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# The FOURTH DAY

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## Cursillo # 193 - January 10-13, 2002

**Theme: Love One Another As I Have Loved You**

**Song: I Have Loved You**

**Rector: Bob Rucker**

Dear Cursillistas,

As we prepare for Cursillo #193, we feel honored to have been chosen to bring the good news to God's people. During this time of formation, we've been praying that the Holy Spirit will give us the wisdom, understanding, and courage to show the love of Jesus to the candidates. We all know that the prayers and *palanca* of the community are the real power behind every Cursillo weekend, and so, we ask you to please continue your prayers and *palanca* for us.

Team members for #193 are:

**Spiritual Director:** Fr. John Stack, S. Clinton, IA (Sacraments, 10 a.m. Sat. and Obstacles to Grace 4:15 p.m. Sat).

**Asst. Spiritual Directors:** Sr. Jane Boos, New Berlin, IL (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid, 3:30 p.m. Fri); Fr. Mike Quinn, Hannibal, MO (Grace, 11:30 a.m. Fri); Deacon Tony Trautman, O'Fallon, MO (Christian Life, 10 a.m. Sun).

**Rector:** Bob Rucker, Eolia, MO (Group Reunion and Ultreya, 12:25 p.m. Sun). **Assistant Rectors:** Rob Casagrande, St. Peters, MO (Action, 3 p.m. Sat); Les Kelch, Bowling Green,

MO (CCIA, 11:30 a.m. Sun); Mike Sheehan, Jacksonville, IL (Laity, 1:55 p.m. Fri).

**Rollistas:** Randy Johnson, Quincy, IL (Leaders, 7 p.m. Sat); Tony Herdrick, Dallas City, IL (Piety, 7 p.m. Fri); Tony Moore, Jacksonville, IL (Environment, 9 a.m. Sun); Ted Mountz, Salem, IA (Study, 9 a.m. Sat); Warren Naber, Hamilton, IL (Ideals, 10:15 a.m. Fri).

**Auxillaries:** Steve Carr, Carlinville, IL; Jeff Haley, Jacksonville, IL; Tony Hilgenbrink, Ursa, IL; Paddy Keller, White Hall, IL; Kieth Kellum, Galena, MO; Mike McCrory, Clarksville, MO; Damian McDonald, Quincy, IL; Art Monroe, Roodhouse, IL; Greg Wyble, Bowling Green, MO.

**Musicians:** Jerry Epperson, Clarksville, MO; Jim Harke, Moscow Mills, MO; B.J. Menne, Troy, MO.

**Sacristan:** Harley Hirner, Hannibal, MO. **Observer:** Jerry Eberhardt, Quincy, IL. **Board Rep:** Mike Holbrook, Quincy, IL. **Service Team:** Dick Grote and Vernon Korte, Bowling Green, MO; John Kendrick, Monroe City, MO; Jim Rothermich, Old Monroe, MO. **Food Service Team:** Bill Casagrande, Foley, MO; Gerald Smith, Bethalto, IL.

## CANDIDATES NEEDED FOR CURSILLO #193.

**Jesus has no hands but our hands to do His work.**

To volunteer to serve meals, call Bill Casagrande at 636-662-2505 or Gerald Smith at 618-377-6913.

Our Buddy Mass will be at 2:00 p.m. on January 6, 2002 at St. Dominic's in Quincy with a carry-in dinner to follow. Please come and share with us.

Thanks for all you are doing for us and God Bless.

Bob Rucker  
and the Team of #193

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## Cursillo Newsletter Online

The Fourth Day Newsletter is available on the Internet at [www.quincycursillo.com](http://www.quincycursillo.com). If you would like to help Cursillo reduce mailing costs and read the monthly newsletter online, please contact Lisa McDonald. Ask her to remove your name from the postal mailing and provide her with your e-mail address.

You will be notified by e-mail when the new issue is posted to the web page. Lisa can be reached by e-mail at: [mcdonald@ksni.net](mailto:mcdonald@ksni.net) or call 217-223-1787.

