



## **Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter**

**March 2019 – Men's**

### ***Slow Down – Enjoy the Ride Spiritual Director's Comments***

Rushing to work, I was driving too fast and was pulled over by the highway patrol. The state trooper noticed that my shirt had the name of a local high school on it. "I teach math there," I explained. The trooper smiled and said, "Okay, here's the problem. A teacher is speeding down the highway at 16 mph over the limit. At \$12 for every mile, plus \$40 court costs, plus the rise in his insurance, what's the total cost?" I replied, "Taking that total, subtracting the low salary I receive, multiplying it by the numbers of kids I teach who hate math, then adding to that the fact that none of us would be here without teachers, I would say 'Zero.'" He handed back my license, "Math was never my favorite subject," he admitted. "Please slow down."

This weekend is a chance for a group of wonderful men to slow down; whether teachers or not, they are undoubtedly speeding down the road of life. And it is an equal chance for all of us to slow down as well, to lighten the load with prayer, to focus on others rather than ourselves—in other words, to do palanca. May each of us take a deep breath, feel the power of the Holy Spirit coming over us, and, in doing so, prompt good things to happen in the lives of these babe-chicks. Blessings on them and all of us!

*De Colores,*

*Fr. Dave*

### ***Living an Authentic Life Lay Director's Comments***

Cursillo offers us many opportunities to grow in our faith. I was recently asking someone to consider making a Cursillo. The individual explained why now wasn't a good time to do something like that...I was not shocked as I've heard a variety of reasons from friends and family when it comes to agreeing to participate in things like Cursillo...Out of the three legs of Piety, Study, and Action I find Action to be the most difficult. This is also what makes it the most important to living our faith authentically. As we learn on the Cursillo weekend, Piety and study without Action is not living as an authentic Christian. As we know actions speak louder than words. Living an authentic and joyful life as a child of Christ requires us to invite God into all areas of our life. This Action needs to be grounded in prayer. In reflecting on challenges I face in prayer I'm always reminded of the words I heard on a Cursillo weekend. "Do not leave before you are gone." It can be easy to go thru the motions and not focus our time on the task at hand. This is a daily struggle for me. Getting up early and stopping by church to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament is one of the most effective ways I've found to remove myself from the ordinary distractions of my life. I pray the Cursillo community and those we surround ourselves with will continue to guide us to deeper conversion of heart during this season of lent.

*Joe Mongin*

The women's Cursillo weekend is coming up quickly! March 28 – 31 at St Francis Xavier, St Joseph's School site on Oneida Street in Appleton. Talk to God about your friends, then get her application in soon!

## ***Holy Spirit Moments***

### ***A message from the men's Rector***

It always amazes me how we can start a Cursillo weekend and by Sunday night everyone involved becomes great friends. The dynamics that occur on the weekend really show us the work of the Holy Spirit. When I originally lived my Cursillo I had not really had an encounter that I recognized as a Holy Spirit moment. I'm sure we all have a Holy Spirit moment from our Cursillo. But it is important to remember not every Holy Spirit moment has to be a mountain top experience. As we go through our daily lives we have to look for and recognize the small Holy Spirit moments. The smile of a baby. A husband doing the dishes for his busy wife. Helping a parent going through Alzheimer's.

As we go through our lives let's recognize those day to day Holy Spirit moments. I know we all have them, we just need to look. I challenge all of us to write down our daily Holy Spirit moments and share them when we group on our 4<sup>th</sup> day. The Holy Spirit can lead us down new paths if we are looking. Maybe it means a career change, participating in a ministry at your church, helping the less fortunate person who needs your help, or being a better family member. So, as we go forth, let's call on the Holy Spirit to lead us down the path God has made for us.

***Deacon Tom Gritton***  
Men's Rector for Cursillo 251

### ***"Hip to be Square"***

#### ***FYI from our Treasurer***

De Colores! Those of you that came of age in the mid-1980's likely remember the hit record "Hip to be square", by Huey Lewis and the News. It was a song that hit #3 on the charts back in 1986. As a parent of soon to be 22 year old twin daughters, I often get that feeling. They and their friends humor me when I refer to my "glory days" and they even acknowledge that many of the songs they enjoy most are "oldies" from my era! I guess it sometimes really is "hip to be square".

Speaking of "Square", the Green Bay Cursillo movement has decided to adopt this hip new technology by adding the ability to accept credit card payments for Cursillo weekends, book purchases and other events like the Day of Enrichment. We are the proud owners of a "Square" chip reader device that allows people to make their purchases using all major credit cards. There is a 3% service charge that we will pass along if a person wants to use a credit card to make a purchase. So, while my daughters and their friends are okay with me being a "hip square", I realize that I need to keep up with the times when it comes to technology. Taking payments by cash and checks only is not hip – it's just plain old square.

Speaking of keeping up with the times, the Secretariat recently reviewed the annual finances of the Green Bay Cursillo movement. While the Cursillo movement is very healthy in Northeastern Wisconsin, we are facing higher costs for food and facilities when we hold our Cursillo weekends. In addition, we have overhead costs such as dues to the Cursillo National organization, insurance and trailer maintenance that must also be considered. To that end, we are moving the suggested weekend donation to \$95 for candidates as well as team members. Our Vice Rectors always handle the "mop talk" with such great finesse and diplomacy, ensuring that all candidates understand that they are "paying it forward" for the next attendee, and that donations are voluntary and appreciated no matter what the amount.

