

The FOURTH DAY



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Cursillo # 249: September 27-30, 2007

Rector: Tim Oitker

Theme: "Blessed by Grace"

Dear friends in Jesus,

May the grace and peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus be with you now and always. I want to thank you for your prayers and palanca. The team and I are aware of them and feel the power they provide. I ask that you continue knowing we seek to serve our Lord humbly by being living witnesses of His love.

The theme for the weekend is BLESSED BY GRACE, the song is of course "Amazing Grace" and the scripture chosen is Eph. 2: 8-9. I challenge you to read, pray and meditate with this passage, then share its meaning to you at your next group reunion.

I invite you to join the team as we prepare for the weekend by spending some time each day reflecting on how God has blessed you with His grace. If you would keep a daily journal for the next 30 days, this would include persons, events and inspirations, you'll develop a keen awareness of how loved you are by our God.

The team is as follows: **Spiritual Director:** Fr. George Kramer, Bonnots Mill, MO (Sacraments-Saturday 10:00 am). **Asst. Spiritual Directors:** Fr. Mike Quinn, Hannibal, MO (Grace-Friday 11:15 am); Fr. John Stack, Clinton, IA (Obstacles to Grace-Saturday 4:15 pm); Deacon Bill Gray, Hamilton, IL (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid-Friday 3:00 pm); Deacon Bob Leake, Palmyra, MO (Christian Life-Sunday 10:00 am).

Asst. Rectors: Bob Carney, Jacksonville, IL (Study-Saturday 9:00 am); Richard Mitchell, Jr., (Enviroment-Sunday 9:00 am) and Tom Edwards (Piety-Friday 7:00 pm) both of Quincy, IL.

Rollistas: Jim Citro (Leaders-Saturday 7:00 pm); J. Scott Douglas (Action-Saturday 3:00 pm); Russ Rohrer (CCIA-Sunday 11:30 am); Greg Wittland (Ideals-Friday 10:00 am); all of Quincy, IL; Cary Gray, Hamilton, IL (Laity-Friday 1:30 pm), and Maggie Dixon, Quincy, IL, (A Woman Speaks Her Mind-Sunday 3:00 pm).

Auxiliaries: Tom Phillips, Maywood, MO, Jeff Shade, Jacksonville, IL, Joe Sullivan, Mt. Sterling, IL, Chris Menne, Wentzville, MO, Steven Colbert, Troy, MO, Ernie Buckman, Jared Holbrook, Paul Morrison, and Steve Buckman all of Quincy, IL.

Service Team: John Runge, Keokuk, IA, Tom Scheetz, Niota, IL, Norb Dixon, Dennis Semerad, and Lawson Faler all of Quincy, IL. **Food Service:** Sheldon Robinson, Quincy, IL, and Don Tooley, Clayton, IL. **Sacristan:** Leo Lenk, Silex, MO. **Musicians:** Jim Erickson, Bowling Green, MO and Dave Boehlein, Clarksville, MO.

Board Rep: Bill Gilmore, Roodhouse, IL, **Observing Rector:** Bill Couch, Stoutsville, MO, **Rector:** Tim Oitker, Quincy, IL (Group Reunion/Ultreyas-Sunday 12:30 pm).

Please join us at the Retreat Center Sunday, September 23, 2007 at 3:00 pm for our Buddy Mass and carry-in dinner to follow in the North cafeteria. There will also be an open-house to tour the new North Wing facilities at 5:00 p.m. following the Buddy Mass.

If you would like to help serve meals, please call Sheldon (217/228-2201) or Don (217/894-7152).

In His Love

Tim Oitker, Rector #249



UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Men's Cursillo #249

Sunday, Sept. 23, 2007 at 3:00 p.m.
Retreat Center, Quincy, IL
Carry-in dinner and open house tour of north wing following Mass

Women's Cursillo #250

Sunday, Oct. 24, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.
Holy Family Church, Hannibal, MO
Carry-in dinner to follow

MEN'S CURSILLO #249

Sept. 27th (Thursday)

7:30 p.m. Registration

8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hour

Sept. 29th (Saturday)

8:00 p.m. Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

Sept. 30th (Sunday)

5:00 p.m. Closing and Liturgy

ULTREYAS

Friday, September 28th

Hannibal Area Ultreya
Mark Twain Hotel Senior Apartments
Ultreya starts at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 6th

Lincoln County Ultreya
Sacred Heart Church, Troy, MO
Ultreya follows 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

September 21-22, 2007
Mike and Sue Holbrook, Directors

CURSILLO DATES

Nov. 1-4, 2007 - Joan Varadin, Rectora
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

Spend 24 Hours With Jesus

Attend a 4th Day Renewal

When: Sept. 21-22, 2007

7 pm Fri. to 7 pm Sat.

