

# The FOURTH DAY



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## Cursillo #223: January 6 - 9, 2005

**Theme: Taste & See the Goodness of the Lord**

**Rector: Tom Meehan**

DeColores.... of the colors! The rainbow is the Biblical symbol of God's promise when we agree to journey with Him. Scripture is filled with this theme of "journey and covenant." Genesis 9:12-17, Isaiah 43:2, Matthew 4:19...

We are journey people, so I hope you will be sending candidates to us with their bags packed and ready to go. Hopefully some of them will come home without some of the excess "baggage" they came with! I ask too, that you come and journey with the Team of Cursillo #223 by praying and doing palanca for the team and candidates. We are counting on you, our Cursillo family, for palanca letters, to serve meals, and to serve as our prayer warriors.

Of utmost importance is to have "family members" praying for us in the palanca chapel. Lately, it has been a struggle to get the hours filled on the palanca chart. This is a powerful tool for the candidates to see we have people around the clock praying for them. Please don't disappoint them or Jesus! Contact Mike or Sue Holbrook: 217 223-6676, or e-mail: holbrok@adams.net Thank you in advance!

The theme of Cursillo #223 is "Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord." Our Bible verse is taken from Revelations 3:20: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door (then) I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.

We know that Jesus is a gentleman and will only come in if invited, so please take the time to invite someone you know to get acquainted with Jesus and share the weekend with us. We ask too that if you have had your door closed to Jesus for whatever reasons, that you allow Him to enter by sharing a part of our weekend with you through a visit to the Palanca Chapel, serving a meal, attending the Candlelight or Closing Masses. Come "Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord!"

The team called by Jesus to journey along with Him on Cursillo #223 is:

**Spiritual Director:** Fr. Chuck Edwards, Springfield, IL (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid-

Fri. 3:30 p.m.; **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Fr. Austin Albers, Teutopolis, IL (Obstacles to Grace-Sat. 4:15 p.m.); Deacon Bill Gray, Hamilton (Christian Life-Sun. 10:00 a.m.); Fr. Barry Harmon, Newton, IL (Grace-Fri. 11:15 a.m.); Fr. Henry Schmidt, Carrollton (Sacraments-Sat. 10:00 a.m.).

**Assistant Rectors:** Tim Carmody, Hardin (Leaders-Sat. 7:00 p.m.); Dennis Holbrook, Quincy (Study-Sat. 9:00 a.m.); Matt Lorton, Hardin (Piety-Fri. 7:05 p.m.).

**Rollistas:** Larry Bork, Jacksonville (Environment-Sun. 9:00 a.m.); Joe Buttitta, Roodhouse (Ideals-Fri., 10:00 a.m.); Jim Heaton, Mt. Sterling (CCIA-Sun. 11:30 a.m.); William (Paddy) Keller, White Hall (Laity-Fri. 1:30 p.m.); George Schultz, Jacksonville (Action-Sat. 3:00 p.m.); Karen Meehan, Roodhouse (A Woman Speaks Her Mind-Sun. 3:00 p.m.).

**Auxiliaries:** Chuck Amburg, Jerseyville; Mike Ericson, Camp Point; John Finnell, Roodhouse; Cary Gray, Hamilton; Rick Haberstroh, St. Louis; Trevor Huffman, Jacksonville; Mark Shade, Carrollton; Eric Schultz, Quincy; David Tramel, Canton.

**Sacristan:** Craig Long, Vandalia, MO; **Musician:** Ray Wheeler, Quincy. **Food Service:** John Bordenkircher, Jacksonville (217) 245-0501; Joe Hedley, Florissant, MO (314) 838-6392. **Service Team:** Norb Dixon, Quincy; Scott Fischer, Gillespie, IL; Harley Hirner, Hannibal; Mike Ludvigsen, Jacksonville; Bill O' Sullivan, Mt. Sterling.

