

# The FOURTH DAY



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## Cursillo #232: December 1 – 4, 2005

**Theme: Jesus, Our Bread of Life**

**Rectora: Donna Vogel**

Dear Cursillo Family,

I am so deeply honored to be called by Our Precious Jesus to serve as Rectora of Cursillo #232. I have been so blessed as the Spirit moves. Thank you Cursillo Board and Cursillo family for all your prayers, support and palanca. Keep up the good work; the team and I truly appreciate all of it.

Our theme "Jesus, Our Bread of Life" came about from my theme song "I Myself Am The Bread of Life." When I first heard this song at a Sunday liturgy many years back, I knew right away it would be my theme song if I was ever called to be rectora of Cursillo. Our scripture, John 6:32-35 reflects to use how Jesus is the true Bread of Life. Jesus is the spiritual food we must feed on daily. Just as our physical bodies need to be nourished daily to maintain good health, so too must we feed our Spirit and Soul daily with spiritual food. How do we do this? By daily taking time with Our Lord and Saviour be it through scripture readings, prayers, Mass or just slowing ourselves down in this fast-paced world to commune with Him. I feel that is what Jesus wants of me more than anything else - time.

How about you? When we commune with Jesus, we ourselves can learn how we can become bread like Jesus. Then we can help him feed a hungry world who so desperately needs fed. This is what my theme means to me. If I allow Jesus to transform me and even break me if needed, I can become more whole. Even in our brokenness, He will bless us.

The last verse of our theme song says lives broken open stories shared abound become a banquet, a shelter for the world, a living sign of God in Christ. Isn't this exactly what happens on Cursillo weekends. Through the rollo and team breaking open and sharing their own lives with the candidates they become living signs of who Jesus really is. Our team is becoming bread with Jesus help to feed the candidates. The candidates hopefully can feel free and safe enough to share themselves with the team and break open their own lives. The candidates can then, too, become bread and living sign for our world. As a team, Jesus is kneading us so we can rise and be baked into the perfect loaf so we can serve the

finished bread to the candidates. Every piece of this loaf of bread is needed to make us Jesus Bread of Life for the candidates of the weekend of 232.

Thank you again. God Bless you all.  
Donna Vogel  
Rectora of #232

### Team of #232

**Spiritual Director:** Fr. George Kramer, Bonnots Mill, MO (Sacraments-Sat. 10 a.m.);  
**Asst. Spiritual Directors:** Fr. Chris Comerford, Nokomis, IL (Grace-Fri. 11:15 a.m.); Fr. Chuck Edwards, Springfield, IL (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid-Fri. 3:30 p.m.); Deacon Jim Ghiglione, Mt. Zion, IL (Obstacles to Grace-Sat. 4:15 p.m.); Rosie Liesen, Quincy (Christian Life-Sun. 10 a.m.).

**Rectora:** Donna Vogel, Quincy (Group Reunion/Ultreya-Sun. 12:20 p.m.).

**Asst. Rectoras:** Mary Sheets, Nauvoo (Leaders-Sat. 7 p.m.); Barbara Welch, Eolia (CCIA-Sun. 11:30 a.m.); Jeri Niewohner, Quincy (Ideals-Fri. 10 a.m.).

**Rollistas:** Kathy Vanek, St. Louis (Environment-Sun. 9 a.m.); Connie McDowell (Laywoman-Sat. 1:30 p.m.); Wendy McDonald (Action-Sat. 3 p.m.); Laurie Brink (Study-Sat. 9 a.m.); Emy Hilgenbrinck (Piety-Fri. 7 a.m.), all of Quincy.

**Auxillaries:** Reggie Vanek, St. Louis; Mary Kay Shupe, Warsaw; Christi Ippensen, Ann Peters, Wendy Steinkamp, Mary Lavery, Leigh Ann Coats, Joan Cannady, Jolinn Huebotter all of Quincy.

**Musicians:** Renae Jansen and Connie Vermeire, Quincy.

**Sacristan:** Theresa Edwards, Quincy.

**Service Team:** Billie Huebotter, Lewistown; Cindy Naber, Hamilton; Kathy Lisesen and Deb Beebe of Quincy.

**Food Service:** Mary Lenane (217-440-3529) and Nan Grawe (217-224-3529) of Quincy.

**Observer:** Judy Cobb, Montgomery City.

**Board Rep:** Sheryl Geisler, Mt. Sterling.

### SERVE MEALS

To volunteer to serve meals for Cursillo #232 please call:  
Nan Grawe 217-224-3529 or  
Mary Lenane 217-440-9598 (cell)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BUDDY MASS

**Women's Cursillo #232**  
November 20, 2005 at 3:00 p.m.  
St. Mary Church, Quincy  
Carry in dinner to follow  
Meat will be provided

**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 #232

**December 1st (Thursday)**  
7:30 p.m. Registration  
8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hour

**December 3rd (Saturday)**  
8:00 p.m. Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

**December 4th (Sunday)**  
5:00 p.m. Closing

### FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

**January 20-21, 2006**  
7 p.m. Friday to 7:30 p.m. Saturday  
Franciscan Retreat Center

### ULTREYAS

**Saturday, November 19th**  
Pike/Lincoln County Ultreya  
Immaculate Conception Church  
Old Monroe, MO  
Ultreya follows 5 p.m. Mass  
(No December Ultreya)

**Sunday, December 11th 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

## Thank You from The Teasley's

Dear Cursillo Family,

Tragedy has come to our family again. There probably aren't any words to explain the frustration we feel and the pain in our hearts over the loss of our grandson, Tyler and friend Mike Brown, and the other four survivors. Please pray their fear and anger will go away and they will find peace.

