



Green Bay Diocese Cursillo

Spring 2023 Newsletter

Women's weekend # 262 will take place at Most Precious Blood Parish in New London on April 13 – 16, 2023

Spiritual Director Reflection

On Valentine's Day, I welcomed a new granddaughter into the world. As I marveled at her, barely 30 minutes old, I couldn't help but be awed by the miracle of life. Science has come a long way in being able to explain the path from conception to birth but at some point, I have to admit that new life is a miracle beyond my comprehension. A week later at our Parish Mission, as I gazed at Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration, the same thoughts came to mind. Many have tried to explain how that piece of bread becomes the body and blood of Jesus, but at some point I looked at the monstrance and realized that this too is a miracle beyond my comprehension.

In both instances, I experienced a profound sense of God's love, not because I could figure out what was going on but because I was able to enjoy the moment without needing to understand it. To simply be part of the miracle. It made me realize how freeing it is to let go and not have to analyze every situation. It made me wonder how many other areas in my life this was happening, where my desire to know and understand get in the way of truly experiencing God in the moment.

The key to my Lent so far has been in trying to embrace everyday experiences without trying to analyze why people are the way they are or why things happen the way they do. To get out of my own way. May we all find joy in knowing that God has everything under control so we can just be.

De Colores,

Deacon Dave

Lay Director Message

Welcome Spring! Welcome new life!

As the temperatures in Northeast Wisconsin slowly climb and the breeze becomes warmer, nature begins to bring forth new life. Sap begins to run in the trees, allowing new buds to form, the birds return from the south, bringing sweet music to our ears, flowers start to poke through the soil, painting the landscape with bright colors, and the Spring Cursillo weekends welcome new Babe Chicks to the Cursillo Community. What a wonderful season to rejoice in the goodness of God!

As I reflect on the past two years that I have served as Lay Director for the Cursillo Movement of the Diocese of Green Bay, I see many ways that God has blessed our community with new life and new ideas. Thank you to all of the men and women on the eight Cursillo teams who made it possible for almost 200 new men and women to live their Cursillo weekend. And thank you to all of the sponsors for extending the invitation to all of those people. This is a great testament to the vibrant life of the Cursillo community in the Green Bay Diocese, and our commitment to sincerely live our 4th Day building up the Kingdom of God. In addition to bringing new Babe Chicks into the fold, our School of Leaders has been renewed and is doing a great job of providing opportunities for all of us to learn more about the Cursillo Movement, and how we can be leaders in the effort to spread the good news of the Gospel to everyone, just as Jesus commanded in Mark 16:15. Watch the prayer chain for opportunities to participate in School of Leaders.

The Green Bay Cursillo Community has also been excited to work with a core group of individuals to bring Cursillo weekends back to the Milwaukee Archdiocese. While Spanish Cursillos are available to the people of the Milwaukee Archdiocese, English weekends have not been held there for many years. Please keep the committee in your prayers as they continue to plan and work toward the goal of offering Cursillo weekends in the Milwaukee Archdiocese. More information on their progress and how you can support this effort will be available in the coming months.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as Lay Director for the past two years, and I am grateful for the support of everyone on the Secretariat. Gino Frassetto's term as Lay Director begins in June, and he is looking forward to serving you, as I have. Please keep him and all of the Secretariat members in your prayers as they work to continually bring the men and women of our diocese closer to Christ through Cursillo.

De Colores!

Sally Gruber

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Day Of Enrichment 2023

The 17th annual Day of Enrichment was held at St. Edward the Confessor Parish in Mackville, WI on Saturday, February 11, 2023. We began together in the church to get an introduction of the day by our MC, Cindy Van Asten. This led into a prayer and reflection talk given by Deacon Ray Ambrosius which opened the hearts of all; whether they were in-person or attending virtually. We enjoyed the musical talents of Kate Fannin and her son Nick Fannin, as mass began. Mass was said by Father Willie Vande Loo and Deacon Ray Ambrosius. Father Willie reminded us how simple and pure God's relationship to his creation really is with the phrase "I like being with you."