**Board Rep:** Tom Deters, Quincy; **Observing Rector:** Mike Grant, Quincy; **Rector:** Tom Meehan, Roodhouse (Group Reunions & Ultreya, Sun. 12:25 p.m.). In Christ's Love,  
Tom  
Rector of #223

### SERVE MEALS

To volunteer to serve meals for Cursillo #223 please call:

John Bordenkircher 217-245-0501  
Joe Hedley 314-838-6392

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BUDDY MASS

**Men's Cursillo #223**  
January 2, 2005 at 2:00 p.m.  
All Saints Church  
White Hall, IL  
Potluck dinner to follow

**Women's Cursillo #224**  
January 30, 2005 at 3:00 p.m..  
Our Savior Church  
Jacksonville, IL  
Carry in dinner to follow

### MEN'S CURSILLO #223

January 6th (Thursday)  
7:30 p.m. Registration  
8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hour

January 8th (Saturday)  
8:00 p.m.  
Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

January 9th (Sunday)  
5:00 p.m. Closing

### ULTREYAS

**Friday, January 14th**  
St. Charles County Ultreya  
7:00 p.m.  
Immaculate Conception School  
Dardenne/O'Fallon, MO  
Call Marie Korte for info  
636-272-7326

**Saturday, January 15th**  
Pike & Lincoln County Ultreya  
St. Alphonsus Church  
Millwood/Silex, MO  
Ultreya follow 6 p.m. Saturday Mass  
Call Stan Pollman for info  
636-462-5550

**Sunday, February 13th**  
Hannibal Area Ultreya  
7:00 p.m.  
Holy Family Parish, Hannibal, MO

### 4TH DAY RENEWAL

**January 21-22, 2005**  
7 p.m. Friday to 7:30 p.m. Saturday  
North Campus Retreat Center

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR LAY DIRECTOR

(Jay's last one)

Dear Cursillo Family,

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Lay Director for the past 3 + years and there are simply no words that could adequately express the appreciation I feel towards each and every one of you. Your ongoing spirit of cooperation within our Christian family has made this responsibility a joy for me to have been given.

I am very proud to announce that Mr. Jim Nevins will be our new Lay Director. Jim has been a fellow Cursillista for 32 years. He and his wife, Pat, were very involved with Cursillo in Arizona before they moved to Jacksonville 18 years ago, and immediately became very active in our family here. I encourage you to support them, as I know you will, and continue to offer your love and helpfulness as you have so faithfully done in the past. Our Assistant Lay Director is Dennis Steinkamp.. We are blessed to have such fine people who will do all that they can for the betterment of our Cursillo family. Please welcome them with open arms.

It is very difficult for me to put into words the change you have made in my life. I have learned so very much from you in the times we have shared. Much progress was made at our retreat center, as a result of unselfish people who are so will-

ing to give up of their time and money to make much needed improvements. I encourage you to continue to support every phase of the Cursillo movement and to always keep your vision of the future directed towards knowing, loving, and serving our God. Don't ever underestimate the value of the good things you are capable of giving in your own unique and special way. It takes so many hands working together to accomplish what Jesus is asking of us. Thank you all for your prayers and support through the years - you are indeed, the very best of "HIS" good and faithful servants.

I would be remiss if I didn't give a special thanks to Paul Soebbing - your Assistant Lay Director these past 3+ years. He has been a great cornerstone to your family. Also a special thanks to the Boards and Spiritual Directors - Fr. Jim Wheeler and Fr. Tom Hensler for keeping the family on the right path. And lastly, I need to publicly thank Nan, my wife and very best friend, for all she has done for me and for you.

In closing, it would only seem fitting that I leave you with a passage near and dear to my own heart which comes from Matthew: 4:19 - "Come follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." GO FISH! and don't forget that "Jesus is counting on you!" May you have peace on your journey! Pray every single day - Jesus is always listening!

DeColores and WAHOO! I love you all!

