

The FOURTH DAY



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Cursillo # 250: November 1 - 4, 2007

Rectora: Joan Varadin

Theme: "The Joy of the Lord is Our Strength"

Dear Friends in Christ,

May the Joy of the Lord truly be our strength and give us the strength to do this work for the Lord. I know with your prayers and palanca we can bring many candidates to our Lord and share the joy and the strength that Jesus gives us to be truly Christ with skin on to each other and enable us to have a metanoia in our lives to truly better our world.

Our scripture for our weekend is Isaiah 55:12 "For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace, the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands." Our theme is "The joy of the Lord is our strength" and our song is "Isaiah 49" which tells us the reason for our joy.

The team is as follows: **Spiritual Director:** Fr. George Kramer, Bonnotts Mill, MO (Sacraments - Saturday 10:00 am). **Asst. Spiritual Directors:** Fr. Michael Quinn, Hannibal, MO (Grace - Friday 11:15 am); Msgr. Michael Kuse, Quincy, IL (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid - Friday 3:00 pm); Sister Jane Boos, Springfield, IL (Obstacles to Grace - Saturday 4:15 pm); Katie Korte, Bowling Green, MO (Christian Life - Sunday 10:00 am).

Asst. Rectoras: Alice Schuckenbrock, Bowling Green, MO (Piety - Friday, 7:00 pm); Evelyn Tooley, Clayton, IL (C.C.I. A. - Sunday 11:30 am); Carolyn White, Jacksonville, IL (Leaders - Saturday 7:00 pm).

Rollistas: Maria Carmody, Hardin, IL (Laity, Friday 1:30 pm); Amy Hoerr, Taylor MO (Study-Saturday 9:00 am); Mary Kempf, Palmyra, MO (Action-Saturday 3:00 pm); Mary Francis Kock, Visa, IL (Environment - Sunday 9:00 am); Melba Wobbe, Collinsville, IL (Ideals - Friday 10:00 am).

Auxiliaries: Joan Albright, Melissa Millan, Judy Spratt, Stephanie Thomeczek, all of Hannibal, MO, Pam Arnold, Barry, IL, Barb Dietrich, Ethel Doellman, Quincy, IL, Lori Dowil, New London, MO, Sheila Dove, Wentzville, MO.

Service Team: Kathy Cramsy and Teresa Robinson, Quincy, IL, Rosemary Gilmore, Roodhouse, IL, Alice Swartz, Palmyra, MO, Jane Summy, Fowler, IL. **Food Service:** Joan Grote, Bowling Green, MO, Mary Peterson, Alexander, IL. **Sacristian:** Theresa Hall, Monroe City, MO. **Musicians:** Anita Witt, Camp Point, IL and Tammy Wolfmeyer, Palmyra, MO

Board Rep: Jane Deters, Quincy, IL. **Observing Rectora:** Theresa Edwards, Quincy, IL. **Rectora:** Joan Varadin, Hannibal, MO. (Group Reunion/Ultreya - Sunday 12:30 pm).

Please join us at Holy Family Church, Hannibal, MO, Sunday, October 28, 2007 at 2:30 pm for our Buddy Mass and carry-in dinner to follow in the church basement. If you wish to help serve meals, please call Joan Grote (573) 324-2797 or Mary Peterson (217) 478-2951.

In Christ' Love

Joan Varadin, Rectora #250

4th Day Renewal RESCHEDULED!!

When: Nov. 30 - Dec. 1, 2007 from 7 pm Friday to 7 pm Saturday

Where: Retreat Center-Quincy

Cost: \$45 (includes \$10 deposit to remitted with application)

Directors: Mike & Sue Holbrook

4th Day Renewal is a 24-hour experience of personal growth designed for those who have previously made a Cursillo weekend and are wanting to renew and develop their spirituality. This relaxed, co-ed environment is ideal for couple that would like to experience a little bit of Cursillo as a couple.