Following mass, we gathered in the cafeteria for refreshments and to get ready for the first of the day's speakers. The tables were decorated with faith candles, candies, special prayer cards for the occasion, and more! Trisha Tetzlaff was our first speaker; she gave a beautiful witness to what her and her husband's 4th day group contributed to a very scary time in their lives. Her moving story of their daughter's faith shining and lifted in prayer of many soften all our hearts. After some table discussion, the next speaker, Matt O'Connor, rallied the call for the Cursillo movement developing in the Milwaukee diocese. His dedication and inspiration for bringing this amazing event to their diocese invited all of us to continually pray for their efforts and the success of this shift. Let's all consider being available to support this by our palanca, attendance of their closings, etc. as they come about. Lunchtime was initiated by a prayer given by Terri Murphey and concluded with an after-meal prayer done by Cathy Ambrosius. Our next speaker of the day brought joyful sounds throughout the room as Julie Huss explained her life since living her Cursillo, and ended in song we all could participate in! We are reminded of the lively songs done during our Cursillo weekend; what a fulfilling way to raise God together.

Deacon Tom Gritton concluded our talks for the day offering insight on the question "Where do we go from here?" We were left contemplating how we can go out and reflect Jesus to all we encounter. We closed our day with further discussion among our table mates and a summary by our wonderful MC, Cindy Van Asten. The day could not have gone so well without all the volunteers who donated their time to attend and help it go smoothly; whether it was preparing coffee, setting out lunch, or cleaning up after the event, everyone was appreciated! All in all, we had quite an event! With 98 people attending in person and a handful of virtual attendees, the pulse of our local Cursillo movement is strong and if we keep our eyes on Christ, we will continue to thrive and bring others to Him!

Submitted by Nicole Fannin

School of Leaders (SōL)

Spring is upon us. A time of sunshine and joy. A time of renewal and growth. A time for Babe Chicks to experience the power of the Cursillo movement. All Cursillistas are welcome to join us for the next School of Leaders gathering on **Saturday, May 6th at from 8-10 a.m. at St. Bernard Parish in Green Bay.**

The School of Leaders, like a school of fish, is designed to provide spiritual and technical nourishment for all Cursillistas as we grow in our spiritual journey. Our Cursillo journey never ends. In May, one of the focus areas

will be on sponsorship. How can we be fishers of men? How can we continue to bring people to the Cursillo? Let's learn, grow, and hear from one another.

If you have an interest in speaking during a SōL gathering please contact me or anyone else on the committee. This is a great way to keep the Cursillo movement alive.

See you soon,

Melissa Jeanquart

School of Leaders Committee; Melissa Jeanquart meljeanquart@gmail.com; Thom Cody; Michelle Knaus Paul Chamberlain; Deacon Mark Mullins; Paul Schoen



Thank you to everyone who supported the food drive on March 12, 2023. We collected two boxes full of food items and \$80.00 in cash donations which benefitted the St. John the Baptist parish food pantry and Paul's Pantry in Green Bay. We can truly make a difference in our local communities through our donations!

Our next food drive will take place on Sunday, April 16th in conjunction with the business meeting and closing at Most Precious Blood Parish in New London to benefit the New London Community Cupboard. If you are interested in supporting this effort, please bring a non-perishable food item or a cash donation with you on Sunday evening. Bins will be located at the entrance for you to drop your donation. Food items that are needed for most food pantries include:

