



Cursillo #266: November 5 - 8, 2009

Rectora: Kathy Schwartz

Theme: "Give Thanks, Sing Praise"

Dear Cursillo Family,

I am truly "giving thanks and singing praise" to God for the opportunity to be Rectora for Cursillo #266. Several years ago, I received a treasured gift from a dying uncle. In his last days, Uncle Paul taught me the power and beauty of having a sense of gratitude for God's gift of life and everything in it. Our team will be developing our own "attitude of gratitude" as we prepare to welcome the candidates God sends us. Our theme is "Give Thanks, Sing Praise" and our scripture is Psalm 100:4-5: "Enter his gates with thanksgiving, go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name. For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever and his faithfulness continues to each generation." Our songs are "Give Thanks" and "He Has Made Me Glad".

I am grateful for the wonderful team God has put together for Cursillo 266: **Spiritual Director:** Fr. Chuck Edwards, Highland, IL (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid, Friday, 3:30 p.m.); **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Fr. James Wheeler, Quincy, IL (Grace, Friday 11:15 a.m.); Fr. Mike Kuse, Quincy, IL (Sacraments, Saturday 10:00 a.m.); Sr. Jeanette Feldott, Quincy, IL (Obstacles to Grace, Saturday 4:15 p.m.); and Sr. Concepta Joerger, Springfield, IL (Christian Life, Sunday 10:00 a.m.).

Assistant Rectoras: Karen Biggs, Bowling Green, MO (CCIA, Sunday 11:30 a.m.); Genny Gramke, Quincy, IL (Action, Saturday 3:00 p.m.); Sharon Sitton, Roodhouse, IL (Piety, Friday 6:45 p.m.).

Rollistas: Cindy Sievers, Brussels, IL (Ideals, Friday 10:00 a.m.); Sue Ostermiller, Quincy, IL (Laity, Friday 1:30 p.m.); Carolyn Haley, Columbia, MO (Study, Saturday 9:00 a.m.); Rita Frese, Mendon, IL (Leaders, Saturday 7:00 pm.); Judy Munger, Hannibal, MO (Environment, Sunday 9:00 a.m.).

Auxilliaris: Jill Hooper, Susie Lee, Carol Rolves, and Nancy Venegoni all from Quincy; Diane Kattelman, Cedar Hill, MO; Kathy Lohman, Highland, IL; Susan Maerz, Keokuk, IA; Diane Rash, Hannibal, MO; and Tina Schmeling, Martinsburg, MO.

Service Team: From Quincy, IL: Nancy Altgilbers, Carol Darnell, and Brianne Fritts, also Carolyn White, Jacksonville, IL and Mary Zerrer, Troy, MO.

Food Service: Terri May, Quincy, IL and Mary Koch, Mt. Sterling, IL. Our **musicians** are Kendall Bowen and Amy Looten, both of Quincy.

Sacristan: Katie Hembrough of Jacksonville, IL; **Board Rep:** Mary Peterson, Alexander, IL; and **Rectora:** Kathy Schwartz, Quincy (Group Reunion and Ultreya, Sunday 12:25 p.m.)

Thank you in advance for all of your prayers and palanca. Please join us for our Buddy Mass on Sunday, Nov. 1 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Church, 2600 Maine, Quincy, with carry in to follow in the cafeteria.

Please sign up for an hour or two in the palanca chapel - what a perfect time to reflect and be grateful for all that God has given you...and to pray for the ladies on 266. Call Mike and Sue Holbrook at 217-223-6676. What a blessing it would be to fill the chart before the start of the weekend!

If you are able to serve meals, please call Terri May (217-224-7027) or Mary Koch (217-773-2287). We will be giving thanks and singing praise at Sunday's closing. Please join us in celebrating the candidates' new and exciting relationships with Jesus!

With gratitude,

Kathy Schwartz, Rectora, #266

Updating Your Team Application

If you have had a change in your telephone number since the last time you were on a team, please contact Dennis and Connie Hoyt, our Team Application Coordinators, and let them know your new contact information. Call them at 217-224-2322 or email them at choyt@comcast.net. If you no longer wish to be called for a team, also please contact them to ask that your application be removed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Women's Cursillo #266

Nov. 1, 2009 at 2:30 p.m.

