memory of their loved ones who have gone to their great reward. We will have the book available before and after liturgy from October 22 through November 19.

Blank pages will also be available (with instructions) for you to take home and design your own page for those you would like to be remembered.

If you have any question, please contact Steve Guilfoos at [sguilfoos@woh.rr.com](mailto:sguilfoos@woh.rr.com).

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

**ECO-TIP from Social Justice:**

Leave your leaves! (This tip may have been shared last fall, but since recycling is good environmental practice, we can recycle eco-tips too...) Leave fallen leaves where they lay, mowed into mulch-size pieces if heavy on a lawn area, or rake them into areas of your yard that can benefit from their protection. Numerous reasons cited by the U.S. Department of Agriculture include keeping roots warm in the winter and cool in the summer, creating habitat for various helpful “critters”, helping to suppress weeds, providing nutrients for the soil, and reducing rainfall run-off. Moreover, think – free mulch! Beyond all of these benefits, recycling your leaves as mulch or into compost eliminates all those plastic bags filled with leaves in the fall and all the plastic bags of mulch you no longer need in the spring!

**Family Promise of Greene County**

Family Promise of Greene County (formerly Interfaith Hospitality/ Schneider House) is a shelter for unhoused families that QAC has supported for many years through monthly financial allocation and meal support ministry. Being a non-profit, FPGC relies on donations and special fundraising events to generate funds for their operating expenses. Upcoming fund raising events are:



The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Empty Bowl will be on Thursday, November 16 from 5:00-8:00PM at the Hope Hotel, 10823 Chidlaw Road, Dayton. The cost is \$25.00 for a handmade ceramic bowl and dinner, and children under 5 can eat for free. QAC’s Social Justice Ministry will sponsor a table for eight people. If you wish to attend the event and get a free seat, please email Nimfa Simpson at [nimfa.simpson@gmail.com](mailto:nimfa.simpson@gmail.com) no later than November 11.

Haiku –

IN THANKSGIVING FOR QAC  
By Chris Bohmer Stewart

Welcome all seasons  
in the cycles of all lives.  
Thank you, QAC.



Spring -  
Our iconic  
dandelion painting



Winter -  
Outside Queen of  
Apostles Chapel

For more information contact  
Jillian Foster [jfoster@catholicaoc.org](mailto:jfoster@catholicaoc.org)

Nov 18th @ 9am-3pm

**FAIR TRADE**

**SALE**

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 A collage of images showing various items for sale: a blue and white ceramic mug, a wooden figurine, a woman in a blue dress carrying a yellow bag, and a colorful beaded necklace.

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UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON CURRAN PLACE  
1700 S. PATTERSON BLVD

\*USE NORTH PARKING LOT\*





## OUR 2023 SR. DOROTHY STANG AWARD RECIPIENT IS KELLY BOHRER

This year we had well-deserving members nominated for the Spirit of the Sr. Stang Award - Kelly Bohrer, Bill Meers and our team members Chris Bohmer Stewart and Sarah Stewart. We are blessed that Kelly was selected as this year's recipient.



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Sept. 29, 2023

Dear Fr. Schroer, SM,

Thank you for approving the nomination of Kelly Bohrer for the Spirit of Sr. Dorothy Stang award.

Sr. Kathleen Harmon, SNDdeN, Provincial, and I are delighted to mail you the enclosed certificate award. Congratulations to her and your parish!

I suggest that you give this award to her at one of the weekend Masses of October 14/15, the weekend before World Mission Sunday, October 22. This will give you the opportunity to publicly honor the awardees, the memory of Sr. Stang, and to remind your parishioners to support the Pontifical Mission Societies the following weekend.

If you could have someone take a few photos of the awardee with and without the pastor and email me them to me, I would appreciate it to use in our office newsletter.

As I do not have the address or phone number of the awardee, please do me a favor: After you give her the award, invite her to come the Holy Redeemer church in New Bremen for the special World Mission Sunday Mass at 3pm, Oct. 22. Why? At the beginning of that Mass, I will we ask those who have been awarded the Spirit of Sr. Dorothy Stang award to please stand momentarily as I will invite all to give them a warm applause. Friends and relatives of the awardee are welcome to join us.

