

The Ark



Toledo Diocesan Cursillo Mission Statement: Cursillo is a Catholic Lay Movement embraced by the Diocese of Toledo to bring hearts closer to Jesus Christ in order to transform society and be of service to the whole church. It is our to form small Christian Communities to deepen Spirituality in ourselves and in others.

August 2016

Application Forms are on the Website:

<http://www.toledocursillo.org/Download.html>

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The month of August has always been the month of Mary for me in celebrating the Feast of the Assumption. Of course, in the early days of growing up it meant going to Mass, especially on weekdays. I don't ever remember it being a chore for us kids, but I imagine it was for our parents. I remember one summer at camp special arrangements were made for the Catholics to get to Mass. I'm sure it was not convenient for the leadership, but in those days they conformed to our needs. I'm sure there were questions from the non-Catholic boys but I don't remember any conversations around why we had to go to church in the middle of the week.

There are three Marian Solemn Feast days throughout the year: the Immaculate Conception, on December 8th, the Motherhood of Mary on January 1st and the Solemnity of the Holy Assumption of Mary into heaven,, body and soul that we celebrate on August 15th. In all of these feasts we celebrate what God has done for Mary, as well as for us through Mary. As she prays in the Magnificat, it is not about her but about what God is doing for our salvation through Jesus Christ, His Son our Lord.

It is interesting that we use the word "assumption." We associate that word with English - assume -meaning having an unwarranted expectation or an entitlement. But the Latin root "assumptio" actually means "to be taken up." Again...it is what God is doing for her.

In all of the mysteries of the rosary, 18 of them have to do directly with Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection. The other two - the Assumption of Mary and the Coronation - are given to her, not done by her. Because she was so open to God's call and presence in her life she becomes a model for us in how we are to live and love and respond to God.

Someone once asked me why we pray the rosary and say the Hail Mary. Where does it come from? They were totally surprised when I told them it is from St. Luke's Gospel, the Annunciation and the Visitation. They had no idea. Thanks to Pope St John Paul II for his gift of the Luminous Mysteries so we now have the whole

Please share how Christ is working in your life.

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with your witness.

sequence of Jesus' infancy, childhood, public ministry, passion and death, and his resurrection, ascension and gift of the Holy Spirit.

As we hear the Gospel for the Feast of the Assumption we find Luke presenting Mary as a symbol of the things God has done for us, and what our response to God should be. We see an image of Mary in the woman in Revelation "clothed with the sun," but Revelation wants us to see Israel as she gives birth to a savior and then see that it is the Church (that would be us) that now sustains those who follow the Messiah...Jesus the Christ.

God bless you with all good things!

Fr. Jim

From the Lay Director.....

All my brothers and sisters in Christ,

My article for this August Ark is a little different than past articles I have submitted. I generally write about a God moment that Karen and I have experienced and share it with you. This time I will be talking about something that is going to happen in the future that will probably become a God moment for all who attend.

I don't know if you remember or not but in February of this year The Secretariat members made the decision to have our Spring Focus day celebration be a Workshop on a book called "**Forming Intentional Disciples**" presented by the author **Sherry Weddell**. Thoughts were that this would be a great opportunity because at the time we were studying her book at School of Leaders and we could get some up close and personal insights from the Author. The workshop was cancelled due to some sudden health issues experienced by Sherry. Thank God that Sherry is OK and the workshop has been rescheduled for October 15, 2016.

I don't know if any of you have read the book "**Forming Intentional Disciples**", but it is a very insightful book on the immense challenges and opportunities for the Catholic Church in today's world. Please pick up a copy and read it, or attend the Workshop on October 15, 2016 and learn firsthand from the author Sherry Weddell.

This workshop will be our Cursillo Movement Fall Focus Study Day and will replace the School of Leaders that we would have normally had on Saturday, October 15, 2016.

Secretariat members encourage all Cursillistas to attend this workshop. This is a great opportunity for us to hear and meet the author, Sherry Weddell, and also to be together again in our fourth-day family as we continue to grow in our Piety, Study and Action.

The following will be worth placing on your calendar:

- Workshop on "Forming Intentional Disciples" The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus, presented by the author, Sherry Weddell.
- Saturday, October 15, 2016.

