

The FOURTH DAY



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Cursillo #233: January 5 – 8, 2006

Theme: In His Hands

Rector: Les Kelch

Dear Cursillo Family,

What a blessing it is for me to be a part of Cursillo #233. The men God has put on this team to journey with have truly been awesome. These men are open to let God's love flow through them, and, as I have been blessed, I believe the candidates will be also.

I want to thank you all for your prayers and palanca. We can feel the Spirit working at the team meetings. May you keep up the good work, and bring us candidates to experience God's love.

The scripture is John 13:34, "I give you a new commandment; love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

I am honored to have as our Spiritual Director Fr. George Kramer, Bonnotts Mill (Christian Life-Sun. 10 a.m.). Our Assistant Spiritual Directors are Fr. Mike Quinn, Hannibal (Sacraments-Sat. 10 a.m.); Deacon Bill Sinak, St. Louis (Obstacles to Grace-Sat. 4:15); Fr. John Stack, Clinton, IA (Grace-Fri. 11:15 a.m.); Deacon Tony Trautman, O'Fallon, MO (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid-Fri. 3:30 p.m).

Board Representative is Rob Edwards, Quincy and our Observing Rector is Rob Casagrande, St. Peters, MO. We have two gifted musicians: Jim Erickson, Bowling Green, and Wm. Paddy Keller of White Hall, IL.

We are blessed with three awesome Assistant Rectors: Tim Carmody, Hardin, IL (Piety-Fri. 7 p.m.); John Danner, St. Louis (Action-Sat. 3 p.m.); and Dennis Holbrook, Quincy (CCIA-Sun. 11:30 a.m.).

We have five very gifted Rollistas. Chuck Amburg (Study-Sat. 9 a.m.) of Jerseyville, IL; Randy Lovell (Laity-Fri. 1:30 p.m.) and Michael McCrory (Ideals-Friday 10 a.m.) both of Clarksville, MO; Russell Siebers (Leaders-Sat. 7 p.m.) from Quincy and Greg Wyble (Environment-Sun. 9 a.m.) of Bowling Green.

We have been blessed with nine outstanding Auxiliaries: Jim Bowe, Daniel Platt and Mike Wittland all of Quincy; Dave Ferrill, Mt. Sterling; Joe Heneghan and Brad Karr of Jerseyville; John Murray, Louisiana, MO; David Nord, Carrollton, IL; and John Todd, Roodhouse, IL.

A wonderful sacristan, Craig Long, Vandalia, MO. Two outstanding Food Service men, Steve Jansen, Quincy and Bill Kerns of Hannibal. We have four great men on the Service Team: Jim Cramsey and Matt Entrup, Quincy; Art Flynn, Bowling Green, and Harley Hirner, Hannibal.

Rector, Les Kelch (Group Reunion and Ultreya-Sun. 12:35 p.m. and Pam Kelch (A Woman Speaks Her Mind-Sun. 3 p.m.) of Bowling Green.

Please join us at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 1st, "New Years Day" at St. Clement Church, 3 miles south of Bowling Green, MO on Route 161 for Buddy Mass. A carry-in dinner will follow. Food may be taken to the KofC Hall 1/4 mile before you get to the church.

Please continue to pray and do palanca. We thank you.

With Love,

Les Kelch, Rector Cursillo #233

SERVE MEALS

To volunteer to serve meals for Cursillo #232 please call:
Steve Jansen 217-222-8461 or
Bill Kerns 573-221-1915



UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Men's Cursillo #233

January 1, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.
St. Clement Church, Bowling Green
Carry in dinner to follow at KC Hall

Women's Cursillo #234

January 29, 2006 at 3 p.m.
Franciscan Retreat Center Chapel
Dinner to follow in Dining Room

MEN'S CURSILLO #233

January 5th (Thursday)

7:30 p.m. Registration
8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hour

January 7th (Saturday)

8:00 p.m. Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

January 8th (Sunday)

5:00 p.m. Closing

FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

January Rescheduled - Watch for new date in next months newsletter

7 p.m. Friday to 7:30 p.m. Saturday
Franciscan Retreat Center

ULTREYAS

Saturday, January 14th

Lincoln/St. Charles County Ultreya
Immaculate Conception Church
7701 Highway N

Dardenne Prairie/O'Fallon, MO
Ultreya follows 5 p.m. Mass
in lower level of church-St. Justin Rm.

Sunday, February 12th at 7 p.m.

Hannibal Area Ultreya
Holy Family Church, Hannibal, MO

Saturday, February 25th

Collinsville Community Ultreya
Follows 4:30 p.m. Mass
Morris Hall, Sts. Peter & Paul Parish
Call Dr. Jim Hill 618-344-7985
Carry-in (snacks, deserts, beverages)
and program to follow

Discovering and Celebrating

This year has been a year of transitions for our family – changes in jobs, schools, a daughter getting married, plans for building a new home, and a son joining the Navy. Life is full of changes, although so many in one year has our heads spinning a bit! All of this activity has stirred my head and heart with thoughts of priorities and purpose in life, a good thing since I'd otherwise be frozen in indecision.