If possible, please have the awardee phone or email me so I can expect and find her at the Holy Redeemer church that afternoon, Oct. 22 by 2:30-2:45. (Address: 120 South Eastmoor Dr., New Bremen)

My phone number is (513) 263-6680.

My email address: [mgable@catholicaoc.org](mailto:mgable@catholicaoc.org)

Thanks once again for the nomination and honoring those who seek to follow our Lord Jesus and in the footsteps of Sr. Dorothy.

In the mission of Christ,

Dr. Mike Gable  
Mission Office Director, Archdiocese of Cincinnati



**The Sr. Dorothy Stang  
Award honors those who  
embody her spirit of serving  
others, especially the poor.**

This year's award focuses on Sr. Dorothy's core values,  
a) Christ-like solidarity with people who are poor/marginalized, b) care for the Earth and environment, and c) applying the Catholic Social Teachings in either mission, cross-cultural service, or teaching ministry.



*"We need to be poor with the poor and inappropriate a kind and tender relationship with Mother Earth. Then we will know how to act." - Sister Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN*

### Sister Dorothy Stang Award Her Dream, Our Hands

The 2023 Sister Dorothy Stang Award is being presented in the 100th year of her martyrdom.

This award certifies that

**KELLY BOHRER**  
QUEEN OF APOSTLES COMMUNITY

has demonstrated the values of Sister Dorothy Stang: solidarity with the poor and the Earth, a commitment to Catholic social teaching, and a love for Jesus and his mission.

This award is granted by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Offices of Mission, Social Action, Youth and Young Adults Ministry, and Evangelization and Catechesis in this month of September 2023.

*Sister Kathleen Harmon, SNDdeN, Provincial*  
Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

*Dr. Mike Gable*  
Mission Office, Archdiocese of Cincinnati



# QAC STEWARDSHIP

*A Way of Life*

## Give as God Gives



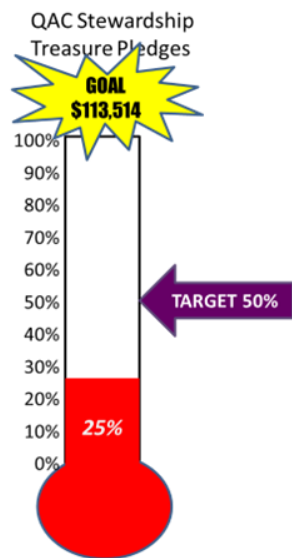
*Kevin Skinner*

Our community has been blessed with God’s gracious gifts over the last Fifty years, and over this time, we built a community of love. Now it is time for us to use those gifts to continue growing God’s kingdom. As we transition to a new season as a Marianist Lay Community, with new vision and mission statements, we proclaim that “We are a community of disciples”... with a mission to “...passionately pursue social justice and practice radical hospitality...” We hear “practice what you preach” and we have a great opportunity to give as God gives, without asking anything in return. I think Kelly Bohrer said it best during the October Community meeting, that we need to “Integrate Social Justice Values Into Our Practices”.

*“When he looked up he saw some wealthy people putting their offerings into the treasury and he noticed a poor widow putting in two small coins. He said, “I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest; for those others have all made offerings from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood.” Luke 21:1-4*

Stewardship is not about giving to a need, but rather it is about the need to give. It is living out a commitment to be Christ-centered rather than self-centered. It is important for us to share because all the good things that God has made are meant to be shared. We need to return thanks to a loving God for the many blessings we have received.

In our new Marianist Lay Community, we need to continue to have stewardship be a *Way of Life*. If you have an opportunity, read the November Catholic Telegraph as it is devoted to Stewardship. For more information, go to [www.thecatholictelegraph.com](http://www.thecatholictelegraph.com).



### QAC FINANCIAL SUMMARY – SEPTEMBER 2023

	Monthly	Year to Date	Year to Date (Budget)
Collections	\$ 9,245	\$ 28,033	\$ 56,758
Other Income	\$ _ - _	\$ 7,655	
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 9,245</b>	<b>\$ 35.688</b>	
Operating Expense	\$ 20,140	\$ 56,186	
Income Expense	\$(10,895)	\$(20,498)	

**Notes: Funds invested with Marianist Province have recouped almost all earlier losses!**

*This scale shows our weekly offering (Sunday collections) and our planned budget (target) to the end of 2023 , which started July 1, 2023. Please remember that 10% our weekly offering goes to our Social Justice Ministry. Thank you for your support!*

*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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## Religious Education News

*Congratulations to Joseph Hibbard, Luke Naveau, and Ben Seibert on the reception of their First Reconciliation  
October 18, 2023*



Please keep the boys and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they continue their preparation for First Holy Communion, which will be celebrated at the Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass held on Saturday, December 23.

