



Community Coordinators' Corner

Linda Folmar and Joan Ivory



As I write this article, my children and I are keeping a vigil with their father who is actively dying. I am walking two parallel paths right now that require me to let go. Endings are inevitable, but they break our hearts. I feel a great void deep in my chest. Sometimes it is hard to breathe. Though it is hard, I can feel the Spirit's presence. It takes a great loss to help us realize that each and every person and each treasured community are physically here for us for only a while.

In a daily meditation by Richard Rohr this week, he reminds us that God is not somewhere high above us but is "with us in this great web of belonging" that holds us all. That great connection cannot be broken. Dear friends, let us hold to and treasure this wonderful gift. Each ending is a new beginning if we choose it.

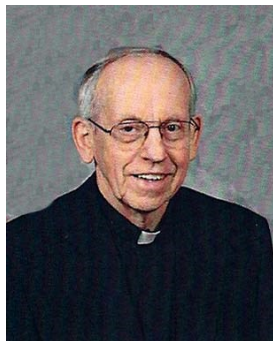
Peace and Blessings, Linda

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A Message From Our Pastor



"GOOD-BYE AND HELLO"

As we say "Good-bye" on December 31 to the Queen of Apostles Parish and say "Hello" to our new Marianist Lay Community on January 1, 2024, I want to thank everyone who has contributed for more than nine months to the labor pains of giving birth to our new community. No doubt, we will have a name for this new creation by the actual birth date, whether it be Magnificat, Spiritus, or In Mary's Spirit. Perhaps, if we had known its gender our task of naming would have been easier. No matter the name, I am sure everyone will welcome our new creation into a loving and enthusiastic world. For those of you who will not be able to join us in our new venture, thank you for your presence with us as a Parish and "Good -bye." May you and yours be blessed abundantly in the future. Feel free to join us at any time and, at least, drop by to say "Hello" once in a while.

For those of you who are brave enough to launch out with this new lay community into the depths of entirely uncharted waters, I say "Hello and Welcome Aboard". We will continue to trust in the Spirit and endeavor to "build a community of love and be the holy people God calls us to be."

Fr. Tom

New Season's Update

By the New Season's Committee

Welcome

TO A NEW WAY OF
LIVING YOUR FAITH!

Queen of Apostles
Parish is becoming
a Marianist Lay
Community in
January 2024



"New times demand
new methods."

Blessed William Joseph Chaminade



Our lay community will be part of the Marianist Lay Community of North America, recognized as a private association of the faithful by the Pontifical Council for the Laity.



What kind of faith
community is this?



We are working to create an inclusive community open to all who seek belonging and accompaniment.

Catholic or not, regular church-goer or not, wounded or wandering, you are welcome here.

Join us!

qac-ohio.org

Have questions? Want to be added to an email list to receive updates about our new community?

We'd love to hear from you!

qacnewseason@gmail.com

We are so excited that we get to start a new chapter in the life of our community on January 1, 2024, just like we did fifty years ago, when the QAC founders created a unique parish based on Vatican II. We have been given the opportunity to be the future of the Catholic faith in light of the Synod. In his homily closing of the first session of the Synod on Synodality, Pope Francis reflected on two verbs: "to adore and to serve. We love God through adoration and service." The Holy Spirit is guiding us to that end. No longer will we be gathering for Mass, but as a community who will be the church, to be the Holy People God calls us to be through prayer and action.

So, what are should we expect in the New Year? A Whole Lot!!! Provided below is a recap of just a few highlights.

Who are we and what do we do? During the October 2023 Community Meeting, the Branding Task Force presented the following Mission Statement: *"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. As part of the Marianist family, we passionately pursue social justice and practice radical hospitality to create an inclusive community open to all who seek belonging and accompaniment."* Our community unanimously affirmed it and our work begins to achieving our Vision Statement, where *"Together, we follow the models of Mary and our Marianist founders to read the signs of the times, discern the Spirit's call, and build a laity-led*

community of faith."

