Cursillo #327: June 22–25, 2017
Rector: George Schultz
Theme: “Rabbi, I want to see.”

Dear Cursillo Family,

The subject of “blindness” appears frequently in both the Old and New Testaments. The reason “blindness” is always a hot topic in the Bible is that God uses physical blindness to metaphorically represent a much worse human problem, “spiritual blindness.” While physical blindness is universally feared, “spiritual blindness” is a much worse disability. With this in mind, the Cursillo #327 Team will be holding a “Vision Clinic” on the North Campus of Quincy University from June 22-25, 2017.

Our Scripture verse is from Mark 10:46-52, where Bartimaeus, in response to a question by Jesus, “What do you want me to do?”, answers, “Rabbi, I want to see.” Our theme song is “Open My Eyes”---short and to the point.

With humility, respect and admiration, I present to you the team of Cursillo #327:

**Spiritual Director:** Fr. John Doctor, Quincy (Obstacles to a Life of Grace, Saturday, 4:15 pm);
**Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Fr. John Stack, Clinton, IA (Grace, Friday 11:15 am); Fr. Chuck Edwards, Ashland, IL (Holy Spirit-Divine Aid, Friday, 3:30 pm); Fr. James Wheeler, Quincy (Sacraments, Saturday 10 am); Deacon Ron Deimeke, Martinsburg, MO (Christian Community in Action, Sunday, 9 am).

**Assistant Rectors:** Thomas Meehan IV, Jacksonville, IL (Piety, Friday 6:45 pm); Rick Gengenbacher, Quincy (Environment, Sunday, 9 am); Trevor Huffman, Jacksonville, IL (Leaders, Saturday, 7 pm).

**Rollistas:** John Venegoni, Quincy (Ideal, Friday, 10 am); Randy Scott, Jacksonville, IL (Laity in the Church, Friday, 1:30 pm); Gene Rupnik, Springfield, IL (Study, Saturday, 9 am); Joe Koch, Jacksonville, IL (Action, Saturday, 3 pm); Don Johannes, Highland, IL (Christian Community in Action, Sunday, 11 am).

**Auxiliaries:** Randy Verticchio, Gary Scott, Marty Marr and Paul White, all from Jacksonville, IL; Drew Joehl, Godfrey, IL; Kris Steinman, Hannibal, MO; Joe Bordevick, Quincy; Bill Capps, Louisiana, MO; Terry Wilson, Collinsville, IL.

**Service Team:** John Holbrook and Ed Holthaus, both of Quincy; Chuck Amburg, Jerseyville, IL; Matt Harmon, Roodhouse, IL; and Larry Bork, Jacksonville, IL.

**Food Service:** Dave Ferrill, Mt. Sterling, IL; Jeff Haley, Jacksonville, IL; and Jim Citro, Quincy.

**Sacristan:** Tom Meehan, Roodhouse, IL; **Musicians:** Jared Holbrook and Ray Wheeler, Quincy. **Observing Rector:** Mark Wiewel, Quincy; **Board Representative:** John Little, Jacksonville, IL; **Rector:** George Schultz (Group Reunion and Ultreya, Sunday 12 pm) and Nancy Schultz (A Woman’s Perspective, Sunday 1 pm) of Jacksonville, IL.

I am so blessed to have these men and my wonderful wife with me on this weekend. Our Buddy Mass will be held on June 11th at 2 pm at All Saints Church in White Hall, IL. A carry-in dinner will follow the Mass in the Parish Center (Seton Hall). Meat, drinks, paper plates, plastic wear and napkins will be provided. Please bring side dishes or desserts to complete the meal. We sincerely appreciate all of your ongoing prayers, support and palanca and look forward to seeing you at the Buddy Mass.

To sign up to serve meals on the Weekend, please contact Dave Ferrill (217-257-7508), Jeff Haley (217-248-8520) or Jim Citro (217-224-6381).

God Bless all of you, the Cursillo Family and our Country.

George Schultz and the Team of Cursillo #327.

Thank You from Cursillo #326

De Colores Cursillo Family,

Thank you, thank you, thank you Cursillo Family for all the prayers and palanca for Cursillo 326. It was an amazing and peace filled weekend. We had an amazing team, and while we did not have a large number of candidates, it just made it easier to bond with these wonderful women. I pray that lasting friendships were made.