- St. Michael the Archangel Main Church, 750 Bright Road, Findlay, Ohio 45840.
- Workshop is from 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
- Bring a bag lunch. All of us Cursillistas will eat together in the Teachers' Lounge where we always have the School of Leaders, and we can eat and discuss what we have learned in the morning session from Sherry.
- If you are interested in attending the workshop (even if you can only stay for part of the presentation), please register at: gleibfarth@findlaystmichael.org (Geri Leibfarth).
- Reference the Workshop flier in this Ark.

God Bless.

YBIC,

Fair

Dale

October 15, 2016 • 8:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.
 (registration begins at 8:15 a.m.)

St. Michael the Archangel Main Church
 750 Bright Rd. • Findlay, OH 45840



Lunch on your own.
 (bring a bag lunch or grab fast food)

NO COST to attend, however a Free-Will Offering will be taken.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

IMPORTANT – Please register at: gleibfarth@findlaystmichael.org

Pre-Cursillo News....

Dear Fourth Day sponsors:

Here are some dates to keep in mind:

Men's weekend is **Sept. 15 – 18, 2016** – Cursillo # 263

August 25, 2016 is the deadline that there must be 4 confirmed candidates for the weekend to continue forward. This is 3 weeks before the Cursillo Weekend.

Sept. 7th is the deadline for any candidate to be considered for Cursillo # 263.

As of today there are 3 men who are confirmed for Cursillo # 263

Women's Weekend is **October 13 – 16, 2016**

Sept. 22, 2016 is the deadline that there must be 4 confirmed candidates for the weekend to continue forward. This is 3 weeks before the Cursillo Weekend.

October 5th is the deadline for any candidate to be considered for Cursillo 3 264.

As of today there are 2 confirmed for Cursillo # 264

Please do not wait to invite a friend to live one of these Cursillo weekends! Candidate and Sponsor Applications can be found on the Cursillo website:

www.toledocursillo.org

Send Candidate and sponsor applications to:

Mary Beth Lavey, Pre-Cursillo Chair

1014 Shorewood Dr,

Fremont Ohio 43420

or email to mblavey@gmail.com

Make a Friend – Be A Friend – Bring a Friend to Christ!

Only God can turn
a MESS into a
message, a TEST into a
testimony, a TRIAL into
a triumph, a VICTIM
into a victory.

From the Cursillo Chair....

Hello to all my Cursillo Family!

Saints alive! Here we are already in the last days of summer, but this year we have the delight of the Olympics going on to give us a break from politics and all the other cares of the world. There is something special about the Olympics, isn't there? Everyone is giving their best, hoping for a medal. All have put countless hours into training for this one chance to "win big", either as a team or individually. The stories of the athletes and the sportsmanship are inspirational, even as we all chant, "USA, USA!" We watch the medal counts, but cannot help but admire an awesome performance by **any** athlete, no matter who they represent.

Isn't that a lot like our work as Cursillistas? We, too are world-wide. We all "train" tirelessly to live out our baptismal call to spread the good news through whatever means we can, using the tools we were taught on the weekend we lived, as well as those learned as we have continued to grow in our faith. When we offer *palanca* we cheer each other on with our prayers and sacrifices, knowing the goal is eternity in heaven with Jesus, and there is no bigger "win" than that! With that in mind, here are **our** "Olympians" for this fall! ☺

Men's Team #263

Spiritual Directors- Fr. Ed Schleter and Deacon Andy McMahan

Rector- Jamie Southers Assistant Rector- Mike Cherry

Sacristan- Deacon Jerry Gubernath, Mike Kachelek

Troubadours- Josh Maciejewski (head), John Lyons, Gus Miller

Disciples- Gary Keel (head), Bernie Albert, John Benner, Jonathan King, Mike Ruhlen

Shepherds- Joe Coleman (head), Roger Beaudet, Matthew Beeker, Greg Dobberstein, Tom Gremling, Mike Kachelek

Table Leaders- Bruce Alge, Tim Distel, Dale Fair, Monte Huss, Gus Miller, Bill Siebenaler