We hope to maintain values of being:

- **An inclusive Community of Love** committed to journeying alongside one another in the joys and trials of life. We are called to build a community of love where each and every person is honored as a unique, beautiful, intentionally created child of God. Love is our guiding force, calling us to not only want the best for others, but to also take action to make good things happen.
- **Willingness to Adapt** that there are new and different ways to live in a faith community with one another, and we are called to be the future of the Catholic Church. We are open to change, actively listening and seeking new ways of being and journeying with our community and world.
- **Intentional Formation and Action** to build our faith on interior and exterior experiences. We are called to pursue quiet, nourishing introspection, purposeful education, and action-based ways of living our faith. We embrace the Marianist charism (faith, mission, Mary, community, and inclusivity) as we work to make the world a better place.

Where will we meet? In the Madeleine Room located in the Chaminade Center on Mount St Johns. In late May, the Facilities Task Force gathered together with a simple prayer: "Come, Holy Spirit"; inviting the Holy Spirit to open us. The Holy Spirit DID come and change the course of the meeting into a direction, that we suspect most would agree, no one expected. What started as an analysis and comparison of facts and figures about physical places and their possible utility, soon turned into a search that helps us continue to be the holy people God is calling us to be. Together, all of us in our community agreed that this recommendation and, in fact, any facility-related decision made by the community should be considered temporary, open to re-evaluation and possible change as time passes, how our membership changes, and how our 'program' takes root.

When will we meet? We will meet at 3:00PM on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. At the October Community Meeting, it was recommended that Sunday

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afternoon is the most inclusive time for our inclusive community to gather. After community discussions, the clear majority preferred meeting twice per month. Gathering on the 1st and 3rd Sundays avoids some of the holiday weekends, and allows us to begin gathering right away. The chosen time, 3:00PM, allows us the opportunity of attending Mass and/or RE at a parish on Sunday morning, with ample time to get the Madeleine Room set up before we gather, and wrapping up before it gets dark (to avoid driving after dark concerns). In addition, the time gives us the option to occasionally have dinner together afterwards, helps to alleviate naptime and bedtime concerns for young children, and is a time that can segue nicely into a Sunday evening youth group activity.

What should we expect? At our New Season gatherings, we will come as a Community of Faith with prayer, song, and fellowship to find new opportunities to recognize Christ in everyone and to be Christ for one another and the world.

Our gatherings will have two major sections. The first section will be *Community Prayer* and is expected to last approximately 45 minutes. The second section will be *Community Activity*, and is expected to take approximately 30 minutes.

We are also collaborating with the Dayton Marianist Council to determine how we might support additional Masses in addition to the two Masses they currently host. These Masses would bring together all of the Dayton Marianist Lay Communities.

Will there still be music? Absolutely! Our prayer time will include music chosen by the planner. The music will be enhanced by the beautiful voices and instrumental sounds we have come to know over the years and we look forward to hearing new ones!

How will we be organized? Our new community will be organized as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and will have a leadership team similar to what we had as a parish, that will be made up of community representatives organized under Fr. Chaminade's "Three Offices" of *Spiritual, Formation* and *Temporalities*. As we move forward, an interim leadership team that combines some of the current members of the QAC Leadership Team with the New Seasons Committee will be in place starting on December 1. This will allow everyone time to experience how our new community is operating

before discerning possible involvement on the new leadership team.

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, we will have a *Board of Directors*, of which some of the leadership team will also serve on; members at large and coordinators who will be in charge of the three offices mentioned previously. In addition, there will be three paid positions - *Administrator, Music Coordinator, and Youth Coordinator*.

Next Steps. Oh there is a lot going on now and will be especially in our New Season. Patience, flexibility, creatively working together, extending an open invitation and welcoming those who are looking for something new, will be the key to our future. We are all in this together. In addition, now is the perfect time to think about how you can share your talents in our New Season.

Below are key events occurring in the near term. All New Season Faith Gatherings will start at 3:00PM on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and will be held in the Madeline Room located in the Chaminade Center unless otherwise noted below:

December 2023

6th - Interim Leadership Team Mtg, 8:00PM,
Virtual via Zoom call

January 2024

7th - New Season Faith Gathering
20th - Marianist Founders Day Mass, 4:00PM, Chapel
21st - New Season Faith Gathering

February 2024

4th - New Season Faith Gathering, Bergamo Chapel
18th - New Season Faith Gathering

March 2024

3rd - New Season Faith Gathering
17th - New Season Faith Gathering

Remember...Community Meeting video recordings and other information can be viewed in the protected portion of the QAC website.

Have questions?

Need more information?