We wish you God’s blessings and peace and all of the love that is in our hearts.

Love and Peace,

Donna Campbell, Rectora, Cursillo 326

UPCOMING EVENTS

**BUDDY MASS**

**Men’s Cursillo #327**

Sunday, June 11, 2017 at 2 pm
All Saints Church, White Hall, Ill.
Carry-in dinner following Mass

**Women’s Cursillo #328**

Sunday, July 9, 2017 at 2 pm
St. Anselm Parish, Kampsville, Ill.
Carry in dinner following Mass

**MEN’S CURSILLO #327**

Thursday, June 22
7:30 pm Registration
8:30 pm Sponsors Hour
**Saturday, June 24**
8:00 pm Liturgy and Apostolic Hour
**Sunday, June 25**
4:00 pm Closing and Liturgy

**ULTREYAS**

**Tri-State Area Ultreya**

Friday, July 21, 2017
Quincy University Chapel, Quincy
Begins with Special Mass at 6:30 pm

**Jacksonville Area Ultreya**

Saturday, July 22 2017
Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

**Collinsville Area Ultreya**

Saturday, July 22, 2017
Sts Peter and Paul Parish Morris Hall
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

**Upcoming Cursillo Dates**

July 13-16, 2017 - Maria Carmody, Rectora
Sept. 21-24, 2017 - Mark Wiewel, Rector
Nov. 2-5, 2017 - Mary Zerrer, Rectora
July 13-16, 2017 - Karen Biggs

**Work Day at Retreat Center**

Saturday, August 19, 2017
Starting at 9 am
Cleaning supplies will be provided
Lay Director’s Message

Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be a living expression of God’s kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting. To children, to the poor, to all who suffer and are lonely, give always a happy smile. Give them not only your care but also your heart. Mother Teresa, “The Joy in Living.” Sounds like good advice. Hopefully, we all live our lives in this way.

As I was doing my morning meditation today the word God gave me was GRACE. As I was praying about what to write in this newsletter, He gave me something from The Word Among Us, January 2015 edition. “Grace builds on nature. According to a famous statement by St. Thomas Aquinas, grace builds on nature. It doesn’t destroy who we are. It doesn’t make us into completely different people. It doesn’t just cover up our sin. NO, God’s grace takes all of our talents and gifts, our hopes and dreams, even our unique quirks, and lifts them up. As we accept his grace, God leads us to use our gifts for His glory. He takes our personalities and uses them to reflect aspects of who he is. So if we tend to be forceful and energetic, His grace teaches us to channel that energy toward evangelizing or working for justice. If we are gentle by nature, he refines that gentleness so that it increasingly reflects His own compassion.”

As we learned on our Cursillo weekend, God can use each of us to change our environment. We just have to be available.

In the last newsletter I asked for a donation of a recliner. Thanks to Bob Ruff, Cursillo 323, we now have a new recliner!! Thank you, Bob. May God Bless you for your generosity.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Barb Peasel and her family in the loss of her husband, Bill. Barb was Rectora for Cursillo 212.

Let us pray for all those in our Cursillo family that have lost loved one or are ill or have loved ones ill. May God Bless each one according to His will.

CALLING ALL GROUP REUNIONS-WE CAN USE YOUR HELP

We are looking for 8 groups to help us out. One group before each Cursillo weekend to come into the retreat center on Tuesday or Wednesday evening, or during the day, if you rather, to do some touch up housekeeping. Dust the floor, window sills, and dresser in each bedroom to make it sparkle for the new candidates that will be coming in for the weekend, and also for the team that has worked so hard to prepare for those candidates.

I know that those of you that are from a distance away will not be able to do this, but I believe there are many group reunions in or close to Quincy that will be able to help out. What a great ACTION plan as part of our prayer sheets! Discuss this with your prayer group and if you can do it once a year, or just once, please call me. 217-430-4406, I can go over the details with you. The weekends left for this year are June 22, 2017, July 13, 2017, Sept. 21, 2017, Nov. 2, 2017. Thank you and may God Bless you for your service.

We will also be having a WORK DAY at the Retreat Center August 19, 2017 starting at 9 A.M. We want to go through each bedroom and clean it good along with cleaning, painting and many other things that need to be refreshed or fixed in the building. PLEASE try to get this special day on your calendar now. Lunch will be provided. TEC and Walk to Emmaus people will be helping us too. Let’s make a day of it and have a great time working together for Jesus.

