



Queen of Apostles Community

A Member of the Marianist Family

December 31, 2023
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



Pastor: Fr. Tom Schroer, SM
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Music Direction: Amy K. Lewkowicz & Teesie Lupp
Director of Religious Education: Amie Herbert
Liturgies are Interpreted in ASL for the Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing
Live Stream Liturgy: <https://youtube.com/live/kkfGUcm4TSk>

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.

A PRAYER OF BELIEF
A Liturgical Creed by John Shea

We believe that when people come together in love,
God is present and good things happen.

We believe that we are immersed in mystery,
that our lives are more than they seem,
that we belong to each other
and to a universe of great creative energies
whose source and destiny is God.

We believe that God is after us,
That God is calling to us from the depth of human life.

We believe that God has risked God's self
and become a human being in Jesus.

In and with Jesus, we believe that each of us is situated in the love of God
and the pattern of our life will be the pattern of Jesus –
through death and resurrection.

We believe that the Spirit of Peace is present to us, the Church,
as we gather to celebrate our common existence,
the resurrection of Jesus,
and the fidelity of God.

And most deeply we believe
that in our struggle to love, we incarnate God in the world.

And so, aware of mystery and wonder,
caught in friendship and laughter,
we become speechless before the joy of life in the Eucharist.

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 Directors Amy Lewkowicz & Teesie Lupp
Interpreter Janet Miller
Liturgy Planner..... Linda Folmar
Morning Lectors Chesar Family

Gathering..... All Are Welcome GC 753
Penitential Rite Fr. Tom
Gloria Give Glory..... GC 249
1st Reading Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3
Responsorial Psalm 128.. Blest Are Those Who Love You GC 125
2nd Reading..... Colossians 3:12-17
Gospel Acclamation..... Sung
Gospel Luke 1:26-38 Fr. Tom
Homily..... Fr. Tom
Profession of Faith..... Prayer of Belief (Shea) Bulletin, Pg. 2
Universal Prayers *Help us be Christ to one another*
Sign of Peace..... Fr. Tom
Preparation of Table..... Peace Prayer Choir
Holy..... Psallite Mass GC 210
Memorial Acclamation Psallite Mass GC 211
Doxology/Amen Psallite Mass GC 212
Lord's Prayer Blue (Sung)
Lamb of God Psallite Mass GC 213
Communion We Remember C 593
Ritual of Transition..... Bulletin, Pg. 6
Sending Forth Let There Be Peace On Earth GC 731

Please join us in Si Lounge for a Potluck Lunch - All are welcome!

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.*



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| Birthdays - December 31s - January 6th | | |
| 4th | - Scott Hudnell | |
| 5th | - Sam Stout | |
| Anniversaries - December 31s - January 6th | | |
| 2nd | - Caitlin & Noah Worthington | |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST VINCENT SHELTERS: Today marks the last day of QAC’s weekly collections for St Vincent, initiated by Margie and Tom Hudnell a few decades ago. The QAC Social Justice Committee decided it was best to allow the SPIRITUS Social Justice team decide how to proceed with all donations in our new season. Continuing to collect fresh produce at the first Sunday worship gathering has been suggested. A change would be that fresh produce would need to be items that don’t require refrigeration and that could be donated the next day (due to the time of our gatherings and the schedule of the food donation site).

There have also been numerous inquiries about other donations and our community members feel it is important to continue. We will no longer be able to have our trusty St Vincent bin in the Madeleine Room. However, Sarah and Chris will be happy to host a St Vincent “**Trunk And Treat**” for all those toiletries, #10 cans, sack lunch items, and new or gently used clothing and bedding on Sundays you are attending until the SPIRITUS Social Justice Committee plans a new system. St Vincent has deeply appreciated our generosity for these many years!!! Thank you and God bless!!!

QAC'S 2023 GIVING TREE: Thank you for the generous outpouring of gifts for the Giving Tree project. You made it a tremendous success again this year!

FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN THE NEW YEAR: Everything is in place for the new *US* to begin receiving donations. You may make checks out to SPIRITUS. If sending checks by mail: **SPIRITUS**, 4400 Shakertown Rd. Beavercreek, OH 45430

If you would like your bank to do all the work (and even use their stamp), it is fairly easy to set up payments on most banks. Another great feature is "Autopay" to set a schedule of your choosing to automatically mail donations. If you need help, Tom McCrate will gladly assist you (937-602-2481). Thanks, SPIRITUS Interim Leadership Team

HELPERS NEEDED FOR JANUARY 7TH AND 21ST: Helpers are needed for our inaugural SPIRITUS gatherings on January 7th and 21st to set-up, tear-down, run the computer, and more! If you're able and willing to help, please contact qacnewseason@gmail.com.

SI LOUNGE KITCHEN: We are asking for volunteers to help pack all of the kitchen utensils, accessories, tableware and small appliances on January 8 or 9. Prior to this packing day, if you have donated any item for the Si Lounge kitchen and would like to have it returned to you, please let us know so that we don't give it away. If you can lend a hand with this project please contact Marti Quakenbush, 937-602-6908 (phone or text) or Joan Ivory, 937-689-8259 (phone or text). We will be packing but not doing the actual moving. Thank you for your help!

GOT A NEW COMPUTER FOR CHRISTMAS? If anyone at QAC is upgrading her/his computer(s), we (Elisabeth and Thomas Hangartner) would love to have the old laptops for Malawi. Please consider donating to **Change and Be Changed**. All donations are tax-deductible as charitable contributions. Contact Jack Simpson (pampango@gmail.com or 937-620-4021), if you have any questions or a laptop that can be donated. Thank you!

AND ONE MORE... actual children's version of a Christmas Carol : "Holy infant, so tender and wild!" (Thanks to Chris Bohmer Stewart for submitting.)



NYE RESOLUTIONS:

- ◆ My resolution was to read more... so I put the subtitles on my TV.
- ◆ May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions.
- ◆ My New Year resolution is to never use autocorrect again.
- ◆ I always skip the gym the first week of the new year. I can't deal with the crowds. I also skip weeks 2 - 52 of the New Year but am still looking for an excuse for those.
- ◆ A friendly reminder that gyms get really busy around the new year as people make their resolutions. So it's best to wait for it to die down, usually around January 2nd.
- ◆ I made a New Year's resolution to stop procrastinating, but I'm going to wait until next year to start.

Happy & Blessed New Year!

Dear QAC Family,

This past year has been filled with prayer, change and loss for many of us, personally and as a community. I have been so blessed to be of service during our shared transition. I believe that we are strong in faith and have a heart connection to one another. That will not change. We can and will flourish as we move forward. You are all held in my heart and lifted in my prayers each day. We are SPIRITUS!

~Linda Folmar



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.

RITUAL OF TRANSITION PRAYER

God of Love, You are with us in every transition and change as we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety. We recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love. We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment. We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. Open our hearts as we consecrate ourselves to this task. We ask this in your Holy Name. Amen.

JANUARY MEETING DATES: Mark your calendars for our January lay community gathering dates!

- ♦ January 7 and 21 at 3:00PM - Madeleine Room in Chaminade Center
- ♦ January 20 - Founders Day Mass with the Dayton Marianist Family in Queen of Apostles Chapel (4:00PM)

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 gacnewseason@gmail.com so we can keep you up-to-date on all the activities and the future of our new SPIRITUS Community!

Gifts

By Steve Guilfoos

*Each drop of rain is a gift
As the drops gather into small puddles
The puddles begin to flow
And become a stream
And the stream becomes a babbling brook,
And eventually . . . a river*

*The gift of love . . . the gift of peace
Much like the drops of rain*

*As they gather . . . for just a moment
. . . they grow into a flowing river
A river of love . . . A river of peace*

. . . Thank you for your gifts