Where: Retreat Center-Quincy

Cost: \$45 (includes \$10 deposit)

Directors: Mike & Sue Holbrook

4th Day Renewal is open to all who have previously made Cursillo. This is an opportunity for renewal and personal spiritual growth.

For more information and an

application refer to:

www.quincycursillo.com

Area Rep Day

All Cursillistas, and specifically the Area Representatives, are invited to attend an informative and spiritual afternoon to discuss and share ideas about reaching out to the Cursillo community. We will focus particularly on revitalizing ultreya's and group reunions.

Where: Retreat Center South Cafeteria

When: Saturday, Sept. 29th

Time: Starts with lunch at 12 pm
Ends around 5 pm

Reservations are needed for lunch.

Please contact:

Mary Dodd at dmdodd@sbcglobal.net or John Peterson at 217-478-2951

Volunteer Needed

We are looking for a volunteer to prepare the Cursillo weekend rosters. If you are interested or would like more information of what would be required, contact Tom Deters at 217-224-0478 or e-mail: tdeters@adams.net.

Thank You From Cursillo #248

DeColores and Happy 4th Day to all,

As I began writing this note, the theme song for Cursillo #248 "Come To The Water" began playing on WGCA. Coincidence? I think not! I felt God was reminding me of the importance of keeping my soul hydrated with His Spirit, Joy, Love and Grace. Therefore, I want to share that "God moment" with each one of you by reminding you to keep your soul hydrated through prayer, scripture reading and prayer group. If you aren't involved with a prayer group yet, please contact your sponsor, your area rep, or myself. Grouping is a much needed life line.

Just a reminder that September 29th will be Cursillo #248's reunion from noon to 4 pm at St. Anthony Church. The directions and needed information was in your packet - please call me if you can't find it. We will also be celebrating mass together at 8 pm, prior to the Candlelight service, so please plan on attending.

Until then, keep on "Dancing in the River". Love to all, Connie

North Side Open House

All Cursillistas are invited to an Open House to tour the new facilities on the North Wing of the Retreat Center. It will be held after the Buddy Mass for #249. All are encouraged to attend both.

When: Sunday, Sept. 23rd

Time: 5:00 pm

Change of Area Reps

St. Brigid parish of Liberty and St. Thomas parish of Camp Point have recently realigned. As a result, Jim and Laurie Assell are the area representatives for St. Brigid and St. Edward's of Mendon. Judy Meats of Mt. Sterling is the area representative for St. Thomas, and Holy Family of Mt. Sterling. If you would like to be added to the Cursillo parish updates which include candidate rosters, please contact us.

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Cursillo 248



Front row, left to right: Kathy Bridges, Loretta Musholt, Sister Jane Wand, Deacon Jim Ghiglione, Jill Mason, Fr. Michael Kuse, Connie Vermeire, Ann Gage, Joan Varadin, Shelley Nacke, Nan Grawe, Billie Huebotter. **Second row:** Terri May, Tracy Moore, Erin Haugh, Debbie Popovchak-Erickson, Sr. Jeanette Feldott, Rose Ann Liesen, Jan Faler, Gail Eck, Dana Corvaia, Carlene Waack, Marilyn Choudry, Rachel Gotanco, Cincy Gervais. **Third row:** Evelyn Uppinghouse, Chelsie Pluester, Ginger Gilmore, Dawn VanCamp, Lori Cornwell, Melody Clark, Heather Dowland, Caroline Wiewel, Shirley McLaughlin, Nancy Schrage, Sue Kyle, Nancy Ross, Sr. M. Loyola Miller, Mary Kay Hughart, Susie Lee, Lauren Kreinburg. **Fourth row:** Kendall Bowen, Karen Adam, Dianne Deters, Linda Fennewald, Kay Whitfield, Donna Bebensee, Ann Kirlin, Karen DeVoss, Christina Schulte, Cari Mixer, Laura Sheurman, Amy Juengling, Signe Oakley, Amy Derrick, Susan Mills, Jill Hooper. **Fifth row:** Jennifer Deters, Sharon Phillips, Renea Henning, Patty McGlothlin, Brittany Vermeire, Jane Liesen, Janet Nutt, Sarah Kinder, Diane Schultz, Colleen Koch, Lori Haley, Terrie Welper, Harriette Vacek, Stacey Gervais, Jennifer Meyer, Sister Jo Ann Volk, SSND.

LAY DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

"The prayer of a good person has a powerful effect." James 5:16

It seems that this past summer has brought our Cursillo family tremendous blessings but it was also not without heartbreaks. We have experienced illnesses, accidents, fires and other misfortunes. Nonetheless, there has been ample evidence that our outpouring of prayer has been heard by God and affirmed by those who have suffered these adversities: "We have felt the power of your prayers!"