For an application refer to: www.quincycursillo.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Women's Cursillo #250
Sunday, Oct. 24, 2007 at 2:30 p.m.
Holy Family Church, Hannibal, MO
Carry-in dinner to follow

Men's Cursillo #251
To be determined

WOMEN'S CURSILLO #250

Nov. 1st (Thursday)
7:30 p.m. Registration
8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hour
Nov. 3rd (Saturday)
8:00 p.m. Liturgy and Apostolic Hour
Nov. 4th (Sunday)
5:00 p.m. Closing and Liturgy

ULTREYAS

Saturday, November 10th
Lincoln County Ultreya
Immaculate Conception Parish,
Old Monroe, MO
Follows the 5 p.m. Mass

Saturday, November 10th
Jacksonville Area Ultreya
Our Saviour Church, Admin Bldg.
Follows the 5:30 p.m. Mass

Saturday, November 10th
Collinsville Community Ultreya
Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Morris Hall
Follows the 4:30 p.m. Mass

FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

Nov. 30 - Dec. 1, 2007
Mike and Sue Holbrook, Directors

Feb. 15 - 16, 2008
Jay and Nan Grawe, Directors

CURSILLO DATES

Jan. 24-27, 2008 - Bill Couch, Rector
Feb. 21-24, 2008 - Theresa Edwards, Rectora
Mar. 27-30, 2008 - John Boland, Rector
April 24-27, 2008 - Elaine Gray, Rectora
June 26-29, 2008 - Brent Frericks, Rector
July 24-27, 2008 - Jo Beavers, Rectora

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

October 12-14, 2007
Contact Leo Bistak 217-228-5331
for an application

Hawaiian Island Cruise

Interested in a Hawaiian Island Cruise?



Everyone who has made a Cursillo, TEC or Walk to Emmaus, as well as any of their family and friends, are welcome to join Bishop George Lucas and Fr. Tom Henseler on a 4-Island Hawaiian Cruise. The cruise will sail January 17-24, 2009 - NOTE that's 2009.

For more information, contact Mike & Giny Baker at 217-223-2324 or John & Margaret Little at 217-243-4938. Don't delay - reservations must be booked by June 1, 2008.

Benefit for Don and Pam Arnold

- Sunday, November 11, 2007
- St. Brigid Church, Liberty, IL
- Lunch begins at 11am
- Auction begins at 1pm

Retreat with Fr. Bill Burton

Fr. Bill Burton will lead a retreat entitled "The Book of Revelation and Debunking the Left-Behind Series".

When: Jan. 4 - 6, 2007

Where: Our Lady of Angels Spirituality Center (Retreat Center), Quincy, IL

The retreat will start at 7:30 Friday and finish after lunch Sunday. The retreat schedule includes presentations, public prayer including Mass, private prayer and reflection. Meals are included.

Cost per person is set up so that you may commute or stay overnight.

- Retreat and meals only - \$53
 - Retreat, meals, overnight stay - \$82
- Send name, address, email or telephone, commuter or overnight, single or double occupancy and check made payable to: Our Lady of Angels Spirituality Center mailed to: Quincy University
Attn: Leo Bistak
1800 College
Quincy, IL 62301

Overnight Accommodations in Quincy

Just a reminder that some Cursillans living in Quincy open their homes to those traveling long distances. If you should find that you need overnight accommodations, contact Nancy Weede at 217-222-0922 or by email: nancyweede@sbcglobal.net. Please note this is a new email address for Nancy.

Gift of Cursillo

The "Gift of Cursillo" provides an option for candidates that otherwise might not be able to attend Cursillo. The "Gift" of \$50 will help to cover the cost of a weekend. A candidate or sponsor can request a gift by writing on the application that they need financial assistance. There are a limited number of "gifts" available for each weekend and they will be made available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Cursillo #249 "Blessed by Grace"



Front row, left to right: John Runge, Bill Couch, Tom Edwards, George J. Kramer, Tim Oitker, Richard Mitchell Jr., Bob Carney, Bill Gilmore, Lawson Faler, Sheldon Robinson. **Second row:** Dennis Semerad, Don Tooley, Justen Arnold, Jeremy Holbrook, Bob Gough, Jeff Shade, Keith Spaniol, Patrick Verstraete, Greg Wittland, Deacon Bob Leake, Tom Sheetz, Norb Dixon. **Third row:** John Wingerter, Richard Vojas, Greg White, Kenneth Burkemper, Steve Buckman, Leo Lenk, Rev. John Schmitz, Jim Erickson, Dave Boehlein, Larry Coleman. **Fourth row:** Ernie Buckman, Charles Schmidt, Joe Sullivan, Jim Citro, Cary Gray, Chris Menne, Paul Caselton, Mike Guithues, Daniel Leonatti, Andy Flachs. **Fifth row:** Paul Morrison, Russ Rohrer, Steve Colbert, Jared Holbrook, Joe Citro, Jason Osbourne, Brian Shutz, Tom Phillips, Brian Giesing, Mark Terwelp, Dion Randolph.

