

Queen of Apostles Community

A Member of the Marianist Family

December 23, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Advent & First Eucharist



Pastor: Rev. Tom Schroer, SM

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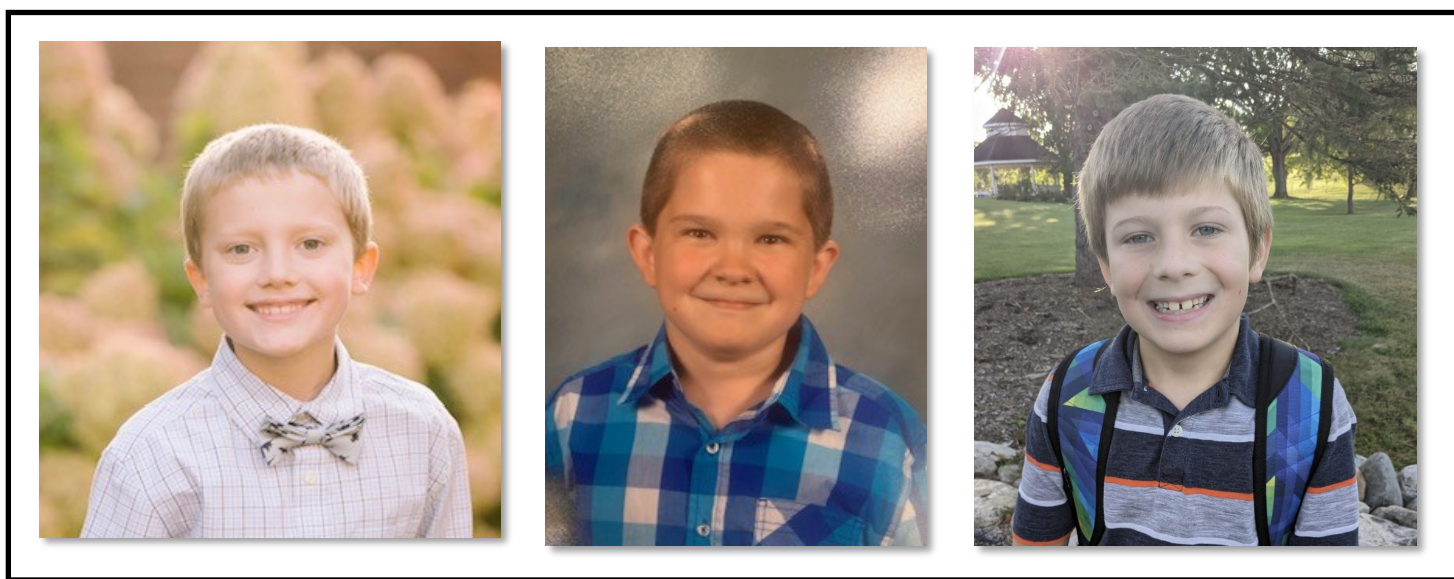
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Live Stream Liturgy: <https://youtube.com/live/XDeWfM4a9GI>

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.*

Fr. Tom Schroer, SM and the First Eucharist Students welcome you to Queen of Apostles Community!



Luke Naveau, Joseph Hibbard, and Ben Seibert will receive their First Eucharist today. Please continue your prayers for Joseph, Luke, and Ben and their parents and siblings as they continue their faith journey.

Marianist Doxology

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

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Presider.....Fr. Tom Schroer, SM
Music DirectorsAmy Lewkowicz & Teesie Lupp
Interpreter.....Susan Fraker
Liturgy Planners.....Amie Herbert & 1st Communicants

Service Music: Psallite Mass

Advent Wreath Lighting..... Come Lord Jesus, Come Bulletin, Pgs. 4 & 8
Penitential RiteFr. Tom
1st Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Meghann Naveau
Responsorial Psalm 89 Forever I Will Sing Gather 82
2nd Reading Romans 16:25-27 Cherie Hibbard
Gospel Acclamation..... Sung
Gospel Luke 1:26-38.....Fr. Tom
Reflection & HomilyMatt Naveau & Fr. Tom
Profession of Faith..... Apostles'..... Bulletin, Pg. 4
Universal Prayers *Lord Hear Our Prayer* Stephanie Siebert
& 1st Communicants
Sign of Peace.....Fr. Tom
Preparation of Table..... We Come Today.....Matt Naveau
Holy..... Psallite Mass GC 210
Memorial Acclamation Psallite Mass GC 211
Doxology/Amen Psallite Mass GC 212
Lord's Prayer Spoken
Lamb of God Psallite Mass GC 213
Communion Table of Love.....Eric Groff & Teesie Lupp
1st Communicants & Their Families
We Come to Your Feast..... GC 850
Sending Forth Prepare ye the way of the LordChoir Leads