This year I also had the opportunity to experience physical therapy after shoulder surgery. I now understand what that term entails. As I worked on the equipment I looked at the posters on the walls – all quotes to encourage us to persevere. I spent enough time on the arm cycling machine to memorize this one by Oliver Wendell Holmes – “Greatness is not in where you stand but in what direction you are moving. We must sometimes sail with the wind, and sometimes against the wind. But sail we must, not drift or lie at anchor.”

We move forward in our lives by growing mentally, physically and emotionally and most importantly spiritually. Sometimes we are presented with challenges in these areas, like trying to get my arm up high enough after surgery to put my deodorant on, or letting my children make mistakes so they can learn by their own experiences or even by accepting my own aging process in order to remain healthy and active.

As I said earlier my son joined the Navy this summer. Five days after he left, I received a package in the mail with the clothes he had worn up there. They all received new clothes from top to bottom – they look the same, smell the same and even have the same haircut. Who they were when they left home, what they had

done before boarding that bus can not be recognized by their appearance – they are now all Navy sailors.

After making my Cursillo I have heard countless witnesses and stories of people's lives and how they were changed when they encountered and accepted Jesus into their lives. Although as Christians our outward appearance doesn't change like my son's in joining the Navy, we are told in the Bible that we put on new spiritual clothes. We are washed clean by the “blood of the lamb”, our past life is boxed up and left behind and our soul is clothed in white – we are now all part of the brother and sisterhood of Christians in service to the Lord. We grow daily in spirituality as we look to God for our purpose and fix our priorities to center around him.

There is a movie I saw, “Mulan”, in which a young Chinese girl doesn't feel she will ever be the perfect daughter she thinks her family expects. As she looks at her face in a pond she sings, “When will my reflection show who I am inside?” I think about that often. How do I reflect my Christian faith outwardly for others to see? Do I keep it hidden inside or clothe my actions with Jesus' love? Do I say to myself, “I am fine where I am” or do I keep searching for His promptings in my life? Am I lying at anchor or am I moving forward whether with the wind or against it?

I continue to pray for my son. He did well in Boot Camp and is now stationed in San Diego but had he not succeeded in that venture I would still love him the same, just as Jesus loves us in the midst of our spiritual stumblings and successes. Life is full of changes and growth but, oh, how exciting when we sail it with Jesus. Come aboard!

Much love and hugs,
Terri May, an empty nester

CURSILLO #232



Front row, left to right: Deacon Jim Ghiglione, Sheryl Geisler, Barb Welch, Donna Vogel, George J. Kramer, Mary Lenane, Theresa Edwards. **Second row:** Nan Grawe, Kathy Vanek, Roseann Liesen, Judy Cobb, Ann Kruckeberg, Wendy McDonald, Deb Beebe, Kathy Liesen, Cindy Naber, Mary Scheetz, Jeri Niewohner. **Third row:** Billie Huebotter, Janice Vogel, Emma Johnson, Jessica Thompson, Wendy Steinkamp, Terri Schuster, Laurie Brink, Sr. Ann Marie Dunn, Leigh Ann Coats, Sue Spinner, Julia Young. **Fourth row:** Connie Vermeire, Debbie Weider-Hatfield, Reggie Vanek, Joan Cannady, Diane Villhard, Connie McDowell, Debbie Ketcham, Jennifer Dyer, Pat Stuart, Emy Hilgenbrinck, Jolinn Huebotter. **Fifth row:** Renae Jansen, Mary Lavery, Georgia Cutsinger, Mary Kay Shupe, Katie Lammers, Ann Peters, Jane Liesen, Erma Mack, Christi Ippensen, Sylvia Miller.

From the Lay Director's Notebook

My Favorite Christmas Story

This time of year we all seem to "unpack" our favorite Christmas stories and I've taken mine out and dusted them off too. Of course I really enjoy "A Christmas Carol" by Dickens and Clement Moore's " 'Twas the Night Before Christmas", but I think my favorite came to me over the airwaves in the smooth voice of radio personality Paul Harvey, and is simply called "The Man and The Birds".

This story is set on Christmas Eve. The man in our story is a good man who though not a religious man loves his wife and children and provides well for them all. After dinner this particular evening, his wife invites him to accompany her and the children to late evening services at the church just three or so blocks away as she does every year. And as is usual he declines but this time he adds that "He is just not into the Jesus thing, you know the God made man story. He just can't swallow the idea that a God, a creature of much higher intellect, would want to lower himself to become 'like one of them' just to save a group of men and women. It just doesn't make sense to him." He bids her and the children to go and enjoy themselves while he will sit down and enjoy the evening paper.