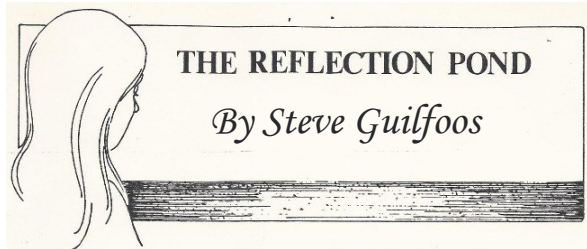
Heard rumors?

Send a note to the New Seasons Team at gacnewseason@gmail.com.

Parish Attendance

One of our community members recently made a suggestion to create a database of sorts of which community members will be going to which local parish next year. This isn't an effort to identify who's going to Mass or not in our new season. Rather, the suggestion was made so that if a current community member wants to try a new parish, they can see whom from our current community might be there, so that plans can be made to sit together, go out to lunch, etc., and continue our community out in the world.

If you're at a place in your discernment where you know which parish you will attend next year, please send an email to qacnewseason@gmail.com and we will create a list to share.



Those Were The Times

My friends ...
 Those were the times we had
 We thought they'd be without end
We lived ... we loved ... we learned

And now it's time to turn a corner
 Maybe with new beginnings
 For sure new times to be had

With hope to live ...
 With hope to love ...
 With hope to learn ...
 With hope to grow ...
 With hope to be ...

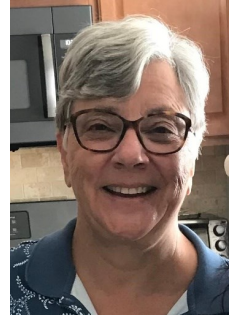
Do you have to say "goodbye" to the past
To say "hello" to the future
... Or not ?

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

THE GIFT OF QAC

By Cathy Adler



You've heard the commercial about the battery that keeps on going, I think that could be related to QAC's motto, the community that keeps on giving! As Chris Bohmer Stewart and I finish the year co-chairing the Social Justice committee, we know that your gifts of time, talent, and treasure over 50 years for this committee's projects are just the tip of what you do for others here in this community and beyond. Social justice is seeing Christ in one another. We "see" Christ by improving the lives of others, through sharing our given talents, through our careers, our families, our faith community and reaching out to neighbors near and far. This is our Queen of Apostle's faith community; we are generous in all our giving and living.

Thank you all for what you have shared over these many years. The light of the Spirit shines forth in you and from you, just like the light from the star over Bethlehem, showing others the way to love and live. I recently read about a Sister who said this to her many students throughout her years as a teacher, *"The God in me sees the God in you."* Thank you QAC for sharing the God in you!

Blessings this Christmas season,
Cathy Adler

ADVENT GIVING TREE 2023

Starting December 3 through December 24, our Advent Giving Tree will once again be loaded with gift tags for all to choose from to help those in our surrounding communities. This year our tree isn't quite as green or as full, but the meaning is still the same, the love we share with those less fortunate grows with the giving heart of this community. And we have Eric and Tanya Groff to thank for hosting this event again!

There are four charities that will be benefiting this year: **ELIZABETH NEW LIFE CENTER, FAMILY PROMISE OF GREENE COUNTY, FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY PROJECT AND GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES.**



THE TREE IS IN THE VESTIBLE OF THE CHAPEL, PLEASE DROP OFF UNWRAPPED GIFTS, WITH THE TAGS ATTACHED, THROUGH DECEMBER 31.

ECO-TIP from Social Justice

It's that time of year again for gift-giving and gift-wrapping. Hopefully you have made use of last year's December Eco-Tip and have been using more sustainable, eco-friendly ways to wrap your gifts – reusable bags and boxes, skip the glitter and shiny paper full of microplastics, minimize tape. However, there are other mountains of environmentally damaging materials that will come our way during the holidays – Styrofoam! In all the protective packaging around all those electronics, toys, and maybe Aunt Mabel still uses packing peanuts in her holiday mailings to the kids. Finding a site that accepts Styrofoam can be a challenge. Centerville will be having a Styrofoam recycling event on January 6 from 9:00AM-1:00PM at the Activity Center Park. Styrofoam must be clean, free of tape, and no food containers. Better yet, Tom and Marilyn McCrate have found Ohio's first Styrofoam/EPS Consumer drop-Off Program in the back of Eco Development in Mason, Ohio. They reported that dropping off a carload was easy; no appointment was necessary. The address is 4219 US 42 (Reading Rd.), Mason, Ohio 45040, at the corner of Bethany Road if you want to quickly recycle your Styrofoam. The Social Justice Committee will be discussing the future possibility of arranging a lay community collection on Mount St. John and transporting a load to Mason. Live Laudato Si and take care of God's gift of the Earth!

