



## Cursillo #259: January 22 - 25, 2009

**Rector: John Danner**

**Theme: "By Grace You Have Been Saved"**

The crew of Team 259 is "All Aboard", on track, and heading to Quincy! It is indeed both a privilege and a pleasure to be associated with such a wonderful group of men. Men filled with the love of Christ, men eager to share that love not only with friends and family but also with those that are currently strangers to them. Those "strangers" being the candidates of Cursillo 259. "Strangers," that will become as family by weekend's end.

Cursillo 259 revolves around Grace. Our theme is: "By Grace You Have Been Saved," the scripture is Ephesians 2:8 and the song is, of course, "Amazing Grace". It is the Grace of God that has brought all of us to Him and to Cursillo. It is that same Grace that we hope to show the candidates during this 4th weekend of January 2009.

I am proud to introduce the Team of Cursillo 259. Those individuals that have given their time, their sweat and their energy, to work with the candidates are as follows: **Spiritual Director:** Fr. John Stack, Clinton, Ia. (Sacraments, Sat. 10:00 am); **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Fr. Mike Kuse, Quincy, Ill. (Grace, Fri. 11:15 am); Fr. Chuck Edwards, Highland, Ill. (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid, Fri. 3:30 pm); Deacon Andy Daus, St Louis, Mo. (Obstacles to Grace, Sat. 4:15 pm); Deacon Tony Trautman, O'Fallon, Mo. (Christian Life, Sun. 10:00 am.)

**Assistant Rectors:** Blaise McDonald, Quincy, Ill. (Environment, Sun. 9:00 am); John Wagner, Davenport, Ia. (Leaders, Sat. 7:00 pm); Greg Wittland, Quincy, Ill. (Piety, Fri. 6:45 pm).

**Rollistas:** Kenneth Feldman, Mt Pleasant, Ia. (CCIA, Sun. 11:30 am); Jared Holbrook, Quincy, Ill. (Study, Sat. 9:00 am); Joe Cernich, Fenton, Mo. (Laity, Fri. 1:30 pm); Bill Middleton, Jacksonville, Ill. (Action, Sat. 3:00 pm); Chuck Amburg, Jerseyville, Ill. (Ideals, Fri. 10:00 am).

**Auxiliaries:** Darrell Moore, Winchester, Ill.; Bill Gilmore III, Carollton, Ill.; Brian Shutz, New Berlin, Ill.; Neil Oberman, Bowling Green, Mo.; Aaron Clark, Bradley Boeing, and Brad Morrison, all of Quincy, Ill.; Fred (Ted) Sitton, Roodhouse, Ill.; Steve Bland, Palmyra, Mo.

**Musician:** William (Paddy) Keller, White Hall, Ill.; **Food Service:** Ed Holthaus, Quincy, Ill.; Steve Chismarich, Bowling Green, Mo.; **Sacristan:** Jeff Steinkamp, Quincy, Ill.

**Service Team:** Tom Benz, Kane, Ill.; Art Shirey, Canton, Mo.; Joe Pacino, St. Louis, Mo.; Les Kelch, Bowling Green, Mo.; Tim Carmody, Hardin, Ill.

**Board Rep:** William Gilmore, Roodhouse, Ill.; **Observing Rector:** Jonathan McClelland, Monroe City, Mo.; **Rector:** John Danner, St. Louis, Mo. (Group Reunion/Ultreya, Sun. 12:25 pm); and Debbie Danner, St. Louis, Mo. (A Woman Speaks Her Mind, Sun. 3:00 pm).

The energy that drives this Cursillo, like all others, is prayer and Palanca, in combination with the loving support of the Cursillo community. With that in mind we ask that you do indeed keep this Team and Candidates in your mind, in your hearts and in your prayers.

Please join myself and the Team on this weekend's journey. Join us for the Buddy Mass January 18, 2009 in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Join us for the Candlelight January 24th, join us for the closing on January 25th and please join us in spirit via the Palanca chapels and via prayer. For those wanting to serve meals, please contact Ed Holthaus at 217-222-2198 or Steve Chismarich at 573-324-2238.

Myself and the Team of Cursillo 259 look forward to sharing this journey and this weekend, with you, with the candidates and most importantly, with Christ.

