



**Green Bay Diocese Cursillo
Winter/Spring 2024 Newsletter
Women's weekend # 266 will take place at St.
Francis Xavier Middle School, Appleton
From April 4 thru 7, 2024
Get your Palanca ready!**

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR REFLECTION

Spring is in the air! Actually it has felt like that for several months now. It seems as though every conversation I have had the past two months has had something to do with the weather. They all start with "I've never in all my years seen a winter like this" followed by "I'm sure we will pay for it somehow, either a big snowstorm or some cold weather again or a late spring". It makes me realize just how predisposed we are to this idea that everything is a zero sum game. For every mild winter, there is a late snowstorm, for every good day there is a bad day, for every win there is a loss. There is only so much good and so in order for someone to gain, someone else has to lose. With one notable exception-God's love. I think it is hard sometimes for me to understand the concept of His infinite love because with God it is not a zero sum game. He can love me to overflowing, love my family the same way, my neighbors, friends, even my enemies. There is no end to His love. It never runs out. So go ahead and soak up as much of it as you can. Feel the warmth of His love, like sitting in the sun on a cool March afternoon. And don't worry-He has enough for everyone.

De Colores,
Deacon Dave Van Eperen

CURSILLO COORDINATOR MESSAGE

De Colores fellow Cursillistas!

We just completed Men's Cursillo #265, and I am pleased to say that there are 25 new Babe Chicks who cannot wait to graduate to Cursillista status at the upcoming Women's Cursillo #266 Closing! The Cursillo was held at Most Precious Blood Parish in New London. The maximum number of candidates that we could accommodate was 30, and we reached that number two weeks ahead of the cut-off date!! In fact, we had a few other inquiries during the week heading up to the weekend. Unfortunately, due to illness three men had to bow out a couple days before the weekend, and two men left just as the Cursillo started. These men have expressed interest to be on the next men's Cursillo.

Spring Cursillos-

Women's Cursillo #266 will be held at St. Francis Xavier in Appleton from April 4th through April 7th.

The Holy Spirit is working overtime this spring. The women's weekend reached the 30 candidate maximum shortly after the men's weekend ended. I have not seen this happen in all my years in the Secretariat! Let's fill the hearts of these faithful women on their weekend by supporting them through our Palanca.

Secretariat news-

It is with a sad heart that I pass on this news from the Cursillo Movement in the Diocese of Marquette, Michigan. I received this from the Region 5 Coordinator.

I wanted to let you know that the Diocese of Marquette's Secretariat has voted to leave the Cursillo Movement. The members of the Secretariat are burned out attempting to build up their local Ultreya communities. There are less people: attending Ultreya meetings, volunteering to help or witness, to sponsor candidates. I have notified our Spiritual Director and the Bishop.

Their Cursillo Movement never recovered from the Covid 19 Pandemic. The hosting facility closed when Covid hit and never reopened when things started back up. I know that this doesn't directly affect us, but we had been working with them to offer spots on our weekends so people in their area could live their Cursillo while the Diocese looked for a new facility.

Please pray for all of our Michigan sisters and brothers-in-Christ for continued strength and courage to maintain the Groups that they have formed throughout the years, and that they may continue to build the Kingdom of God by what they learned through Cursillo!

For a complete list of the Who's Who in the Green Bay Cursillo Movement you can click on the orange information link in the prayer chain or you can go to <https://www.natl-cursillo.org/Greenbay/secretariat.html>.

May God Bless and Be With You!

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CURSILLO FOOD DRIVE

Do you want to make a difference in the lives of families in need? The food items and cash donations collected at the business meeting and closing of Women's Cursillo #266 on April 7th will be given to St. Vincent de Paul Society of Appleton. St. Vincent de Paul Appleton is a Catholic lay organization that brings people together to grow in spirituality through face-to-face services to neighbors in need. Their organization focuses on promoting systemic change and reducing poverty by providing individualized, comprehensive services such as mentoring, education, merchandise and financial assistance, advocacy, and help navigating other available community resources. They also have an active food pantry, and volunteers bring pantry items to share with their clients when they make home visits.