Change and Be Changed Update

By Elisabeth and Thomas Hangartner



Dear QAC Family,

We hope this thank-you note will still make it in the December Spirit. As usual, our daily events are a couple of steps ahead of us! And our current colds do not help to keep our priorities straight. Since your response to our plea for Rachel’s secondary school fees and the collection for CABC were absolutely amazing, our expression of gratitude is our top priority. A big thank-you to all of you, and a special thank-you to Chris, Marti and the Social Justice Committee for their encouragement, guidance and support; they were needed and much appreciated in faraway Africa.

Now a few lines about the happenings after our last report. The repaired car was more or less ready as we arrived in Tanzania where Ally was awaiting us, eager to safely drive us the airport in Dar-es-Salaam. The car looked better than ever in its new coat. The pre-accident dull black coat was now a shiny blue coat, and the banged-up hood and the severely damaged front light were repaired and looked better than new! Nobody could associate the car any longer with the accident. The two-day drive from Southern Tanzania to Dar-es-Salaam was broken up into two manageable stretches. The first day took us to Mikumi National Park, a breathtaking wilderness teeming of African wildlife. Admiration and gratitude for the awesome diversity of flora and fauna in Africa are two words that can only inadequately describe our response to the incredible experience. The



second day we just made it to the inner courtyard of our hotel before our shiny blue car decided to definitely quit on us. Our planned shopping in Dar fell into the water except for an exceedingly bumpy trip by tuk-tuk to an exchange bureau to get Tanzanian shillings for the car repair and Ally’s trip back to Southern Tanzania and Malawi. The night flight from Dar to Amsterdam was two hours delayed, and hence our flight from Amsterdam to Zürich was changed, too. Arriving in Amsterdam, we noticed that the flight to Zürich was late, and with persistence and luck we were able to catch the original flight to Zürich. We just made it on time to the annual All Saints celebration for the deceased members of the



Hangartner family in Brunnen, where Thomas grew up. His siblings were quite surprised to find us sitting in the pew when they entered the church.

Visits with family and friends made the following weeks go by in a jiffy. Although we had only two days of beautiful weather and otherwise daily rain, we thoroughly enjoyed our - in comparison to Africa - quieter and more predictable days. Only a strange African wound on Thomas’ leg provided unexpected excitement in the emergency room of the nearby town. After two visits the balloon-like swelling of his leg was deflating, and the blood tests were indicating that the leg was healing, slowly but surely. Now, only the repair of his foot, broken in New Orleans in May, remains. The winter months will ideally lend themselves to this undertaking.

We are now preparing for our flight home on 11/29 and are much looking forward to “regular” life at home with Katya, Svitlana, Nyasa and Clydie, all of whom are eagerly awaiting our arrival.

In the hope of being happily reunited with you in church on December 17 when we will be in Dayton, we are sending our warm greetings your way,

Elisabeth and Thomas



HOLIDAY BAKE SALE

The QAC Teens are having a bake sale on Sunday, December 10.

All proceeds will go to 4 Paws for Ability. Buy some breads, cakes and cookies for your holiday table, give as a gift, or stock your freezer for winter!

Advent Prayer

During this Advent Season, may we find moments of stillness to contemplate Your love, grace, and the hope You bring. Open our eyes to the blessings of this season and the opportunities to share Your light with others.

Mark Your Calendars

Holiday Craft Show

Dec 3, 12:00 Noon-3:00 PM, Si-Lounge

First Eucharist Mass (4th Sunday of Advent)

Dec 23, 4:00PM, Chapel

Christmas Eve Mass

*Dec 24, 4:00PM (beginning with Carols), Chapel
(No liturgy on Christmas Day)*

First New Season Gathering (Epiphany)

*January 7, 3:00PM, Madeleine Room in the
Chaminade Center*

Marianist Founders Day Mass

January 20, (time to be announced) Chapel

Christmas Prayer

During this season of Christmas, may we be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child.

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 and a few surprises.

Coffee and Cookies will be served

Thank You From Your Spirit Editors...