John Danner  
Rector, Cursillo 259

### Meal Servers for Cursillo #259

Women - if you would like to help serve meals for the January Men's Cursillo, please call the Food Service Team to sign up.

Call Ed Holthaus 217-222-2198 or Steve Chismarich 573-324-2238

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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BUDDY MASS

#### Men's Cursillo #259

January 18, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.  
St. Alphonsus Church, Mt. Pleasant, IA  
Carry-in dinner to follow Mass

#### Women's Cursillo #260

February 15, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.  
Holy Family Church, Hannibal, MO  
Carry-in dinner to follow Mass

### MEN'S CURSILLO #259

#### January 22nd (Thursday)

7:30 p.m. Registration  
8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hour

#### January 24th (Saturday)

8:00 p.m. Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

#### January 25th (Sunday)

5:00 p.m. Closing and Liturgy

### ULTREYAS

#### Saturday, January 31, 2009

Lincoln County Ultreya  
Sacred Heart Parish, Troy, MO  
Ultreya follows 5 pm Mass

#### Saturday, March 7, 2009

Collinsville Area Ultreya  
Sts Peter and Paul Parish Morris Hall  
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

#### Saturday, March 7, 2009

Jacksonville Area Ultreya  
Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.  
Follows the 5:30 pm Mass

### FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

February 20-21, 2009  
Cindy Stephens, Director

### CURSILLO DATES

Jan. 22-25, 2009 - John Danner, Rector  
Feb. 26-Mar. 1, 2009-Lisa Leake, Rectora  
Mar. 26-29, 2009 - Jonathan McClelland, Rector  
April 23-26, 2009 - Janet Summy, Rectora  
June 25-28, 2009 - Pat Beckman, Rector  
July 23-26, 2009 - Amy Koch, Rectora

## Reflections from John Runge Quincy Cursillo's New Lay Director



As nature settles into its winter hibernation and as I try to adjust to the cold, ice, and snow, I am faced with the reality that a new year has begun, and again I must look back to remember if I tried to plant any seeds. This past year would seem to be filled with our nation and world dealing with many troubles and also our personal lives but what kind of seeds did I plant, or did I sow anything. Maybe I thought I could take my chances in life alone and keep my seeds stored for myself to consume. I could ride the wheel of fortune with all the confidence of knowing my ABCs and life was mine for the taking, all mine. Troubles, failures, shortcomings, and hurts, I have them. They are what are called opportunities; opportunities to see the good in life, opportunities to share how challenges have brought joy to my life. They have helped me to be humble and realize that I am losing my strength to be in control and that I must rely increasingly more each day on other people and Jesus with His control of my life. Then I begin to realize my seeds, my gifts are no more than baggage to weigh me down each day and are there to be given away.

As I stand outside in the icy cold and breathe in deeply, I can experience that cold of isolation and the realization that I am given a new year to deliberately plant seeds for new life to blossom. In the first letter of John 1:1-4, although written about one hundred years after Jesus made His Ascension, and amid all the trials and tribulations at the time, we can find the power of the seeds that Jesus had planted bursting forth with life. The disciples could feel and see and hear Jesus alive. Their faith was not a noun but a verb. Their faith was alive, growing, reaching out and greater than any failure, shortcoming or hurt they might have been a part of. They experienced a joy so overpowering that it could not be left under a bushel basket. It had to be shared to receive an even greater joy. I too must dare to face the future, knowing that Jesus is more powerful than any power of the past, present or future and that there will be opportunities to see the joy in trials.

This new year, I am given an opportunity to be the Lay Director for the Quincy Cursillo movement. By knowing the past lay directors, I feel humbled and question my abilities to fill in behind them. Tom Deters has done an exceptional job organizing and computerizing many areas of paper work. This was done on the heels of Jim Nevins' work on the rooster book, which is ongoing. Tom has been a real asset to the movement in terms of his skills spiritually and in terms of dealing with difficult decisions. While he has made it easier to slide into his seat, it will be more difficult for me to provide the same wide spectrum of service. Thanks Tom for all your good work! I want to say a special thanks to all the past lay directors for their time and dedication in the past and present, they are an important reason why the seeds are blossoming.