Also, I would be remiss if I did not recognize the tremendous contributions of time and talent of our retiring Board members. Be sure to give a big thanks to Mary Dodd, Rob Edwards, John Peterson and Marcia Steinkamp for all they have done. The following newly elected Board members will require prayer: Nan Grawe, Anita Eberhardt, Mike Grant and John Runge.... WINK ;-) SMILE :-)

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 Rector/as for nomination as candidates for the Cursillo Board in the 2008 election. 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) by **October 15, 2007**. The following includes characteristics that should be considered when nominating:

Qualifications as per the Quincy Cursillo By-Laws 4-19-07:

A candidate for Board Member must be...

1. a practicing Catholic
2. a past Rector / Rectora
3. active in a group reunion
4. a non-Board Member (unless that member is serving a partial term).
5. willing to uphold the by-laws.

Characteristics for "Ideal" Board Member Candidates:

Availability:

- A past Rector/a before the September prior to the election
- Supportive spouse (if married)
- Available for the many Cursillo activities
- Available to attend Board meetings

Christian Characteristics:

- Prayful, compassionate & caring
- Open to being led by the Holy Spirit
- Open to non-Catholic participation

People Skills:

- Diplomatic, positive approach
- Able to deal with confrontation

Communication Skills:

- Listening skills
- Capable of articulating the mission of Cursillo
- Able to use or willing to learn email for communications with Board

Administrative Skills:

- Will not let emotions rule meetings or decisions of the Board
- Open minded

Lay Assistant Spiritual Directors

On several recent Cursillo weekends Lay Assistant Spiritual Directors have been utilized. The following is a brief explanation of the duties and qualifications of a LASD. These are lay people who because of theological and spiritual study and course work have been approved by the Cursillo Board to function in a limited capacity as an Assistant Spiritual Director on a Cursillo weekend. They are not ordained nor have taken religious vows. A prospective LASD would be required to submit a LASD application to the Board..

Requirements of a LASD:

1. Past Rector/a of a Cursillo
2. Basic Requirement - one of the following areas of study or training is required.
 - a. A degree in parochial ministry or theology
 - b. A Diocesan Lay Ministry certificate.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES

Next Board Meeting

Sept. 20, 2007 at 7 p.m.
Retreat Center Conference Room

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Meet Your New Board Reps

Anita Eberhardt



My first Cursillo was #16, which will give you a clue of how old I am. I took my time moving through the ranks, probably around 25 years. Then I decided it was time to quit saying "No" and try to give back to God just a little of the time He'd given me, so I said yes to being the Rectora of Cursillo #180.

I am around young people fairly regularly because I work at John Wood Community College, occasionally work a Teens Encounter Christ weekend and, best of all, I have twelve grandkids, ranging in age from 2 to 27. Hopefully, that helps me think in some young ways along with my normal advanced-aged outlook, which probably comes in part from spending time around, Jerry, my husband of 47 years.

Jerry and I have five children ranging in age from 26 to 46. Our children are David (Patricia), Lynn (Dave) Hummel, Pamela (Paul) Havermale, Wendy (Steve) Venvertloh, and Maria. Our family also includes Jerry's 90-year-old, usually clear-thinking, fairly-active-mom, Sally, who is a resident of Sunset Home in Quincy.

Jerry, Maria and I live just south of Quincy at 4632 Terstriep Lane. We are members of and attend St. Peter Catholic Church in Quincy. My phone number is 217-222-5333 and my e-mail is jae5@insightbb.com. Thanks for your vote of confidence. I will do everything I can to serve God and you.

Love, joy and peace in Jesus, Anita Eberhardt

Nan Grawe



I am humbled and proud to serve on your Cursillo Board. Thank you for your vote of confidence. My Cursillo journey began on #77, and I was blessed to be your Rectora on # 206.

Jay has been my soul mate for 39 years and we have three sons - Jeff who is a Lieutenant for the Quincy Fire Dept.; Tony who is a Geography teacher at Quincy Junior High, and Jim who is employed at RTD. Avery is our grandbaby and is our special little angel in disguise. We are members of the Church of St. Peter in Quincy.

Your comments and concerns are encouraged and welcomed at 217-224-3529 or njwgrawe@hotmail.com. I will remain focused on Colossians 3:23 "In all the work you are doing, work the best you can. Work as if you were doing it for the Lord, not for people." And in response to that Bible verse, I say, "Here I am Lord."

DeColores,
Nan Grawe

NOTE: Look for profiles in the October Newsletter on the other two new board members - John Runge and Michael Grant.