Rollos

Ideal-Bruce Alge

Laity in the Church-Deacon Jerry Gubernath

Piety-Dale Fair

Study-Monte Huss

Action-Josh Maciejewski

Leaders-Roger Beaudet

Study of the Environment-Bill Siebenaler

Christianity in Action-John Lyons

Cursillista Beyond the Cursillo-Tim Distel

Total Security-Jamie Southers (group reunion) and Gus Miller (Ultreya)

Women's Team #264

Spiritual Directors-Fr. Chris Bohnsack and Sr. Mary Jo Szpila

Rector-Jane Distel Assistant Rector-Mary Lyons

Joan Alge, Denise Biddle, Karen Bonen, Nancy Cook, Ellen Doran, Barb Grycza, Joyce Haney, Kathy Huffman, Judie Kelley, Marie King, Kay Lavey-Kruzel, Barb Lovell, Judy Owens, Peggy Pauley, Judy Ruhlen, Sr. Wanda Smith, Beth Swecker, Jane Thompson, Joan Wise.

Please keep all of them in your palanca efforts as they make personal sacrifices to prepare individually and as a team for the work of Jesus in ministering to the candidates they will serve. It is not too early to send those candidate applications in to Mary Beth. She is ready and willing to process them.

As always, I look forward to seeing you all at the closings and holy hours. Remember that each of you and your intentions are in my daily prayers. You and this Cursillo Movement are very dear to my heart! Please call or send me an email if you have questions or concerns.

Blessings and Hugs,

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 Galion, Ohio. 44833
 (419)468-4489

Please pray for our Spanish Cursillo Teams

Spanish Mens Cursillo 265:

Spiritual Directors - Father Jerry Knueven and Deacon Jose Garcia
 Rector - Al Ramirez and Assistant Rector - Domingo Ortega
 Musicians - Benjamin Valdez and Roberto Valle
 Sacristan - Mike Ruhlen
 Professors (Profesores):

Felipe De La Torre - Ideal
 Juan Jesus Cortez - Seglar En La Iglesia (Lay Person in the Church)
 Roberto Valle - Piedad (Piety)
 Juan Duran - Estudio (Study)
 Ramiro Martinez - Accion (Action)
 Hector Saucedo - Dirigentes (Leaders)
 Julio Martinez - Estudio del Ambiente (Study of the Environment)
 Mario Diaz - Cristiandad en Accion (Christianity in Action)

Head Shepherd Ramiro Martinez
 Shepherds: Adan Duran, Mario Diaz, Juan Jesus Cortez,
 Hector Saucedo, Ray Flores
 Head Disciple: Jesse Rodriguez
 Disciples: Mike Huffman, Mike Cherry, Joe Coleman
 Sergio Triana, Ben Ledesma

Head Cook (Cocinera Encabezada) - Martina Barrett
 Cooks - Cocineras/os: Rosario Medina, Gloria Ramirez
 Alberto Marin, Guillermo Hernandez

Spanish Womens Cursillo 266

Spiritual Directors: Father Jerry Knueven - Father Richard Notter
Deacon: Armando Gonzalez
Sister Mary Elizabeth - Sister Mary Jo Toll

Rector: Juanita Ybanes

Assistant Rector: Susan Sepeda

Musicians- (Musicos): Santos & Lilly Orozco

Sacristan (Sacristan): Maria Ybanes

Professors (Professoras): Felicitas Jackson - Piedad (Piety)
Mona Duran - El Seglar en la Iglesia (Lay Person in the Church)
Dora Sanchez - Piedad (Piety)
Rosario Medina - Estudio (Study)
Socorro Juarez - Accion (Action) & Dirignetes (Leaders)
Carol Martinez - Estudio Del Ambiente (Study of the Environment)
Lydia Diaz - Cristindad en Accion (Christianity in Action)

Cha-Cha Encargada (Head Shepherd): Carol Martinez

Cha-Chas (Shepherds): Socorro Juarez, Evangelina Rosales, Lilly Orozco
Yolanda Arellano, Felicitas Jackson, Miceala Luna

Cocinera Encargada (Head Cook): Mary Lou Cardona

Cocineras (Cooks): Raquel Valdez, Maria Estella Torres

Discipula Encargada (Head Disciple): Gloria Martinez

Discipulas: Mary Fonseca, Christina DelaRosa, Olivia Ramos, Marty Ledesma

Spanish Fund Raiser

The Spanish Cursillo is planning a fundraiser for this year.