After his family leaves he gathers his paper and prepares to sit down and read it. But just before he does, he goes to close the draperies on the living room window and notices that it has started to snow very hard, and he can hardly see the house across the street. For a moment he thinks that perhaps he should have driven his family to the church but then convinces himself that the church is only three blocks away and they will be safe. However, he takes the time to build a fire in the fireplace so they will have it to warm themselves when they return. Finally he settles into his chair by the fireplace and just as he begins to read his paper he hears a thump on the living-room window, then another, still another, then many more thumps. Believing that some of the neighborhood children are having fun at his expense, he strides to the front door turns on the porch light and opens the inner door to put a stop to this "snow-balling". But to his amazement there are no children there, but instead a small flock of birds apparently lost and disoriented in the driving snow and flying into his front window and storm door as if trying to seek shelter from the storm. Being a compassionate man he feels sorry for the creatures and thinks to himself "How can I help them?" He remembers the small barn out behind the house and decides that if he would open the doors to the barn and turn on the light inside it, perhaps the birds would fly into the barn and be safe from the storm.

Pulling on his snow boots, he dons his parka and cap, goes out, opens the barn door and turns on the barn light. But the birds continue to flounder in the snow on the porch and don't seem to understand that he is offering them shelter and safety. Yet there must be a way to show them. "I know," he thinks, "if I spread a trail of bread crumbs from the porch to the barn perhaps they will follow the trail into the barn." Going back inside, he gets the bread crumbs and spreads them out from the birds on the porch to the barn, and it seems to be working. But before the birds can reach the safety of the barn, the heavily falling snow covers the crumbs, and once again the birds become disoriented and alarmed. Convinced he must find a way to help the birds he decides that perhaps he could shoo or herd them into the barn now that they are closer to it. Placing himself behind the birds, he began waving his arms and shouting and making other noises to shoo the birds into the barn, but very soon he realized that all he is succeeding in doing is to frighten the birds and cause them to flap around even more futilely in the snow. There must be a way he reasons to help these poor creatures and then he thought to himself, "If I could just be one of them for a few minutes I could lead them into the barn. Yes, that's it if I could just become one of them I could show them the way." At just that moment the bells of the church began to peal the midnight hour, it was now Christmas, ———— the day that God became "just like one of them" ———— and the man fell to his knees in the snow and prayed.

Merry Christmas to all and to all a goodnight!

Thank You From Cursillo #231

Dear Cursillo Family:

Thank you so much for your prayers and support for Cursillo #231. As usual, the week-end was a great success and many wonderful, emotional and life-changing events took place. We have added 19 awesome, new members to our family. Thank you for sending them to us and as we know, "God called each of them by name" to be a part of this particular week-end. God bless each of you for anything you did to make the week-end a success. May you have a blessed Christmas and New Year.

Jim Barr, Rector, Cursillo #231

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Next Board Meeting
January 26, 2006 at 7 p.m.
(No meeting in December)

CURSILLO DATES

January 5-8, 2006 - Les Kelch
February 2-5, 2006 - Judy Cobb
March 9-12, 2006 - Rob Casagrande
April 27-30, 2006 - Katie Korte
June 8-11, 2006 - Doug Many
July 6-9, 2006 - Donna Thompson

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FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

January Weekend Rescheduled
Watch for date in next month's newsletter

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#34 February 17-18, 2006

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If you do not receive the Fourth Day within **two weeks** after a Cursillo weekend, please refer to the online version.

New Coordinator for Overnight Accomodations

A huge “thank you” to **Nancy Weede** of Quincy for volunteering to serve as the coordinator for overnight accomodations for Cursillo weekends. Many Cursillistas drive long distances to attend events during a Cursillo weekend and local Quincy folks open their homes to provide accomodations so sponsors and family members do not have to spend so much time on the road.

If you have a need to spend the weekend in Quincy, contact Nancy by e-mail: nweede@adams.net or call 217-222-0933 and leave a message with your name and telephone number.

Some long-term friendships have developed as a result of Cursillistas opening their home to traveling Cursillistas. If any local Quincy Cursillistas are willing to open their home to out-of-town guests, please contact Nancy as well.

Thanks to **Leanne Schell** who served as the coordinator for many years. May God bless her for her time and hospitality.



Quiet Please!!

Please remember that the Retreat Center is “holy ground” and should be treated as such while prayers and palanca are being offered up for the Cursillo weekend. The Lord is present in the Eucharist in the Main Palanca Chapel and all should be aware of this and give the required reverence. When visiting in the hallways, please keep conversations to a whisper so as not to disturb those in prayer in the adjoining chapels.

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