### BUDDY MASS

#### Men's Cursillo #193

January 6, 2002 at 2:00 p.m.  
St. Dominic Church  
Quincy, IL  
Carry-in to follow

#### Women's Cursillo #194

February 3, 2002 at 2:00 p.m.  
Holy Family Catholic Church  
Mt. Sterling, IL  
Carry-in to follow at KC Hall

## DISCOVERING AND CELEBRATING

One of our favorite Christmas shows is a special put on a number of years ago called "Mr. Krueger's Christmas" starring Jimmie Stewart. He plays a widow who is the janitor of an apartment building in a large city. As Christmas nears he finds himself reminiscing and daydreaming as he listens to a favorite record or encounters people in his life. At one point he looks at his nativity set and is transferred back in time and space to a stable built into a cave. He enters the dimly lit cave, slowly walks past the shepherds and the animals and finds himself beside the straw-filled manger holding the Christ child. No one seems to see him there but he kneels down and begins to talk to Jesus in his low, humble voice, telling Jesus how he loves him. He thanks Jesus for always loving him no matter what he's done and always being there in all that happens in his life. Later when a little girl admires Mr. Krueger's nativity set he gives her the manger with the baby Jesus in it as a gift.

Gifts and children seem to go together at this beautiful season. When my daughter was home for break from college we took in a noon Mass. As we knelt after communion, Julie noticed a little girl walking up for a blessing since she was too young to receive communion. After the priest blessed her, instead of following her Mom, the small child stopped and impulsively hugged the priest's legs. My daughter said that the priest smiled and the people who witnessed it smiled too - it was like sunshine spreading out from this little girl, lighting up those around her, a gift of love.

Some people's childhoods are not beautiful or even nice though. Last month a woman, Eva Kor, was a speaker at QU. She spoke of the experiences of her and her 6 year-old twin sister at

the hands of the Nazis in WWII at the Auschwitz death camp. Her message was not about the horror but about her release from the hate and pain by learning to forgive those who hurt her. She was given the gift of freedom through forgiveness.

As the Advent season progresses and the purple and pink candles are lit on the Advent wreath, we contemplate this holy day that will soon be here. It is about a child, the Giver of Life, the Anointed One, the Word Made Flesh. It is about giving and receiving love, being gift to those around us. It is about forgiving and being forgiven, being freed from past sins and past hurts. All this is made possible by that simple beginning in a stable built into a cave, in a lowly manger filled with hay. His purpose was to free us, to pay our debt, to love us unconditionally and to help us grow in His likeness.

...At this point in my typing this article I stopped and took a break to make supper. On returning I felt the need for something else and I knelt before my book shelf where I keep inspirational books and Bibles. I randomly pulled out a book - it turned out to be 3"by 4" New Testament a friend gave me. I opened it to a marker that showed the face of Jesus on it and I read at the top of the page John1:15,16 -18 - "The Word became human and lived among us. We saw his glory. It was the glory that the Father shares with his only Son, a glory full of kindness and truth. Each of us has received one gift after another because of all that the Word is. The Teachings were given through Moses, but kindness and truth came into existence through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. God's only Son, the one who is closest to the Father's heart, has made him known."

I think I had found the "something else" I needed and it is my Advent gift to you.

Much Love and Joy,  
Terri May

## Cursillo #192



**Front row**, left to right: Julie Fischer, Marcia Steinkamp, George Kramer, Cathleen Koch, Joan Grote. **Second row**: Theresa Hall, Dorothy Obert, Melody Clark, Dorothy Welcher, Judy Lenk, Jo Beavers, Maggie McGee, Marjorie Kohl, Mary Jane Davis, Nancy Weese, Collette O'Brien. **Third row**: Becky Keeley, Carolyn Haley, Sue Bays, Dianne Kuncie, Virginia Grumich, Ann Whitfield, Alice Schuckenbrock, Kathy Dobelmann, Connie Hoyt, Pat Finnell, Becky Esselman, Sue Link. **Fourth row**: Kathy Miller, Kim Gronewold, Lori Franks, Cheryl Lane, Kim Barnett, Sheila Goehl, Tina Mowen, Lisa McDonald, Jane Vancil, Barbara Reeves, Marilyn Kelly. **Fifth row**: Diane Schultz, Linda Keller, Nancy Aikman, Jenni Obert, Kathy Steinbrecher, Stephanie Street, Deb Meservey, BJ. Wenger, Audry Anderegg, Pam Frericks, Kris Sanderson.