Please help support the great work of St. Vincent de Paul by bringing 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 graciously accepted include:

Peanut butter	Canned Soup	Canned Fruit
Canned Vegetables	Canned Stew	Canned Fish
Canned Beans	Pasta	Rice
Breakfast Cereal	Baking Mixes	Instant Potatoes
Dried Fruit	Canned Juices	Pudding/Jello

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

**Items collected on April 7, 2024 will benefit
St. Vincent de Paul Society of Appleton**

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

DAY OF ENRICHMENT POST REPORT

De Colores!

The 18th annual Day Of Enrichment on February 17th was successful and inspiring! We had 93 in-person attendees with 8 virtually-registered attendees! After checking in, we all gathered in the beautiful St. Edwards Catholic Church, in Mackville. We kicked it off with opening remarks by Diane Pichette, who was our emcee, followed by Deacon Brian Albers offering a prayerful reflection. We were led in music by Kate Fannin, who was accompanied by the lovely voice of her daughter, Maria Salinas. We celebrated mass with Father Walter Stumpf who warmed our hearts with a song during his homily. After mass, we moved over to the cafeteria and got settled in. Cursillistas were able to have refreshments, personalized handmade prayer cards, and some sweet treats at their tables. Our first speaker was Dean Daul who spoke about his family and his creative way of spreading God's truth with his race car! After some table discussion and a quick break, we heard from Crystal Moon. She have a heart-felt talk about her family life and some hardships she overcame. More table discussion, and a before meal prayer from Cecilia Heiman, we enjoyed box lunches from Festival Foods along with a variety of refreshments. Our lunch-time helpers were babe chicks Alex Schumacher and Shannon Helms. Cursillistas could make their way over to the book table where they could purchase items from our local St. Patrick's bookstore, and travel to the back of the room to glance through binders of our years of Cursillo weekends! Our after-meal prayer was done by Amanda Schumacher. Both meal prayers were done by babe chicks; all of our volunteers did a wonderful job! Our next speaker, Deacon Mark Mullins, talked about the School of Leaders, and his recent experience being on team at the last women's fall Cursillo where some very amazing events took place! Finally, after more table discussion, Deacon Tom Gritton wrapped things up with "Where do we go from here?" Our emcee gave some closing remarks and we all took our moment to reflect on the day. What a wonderful way to get a taste of the Cursillo-styled weekend and to come together! We look forward to having you join us next year!

Submitted by Nicole Fannin

Cursillo #266		Dates: Apr. 4 thru 7, 2024		Location: St. Francis Xavier Middle School	
Rector: Vonnie Giffin Phone: (920) 221-9992		Proctor (kitchen) Paula Vosters Phone: (920) 850-8976			
Vice Rector: Bobbi Hoff Phone: (920) 619-8405		Proctor (computer) Vicky Schmidt Phone: (920) 213-0083			
Spiritual Advisor: Deacon Tom Gritton Phone: (920) 585-9620		Proctor (music) Robin Hendricks Phone: (920) 621-6278			
Spiritual Advisor: Deacon Todd Raether Phone: (715) 851-4563					
EMERGENCY PHONE #'S Paula Vosters (920) 850-8976 Bobbi Hoff (920) 619-8405					
SET-UP CHAIRPERSON Keith Deneys (920) 676-7928 Set-up Date: April 3rd Set-up Time: 6:00 p.m.					
THURSDAY NIGHT CHAIRPERSONS					
Ann Geiser (920) 740-1467					
Time: 6:00 p.m.					