St. Peter Church, Quincy, IL
Carry-in dinner to follow Mass

Men's Cursillo #267

To be announced

WOMEN'S CURSILLO #266

Nov. 5 (Thursday)

7:30 p.m. Registration

8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hour

Nov. 7 (Saturday)

8:00 p.m. Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

Nov. 8 (Sunday)

5:00 p.m. Closing and Liturgy

ULTREYAS

Hannibal Area Ultreya

Friday, October 2

Friday, November 6

Holy Family Church basement

Carry-in dinner at 6:30; ultreya follows

Lincoln County Ultreya

Saturday, October 3

Sacred Heart Parish, Troy, MO

Saturday, November 14

Immaculate Conception, Old Monroe

Ultreya follows 5 pm Mass

Jacksonville Area Ultreya

Saturday, November 14

Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.

Follows the 5:30 pm Mass

Collinsville Area Ultreya

Saturday, November 21

Sts Peter and Paul Parish Morris Hall

Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

CURSILLO DATES

January 28-31, 2010 - Stan Pollman, Rector

February 25-29, 2010 - Kathy Liesen, Rectora

March 25-28, 2010 - Dennis Holbrook, Rector

April 22-25, 2010 - Kathy Xamis, Rectora

June 24-27, 2010 - Jeff Steinkamp, Rector

July 22-25, 2010 - Rosemary Gilmore, Rectora

FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

December 4-5, 2009

Our New Board Members



My name is Jim Cramsey. I made Cursillo #92 and was Rector of #241.

At St. Peter Parish in Quincy, I am active with Parish Counsel, Eucharist Ministries, Lectoring, Why Catholic? Program, and other parish activities.

I have been employed at Richards Electric Motor Co. for 35 years. Kathy and I have been married for 34 years and we have 3 grown children and 1 grandchild.

Thank you for putting your trust in me to serve on the Cursillo Board. I will do my best to serve you and God.

New Cursillo Mission Statement

The Cursillo Board has been deliberating over recent months to write a more descriptive mission statement for Quincy Cursillo. - something short and to the point that all of us can use to share what Cursillo is for us. Thanks to all of those who submitted their ideas. Our new mission statement is:

"To provide a personal experience of grace in fellowship with a community of faith transforming, our world through Christian leadership"

Thank You From #264

Dear Cursillo Family,

The team and candidates of Cursillo #264 have been tremendously blessed by the outpouring of prayerful support shown throughout our team formation, team meetings, before and during the women's weekend, July 23-26.

We were each, in our individual way, made very mindful of being "In His Presence." For that we have all of you to thank. The palanca offered, our endless lever, upheld and inspired us to seek faithfully Him and what He chose to teach us on our weekend. We formed a special bond in what seemed a very short time.

The support and guidance of our Spiritual Directors will be forever remembered, as well as the commitment and blessing of our team, many of whom committed through a very busy time of year and particular challenges. Our candidates, like the Deer, have returned to their homes to share the love of Jesus from right where they are.

Thank you one and all for any contribution made to the success of Cursillo #264, we may not be aware of all of it, but God IS and that is where it really matters!!

Love, peace and prayers,

Amy Koch, team and candidates of #264

CURSILLO #265



Front row, left to right: Steve Hembrough, John Little, Fr. George Kramer, Ron Taylor, Stan Pollman, Jerry Zerrer. **Second row:** Joe Hedley, Rob Casagrande, Joe Buttitta, Don Tooley, Wayne Korte, Mark Beniach, Patrick Verstraete, Ed Holthaus. **Third row:** Bob Rucker, Jim Erickson, Mike McMahan, Harold Hall, Randy Brockman, Douglas Gittins, Mel Burkemper, Steve Mudd, Jason Raleigh, Gerald Smith. **Fourth row:** John Eleyidath, Keith Rellergaert, Gregory Andrews, Scott Neal, Don Reid, Michael Ghilds, David Muniz, Kenneth Krueger, Jim Meridith, Bill Brandt. **Fifth row:** Steve Colbert, Larry Dean, Scott Splaingard, James Henrick, Augustine Eleyidath, Dan Leonatti, Jim Bowe, Jim Hill, Rich Cramsey.

Lay Director's Message

After making a cursillo and now from the highs you can see the bottom, you vision back to recall what took place and possibly try to rekindle the flame the Spirit had engulfed you in. Hopefully, you begin to question and wonder within yourself, "What is it, that the cursillo family wants of me?" My response is:

- We need people who listen to the people in their environments, not to the misleading words, but who listen to the Spirit moving through these people's lives,
- Who listen to God in the stillness of life,
- Who listen to Jesus as He walks the walk every day.
- We need people who experience, people who open their eyes to a life alive and witness to how it renews and motivates.
- We need people who discern life's purpose and goals, people willing to doubt and question but faith filled enough to step out knowing that Jesus is along side and the Spirit will provide the power and strength for action.
- We need people willing to learn each day but especially willing to open the gift of knowledge that each person will bring.
- We need people who realize they are only stewards of the gifts they have been given. People with the knowledge that their gifts are not intended to be kept but rather opened and given away.
- We need people who are willing to dream dreams, people who look to the future and say this is where we are to be and set goals to attain that vision.
- We need people who are willing to share their faith by stepping out in blind faith.