A very special thank you to everyone who contributed articles, photos, images, poems, and other creative works of art over the years! We have had a blast creating this newsletter with your help! God Bless you all!

We are looking forward to continuing our celebration in the New Season!!

Blessings,
Kevin and Linda Skinner

SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING

Sunday, December 10 will be our last Social Justice meeting of the year. We'll meet in Si Lounge after Liturgy to wrap things up and discuss our hopes for Social Justice in our new Lay Marianist community. Snacks will be served as we bid farewell.

QAC STEWARDSHIP

A Way of Life

Will you mail back the postcard? As we enter the Season of Advent, we should realize that this isn't just a time of expectant waiting for the celebration of the Birth of Jesus, but it is also a



Kevin Skinner

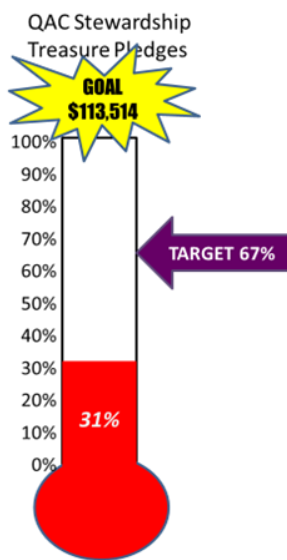
time of preparation to continue the work that was started over 2000 years ago. In today's world we order many things on-line, and December is the month when we receive many gifts delivered right to the house. Imagine that you wake up one morning to find a package on your front doorstep. Since you didn't order anything, you get excited and wonder what special gift you received. With child-like anticipation you tear open the box and inside there is a note from God. It reads "My Dear Friend, I have a very important mission for you. Inside this package is everything you will need to accomplish it."

In the box is a Bible with ribbons marking passages, a wooden cane and a postcard with the word YES. When you open the Bible, the ribbons highlight scripture readings of God's assurance that you will be helped and that there is a plan for your life. The road will be hard and there will be many battles to fight, but God will send the people you will need. One final ribbon in the Bible explains why you need the cane. Even when it feels like you aren't getting anywhere, you will be limping back and forth and pounding on doors. No matter what your mission is, it will require perseverance.



This is where we are in our new Marianist Lay Community, a new mission from the Holy Spirit. The time is here and now. Now the hard part, do you mail back the postcard and say YES? Do you say "yes" to God's mission for you, and use the tools and people that are put in your path? Will you be humble enough to say yes to the people God sends your way? This is not an easy answer, but one that needs prayer.

"Lord, guide my footsteps, and strengthen me for the challenges that I will face in your name. Thank you for loving me so much that you give me the honor to do your will on earth."



QAC Financial Summary -October 2023			
	Monthly	Year to Date	Year to Date (Budget)
Collections	\$ 6,625	\$ 34,658	\$ 75,677
Other Income	\$ 373	\$ 8,029	
Total Operating Income	\$ 6,998	\$ 42,687	
Operating Expense	\$ 10,136	\$ 66,322	
Income Expense	\$ (3,138)	\$ (23,635)	

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!

Your contributions will still be needed in our New Season.

Until our new name has been selected (which should be soon), please continue to make your regular contributions as you do today. Once we have more information, we'll provide an update in a future bulletin or via email.

Thank you so much for your generosity!!



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Seniors' Corner

by Chuck Bauer

Well this is most likely my last Seniors' Corner article for the Spirit. It has been a good/great run. There was a little/a lot of glum and despair in 2020 and 2021, and I did get over it. I enjoyed my handle "Free and Nearly Free" and lately my sign off "Remember Stay Happy, Healthy and Safe, Thinking of You". Enough of my melancholy.

Old Business: Last month I reported on NOAA's winter weather predictions. I said I would compare the scientific method with my ever accurate, winter weather predictor, the **Woolly Bear Caterpillars**. Ruby or I have NOT LOCATED a SINGLE ONE. What does this mean??

Christmas Concerts:

- **"The Air Force Band of Flight, Holiday Concert"** - at The Air Force Museum, December 19 and 20 at 7:00PM. Tickets can be ordered online starting December 1 after 9:00AM. (www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/). <https://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/Upcoming/Press-Room/News/Article-Display/Article/3591144/free-tickets-available-dec-1-for-holiday-concerts-at-the-national-museum-of-the/>.
- **"Kettering Civic Band Holiday Concert"** - Kettering Middle School, 3000 Glengarry Drive, Kettering, December 11 at 7:00PM. <https://www.ketteringcivicband.org/event-calendar>.

