



Cursillo #283: January 26 - 29, 2012

Rector: Mike Fessler

Theme: Fishers of Men

Dear Cursillo Family,

DeColores, may the peace, joy and love of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you now and always.

We are well into meetings for Cursillo #283. The men have put down their nets to follow Jesus and to become Fishers of Men. The Lord has blessed me with some of most spiritual men in the area.

The theme for #283 is Fishers of Men. Our scripture is Mark 1:17 "Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Our song is "The Summons."

The team called to be FISHERS OF MEN #283 is: **Spiritual Director:** Fr. James Wheeler, Springfield, IL (Sacraments, Saturday 10:00 am).

Assistant Spiritual Directors: Fr. Tom Hensler, Mt. Sterling, IL (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid, Friday 3:30 pm); Fr John Doctor, Quincy, IL (Obstacles to Grace, Saturday 4:15 pm); Deacon Wayne Zimmerman, Quincy, IL (Grace, Friday 11:15 am); Deacon John Esselman, Liberty, IL (Christian Life, Sunday 10:00 am).

Assistant Rectors: Don Hilgenbrink (Piety, Friday 7:00 pm); Russ Siebers (Study, Saturday 9:00 am); Ron Clark (CCIA, Sunday 11:30 am), all of Quincy.

Rollistas: Wes Friday, Quincy (Ideals, Friday 10:00 am); Alan (Buzz) McLaughlin, Quincy (Laity, Friday 1:30 pm); Michael McCrory, Clarksville, MO (Action, 3:00 pm); John Venegoni, Quincy (Leaders, Saturday 7:00 pm); Don Kelly, Wayland, MO (Environment, Sunday 9:00 am).

Auxiliaries: Tom Colclasure, Jacksonville, IL; Dominic Greving, Ted Haugh, Craig Liesen, and Mark Neisen, all of Quincy; Joe Kohlrus, Rochester, IL; Robert Lundberg, Maywood, MO; Gene Rupnik, Springfield, IL; Joe Wiskirchen, Ewing, MO.

Service Team: Robert Edwards, Jr., Mark Frericks, and Joe Vermeire, all of Quincy; David Hanke, Camp Point, IL; and Bob Rucker, Eolia, MO. **Food Service:** Rob Edwards and Dennis Greving both of Quincy.

Musician: Gary Hodgson, Liberty, IL. **Sacristan:** Jeff Liesen, Quincy. **Observing Rector:** Stan Schwartz, Quincy; **Board Rep:** Ed Holthaus, Quincy; **Rector:** Mike Fessler, Quincy (Group Reunion and Ultreya, Sunday 12:25 pm.); Teri Fessler, Quincy (A Woman Speaks Her Mind, Sunday 3:00 pm.)

Our Buddy Mass will be celebrated at 2:00 pm on January 22nd at St. Francis Church in Quincy, IL with a carry in dinner to follow in the school.

To serve meals, please contact Rob Edwards at 217-242-2435 or Dennis Greving at 217-779-4571. To sign up for the Palanca Chapel contact Mike or Sue Holbrook at 217-223-4823.

I thank you all for the prayers and palanca. Please come and join us for this joyous weekend, we are very excited about it. Keep your prayers and palanca coming. May God bless each one of you. Jesus Loves you and so do I.

Mike Fessler,
Rector #283

Meal Servers for Cursillo #283

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 Rob Edwards at 217-242-2435 or Dennis Greving at 217-779-4571

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

Also, please be aware that new Food Service guidelines have been developed, so please follow the guidance and directions given by the Food Service Team.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Men's Cursillo #283

Sun. January 22, 2012 at 2:00 pm
St. Francis Church, Quincy, IL
Carry-in dinner following in school

Women's Cursillo #284

Sun. February 19, 2012 at 2:00 pm
St. Clement Church,
Bowling Green, MO
Carry-in dinner at KC Hall

MEN'S CURSILLO #283

Jan. 26 (Thursday)

7:30 pm Registration

8:30 pm Sponsors Hour

Jan. 28 (Saturday)

8:00 pm Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

Jan. 29 (Sunday)

5:00 pm Closing and Liturgy

ULTREYAS

Lincoln County Ultreya

Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012
Sacred Heart Parish, Troy, Mo.
Following 5 pm Sat. Mass

