

Green Bay Diocese Cursillo

Fall 2023 Newsletter #2

Women's weekend # 264 will take place at St. Nicholas Parish, Freedom from Oct. 26 to 29, 2023 Get your Palanca ready!

Spiritual Director Reflection

Recently I read that on dark nights or overcast days, it was easy for the Native Americans of old to become temporarily confused about the direction they were traveling. So they would walk over to a tree to see on which side the branches were growing parallel to the ground and had more leaves on them. This indicated the side of the tree that was exposed to the longest period of sunlight and therefore, was the south side. From there, they could go on their way.

Just as the Native Americans sought out the trees to point them in the right direction, we seek out Jesus to point us in the right direction on the overcast days in our lives. Because of our faith, we know inherently that Jesus is always with us and that he walks on this journey of life with us, but do we always take the time to make that a reality? I have often wondered how many billboards there were along the stretch of highway between Oshkosh and Green Bay. My guess is that there are way more than I realize because I am usually in too big a hurry to even notice. I don't even see them. But they are still there.

I believe that every day Jesus makes his presence known to us in some way. He is always there. It is up to us to notice him. To see him in the people we meet, the celebrations we share, even in the difficulties and struggles we face. As we enter into the season where the days grow shorter and dark overcast days become more prevalent, may we always turn towards the light, the Son of God.

De Colores, Deacon Dave

Save the Date

The 18th Annual Day of Enrichment will be held on Saturday, February 17, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at St. Edward Parish in Mackville. This is a day for all Cursillistas to gather for worship, fellowship, and inspiration for their 4th Day journey. More details and registration information will be available in December, but be sure to save the date on your calendar now.

LAY DIRECTOR MESSAGE

De Colores fellow Cursillistas!

Cursillo Recap –

Cursillo #263 was held at St. Mary's in Algoma from September 28th through October 1st. During this Cursillo, 19 candidates from three different Dioceses became Babe Chicks!! There was

representation from the Milwaukee Arch-Diocese, from the Michigan Diocese and the Green Bay Diocese. We are truly fulfilling our call to 'Bring others to Christ'! This happened to be one of the youngest groups of men to live Cursillo, which is a very good sign for the Catholic Church. De Colores, Brothers!!

During Cursillo #263 we Beta Tested the changes that the Secretariat worked on this summer. 1) The new schedule that would allow the Priests called in for Reconciliation on Friday and Saturday to get home at a reasonable time, 2) The Music Proctor's new, lightweight song booklets, 3) Two new Food Coordinators, 4) Newly standardized Day Chair books and Kitchen Proctor manual. 5) Lastly, we tried a new sound system for the Rollistas. As with all changes there were a few hiccups, but hey, this was a Cursillo weekend. Every Cursillo has a few hiccups, right? I am pleased to report that, as in every weekend, the Holy Spirit was alive and active!

Cursillo #264 is right around the corner (October 26 through 29 at St. Nick's in Freedom). All the changes tried on the men's weekend will be tried on the women's weekend before they are made permanent. Team formation is going very well. Please keep the team in your prayers, remember your Palanca, and join the Serenade on Sunday.

What's new in the Secretariat -

We have found the last puzzle piece needed to round out the Secretariat. Dana Weber has graciously volunteered to become the Recording Secretary. She began on October 10. Welcome Dana

Soon, you will notice a change to some titles of the Executive Board members of the Cursillo Movement. Regional has changed the title of Lay Director to Cursillo Coordinator and Spiritual Director to Spiritual Advisor. We are working to get these changes into the Who's Who. 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 <u>https://www.natl-cursillo.org/Greenbay/secretariat.html</u>.

In closing -

Just coming off the Cursillo weekend I would like to share with you an excerpt from my morning prayers today:

Sometimes I lead you up a high mountain with only my hand to support you. The higher you climb, the more spectacular the view becomes; also, the more keenly you sense your separation from the world with all its problems. This frees you to experience exuberantly the joyous reality of My Presence. Give yourself fully to these Glory-moments, awash in dazzling Light. I will eventually lead you down the mountain, back into community with others. Let My Light continue to shine within you as you walk among the people again.

Doesn't this sound like Cursillo? Being led up a mountain (Thursday); The higher you climb (Friday – Sunday); I will lead you down...as you walk among the people again (4TH Day). It gave me chills as I read it. Please remember, your Cursillo is truly completed if you let His Light shine within you as you walk among the people again!

May God Bless and Be With You!

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Paragraph 2447 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church states: The *works of mercy* are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities. Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting are spiritual works of mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God:

He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none and he who has food must do likewise. But give for alms those things which are within; and



behold, everything is clean for you. If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit?

Many thanks to everyone who donated to the Cursillo food drive on October 1st at St. Mary's Parish in Algoma! This is truly a work of mercy. Your food donations filled a grocery cart and in addition, \$125 was collected to support the Kewaunee County Food Pantry. Food pantries across the state have reported that the demand for their services is on the rise and does not seem to be slowing down.

Our next food drive will take place on Sunday, October 29th at St. Nicholas Parish in Freedom. Please bring a non-perishable food item or a cash donation to the business meeting and closing on Sunday evening to help stock the shelves of the Freedom Food Pantry. Bins will be located at the entrance for you to drop your donation. Food items that you may want to consider donating include:

Peanut Butter Canned Meats – Spam, Ham Canned Stews & Chili Canned Fish – Tuna, Salmon Breakfast Cereal Instant Oatmeal/Cream of Wheat Cake Mixes Muffin Mixes Pancake Mix/Syrup Canned Fruit (Any Kind)

- Juices (Canned, Bottled or Boxes) Dried Fruit (Raisins, Apricots) Hamburger & Tuna Helper Macaroni & Cheese Instant Potatoes Stuffing Mix – Stove Top Pasta (Any Variety) Rice – Plain or Flavored Canned Condensed Soup Canned Heat & Serve Soup
- Dry Soup Mixes Canned Spaghetti (Ravioli) Pork & Beans/Baked Beans Corned Beef Hash Canned Vegetables (Any Variety) Beans – Dry Pinto, Navy, Red Dry Split Green Peas Pudding Jell-O Pie Filling

Please • No glass items • Check the expiration date •

Items collected on October 29, 2023 will benefit The Freedom Food Pantry

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DIRECTIONS TO SITE:

From Green Bay

Take HWY 41 South to Cty S Exit at CTY S (right). Follow Hwy S into Freedom--St Nicholas is on the left. Parking in lot by school.

Additional parking Off HWY E Near the gym. (Can also park across street in Town Hall lot or additional parking)

Exit at CTY S (left). Follow Hwy S into Freedom.

From Oshkosh or Appleton area—

Take HWY 41 North to S

Please use main church entrance (Doors 3 -4 which will be marked)**

FOR PEOPLE NEEDING AN ELEVATOR**PLEASE USE CANOPY ENTRANCE (Door 5)**

TEAM MEMBERS, TALKS AND CANDIDATES

Check Prayer Chain

CANDIDATES, PARISH

Information is current as of October 11. 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.natl-cursillo.org/greenbay

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As more candidates sign up, more palanca letters will be needed. Please consider adding a few extra letters to give to those candidates. Thank you!