Christmas Lights:

- **"Woodlands Lights"** - Countryside Park, 895 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd, Washington Township, OH from 6:00-9:00PM. Note that the Gate closes at 8:30PM. Fantasy land of holiday lights and displays along the half-mile paved walking path. The month-long festival has more lights, more vignettes, and the same winter whimsy. https://www.washingtontwp.org/recreation/woodland_lights/about_woodland_lights.
- **"Park Light at Caesar Ford Park"** - 520 S Stringtown Rd, Xenia, OH, December 1-31 from 6:00-9:00PM. Drive through Caesar Ford Park and see hundreds of light displays without leaving the warmth of your car! You'll wind your way through our Winter Wonderland. Load up the whole family. This is a free event, donation requested. <https://www.daytonlocal.com/holidays/parklights-at-caesar-ford-park.asp>.
- **"Clifton Mill Christmas Lights"** - Clifton Ohio. Ever popular - 7 Nights a Week 6:00-9:00PM. Every night until the night before Christmas Eve you can peek into Santa's Workshop to see a live Santa at work and then, every 15 minutes or so, watch him check his list and go up the chimney to load his sleigh. <https://cliftonmill.com/christmas-lights/>.
- **"Neighborhood Plat Lights"** - In Beavercreek we use a Garmin GPS for easy travel through the larger plats: Beaver Valley Rd / Hunters Ridge is a large younger plat. Grange Hall Rd / Summerfield Dr is a very good extensive mix. Patterson Rd just east of QAC, is smaller but very nice. E Dayton Xenia Rd / Brewster Dr. has extensive street luminaries. If you have some areas in your neighborhood let's list them.

Christmas Streaming Movies that Ruby and I watch every year:

- **"New Castle after Dark presents A Christmas Carol (1984) HD"** with George C. Scott - best quality, (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z15UWo7NCdY>)
- **"Miracle on 34th Street" (1947)** (<https://www.publicdomaintube.com/5767/>) .
- Ruby's Christmas favorite - **"Its a Wonderful Life" (1946)** (<https://watch.plex.tv/movie/its-a-wonderful-life>)
Connect your laptop to the TV with an HDMI cable.

Remember Stay Happy, Healthy and Safe - Thinking of you, Chuck

First Eucharist Celebration
Welcome To The Table Of Love

Join us on December 23 at 4:00PM for Mass, celebrating the First Holy Communion for Luke Naveau, Joseph Hibbard and Ben Seibert. A light supper will be held immediately following.



Dear Lord, we thank You and praise You for the most precious gift of the Holy Eucharist.

We ask You to bless all those who are preparing to receive Your Body and Blood for the first time.

Help all of us to appreciate more deeply all You have done for us in our lives. Help us to grow in love for You each day.

Amen.

Religious Education Classes
will be held December 3, 10 and 17

A special thank you to Amie Herbert, the catechists,
the parents and all the students for making this such a successful class year!
We appreciate you all!!

December

Happy Birthday

- 2 Joe Andrews
- 2 Anne Stallkamp
- 3 Chalsi Campbell
- 3 Meghann Naveau
- 9 Carol Quinones
- 11 Rebecca Cherry
- 14 Mary Lou Kramer
- 17 Drew Nanda
- 18 Mia Chesar
- 19 Sue Bitsko
- 19 Barry Rice
- 19 Nancy Woeste
- 21 Mary Bane
- 21 Pat Weissgarber
- 29 Tyler Campbell

Happy Anniversary

- 2 Pat & Dan Huser
- 16 Janet & Dave Merrelli
- 16 Lisa & Ian Berry
- 19 Lois & Don Bigler
- 23 Peggy & Gary Cashero
- 27 Nimfa & Jack Simpson
- 28 Barb & Jack Evenson (60th)



THANK YOU CHOIR



Honoring QAC's music performance for our Community.

Storks Nest Baby Pantry surpasses 2022 numbers in October

Submitted by Martie Holda

Dayton Right To Life's baby pantry has given out over 31,000 diapers since January. This surpasses the number given out for ALL of 2023! Since August, they have averaged 50-60 families served each week. If this trend continues, which they believe it will, they will have surpassed most of their 2022 service numbers by the end of November.