Jacksonville Area Ultreya

Saturday, March 3, 2012
Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.
Follows the 5:30 pm Mass

Collinsville Area Ultreya

Saturday, March 3, 2012
Sts Peter and Paul Parish Morris Hall
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Montgomery County Ultreya

Friday, March 9, 2012 at 7 pm
Church of the Resurrection, Wellsville, Mo

Hannibal/Palmyra Area Ultreya

Saturday, March 10, 2012 at 6:30 pm
Farachon Hall, Palmyra, Mo
(across from church)

Upcoming Cursillo Dates

Feb. 23-26, 2012 - Shelley Nacke, Rectora
March 22-25, 2012 - Stan Schwartz, Rector
April 26-29, 2012 - Rose Marie Beeley, Rectora
June 28 - July 1, 2012 - Dick Mitchell, Rector
July 26-29, 2012 - Therese Long, Rectora

Fourth Day Renewal

February 17-18, 2012

Cursillo Valentine's Dinner Dance Gala

Come join us for an elegant evening of dinner and dancing at the 2nd annual, Quincy Cursillo Valentine's Dinner Dance Gala.

Where: Ambiance Banquet Center, 5225 Kochs Lane, Quincy
When: February 11, 2012
Time: Mass at 5:00 to be held on site
Social at 6:00 pm
Dinner at 6:30 pm; Dancing to follow
Cost: \$35 per person.

This year's music provided by the HornDogs, a Quincy favorite! They play blues, jazz and older rock-n-roll numbers. You can look them up on Facebook. With every ticket purchased, you have a chance at winning a netbook pc!

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets will be available at the January Cursillo and all Area Reps will have tickets to sell, but if anyone would like to reserve tickets at the door, mail your check, made payable to Quincy Cursillo, to Quincy Cursillo Valentine's Gala, P.O. Box 3153, Quincy Illinois, 62301-3153. Please enclose name and phone number.

In addition we are looking for donated raffle items and Table Sponsors. Table sponsorships are \$100.00. In return for the \$100.00 donation, the sponsor's business name will be displayed on the tables. If you have raffle items or want to be a Table Sponsor contact Mike Holbrook at 217-653-5555.

"Gift of Cursillo" Scholarship

The "Gift of Cursillo" is a scholarship fund that assists candidates and team to offset the fees of a Cursillo weekend. The "gift" amount is \$75 and is available to both candidates and team.

A candidate or sponsor can request this "gift" by writing on the application that they need financial assistance or call the application committee, Sheldon & Teresa Robinson, at 217-228-2201. A team member should speak with the Board Rep for that weekend.

If you would like to contribute to the Gift of Cursillo fund, please send a check made payable to Quincy Cursillo to P.O. Box 3153, Quincy, IL 62305-3153. Indicate on a note or on the check that you want to contribute to the Gift of Cursillo fund.

Overnight Accomodations Available in Quincy

There are 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

2011-2012 Quincy Cursillo Board of Directors and Officers



Front row seated left to right: Cindy Stephens, Incoming Lay Director; John Runge, Outgoing Lay Director; David Dodd, Assistant Lay Director. **Second row:** Patty Marshall, Janet Summy, Cathleen Koch, Donna Vogel, Kathy Cramsey, Secretary; Kathy Rucker. **Third Row:** Dennis Holbrook, Fr. Tom Henseler, Spiritual Director; Ed Holthaus, Jim Erickson, Jim Cramsey, Greg Wittland, Treasurer.

Introducing Our New Lay Director

Cindy Stephens



De Colores Dear Cursillistas!

I thank each of you for your encouragement and prayers these past few months as I have shadowed John Runge and prepared to walk in his footsteps as Lay Director of Quincy Cursillo. And please don't stop praying now!

I am the oldest of 10, a cradle Catholic educated in Catholic grade schools. A co-worker of my husband, Chuck, shared his Cursillo experience and Chuck asked for more information. Chuck filled out the application and until his sponsor said he needed my application to turn in at the same time, I never gave a thought to going on a Cursillo. I was NOT the spouse who wanted to do this. I did not think I needed any more religion, after all my husband Chuck was the

convert and I knew it all from my 8 years in Catholic schools.