*Please join the 1st Communicants and their families
for a light supper in Si Lounge*

COME, LORD JESUS

Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come and be born in our hearts

Come, Immanuel,
Come, Immanuel.
Come, Immanuel.
Come and be born in our hearts.



THE APOSTLES' CREED

We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he arose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

MINISTERS TAKING EUCHARIST TO THOSE NOT WITH US TODAY

Presider: *Let us send these ministers to those who could not be with us.*

Response: *Receive the Body of Christ for the nourishment of those who are not here with us. Assure our friends of our prayers and blessings throughout the week.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU! With grateful hearts, Joseph, Luke, Ben, and their families, thank Amie Herbert and Linda Skinner for guiding them through their preparation for 1st Eucharist. You Rock!

ST VINCENT SHELTERS - ITEMS MOST NEEDED: The “most-needed” items are winter coats (ladies, men, kids), boots, fleece jackets, warm socks, sweaters and hoodies, and sweatpants. Toiletries are ALWAYS needed. Other clothing, shoes, and bedding/linens are appreciated. The food donation site continues to most need #10 cans of fruit and vegetables (all same variety if more than one can) and items for sack lunches (peanut butter, jelly, chips, fruit cups), though all shelf-stable food is appreciated. “...share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and homeless, clothe the naked...do not turn your back...”



QAC'S 2023 GIVING TREE: If you have not already done so, please take an ornament (or several) from the tree which contains the name of a much-needed gift. As in previous years, gifts do not need to be gift wrapped but must be brought by December 31st. Each ornament needs to be secured (with tape) to the gift, or with combined items, placed in a bag.

The four programs to be supported this year are:

- ◆ **Elizabeth New Life Center**
- ◆ **Family Promise of Greene County**
- ◆ **Food For the Journey**
- ◆ **Good Shepherd Ministries**

ADVENT CALENDAR HUMOR:

Why is Christmas time the best time to make an online dad-joke filled advent calendar? Because it's the most punderful time of the year!

WHO KNEW?

How does good king Wenceslas like his pizza? Deep and crisp and even.

ACTUAL CHILDREN'S VERSIONS OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS:

"...sleep in heavenly peas"

"Joy to the world, the Savior rains"

"Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plane"

"While shepherds washed their socks by night"



Let's Keep In Touch: Have you recently moved, have a new phone number, name change, or email address? Have we missed your birthday or anniversary? If yes, please send a notice to qacnewseason@gmail.com so we can keep you up-to-date on all the activities and the future of our new Spiritus Community!



REMEMBER OUR DEPLOYED SERVICE WOMEN AND MEN, AND ALL FIRST RESPONDERS AND VOLUNTEERS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

“Lord, protect our military as they sacrifice for us; bless them and their families for their continuing selflessness, as well as all First Responders. Protect those who so willingly risk their own health and safety for all of us.”

Please remember all of them in your prayers, most especially those deployed in areas of combat.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS (LGH) are available at our Liturgies. If you are in need of the low gluten host due to gluten intolerance, come to the Eucharistic Minister standing to your right of the tabernacle when Communion distribution begins.



Holiday Masses at QAC

December 24 - Christmas Eve

Mass at 4:00pm - The Nativity of the Lord

Fr. Tom Schroer, Presiding

Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:2-14

December 31 - New Years Eve Liturgy

Mass at 10:30am - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Fr Tom Schroer, Presiding

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:22-40

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH



LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH CANDLE

Fourth Sunday of Advent

PRESIDER:

Creator God, we ask you to stir up your power and come; and with great might deliver us, that with the help of your grace, your merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: AMEN.

(4th candle - Blue candle is lighted)

PRESIDER:

O Blessed One, hurry and come to us. May your light shine in our lives, so that we may be freed from the bonds of sin. Protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for your coming as our Savior. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever!

ALL: AMEN.