Jay Grawe

## Cursillo #222



**Front row, left to right:** Mary Timpe, Rosann Lentz, Kathleen Xamis, Pat Nevins, Sister Annie Rudsell, Mary Koch, Evelyn Hirner, Michael Kuse. **Second row:** Tony Trautman, Kathy Vessell, Helen Zimmerman, Sheryl Geisler, Mary Kay McNally, Teresa Hays, Heidi Morrison, Mary Peterson, Sue Holbrook, Joan Varadin, Darlene Boland, Rosemary Gilmore. **Third row:** Pat Kendrick, Jen Book, Kaci Graham, Stephanie Xamis, Cynthia Eddy-Roope, Beverly Cook, Mary Lee Brennan, Doris Reid, Joy Steinbrueck, Wanda Morey-Lucas, Alice Brown. **Fourth row:** Rhonda Cors, Kathy Bridges, Jenna Arrowsmith, Kathy Dobelmann, Jan Fair, Lisa Lorton, Sandy Bordenkircher, Renae Jansen, Sue Bowe, Debbie Platt, Sherry Epperson. **Fifth row:** Amy Laytham, Cindy Sievers, Teresa Bennett, Carolyn White, Patty Gramke, Katie Hembrough, Jeanine Frericks Moss, Cindy Johnson, Christi Ippensen, Kari Leonard, Maria Carmody, Kathy Cramsey.

## THANKS AND GOD'S BLESSING FROM CURSILLO #221

DeColores To Our Family and Friends,

We give thanks and praise to God for everyone who sponsored a candidate, served a meal or provided song, prayer, and Palanca. God's Grace and Love was powerfully conveyed through the work of "His People".

Although the weekend for #221 has ended, we can continue to experience God's Amazing Grace during each Fourth Day. God accomplished amazing things through the efforts of the team and our Cursillo family. Jesus lovingly reached into our hearts and minds to extend his hand of healing, as well as wisdom and guidance for formation and renewal as leaders for Christ. We leave our Cursillo weekend (mindful of our scripture verse from Phillipians 3:12-14) "Forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead; (I) we continue (my) our pursuit toward the goal, the prize of god's upward calling, in Christ Jesus."

Our Cursillo movement will prosper and grow as we work to fulfill the final instructions Jesus gave to his disciples (then and now) in Matthew 28:19-20, to "Go therefore; and make disciples of all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you, and behold I am with you always, until the end of the age." In Cursillo, we summarize this passage to be; "Christ is counting on you (and me)", to "make a friend, be a friend and bring a friend to Christ."

Peace and Love in Christ from all on behalf of Cursillo #221.

Rick Davis, Rector

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### Morning Meditations

November 29<sup>th</sup> 2004 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in Advent 6:30am

The laundry is started. The house has emptied out after a good week of Jon's being home on vacation, our Missouri family here for three days and lots of other family in our home Saturday for our Thanksgiving celebration. We all ate to much, enjoyed time together and began to make plans for Christmas.

Sunday marked the beginning of Advent. Father Reynolds spoke of preparing for the coming of Jesus as we wait. There's a paradox for you; prepare and wait. Active and passive, busy and still, Martha and Mary, getting our work done and getting enough rest, the call to action and the invitation to come to the quiet. A mixed cup of blessings for this girl, a dark drink to get me started this morning, like strong coffee. It's given me a needed jump start. When the alarm went off at 4:25, Jon headed for the shower and I got up to prepare his breakfast and lunch which he takes with him. I promised my bed that I'd be back. A bit later, as I listened to Jon read the morning scriptures and meditations, a little spark of energy surfaced. I thought of the mound of laundry to be done, my needing time on the treadmill and the promise I'd made to myself to do some extra reading for Advent. The call to return to bed began to fade.