Prizes:

1st. prize a 52" K4 TV worth \$600.00

2nd prize is \$300.00

3rd Prize will be \$100.00

The tickets are \$10.00 each, and the raffle will take place at the Spanish Halloween Dance that will be held on October 29, 2016 at the Bowling Green Fairgrounds. The time and entrance fee to the dance are yet to be determined.

The tickets will be sold starting the end of June. For more information please contact Al Ramirez at 419-340-6198, or Juanita Ybanes at 419-308-5795.

School of Leaders

August 20, 9:00 a.m. - Noon

St. Michael's, 750 Bright Road, Findlay in the Teachers Lounge

(Enter through the office door, turn right at first corridor, and then left at the next corridor; teachers' lounge is on your right.)

- Scripture reading and reflection: Sharon DeCant
- Spiritual Advisor's Presentation: Fr. Jim, "Laudato Si," Chapter 2: I, II, III, pages 45-58
Pope Francis Encyclical Letter on care for our common home
- Lay Presentation: Mary Ann Hohman, "The Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement" Chapter 7, Section 12 - The Ultreya; pages 188-192; #498- #511

Note: We have the Spiritual Advisors books available for purchase for new Cursillistas.

Coffee and tea is provided...**feel free to bring a snack to share.** We end the morning with prayer in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

October 15, 2016: Sherry Weddell Workshop at St. Michael, Findlay

(She is the author of the book "Forming Intentional Disciples") If you are interested in getting more information, please contact Debbie Benson at St. Michael -

E-mail: DBenson@findlaystmichael.org and/or refer to the flyer in the ARK.