Bob Dylan sang "The times they are a-changin'" long before Huey Lewis was ever big news. And so we adapt – but one constant is that Cursillo weekends continue to change the lives of so many women and men in Northeastern Wisconsin. Our sisters and brothers are living out their 4<sup>th</sup> days as Disciples of Christ, making a tremendous difference in the world. As Huey Lewis also said, "that's the power of LOVE".

Bill Meo, Treasurer

# Men's Cursillo #251 March 14 - 17, 2019

## St. John the Baptist Parish – Green Bay

### TEAM

**Rector:** Dcn Tom Gritton  
920-585-9620

**Vice Rector:** Jim Spierings  
920-791-0028

**Spiritual Director:** Father Walter Stumpf  
920-841-0898

**Asst. Spiritual Director:** Dcn Steve VandeHey  
920-850-8168

**Proctors:** Mark Janus 920-676-5363  
Dave Bonham 920-609-4442  
Mike Gorniak 920-562-1612  
(Kitchen) Bill Meo 920-819-4462  
(Music) John Hanson 920-574-5081

**Palanca Address:** **Attn: Cursillo #251 Palanca**  
**P.O. Box 184**  
**Little Chute, WI 54140**

**Serenade:** **6:00 PM – Look for Signs**

**Emergency Phones:** 920-585-9620/920-819-4462

### DAY CHAIRPERSONS

**Set Up: Thursday, March 14 @ 4:00pm**  
Jenn Jensen 920-279-5982 (Help needed & welcome!)

**Thursday Night:** **Twila Meo**  
920-819-2065

**Friday:** **Annette & Pat Hoslet**  
920-621-1320

Breakfast 7:45  
Lunch 12:30  
Supper 6:00

**Saturday:** **Mike Weins**  
920-475-6459

Breakfast 7:00  
Agape 1:30  
Supper 6:15

**Sunday:** **Becky & Paul Schoen**  
920-562-4447

Breakfast 7:35  
Lunch 12:00  
Supper 5:30

**Clean Up:** Sunday @ 4:30  
Jenn Jensen 920-279-5982

Directions: From South – Take I-41 North, Take Exit 170 for US-141/S Velp Ave, go left on Velp, pass through one roundabout. Turn left on Glendale. From East (Manitowoc) – Take I-43 N toward Green Bay, merge onto WI-172 via Exit 180 toward WI-31/Austin Straubel Airport. Merge onto I-41 N toward Marinette, take Exit 170 for US-141/S Velp Ave, go left on Velp, pass through one roundabout. Turn left on Glendale. **St John the Baptist Parish, 2561 Glendale Ave, Green Bay**

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Parish</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Parish</u>
Barrington, Dan	St Bernard, Green Bay	Masak, David	St Gabriel, Neenah
Bennet, Bill	Resurrection, Green Bay	Ruhland, Vern	St John the Baptist, Howard
Cove, Steve	St Edward, Mackville	Salm, Ben	St Edward, Mackville
Eiting, Elmer	Holy Spirit, Kimberly	Schweitzer, Stephen	St Mary, Greenville
Fannin, Robin	MPB, New London	VanHelvoirt, Mike	St Clare, Wrightstown
Fishel, Kirk	St Gabriel, Neenah	VanStraten, Wayne	St Edward, Mackville
Grove, Mark	Holy Rosary, New Holstein	Winterfeldt, Jayson	St Mary Greenville
Lenz, Steve	St Mary, Shiocton		

***This list is complete as of March 5, 2019***

Sponsors... Please make sure Candidates accepted after this date receive Palanca. For more information on Cursillo and the Green Bay Diocese Movement go to: [www.natl-cursillo.org/Greenbay](http://www.natl-cursillo.org/Greenbay)

To see an updated list of candidates right up to the cursillo e-mail Bob Varick [bvarick@new.rr.com](mailto:bvarick@new.rr.com)

**Cursillos in Christianity**  
**PO Box 184**  
**Little Chute, WI 54140**

### ***Day of Enrichment Wrap Up***

More than 110 Cursillistas gathered on Saturday, February 16, 2019 at St. John Nepomucene parish in Little Chute for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of Enrichment. The day began with Mass celebrated by Fr. Richard Klingeisen, with Deacon Dave VanEperen assisting. The speakers for the day, Lori Ann Keisic Grillo, Dan Dooley, and Nancy Vande Hey shared their stories of what Cursillo has meant to them, and how they are living their 4<sup>th</sup> Day because of it. Very similar to a Cursillo weekend, everyone attending had the opportunity to reflect on the witness talks and participate in small group discussions (no posters or skits required!) Fr. Willie Vande Loo ended the day with inspiring words to go out and make a difference in the world, and to spread the love of Jesus to the people we encounter every day.

The steering committee wishes to thank everyone who helped to make Day of Enrichment a success through their offers of prayers, time and talent. Special thanks go out to Andy and Diane Pichette for the years that they helped organize and make this the great event that it has become. The newest members of the committee, Jim and Sue Spierings, along with Mark and Sally Gruber, are already making plans for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of Enrichment, and hope to see you there next year.