A reception will be held following Mass.  
More information to come!

Thanksgiving Day is celebrated on Thursday, November 23 this year. We are thankful for all God has blessed us with...our family, our friends, our teachers, our life, our faith, and so much more. What are you thankful for?

Make a Thankful Jar for your family by using the following supplies:

- 1) **Empty Jar** - ask your parent for an empty jar that you can use.
- 2) **Colored Paper** - Cut out a square and write "Our Thankful Jar" and tape it to the jar. Using additional paper, cut strips of paper that you will use to write on.
- 3) A **basket** or **bowl** to put the empty strips of paper in.
- 4) **Pens** or **Pencils**.

Each day during the first 3 weeks of November, every member of your family takes one strip of paper, writes down what they are thankful for on it, and places it in the Thankful Jar.

Starting on Sunday during Thanksgiving week, either before a meal or just before bedtime, gather together and ask each person to take out one strip of paper from the jar and read it to everyone. After the last person has finished reading, together say a favorite family prayer, or you can say: *Thank You God for all our blessings. Help us to be blessings for each other and to all those around us. Amen.*

### R.E. Class Schedule

Classes will be held on:

November 5  
November 12  
November 19  
December 3  
December 10  
December 17





## Seniors' Corner

by Chuck Bauer

November and **WINTER** are just around the corner. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has published their Winter Weather projections (<https://www.climate.gov/news-features/understanding-climate/2023-24-us-winter-outlook-wetter-south-warmer-north>). In the online version of the Spirit, this will be an active link or go to Bing or DuckDuckGo with the search "Climate.gov 2023-24 US Winter Outlook." This will hopefully take you to the NOAA website with the complete information, and without tons of advertising. "This year, El Niño is in place heading into winter, for the first time in four years, driving the outlook for warmer-than-average temperatures for the northern tier of the continental United States." The "climate.gov" website has several interesting maps showing temperature and precipitation probability with respect to normal. As a check on the scientific methods, I am looking for my ever popular winter weather predictor, the **Woolly Bear Caterpillars**. Thus far, I have not located any. When I start picking up my leaves hopefully they will show up.

During the winter, I like to check another NOAA website — the 0.5-2.5 day continental weather prediction ([https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/basicwx/basicwx\\_ndfd.php](https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/basicwx/basicwx_ndfd.php)). It presents a map of the continental US weather for the next 2.5 days, but is presented in Zulu (Greenwich Mean Time). For Ohio, you need to subtract four (4) hours during daylight savings or five (5) hours during standard time. It is interesting to see the winter storm coming into the Pacific North West go over the mountains dropping their rain/snow in the mountains and then intensifies when they draw additional moisture from the Gulf. During this writing on October 20, I checked on the site and Sunday there is a storm with considerable precipitation coming in from the Pacific. It will be interesting to watch its development through the week. To get the three day high/low temperatures in colored map format, go to <https://graphical.weather.gov/>.

Late fall and winter is soup season in our house. In our basement we have a large chest type "burial valet" freezer. When I go to add or get something several times a week, I see our large meaty Easter Ham Bone, and this week I brought it up to check it out. In the end, we made a cauldron of great split pea (double vegetables) ham soup.

**As always, check the boards for activities!!**

Remember Stay Happy, Healthy and Safe

Thinking of you Chuck



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North American Center for Marianist Studies - NACMS featured QAC's 50th Anniversary Celebration on their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ThisisNACMS>.

If you are a current subscriber to Facebook, be sure to check it out!