LAY DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

"The Seed Planter's Job"

Any person can count the seeds on a shaft of wheat ... but no one can count the shafts of wheat that can come from a seed! You are all seed planters and your job description looks like this:

- Loosen the ground ... disturb the status quo. "Talk to God about man and then talk to man about God."
- Plant a seed... bring your friend the upcoming dates, a Cursillo application and a new brochure.
- Return to water and cultivate... support your candidate throughout his or her Cursillo Weekend and encourage Group Reunion.
- Celebrate the harvest... come to Ultreyas, Candlelights and Closings.

"I am telling you the truth: a grain of wheat remains no more than a single grain unless it is dropped into the ground and dies. If it does die, then it produces many grains." John 12:24

KEEP PLANTING THOSE SEEDS!

De Colores and God Bless,

Tom Deters

Lay Director, Quincy Cursillo

Cursillo Board Nominations for 2008

The Cursillo Community is invited to submit names of qualified past Rectors or Rectoras for nomination as candidates for the Cursillo Board in the 2008 election. The deadline to submit the nominations is **October 15th**. Please refer to the September Fourth Day newsletter for characteristics to consider when nominating a candidate.

A letter of nomination signed by both the Nominator and the Nominee should be sent to the Cursillo Lay Director (Tom Deters, 6614 State St., Quincy, IL 62305).

Life On the River "Morning Medication"

by Mary Jane Davis

Ezekiel 47:6 He said to me, "Son of man, have you seen this?" Then he brought me and returned me to the bank of the river.

Reading about the difference between wanting and being willing, I felt an epiphany. I may be reluctant or even dead set against something that I know well is good for me and is a much needed step to be taken. When I get hung up in "I don't want to", I'm like a boat dead in the water and drifting down stream. Drifting, I'm vulnerable. I've done that, time and again. It's when I become willing or even willing to become willing that God can reach into my heart and return to the steady molding process. The building resumes.

God never gives up, does not cease waiting with me along the banks of his river, pausing with me, sending me signs that help me become willing to re-engage in the process; that gentle, continuous press of God's hand on my back, pressing me forward into the flow of his river.

Lord, it's so easy to get hung up, leaving the flow of your river. I feel so grateful this morning that you are patient and do not give up on me.

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If you are missing Mary Jane's "Morning Medications" you can find them online at <http://heymj.com/>

Serving Meals

Please remember that sponsors, spouses, siblings, parents and children of candidates and team are asked NOT to serve. We all want participants to process the weekend without being reminded of "outside" concerns. Spouses of team members may serve at the last Sunday meal if needed.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES

Next Board Meeting

Oct. 18, 2007 at 7 p.m.

Retreat Center Conference Room

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Meet Your New Board Reps

John Runge



I am John Runge and by the asking and voting of the Cursillo family, I have been called to be a Cursillo board member. I hope I can fulfill what expectations you have of me. I will work to keep Cursillo a dynamic tool in the lives of our present family and for those to come in the future. Our challenge is how the world changes and then being able to adapt our tools to move the world closer to the Christian ideal, recognizing Jesus alive every day in our

lives and letting Him be a part of it.

I was born and raised in Keokuk, Iowa and have always attended the same Catholic church. Patti and I were married in 1974 and we have six children. Presently we have only one child at home who is ready to complete her senior year of high school. I made Cursillo #63 in March of 1983 and was rector on #114. Patti and I have been area reps. for a long time and have both been on the board before. Since being rector, I have had the great fortune of being on many weekends. I received so much from the first weekend, that if asked, I can't say no. I have definitely been blessed by the Cursillo family and very impressed by the commitments so many make.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve in this capacity again.

DeColores,
John

Michael Grant



My name is Michael Grant and I am a member of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Quincy, IL. In the parish, I serve as the chairman of the Pastoral Council, I am a Lector and a Eucharistic Minister. I am also one of the coordinators of the Haiti Medical Mission of Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Recently I was accepted into the Diaconate Program of the Springfield Diocese.

I made Cursillo #120 in September 1992 and was rector of Cursillo #225 in March 2005. My wife Jane and I celebrated our 34th Wedding Anniversary last month. We have been blessed with four children and six grandchildren.

Thank you for choosing me to serve you on the Cursillo Board for the next three years. I look forward to serving you.

DeColores,
Michael Grant