

Religious Education Newsletter

Queen of Apostles Community

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What is happening in April!

- Happy Easter!
- Marianist LIFE Night with the middle schoolers
- First Eucharist

Happy Easter!

Once again we are here rejoicing in the Easter season. We have made it through Lent and now we get to celebrate. Everywhere we look the earth is rejoicing. From every new leaf and new bud, to warmth of the sun on our faces. I love that in our tradition that our celebrations and the focus on joy and gratitude is longer than the time of solitude and reflection. It tells us that the way to move forward is through living this love and gratitude in all that we do.

Next weekend four of our children will receive first Eucharist for the first time. They will become full members of the church and take the next step in living the Eucharist. To be the holy people God called us to be.

How will we walk this path with them? Will we communicate how very special and important Eucharist is in our lives? Will we allow these children to look at us and see the love we have for Christ each time we are in his presence?

I think that would be the greatest gift of Easter that we could possibly share with our children. To allow them to see how transformative the presence of Christ in the Eucharist, is in us. To share with them that new life we feel each time we receive. Isn't that what we are called to do? Let us begin with our children. Let us share the outpouring of love that Jesus gave to us with them. For only then will they truly understand what it means to receive Eucharist and to live as an Easter people.

Happy Easter! May Christ's message of eternal life fill you with love.

Peace,

Maggie



First Eucharist!

This spring we have four children who have prepared and are ready to receive first Eucharist.

They are **Savannah Groff, Abraham Watts, Aidan Holcomb, and Gavin Bohrer.**

This is such a special time in a child's life. They are becoming full members of the

community and receiving Eucharist with us for the first time. It is important that as a community we are there to support and share in this day with them as they truly show us all how they are Disciples of Love!

Please join us on Sunday April 24th to celebrate with these children. Mass begins at 10:30 and there will be a luncheon reception to follow in Si-lounge.



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We're on the Web!
Up to date calendar at
<https://sites.google.com/a/qac-ohio.org/youth/religious-education-calendar>

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**Jr. High and High School
Youth Ministry Events**

April 17th CrossRoads—prep for service day
Service Day 12-3 Ronald McDonald house
Marianist LIFE
Youth Ministry Night with Jr. High youth!

April 24th Marianist LIFE Community—Katie Planning



Religion is not taught it is communicated. Religion is instilled more deeply in the spirits and hearts of the students through the atmosphere that permeates the school rather than through teaching.
~ Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, Marianist Founder

God is Good!

It is time to start thinking about VBS again!

In the summer we will be focusing on how God is Good for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. We will have wonderful projects, games, songs and fun for all the kids from our preschoolers all the way through middle school.

Right now we are looking for volunteers to help make this weekend a success! We need snack time helpers, youth volunteers, teachers, and more.

This is going to be a wonderful weekend full of new experiences, friends, learning about how we can be people of mercy in our own hearts and in this world.

Sign ups be all through the month of May.

You can find the forms [here](#):

Registration can be turned in on Sundays at Mass or mailed to:

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**WE CAN'T WAIT
TO SEE YOU THERE!**