I made Cursillo 89 in 1987. Religion was not what I received at Cursillo. I experienced the true love of my Father God, the gift of the Holy Spirit and the personal Christian teaching of Jesus Christ. That March Cursillo Weekend nearly 25 years ago I accepted the gift of the Holy Trinity, and felt the all-forgiving, unconditional and everlasting LOVE of God the Father; Jesus, the beloved Son of God; and the Holy Spirit, my new guidance director.

As I write this letter to you on Christmas Morning I reflect on the many gifts I have received in my life. As a daughter, wife, mother, mother-in-law and grandmother I feel that my family is the greatest gift I have received here on earth. Each of my 4 children and their spouses has made Cursillo and to be able to attend a Candle Light Mass with all 4 of them and their spouses with Chuck beside me is one of my greatest joys. This is when I feel incredibly proud and immensely humble, for without the Grace of God, my children would not have grown into the wonderful Christians they are and I would not have been given this gift of worship and celebration with them.

Please pray and do Palanca for our upcoming Cursillos, the Teams and Candidates. Most importantly spend an hour in the Palanca Chapel. Jesus is present in that chapel and He asks that we pray and wait with Him. It's only 1 hour and how can we say no when His desire of us is so simple. De Colores!

With Love and Prayers,
Cindy Stephens

4th Day Renewal

When: February 17-18, 2012 from 7 pm Fri. to 7 pm Sat.
Where: Retreat Center-Quincy
Cost: \$45 (includes \$10 deposit sent with application)
Director: Jill Mason

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 singles and for couples that would like to experience a little bit of Cursillo as a couple. Couples will be roomed together but will not be at the same tables.

For an application refer to: www.quincycursillo.com or watch for the application in next month's 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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January 19, 2012 at 7 p.m.
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Discovering and Celebrating

In my early morning prayer group we were discussing finding God throughout our whole day, not in little compartments we sometimes place him in like an hour on Sunday or 15 minutes in our night prayers. It brought up the subject of the Study talk we hear on Cursillo. How "study", learning about God, is not just reading the Bible but is finding God, in nature, people, music, circumstances and many other ways in our life. The discussion got the wheels turning on little ways I learn about God in my life.

One Sunday at Mass I saw this quote on the back of the t-shirt of a girl sitting in front of me - "Life is one grand long song, so start the music." I love to sing in the car and around the house when I am by myself. I find God in that music; it lifts my spirit, calms me, and makes me look heavenward.

On one of my morning walk in our neighborhood I encountered a neighbor walking with his 5 yr. old twin granddaughters, Katie and Paige - one was chatty and the other one looked pretty glum. The grandpa said that Katie had told him that morning that her sister, Paige, "was having a hard time this morning because she couldn't find her sandals." I commented that it would be nice to have a best friend watching out for you. I saw the face of Jesus in that little girl knowing her sister's heart.

While out riding with David we had to laugh at a bumper sticker on the car in front of us that read "Lord, Make me the person my dog thinks I am!". On further thought it could read "my child, brother, mother, friend thinks I am." Or if you really want to expand on it - "Lord, make me the person that YOU think I am." Funny how God can take something and run with it.

In the newspaper I ran across some words of a number of wise people that the author summed up in this way - "Resolve to be tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant with the weak and the wrong. Sometime in your life, you will have been all of these." These words really have the stamp of Jesus on them for me - do unto others.

On our trip to New York this fall, we found the care of God in the men who gave us directions to St. Paul's Chapel, the lady that helped us work the ticket machine in the subway, our niece who drove us through the city to our next departure point - little kindnesses that gave light to our days there.

I learn about God's love in the lives of others, in the stories of their encounters, in the prayers shared around our Group Reunion circle, heartfelt, sometime tearful, happy and sad. I learn about faith, hope, and how big God's love is in our daily life, how struggles are lightened with Him beside us.

And now with winter upon us, with the chilly nights and mornings calling us to sit by the fire or take a brisk morning walk, I marvel at God's creation, the splendor that He surrounds us with, the sunrise and sunsets he paints for our enjoyment. The song says - "Then sings my soulHow great thou art, how great thou art."

The list can go on and on but I am running out of space and I think you get the picture. There are so many ways to learn about God in each day, limitless ways, exciting, comforting and very real.

With love,
Terri May