Dayton Right To Life is uniquely positioned to continue as a resource for families. Their many community partners give them access to hundreds of women and families needing support in our community. Through these partnerships, they can provide an authentic witness to the prolife ethic! The Dayton Right to Life is looking for diaper donations and hope to top their goal of 20,000 diapers. See the poster for diaper drop off.



Christmas for the Preborn

Wednesday, Dec. 13th ♦ 11 a.m. - Noon ♦ 1401 E. Stroop Rd.
In front of the Women's Med Center Abortion Mill

Join us and help commemorate the lives of preborn babies lost through elective abortion.

Bring gifts in the form of disposable diapers (sizes 4, 5, and 6) for distribution to women's support centers (Cash donations accepted). Help us top our goal of 20,000 diapers.

We'll sing Christmas carols, share hot apple cider, and enjoy good fellowship.

If you can't be there, drop off diapers or cash donations with Vivian at the abortion mill 9 am - 2 pm Monday through Friday -- starting now through the first week of January.

For more information:
Website: www.maxlifer.com/christmas_m.html ♦ Email: vivian@maxlifer.com
If you attend the event, please use street parking - not the Mama DiSalvo Restaurant parking lot.

University of Dayton Marian Library

Christmas Exhibit and Creche Collection

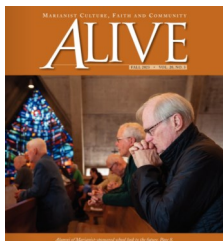
Be sure to visit the University of Dayton Marian Library during the holiday season to see their extensive collection of over 3,600 Nativities from around the world. The Crèche Collection celebrates diverse Nativity traditions, adapted in different materials and styles, from over 100 cultures. In addition, this year's Christmas exhibit, *Nativities and the Natural World*, will celebrate the 800th anniversary of St. Francis' first Nativity scene and connect St. Francis' love of nature with Laudato si'. You can also visit the Gallery St. John, where additional creches are on loan from the Marian Library.



North American Center Looking for Advent
for Marianist Studies Meditations? Be sure
to check out the NACMS podcast series called *Advent Marian Meditations* available on their website at <https://nacms.org/node/702>. You can also sign up for their newsletter at <https://nacms.org/newsletter>.

FamilyOnline

The latest issue of Family Online includes "Let's Set the Table of Life & Faith" that highlights "Setting the Marianist Table", a process that, through symbolism, helps transform an ordinary task into a spiritual opportunity. There's also an announcement about QAC's Last Mass, and so much more! <https://www.marianist.com/online/>.



The latest issue of ALIVE Magazine is available by clicking on the image to the left or at <https://www.marianist.com/wp-content/uploads/alive/FallWinter2023/?page=1>.

Be sure to check out "This Is Right" found on pages 17-19, which focuses on the new home for Senior Marianist Brothers and Priests at St. Leonard.

Join MEEC for the 2023 Winter Solstice Sunrise Celebration

Thursday, December 21, 2023 - 6:45AM
All will gather at 6:45AM OUTSIDE Sieben Hall.

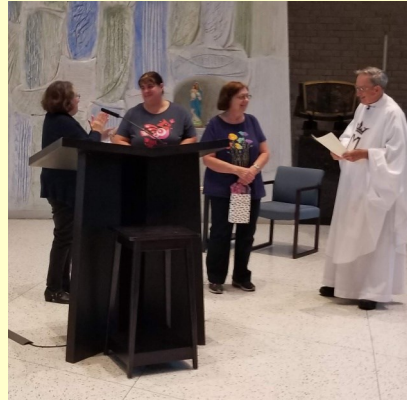
We will observe the longest night of the year with prayers for world peace and a reflective candlelight procession through the woods of Mount St. John. A bonfire in the prairie at sunrise will welcome the Prince of Peace. Hot beverages and a light breakfast provided.