## MESSAGE FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

My Fellow Cursillistas:

As reported to you last month, "Jesus has called my name." Through your prayers, I have decided to accept the challenge to serve as your Lay Director for the next three years. I want each of you to know that I hope to do all I can for the betterment of Cursillo to bring the friendship of Jesus into the hearts and souls of all involved. I know that if we work together as a family, we can accomplish much that Jesus has called us to do. Please be my partner and walk this journey with me.

In accepting this position, I feel strongly that assigning an assistant Lay Director is necessary. The Cursillo family has grown to the extent that I need help to do all the tasks Steve Jansen did. Those are really big shoes to fill. I ask for your prayers in finding an assistant.

It is necessary to fill my position on the Board and I am pleased to announce that Bill Gilmore from Roodhouse, IL has accepted this responsibility. Bill has been very active in the Cursillo movement, has Jesus in his heart, and has always been willing to serve. Please welcome him to the Board and call him with any concerns.

Our greatest challenge right now is to get candidates for the January and February weekends. What a super Christmas gift to give to those we love!!! Let's all really work hard and ask a potential candidate. As you remember, the Cursillo weekend is an awesome experience and a new tool that we can use to stay in the palm of Jesus' hand.

On behalf of the entire board, we wish each of you many blessings during this holy Christmas season. Take the time, whether you think you have it or not, to spend quality time with your family. Give each person a hug and a reminder that Jesus loves them. Best wishes for a spirit-filled new year. How about a resolution to sponsor a candidate!!!!

DeColores, Happy 4th Day and Wahoo,  
Jay Grawe

### REMINDER Fourth Day Renewal January 25 – 26, 2002

Open to all who have made a Cursillo weekend  
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## SINGLES SPIRITUAL GROUP

God has called me to call upon fellow single Cursillistas of all ages to join together in fellowship and praise in a Group form outside Cursillo events. An adult version of a youth group/prayer group with us joining together in prayer/bible study and/or fun activities. A group I would like to refer to as a SINGLES SPIRITUAL GROUP. I have prayed to God to give me the Wisdom and Grace to be able to organize a group that will be faith filled, and made up of all ages of single men and women from the Cursillo family searching for more.... James 1:5 states "if you need wisdom - if you want to know what GOD wants you to do - ask Him, and He will gladly tell you."

I wish to take this time to thank each of you for giving this idea a chance and consideration to grow and become an opportunity for worship and praise in a loving atmosphere. Like the song we sing at meal time..."THANK YOU FOR GOOD FRIENDS!!" Why not take advantage of the friendships that we have all aquired through Cursillo and let it continue to grow in God's love!! 1 Thessalonians 5:18 reads, "No matter what happens, always be thankful, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." We should always maintain a spirit of constant gratitude. What better way to show gratitude to the Lord than in a group setting such as this!!

Please respond with comments, concerns, ideas, etc to me at any of the following numbers: work 217-222-0456; home 217-222-5299 or email: 4sheli@usa.net

Thank you, God Bless!!  
Sheli Martin

## CURSILLO DATES

#193 January 10-13, 2002  
Bob Rucker

#194 February 7-10, 2002  
Mary Jane Davis

#195 March 7-10, 2002  
Jerry Eberhardt

#195 April 18-21, 2002  
Kathy Vessel

Applications are available at:  
[www.quincycursillo.com](http://www.quincycursillo.com)

## FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

January 25-26, 2002  
Mike & Ginny Baker

For information call:  
Dennis and Pat Holbrook  
217-224-3898

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

## GREAT RIVER TEC

TEC #207 January 19-21, 2002  
Matt & Bobbi Hynes

TEC #208 March 2-4, 2002  
Joe & Sheryl Geisler

TEC #209 April 13-15, 2002  
Bert Shackleton

For information call  
Doug Many 217-224-8416

Applications are available at:  
[www.greatrivertec.org](http://www.greatrivertec.org)

## QUEST

#18 February 22-23, 2002

#19 April 26-27, 2002

For information call  
Barb and Dwight Seeley  
217-224-5615

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

For information call: 1-888-889-9963