## Holiday Craft Show

Sunday, December 3  
12:00 - 3:00 PM  
Si-Lounge

Holiday Decor - Gourmet Foods -  
Stocking Stuffers - Unique Greeting Cards -  
Vintage Designs - Framed Art Cricut  
Designs - Jewelry - Baby Items

# November

## Happy Birthday

## Happy Anniversary

- |    |                         |    |                             |
|----|-------------------------|----|-----------------------------|
| 4  | <i>Steven Nordmeyer</i> | 19 | <i>Bill Gottschall</i>      |
| 5  | <i>Katie Metzmaier</i>  | 19 | <i>Marirose Sindoni</i>     |
| 5  | <i>Don Potter</i>       | 21 | <i>Donovan Paris</i>        |
| 7  | <i>Richard Miller</i>   | 23 | <i>Chris Bohmer Stewart</i> |
| 7  | <i>Richard Pitt</i>     | 25 | <i>Gary Adler</i>           |
| 7  | <i>Benjamin Simpson</i> | 25 | <i>Jack Evenson</i>         |
| 8  | <i>Judy Pitt</i>        | 26 | <i>Joanna Ganger</i>        |
| 9  | <i>Flo Cobey</i>        | 27 | <i>Max Chesar</i>           |
| 9  | <i>Toby Petrie</i>      | 27 | <i>Greg Holcomb</i>         |
| 9  | <i>Tony Restivo</i>     | 27 | <i>Sam Weisbecker</i>       |
| 11 | <i>Grace D'amato</i>    | 29 | <i>Maggie Bochenek</i>      |
| 11 | <i>A.J. Metzmaier</i>   | 30 | <i>Phil Herman</i>          |
| 14 | <i>Rachel Woeste</i>    | 30 | <i>Benjamin Seibert</i>     |
| 19 | <i>Austin Berry</i>     |    |                             |

- 1 *Sharon & Dick DiLorenzo*
- 3 *Carolann & Mark Cannon*
- 8 *Mary & Dick Miller*
- 22 *Marylou & Darrell Young*



### All Saints Day Prayer

As November approaches with its observance of All Saints' Day, help us to remember those who are no longer here with us, who once served you with great devotion. They remind us of how blessed we are to belong to a community of faith in which so many have gone before us into glory.

May we use this time of year to celebrate your goodness and blessings and share them with others.

*In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*



### Veterans Day

We honor and thank all those who serve and have served in the Armed Forces.

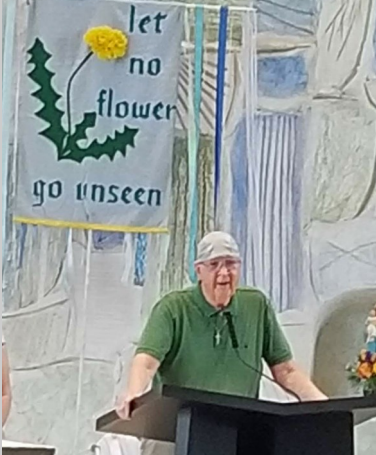
May God bless them abundantly and protect them from harm. May God shelter all veterans and their families with love, heal their wounds, comfort their hearts and bring them peace.

May their dedication and honor be remembered always!

Thank you all for your service!




# QAC Spotlight



Community Of Love



# November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Fresh Produce for St. Vincent de Paul Sunday, November 5</b></p> <p><b>And don't forget to set your clocks back Saturday night (Nov 4)</b></p>			<p>1 All Saints Day (No Mass)</p>	<p>2 All Souls Day 7:00 PM Leadership Team Meeting 7:30PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p><b>5 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 8:45AM QAC Adult Formation (via Zoom) 9:00AM Religious Education (Si Lounge) 10:00AM Praying the Rosary 10:30AM Mass 1:00PM Loss Circle (Si Lounge)</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Election Day <b>VOTE</b></p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 7:30PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>10 Veterans Day Holiday Observed today</p>	<p>11 Veterans Day</p>
<p><b>12 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9:00AM Religious Education (Si Lounge) 10:00AM Praying the Rosary 10:30AM Mass (Sacrament of the Sick with Anointing)</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 7:30PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p><b>19 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> 8:45AM QAC Adult Formation (via Zoom) 9:00AM Religious Education (Si Lounge) 10:00AM Praying the Rosary 10:30AM Mass 12:00 - Community Meeting (Si Lounge)</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 </p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p><b>26 Feast of Christ the King</b> 10:00AM Praying the Rosary 10:30AM Mass</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 7:30PM Choir Practice</p>		