To give you a glimpse of myself so you might feel free to share with me, I was born and raised in Keokuk, Iowa. I come from a family of six kids. Mom and dad and two of my sisters have made Cursillo. I have been married to Patti for 34 years and we have six children, all who have made TEC. I made Cursillo #63 in 1983 and Dick Mitchell was Rector. Patti made the

following #64. I became Rector for Cursillo #114 in 1991. We have been area representatives since it was first started and we have both been on the Cursillo board. Presently, all the kids are gone from home and we have four grandchildren.

I am a Eucharistic minister, lector and sing in a guitar group at All Saints parish. I am on the parish council and enjoy teaching faith formation to 9th graders. I do construction which is commercial and industrial. I am a foreman but I enjoy being hands on, running heavy equipment, concrete, to finish carpentry. I was raised on the farm all my life and still enjoy doing maintenance work, taking care of the cows, baling hay, and bulldozer work. While I used to race motor cycles as a hobby, I still like woods riding but most any more is done on a six-wheel Polaris. My relaxation is the out doors. I am on the shy side so don't get an impression I'm stuck up, I'm far from it. When I get on a topic of faith formation I can find plenty of words and will definitely challenge. Challenging people is important to me. I listen, except at times at home having my selective hearing on. Usually I listen closer to what is being said from the person's spirit than to the words being delivered. Words are deceiving. Anyway that's enough about me for now.

I want you to feel free about contacting me. I can be contacted by phone in the evenings at 319-524-1009, on the email at jreushus@msn.com, or personally at board meetings or one of the weekends, and mail 3712 Waverly Court at Keokuk, IA. 52632. If someone has a real important concern that would require board action, I would like you to first put it in written format either by way of an email or a letter. This way I know you will have thought your way through it and it will give the board time to carefully consider a response. Important concerns cannot be answered without all of the board responding.

We have a great board at this time and Ed Holthaus is coming in to replace my spot. He has been very active with the building and grounds committee. I am confident each member of the board, our secretary, treasurer, and assistant rector, all are positively committed to the successfulness of Jesus transforming our lives and the lives of the candidates to come.

While I question what will be expected of me, you must too question what I expect from you. Remember, I said I like to challenge. I expect everyone to go out and deliberately plant seeds. No, everyone should not be expected to sign on the line every time but by reaching out and giving away your gifts others will see and want to nurture that life. There are many thirsting and how do we get them to drink?

Palanca is much of that, committing oneself to do something. Why should we have to worry about the palanca chart being filled? It's easy out of convenience to stop in the palanca chapel but it takes commitment to sign up a month ahead of time and in the end be there. Is it out of convenience that we expect to sponsor people? What is it that we want the candidates to receive from the weekend? Yes, Jesus alive in their hearts but what else? Take a couple minutes one of these cold January days, stand outside and experience breathing in the cold, then think what cold means to your life.



## Fr. Bill Burton Presents Scripture Study Weekend

Fr. Bill Burton, Scripture Scholar, will present a weekend studying the writings of St. Paul the Apostle

JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 1, 2009

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The figure of St. Paul towers, not only over the New Testament, but over the first two centuries of church history. This year, dedicated by the Holy Father to St. Paul, provides the perfect opportunity for Catholics to take a serious look at this amazing follower of Christ and the letters he has left behind.

Our early sessions will focus on Paul, the Pharisee. To understand Paul's writings we must look at his own religious convictions and how he emerges from Pharisaic Judaism and how he reacts to his former religious mind-set. But Paul was also thoroughly Hellenistic. This cultural context also has an important influence on Paul and will be considered as we try to understand him within both his cultural and religious context.

Next we will look at the significance of the Hellenistic letter as the twenty-seven works are letters! Twenty-one of the New Testament's Paul towers over all others for his influence and power. We will look at the form of the Hellenistic letter and how Paul so effectively presses this form into service for the pastoral formation of his early Christian communities.

Finally, we'll look at the seven Pauline letters. From these we will try to glean an insight into the theology of Paul so we can better appreciate his genius and measure the tremendous influence this man has had on Christianity.

The weekend events will start at 7:30 pm Friday evening January 30th and finish after lunch on Sunday February 1st.