Peanut Butter	Stuffing Mix – Stove Top
Canned Meats – Spam, Ham	Pasta (Any Variety)
Canned Stews & Chili	Rice – Plain or Flavored
Canned Fish – Tuna, Salmon	Canned Condensed Soup
Breakfast Cereal	Canned Heat & Serve Soup
Instant Oatmeal/Cream of Wheat	Dry Soup Mixes
Crackers/Saltines	Canned Spaghetti (Ravioli)
Cake Mixes	Pork & Beans/Baked Beans
Muffin Mixes	Corned Beef Hash
Pancake Mix/Syrup	Canned Vegetables (Any Variety)
Canned Fruit (Any Kind)	Beans – Dry Pinto, Navy, Red
Juices (Canned, Bottled or Boxes)	Dry Split Green Peas
Dried Fruit (Raisins, Apricots)	Pudding
Hamburger & Tuna Helper	Jell-O
Macaroni & Cheese	Pie Filling
Instant Potatoes	

• Please • No glass items • Check the expiration date •

**Items collected on April 16, 2023 will benefit
The New London Community Cupboard**

Contact Sally Gruber at grubersonelm@aol.com or (920) 989-2671 for more information.

#####CURSILLO 262 INFORMATION#####

Cursillo 262	Dates: April 13-16, 2023	Location: Most Precious Blood, New London	
Rector:	Peggy VandeHey	Proctor:	Sheila VanderLoop
Phone:	920-810-7110	Phone:	920-660-2297
Vice Rector:	Nancy VandeHey	Proctor:	Jan Whitlinger
Phone:	920-257-1736	Phone:	650-380-4006
Spiritual Director:	Dcn Ray Ambrosius	Proctor:	Brittany Winterfeldt
Phone:	920-495-4715	Phone:	920-422-4094
Co-Spiritual Director	Dcn Dave Wagnitz	Proctor	Tim Laurin
Phone:	920-606-2090	Phone:	920-203-9686
Proctor (kitchen):	Chris Jacobson	Proctor:	Paul Chamberlain
Phone:	920-740-0054	Phone:	920-883-7496
Proctor :	Mary Putzstuck		
Phone:	920-707-6464		

EMERGENCY PHONE #'S 920-660-2297 Sheila VanderLoop OR 650-380-4006 Jan Whitlinger OR
 920-740-0054 Chris Jacobson

SET-UP CHAIRPERSON Keith Deneyes **Set-up Date:** Thursday 4/13/2023 **Set-up Time:** 2:00 pm

THURSDAY NIGHT CHAIRPERSON
Kelly Watras Phone: 920-268-2818 Time: 515 p.m.
FRIDAY CHAIRPERSON
Lee and Sue Besaw Phone: 920-359-1114 Breakfast 7:45 a.m. Lunch 12:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m.
SATURDAY CHAIRPERSON
Wanda Winterfeldt Phone: 920-810-7518 Breakfast 7:00 a.m. Agape Meal 1:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m.
SUNDAY CHAIRPERSON
Deb Martin Phone: 920-470-8505 Breakfast 7:35 a.m. Lunch 12:00 p.m. Dinner 5:30 p.m.

CLEANUP CO-CHAIR Keith Deneyes 920-865-1200

DIRECTIONS TO SITE:

From I-41, take Hwy 15 north/west into New London. This will turn into Mill Street. Turn left on Quincy Street. Cross Division St, and the MPB school parking lot will be on your right.

From Hwy 10, take Hwy 45 exit towards New London. At the 45/15 stoplight, take a left. Turn left on Quincy Street. Cross Division St, and the MPB school parking lot will be on your right.

TEAM MEMBERS, TALKS AND CANDIDATES

Check Prayer Chain

CANDIDATES / PARISH Information current as of March 30, 2023

Sponsors, please make sure Candidates accepted after this date receive Palanca. More candidates will be signing up. Keep them in your prayers. To learn about the additional people making the weekend, you can check the Cursillo prayer request email. It can be accessed at the Green Bay Cursillo website.

www.gbcursillo.com

Please send your Palanca to the Cursillo post office box, or if you like, Palanca can also be dropped off at the mailbox on the Cursillo trailer at the Cursillo location.

Our Post Office Box is: Cursillos in Christianity, P.O. Box 184 Little Chute, WI 54140

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