FRIDAY CHAIRPERSON		
Kay and Mike Weins (920) 475-6460		
Breakfast 7:45 a.m.	Lunch 12:00 p.m.	Dinner 5:00 p.m.
SATURDAY CHAIRPERSONS		
Cecelia Heiman (920) 809-0466		
Breakfast 7:00 a.m.	Agape Meal 12:30 p.m.	Dinner 6:15 p.m.
SUNDAY CHAIRPERSONS		
Kelly Watras (920) 268-2828		
Breakfast 7:30 a.m.	Lunch 11:30 a.m.	Dinner 5:30 p.m.
CLEANUP CO-CHAIR Keith Deneys (920) 676-7928		
DIRECTIONS TO SITE:		
<p>St Francis Xavier Catholic Middle School, 2626 S. Oneida St., Appleton, WI 54911 <i>Sunday night enter the main entrance on Oneida St.</i></p> <p>From North of Appleton via HWY 41 Take exit 144 toward CR-E/Ballard Rd. Go for 0.2 mi. Turn left onto N Ballard Rd (US-41-BR S). Go for 0.8 mi. Turn right onto E Northland Ave (CR-OO W). Go for 1.5 mi. Turn left onto N Oneida St. Go for 49 ft.</p> <p>From South of Appleton via HWY 41 Take exit 139 toward Appleton/CR-A onto CR-OO E (W Northland Ave). Go for 2.7 mi. Take the 2nd exit from roundabout onto W Northland Ave (CR-OO E). Go for 0.5 mi. Turn right onto N Oneida St. Go for 49 ft.</p>		

TEAM MEMBERS, TALKS AND CANDIDATES

Rector, TOTAL SECURITY, Vonnie Giffin	Auxiliary : Robin Coolidge
Vice Rector, IDEALS, Bobbi Hoff	Auxiliary : Jan Whitlinger
LAYPERSON IN THE CHURCH, Sue Coyle	Auxiliary : Sue Philippi
PIETY, Shelly Vanness	Proctor (kitchen) Paula Vosters
STUDY, Diane Schumacher	Proctor (computer) Vicky Schmidt
ACTION, Nancy Collentine	Proctor (music) Robin Hendricks
LEADERS, Tina Haanen	Proctor Diane Keberlein
STUDY OF THE ENVIRONMENT, Pam Mullins	Proctor Joan Vandehy
CHRISTIANITY COMMUNITY, Jen VanNuland	
FOURTH DAY, Carol De Young	

CANDIDATES , PARISH (*Information is current as of March 20, 2024*)

Bernice Becker Christ the King, Spencer	Sara McMorrow Holy Cross, Kaukauna
Dana Bourassa St. Mary, Greenville	Angie Mondloch Our Lady of Lourdes, De Pere
Alicia Delebreau Holy Trinity, Casco	Dawn Paltzer Holy Cross, Kaukauna
Sandy Dordel Most Blessed Sacrament, Oshkosh	Mary Pierson Ss. Edward & Isadore, Flintville
Barb Dorzweiler St. Mary, Greenville	Mary Raether St. Martin of Tours, Cecil
Peggy Eiting Holy Spirit, Kimberly	Amy Schmidt St. Katharine Drexel, Kaukauna
Joelle Ellis St. Mary, Menasha	Amanda Spude St. Francis & St. Mary, Brussels
Jenna Heiberger St. Mary, Menasha	Sue Turner St. Mary, Menasha
Karen Hennings Ss. Peter & Paul, Kiel	Becky VandeHey Holy Cross, Kaukauna
Kim Jablonski St. Mary, Greenville	Renee Vandehey St. Mary, Greenville
Jackie Jansch St. Katharine Drexel, Kaukauna	Julie Veaser St. Francis & St. Mary, Brussels
Laura Krausert St. Mary, Greenville	Jenny Verdi St. Pius X, Appleton
Debra Lawent Most Blessed Sacrament, Oshkosh	Valerie Vosters St. John Nepomucene, Little Chute
Kari Loose St. John/Sacred Heart, Sherwood	Julie Weyenberg St. John Nepomucene, Little Chute
	Carleen Widder St. John the Baptist, Plymouth