Faith is not about comfort and satisfaction in the present, it's not about dwelling on the past and following a past tradition. Faith is like a verb, it is active, constantly changing, challenging, and questioning the status quo. Faith is a very small seed given by God at conception and is to be watered and nurtured and its fruit given away. We are stewards not the master. Many people enter our lives in many ways and each of these individuals help to create the person we are to become. Their gifts shape us into the person we are, just as the gifts we have, effect others in our life to the degree to which we are willing to share.

Faith is not faith until it is given away. Many have head knowledge of what religion is and try to frost over faith with these thoughts, however this deeply planted seed of faith from conception, lies not in the confusion of the brain but rather in the heart and soul of the person. The challenge then, is to get others to recognize this seed, that cannot be seen or touched and is most difficult to describe. The real seed of knowledge, heart knowledge, is about how the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit work in our life and who seek to be the center of our life. The real faith is an ongoing journey which witnesses to this life of struggle and success within

We all fail, that is the human condition we deal with, and that is the essential reason for the Church where we the Church celebrate the sacraments. Many will say we need to do this or that but with Jesus in the middle of our life, we are able to witness to His intent to make us whole. By recognizing that essential seed in our being, we are able to share Jesus alive every day. It is in this process of sharing, that faith comes alive and takes on it's own life as fruit of which we are only a steward and must give it away.

This is what the Cursillo family wants of you and this is what you want of the Cursillo family.

Serving in Christ,
John Runge, Lay Director

Meal Servers for Cursillo #266

Men - if you would like to help serve meals for the November Women's Cursillo, please call the Food Service Team to sign up and find out what time to arrive to serve.

Call Terri May at 217-224-7027 or Mary Koch 217-773-2287

Please remember that sponsors, spouses, siblings, parents, and children of candidates and team are asked NOT to serve. Please respect the confidentiality of the weekend participants during their mealtime discussions. We all want participants to process the weekend without being reminded of "outside" concerns.

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October 15, 2009 at 7 p.m.
Retreat Center Conference Room

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Benefit for St. Clair Baby

Benefit to offset medical costs for 9 month-old Madilynn Rose St. Clair who has Tetralogy of Fallot (heart defect) and DiGeorge Syndrome (chromosomal deletion)

- Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009
- K of C Hall, Monroe City, MO
- 8 am Bake Sale
- 5 - 7 pm Pork Dinner; 7:30 pm Live Auction
- Raffle Drawing (advance tickets available)

For more information or to make a donation, call Juett Kendrick 217-223-4811; Jamie & Sabrina Mudd 573-735-1025 or Jeff & Mary Kendrick 573-735-4168

Cursillo Family Social Singles

We invite all single Cursillistas to join our Cursillo Social Singles. Our next gathering will be on Saturday evening of the Women's Cursillo weekend, November 7th at 5:30 at Sprouts Inn Restaurant on North 12th Street in Quincy. Just ask to be directed to the Cursillo Singles table when you arrive. We order off the menu and have plenty of time to visit prior to going to the 8 pm Cursillo Mass.

Please call Cindy Naber at 217-779-1138 for your reservation. 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.

Golf Outing Sunday, October 18, 2009 Arrowhead Golf Course, Camp Point, Illinois

- Four Person Best Ball Scramble
- Four person teams with a shotgun start at 12:30 pm
- Cost is \$60.00
- Sandwiches will be provided
- Hole Sponsors Welcome
- Proceeds to benefit repair projects at the Retreat Center
- Contact Ed Holthaus at 217-222-2198
or email: elholthaus@adams.net to signup
Please talk with your prayer group, friends and family about putting a team together. Everyone welcome!

CHECK OUT THE FEATURES ON THE QUINCY CURSILLO WEBSITE

Prayer Requests - General Discussions - Find Group Reunions

Quincy Cursillo Also Has A Group Page on Facebook
go to www.quincycursillo.com For Links

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you can send your palanca letters through the Quincy Cursillo website...www.quincycursillo.com?

Look under the **Contact Us** link. This feature is for those at a distance who cannot get their letters to the Center by any other means.