As the church calendar moves us into Advent, I find small markers and luminaries on my morning path, leading me in thought and a desire to reach for more in the days ahead; more than trying to find the right gifts that will fit our budget, organizing my time for the extra tasks of holiday music preparations, visits to some special friends and family, getting cards addressed and our house decorated. Those are all good things that I want to do for our family and friends, but there is more. There is something to find for me, for God's special child that lives in my skin. It's like the very tiny wrapped gift hidden among the branches of the Christmas tree that can so easily be overlooked. I could get by without it, but do I want to? No...

I thought this morning of Simeon and Anna who awaited that first coming of Messiah. They were very faithful and prayerful to the point that both recognized Jesus when they saw him in the arms of his mother.

Perhaps that is my real goal as I walk this December path; through all the things I will do in the days ahead, both busy and still, I can be watching for Jesus. I think I will recognize him by heeding the markers, watching for signs and staying in the light of the path. I think I can do and be a part of all the wonderful things of Christmas AND enjoy a humble spirituality, by taking some time for myself to be still and listen. That can be my gift to me.

The best gift that we can give to Jesus whose birth we are preparing to celebrate is our time, both passive and active. We can have our Christmas cake and eat it too!

*Hugs and Kisses...Mary Jane Davis*

PS...A tiny whisper came to me as I hurried out the door to morning Mass, "If your 'Mary' gets what she needs first, your 'Martha' will be more able to carry through with her "end."

## TEAM APPLICATION UPDATE

A review of the team applications is being done at this time. You may receive a request in the mail to update your application if it is not up to date. If you have had a change of name, address, phone number or want to bring your short resume up to date, please complete a new application which can be found on the Cursillo website.

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### CURSILLO DATES

#224 February 3-6, 2005  
Mary Peterson

#225 March 10-13, 2005  
Mike Grant

#226 April 14-17, 2005  
Terri May

#227 June 2-5, 2005  
Jerry Liechty

#228 July 7-10, 2005  
Jo Beavers

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

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### 4TH DAY RENEWAL

January 21-22, 2005  
Ron Eftink, Director

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### GREAT RIVER TEC

TEC #228 January 15-17, 2005  
Jack and Diane Powers

TEC #229 March 5-7, 2005  
Kathy Steinbrecher

TEC #230 April 23-25, 2005  
Vernon & Katie Korte

For information call  
Barb and Dwight Seeley  
217-224-5615  
Applications are available at:  
[www.greatrivertec.org](http://www.greatrivertec.org)

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### QUEST

#30 February 18-19, 2005  
#31 May 6-7, 2005

For information call  
Donna Siebers 217-222-3627  
Kathy Steinbrecher 217-228-1518

# Quincy Cursillo

2207 State Street  
Quincy, IL 62301

## Change of address

Contact Lisa McDonald  
217-224-3665  
newsletter@quincycursillo.com

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U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
QUINCY, IL  
62301  
PERMIT NO. 5

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### 4th Day Renewal January 21-22, 2005

24-hour experience of personal growth for those who have previously made a Cursillo weekend.  
7:00 p.m. Fri. - 7:30 p.m. Sat.  
at Q.U. Retreat Center  
Total cost is \$35 with a \$10 deposit  
Payable to Quincy Cursillo  
Send application and deposit to:  
Dennis & Pat Holbrook,  
Reservation Coordinators  
4025 Holiday  
Quincy, IL 62301  
217-224-3898  
or call Vernon & Katie Korte  
573-324-3611



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## Fourth Day Renewal Weekend Request for Reservation

Application Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Male: \_\_\_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: Single \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_ Separated \_\_\_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_\_ Widowed \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Children \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you on a special diet? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_

Please check: Deaf \_\_\_\_\_ Hearing Impaired \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a health problem or physical disability that might affect your attendance at the Fourth Day Renewal weekend? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Cursillo number made: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you in a Group Reunion? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you attend Ultreya's? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to make a Fourth Day Renewal weekend on short notice due to a cancellation? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, how much time would you need? \_\_\_\_\_

State briefly why you wish to make a Fourth Day Renewal weekend and what you expect to gain from it.