RSVP: 937-429-3582 or info@meeec.center



Paula Fleming

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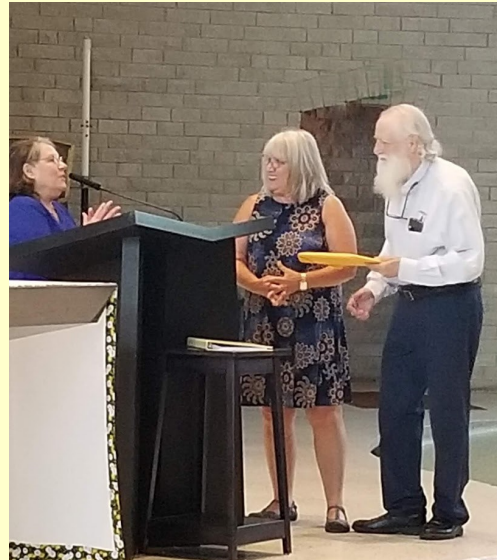
Amie and Sharon Herbert



Welcome



Roseann & Will Place



Susie Klase & Chris Rupert



The Woeste Family



*Happy 60th Anniversary
Barb and Jack Evenson*

*Sixty years of togetherness are filled with experiences and beautiful memories.
May God Bless You Both as you continue on your journey of love and as you celebrate this amazing milestone in your lives.*





Chris Sitko selected to represent the brave female Air Force Veterans at the event



Bill Ivory and Kelly Cox



Kelly Cox co-hosting the event

HONOR FLIGHT

FAMILY PROMISE EMPTY BOWL FUNDRAISER



QAC Veterans at the gathering of approximately 800 Honor Flight Members



QACers had fun at the Empty Bowl Fundraiser. Nimfa was a big winner at the auction (she's a biking fan and this is her new Tour De QAC marathon winning bike)



Nimfa & Jack Simpson



Chris Sitko, Nimfa Simpson, Marilyn Nagle, Chris Bohmer Stewart



Jack Simpson & Dan Nagle



Chris Bohmer Stewart & Kevin Skinner

A Message of Hope and Thanks...

As we come to the end of our journey as a parish and celebrate our last Mass as Queen of Apostles Parish on December 31, 2023, we wish to offer our sincerest appreciation to every one, who through the years, made us a community of love. We have experienced much over the years and have always been there for one another; a true gift to one another!

On January 1, together we will embark on a new journey of faith. A faith community that builds what Fr. Chaminade envisioned oh so many years ago, using new methods for new times! It's exciting to know that we are building something new while retaining the core spirit of our community: radical hospitality and the pursuit of social justice.

We know that our new season will be one that is filled with many gifts, as the Spirit continues to guide us as a new community of love, wrapped in the Marianist Charism, reaching out those who are yearning to belong.

May the Spirit help us to focus on the work we have been called to do, and may our roles in this new community be aligned with a purpose that helps us to be the holy people that God calls us to be!




We ask for your prayers as we continue planning our new season!

COMMUNITY PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

Companioning God, we call upon the Spirit to move through us with power and with grace as we work to transition our beloved community to something new, and vital that will inspire others to join us. Open our hearts and minds to Your call to create with courage the community that You desire - trusting in Christ our Light who goes, beside us, behind and before us always calling us forward and attending our way. We pray this through Jesus our Brother and Teacher and the loving heart of Mary. Amen

December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Fresh Produce for St. Vincent de Paul Sunday, December 3				1 7:30PM Choir Practice	1	2
3 1st Sunday of Advent 8:45AM QAC Adult Formation (via Zoom) 9:00AM Religious Education (Si Lounge) 10:00AM Praying the Rosary 10:30AM Mass (CCHD Collection) 12:00PM Craft Show (Si Lounge)	4	5	6	7 7:30PM Choir Practice	8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception	9
10 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:00AM Religious Education (Si Lounge) 10:00AM Praying the Rosary 10:30AM Mass (Bake Sale After Mass) 12:00 60th Reception: Evenson 12:00—Social Justice Mtg (Si Lounge)	11	12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	13	14 7:30PM Choir Practice	15	16
17 3rd Sunday of Advent 8:45AM QAC Adult Formation (via Zoom) 9:00AM Religious Education (Si Lounge) 10:00AM Praying the Rosary 10:30AM Mass 12:00 - Marianist Hosted Reception	18	19	20	21 6:45AM Winter Solstice Sunrise Celebration 7:30PM Choir	22	23 4th Sunday of Advent 4:00 PM Mass First Communion and Light Supper following
24 Christmas Eve 4:00 PM Mass	25 Christmas Day 	26	27	28	29	30
31 Feast of the Holy Family 10:30AM Mass 12:00 - Potluck in Si Lounge						