Share God’s Grace with one another, Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Thank you for all you do for our Cursillo family. God Bless You and you remain in my prayers.

Billie Huebotter, Lay Director

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Canceled your Landline or Moved?

If you want to be called to serve on a team, you need to keep your information up-to-date. To update your information or to check to see if your information is correct in the team database, contact the team application committee, Dennis & Connie Hoyt, at 217-224-2322 or email: choyt@comcast.net.

Thank You From Cursillo #325

"Knock and the door shall be opened". Many of you heard the knock and opened the door to His call. I would like to thank the entire Cursillo family for all of the thoughts, prayers, and palanca offered for the success of Cursillo #325. It was very obvious from the start of the weekend that you were all very successful in your endeavor. The Holy Spirit is alive and was our midst. Being able to sit and watch the Spirit work in different ways in each of the candidates is a great experience.

As Karen Crabtree mentioned last month, you really don’t understand all the behind the scenes workings required to make the weekend a success until you are a rector/a. But watching it unfold is an amazing, and for me, emotional experience. God blessed me with a wonderful group of men to assist and serve the 29 new Cursillistas. And they served well. I am in awe of what HE can do with a group of ordinary men that come together with a common purpose.

As I said, it was an emotional weekend for me, and by Sunday evening, I was spent. I started this journey feeling inadequate, and ended feeling fulfilled and even more humbled. Again, I want to thank all who heard His knock and opened the door to respond to His wishes.

To the new Cursillistas, remember the importance of prayer and service. Be available for meal service and palanca chapel times. Happy 4th Day to all.

De Colores and God Bless you!
Ron Clark, Rector #325

Cursillo Board Election - Candidate Bios

It’s time to choose new Cursillo Board members to replace those whose term expires in August. Board members who are retiring are Mike Grant, Tammy Foster and Nancy Weede. We thank them for their service these last three years.

All Cursillista’s are urged to prayerfully consider the following nominees to serve a three-year term. Please vote for one man and two women. A ballot is available on the back page for mailing and ballots will be available during the June and July Cursillo activities.

MEN

Jim Cramsey
• St. Francis Parish, Quincy, IL
• Rector #241
• Communion Minister, Lector, RCIA, Cursillo Board 2009-2012
• Employed by Richards Electric Motor Co. for 43 yrs; will retire 10/2/17

Tim Gilbert
• Holy Family Parish, Hannibal, Mo.
• Rector #315
• Communion Minister, Communion to the sick/home bound
• Finish Carpenter, Dale Koontz Builders in Quincy

Randy Lovell
• Mary Queen of Peace, Clarksville, Mo.
• Rector #303
• Communion Minister, Parish Council, Lector
• Self-employed contractor

WOMEN

Judy Cobb
• Immaculate Conception Church, Montgomery City, Mo.
• Rectora #234
• Worship and Spiritual Development Commission, Communion Minister
• IC Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper, PRN Radiographer at SSM/Audrain

Becky Keeley
• St Alphonsus Church, Mt Pleasant Iowa
• Rectora #164
• Cantor, Communion Minister, Lector, Scripture Group
• Retired

Marie Korte
• St. Clement Parish, Bowling Green, Mo.
• Rectora #302
• Communion Minister
• Self-employed website/print designer

Diane Logaski
• Holy Family Parish, Mt. Sterling, Ill.
• Rectora #172
• Communion Minister, Stewardship Committee
• Judge for State of Illinois
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2017 CURSILLO BOARD ELECTION BALLOT

The Cursillo Family is asked to cast a vote for ONE of the following MEN and TWO of the following WOMEN candidates who will serve for three years beginning in August 2017. Cast only one ballot per Cursillista.

Please give prayerful consideration to the qualifications of candidates. Brief bio’s are available on page 3 of this newsletter.

MEN
- Jim Cramsey
- Tim Gilbert
- Randy Lovell

WOMEN
- Judy Cobb
- Becky Keeley
- Marie Korte
- Diane Logaski

INSTRUCTIONS
Cast only one ballot per Cursillista.
Mail your ballot to: Billie Huebotter, 1292 Lakeview Court, Fowler, IL 62338

Ballots will also be available during the June and July Cursillo weekend activities.

YOUR BALLOT MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 16, 2017
Ballots received after this date will not be counted.