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

- Retreat and meals only - \$100 per person (includes lunch)
- Retreat, meals, overnight stay - \$150.00 per person

Send name, address, email or telephone, commuter or overnight, single or double occupancy and check for the appropriate amount made payable to Our Lady of Angels Spirituality Center to Quincy University, Attn: Fr. Ralph Parthie, 1800 College Avenue, Quincy, IL 62301

### Team Applications

Have you been wondering why you haven't gotten a call to be on a Cursillo team? Have you had a change in your telephone number since the last time you were on a team? Dennis and Connie Hoyt are our Team Application Coordinators. Contact them at 217-224-2322 or email them at [choyt@comcast.net](mailto:choyt@comcast.net) to find out if your application is on file or to provide them with your new contact information.

Also remember to update your information to continue to receive the Fourth Day Newsletter. Contact Lisa McDonald for regular mail and Don Hilgenbrinck for the emailed version. Contact information is in the column to the right.

### 4th Day Renewal

When: February 20-21, 2009 from 7 pm Friday to 7 pm Saturday

Where: Retreat Center-Quincy

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

Director: Cindy Stephens

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 couples that would like to experience a little bit of Cursillo as a couple.

For an application refer to: [www.quincycursillo.com](http://www.quincycursillo.com) or look for the application in next month's Fourth Day newsletter.

**Mail the completed application and \$10 deposit to:**

Dennis & Pat Holbrook, Reservation Coordinators  
4025 Holiday, Quincy, IL

If you have questions about the 4th Day Renewal, call either Dennis or Pat Holbrook at 217-224-3898 or Vernon & Katie Korte at 573-324-3611.

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[www.quincycursillo.com](http://www.quincycursillo.com)

### Cursillo Family Social Singles

Our Cursillo Family Social Singles continues to grow and we invite all single Cursillistas to join us. Our next gathering will be on Saturday evening of the Men's Cursillo weekend, January 24 at 5:30 at Sprouts Inn Restaurant on North 12th Street in Quincy. When you arrive, just ask to be directed to the Cursillo Singles table. We order off the menu and have plenty of time to visit prior to going to the Cursillo Mass, which starts at 8 pm. You can ride together to the Retreat Center or meet back up again upon arrival at the Retreat Center and sit with your new friends.

To be sure we have a large enough table reserved, please call Cindy Naber at 309-221-1107 for your reservation or any questions you may have. We have all age groups and guys and gals represented so please come join in the fun and socializing! Don't let that fear of coming alone keep you from sharing this evening together. We may arrive alone but we depart as brothers and sisters in Christ

### Remember the "Gift of Cursillo"

A "Gift of Cursillo" can provide an option for candidates that otherwise may not be able to attend Cursillo. A candidate or sponsor can request this "gift" of \$50 by writing on the application that they need financial assistance. There are a limited number of "gifts" available and are made available on a first-come first serve basis.

If you would like to contribute to the Gift of Cursillo fund, please send a check made payable to Quincy Cursillo to Marcia Steinkamp, 2250 College, Quincy, IL 62301.

### Updated Security Measures at Retreat Center

Quincy University has made a decision regarding security at the Retreat Center, that **ALL DOORS** must be locked at all times. This will be an inconvenience, however it did work out well during the last Cursillo weekend.

There is a phone in the foyer, at the main entrance to the chapel, with the phone number to call the service team to let you in as needed. Doors are not to be blocked open so if you are going out and coming right back, you will need someone to assist you.

The board is looking into a cell phone to use for the weekends rather than having someone tied down to our present land line. The big thing here is for each of us is to not see this as an obstacle to keep us from coming to palanca chapel, serving meals, or writing letters. You will not be "bothering" anyone by calling to be let in. Everyone is needed to share in each weekend, and everyone is a part of each weekend just by your affirmation to be a candidate. Please know that you are needed!

Please continue to display your nametag and/or Cursillo cross when coming to the Retreat Center so that you can be recognized.

### Overnight Accommodations Available in Quincy

Please remember during these cold, wintry months that there are warm homes in Quincy where travelers from afar can stay overnight during Cursillo weekends. For reservations, call Nancy Weede at 217-222-0922 or email: [nancyweede@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nancyweede@sbcglobal.net)