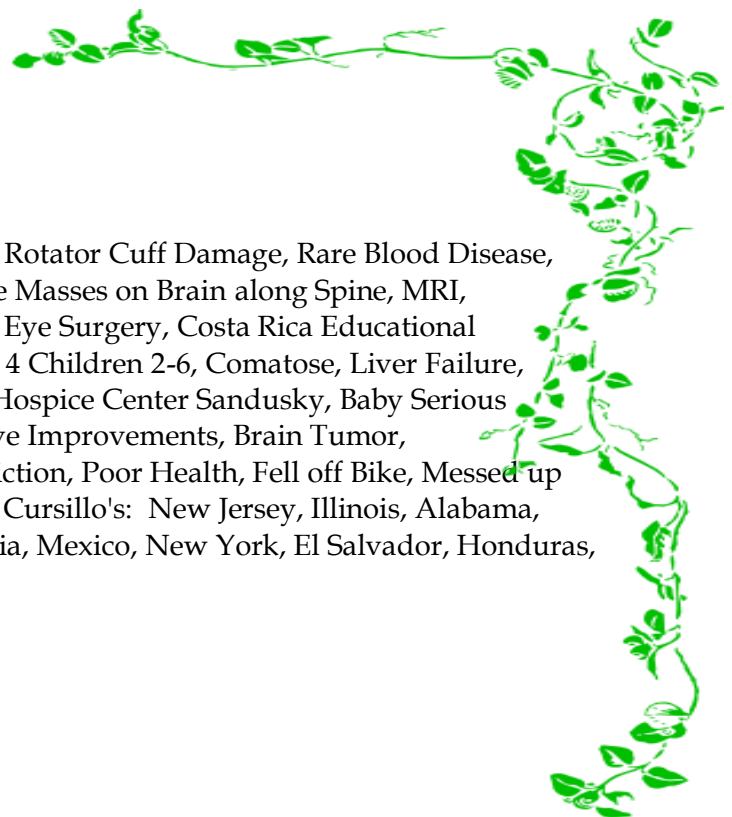
Carol Miller, SOL Rector

Team: Joan & Bruce Alge, George Miller, Jim Powell & Sharon DeCant

Prayervine

July Prayers

Surgery, Affix Loose Piece of Bone to Shoulder, Repair Rotator Cuff Damage, Rare Blood Disease, Drink More Baby Bottles, Health Issues, Tests, Multiple Masses on Brain along Spine, MRI, Safe Travel, Prayers, Rest in Peace, Drugs, Life, Rehab, Eye Surgery, Costa Rica Educational Experience, Chest Cancer, Double in Size, Father Died, 4 Children 2-6, Comatose, Liver Failure, Lots of Pain, Very Ill, Tragedy, C-Diff, Hospital, Stein Hospice Center Sandusky, Baby Serious Complications, Life Flight, Baby Showing Small positive Improvements, Brain Tumor, Out of Hospital, Long Road to Recovery, Alcohol Addiction, Poor Health, Fell off Bike, Messed up Shoulder, Speedy Recovery, Bone Marrow Transplant, Cursillo's: New Jersey, Illinois, Alabama, California, Maryland, Vermont, Georgia, Texas, Virginia, Mexico, New York, El Salvador, Honduras, Kansas, Massachusetts.



Be a Witness for Christ – Spread the Good News!

De Colores,

When we had the Ultreya following the picnic at Rumschlag's, I witnessed how upset I get when I hear the gospel reading of **St. Luke 10:38-42**. It is about Martha welcoming Jesus to visit them in their home, and he did. Martha had a sister Mary and she sat and talked to Jesus as Martha was preparing a nice snack for them, and Martha thought that Mary should come and assist her. When she mentioned this to Jesus, He said "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

Does that sound familiar to you? My mother's name was Martha.. This reading has always pierced my heart when I hear it. I talked to Fr. Ed Schleter about my feelings after Mass the day it was read (July 17th) and he encouraged me to think of the two women being at **different stages of their lives**. Jesus was just REMINDING Martha of the better part of life. Not scolding her, just **REMINDING HER**.

Ok. I thought about that and it eased my heart quite a bit. I know both Mary and Martha are saints, but today's reading really woke me up.

It was **St. John 11:19-27**. I have heard this reading MANY TIMES ALSO!!!! Did I LISTEN TO IT? NO!!!! TODAY I DID.... **MARTHA HAD CHANGED!!!!!!!!!!!!** SHE DID FALL DEEPER IN LOVE WITH JESUS. Today is the feast of ST. MARTHA OF BETHANY . This Gospel tells us that when Martha heard that Jesus was **ON HIS WAY** because her brother Lazarus had died, **she WENT OUT TO MEET HIM, BUT MARY STAYED INSIDE**. (verse 20) Verse 27 shares Martha said, "**Yes Lord, I do believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God , who has come into the world.**" You know the rest of the story that continues through verse 44. **JESUS WENT TO THE PLACE THAT LAZARUS WAS BURIED, AND CALLED OUT IN A LOUD VOICE, "LAZARUS , COME OUT!" Lazarus came out. Jesus said, "Untie him and let him go."**

THIS WAS ONE OF JESUS' greatest miracles, and Martha was certainly aware that He is the Christ who has come into the world!!!!

So, if you hear Jesus call your name, remember He is just reminding you that building a deeper relationship with Him brings us out of our selfishness.

Ultreya, !!!!!!!!!

Pat Miller

Utreya

Location

Contact

St. Clement Parish, Jeager Hall
2nd Sunday of the Month, 2:00 PM

Ron and Carol Plenzler
carron@buckeye-access.com

Tiffin St. Francis Home
August 28th, 7:00pm
Holy ½ Hour and Palanca Party

Betty and Bill Obringer
wobringer@woh.rr.com

Lima St. Gerard’s Spirituality Center
To Be Determined

Dale Fair
kfair@woh.rr.com

Bucyrus/Crestline/Galion/
New Washington/Bethlehem
2nd Wednesday of the Month 7:30PM

Connie Kehres
blessedarewe37@gmail.com

Spanish Utreya/SS Peter & Paul Church
728 S. St. Clair St., Toledo
1st Saturday of the Month, Noon

Juan & Ramona Duran
camposduran54@yahoo.com

Mary,
Mother of God,
Pray for us.



NATIONAL CURSILLO INFORMATION:

www.natl-cursillo.org. Read about Cursillo news, palanca requests from around the world, or read the national newsletter.

CURSILLO WEBSITE: www.toledocursillo.org

Go here to view news of upcoming events, read the current month’s Ark or download forms.

To request prayers from our fourth day community, email Barb Grycza: faith2co57@bex.net or faith2co57@buckeye-express.com.