Thanks seems so inadequate for the outpouring of love, prayers and gifts that we have received. We are running on prayer support.

Our Cursillo Family has always meant so much to us. Your love and support has been overwhelming. Tyler was always happy and I know he is now.

I see Jesus in all of you. Again, thanks and may the grace of God be with you.

Brother and Sister in Christ,  
Frank and Betty Teasley  
Silex, MO

## Thank You From Cursillo #230

The Team & newest Cursillistas from Cursillo #230 thank each and every member of our Cursillo Family from the bottom of our hearts. We truly "Give Thanks" with humbled hearts; humbled hearts touched by God's awesome love. What a wonderful weekend we had. God was present to us, and God worked miracles in our lives. Yes, God Is Good!

Because of your prayers and palanca, the team was prepared, the candidates were receptive, and God's Spirit was moving amongst us. Hearts were touched, lives were changed; hurts were healed; and, babies were almost born. What a weekend! None of this would have been possible without your prayers and palanca. Your prayers and palanca are truly the "engine" that powers our Cursillo Movement. The Cursillo Family was surely the wind beneath our wings.

Again, thank you! We pray that each of you are doubly blessed for your efforts on our behalf. We pray that each of you come to a closer relationship with our most loving God. We pray that you see God in signs, as our sign was The Cardinal. Yes, God Is Good! All The Time!

## Cursillo #231



**Front row, left to right:** Mike Baker, Joe Grote, Tony Moore, Jim Barr, Rev. John P. Beveridge, Douglas Baker, Richard Grote, George Tepen. **Second row:** Joe Casper, Jim Veit, Mike Chismarich, Joe Camillo, Rick Junkerman, Vince Garufi, Dave Crecelius, Dave Farkas, Bob Rucker, Les Kelch, Steve Hembrough. **Third row:** Jim Erickson, Mark Biggs, Doug Hoerr, Kenny Lee, Steve Chismarich, Larry Spinner, Jason Kuhlman, Todd Platt, Bill Maas, Shawn Ehrhardt. **Fourth row:** George Young, Tim Serbin, Joe Collins, Mike Merz, Don Arnold, Francis Schreiner, Jim Underhill, Bob Miller, Neil Oberman, John Eaton, Shawn Brundies. **Fifth row:** Jim Stuart, Tom Ernst, Tim Gilbert, Doug Villhard, Scott Ketcham, Luke Neuser, Jeff Doellman, K.C. Kirchner, Jeremy Dyer, John Stork.

## From the Lay Director's Notebook

### The "Holiday Season"

Here in this country we often refer euphemistically to the "Holiday Season". It seems to me that we use that name for the time starting just after Halloween and running through New Years Day a bit too much. And I wonder why we call it the "Holiday Season", are we being "politically correct?" Why don't we emphasize the fact that it is Thanksgiving and Christmas that we are talking about? These are days that should be centered around God.

Consider Thanksgiving first. Are we afraid that we might offend someone if we talk about our belief that we are indeed thanking God for what we have and who we are? If we really believe in Jesus Christ and His Father and the Holy Spirit, why don't we acknowledge the fact that all we are and all we have comes from and through this Trinity. Is it because we have heard too often from too many people how we should be "self made people?" Are we afraid to admit that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit had a major role in who and what we are? Or is it because people might think less of us because we attribute who and what we are to God instead of our selves? I sometimes think about that in relation to my self and it thrills me to think that God has thought enough of me to bless me in the ways that he has – it actually makes me proud to think that God loves me that much. I often wonder why He saw fit to have me born here in the US where I could pursue the career I chose? Why did he bless me with a second chance to attend college, why did He see to it that my children didn't start coming until I finished college? And why did He bring me to Central Illinois, when I was happy in Arizona? And sometimes I think that maybe He looks at me and asks, "Why did I spend so much effort on him when he didn't handle things nearly as well as he should have." But I never fail to stop and think about how much He has gifted me and for that let's call it what it is a Thanksgiving.

And then there is Christmas - I find it incredible to think that God was willing to subject His only Son to the indignity of becoming human in order to help us. We tend to think of Christmas as a "sweet time" revolving around the birth of a child, and in one sense it is, but remember that the Father knew what pain, suffering and heartache would ultimately arise from and happen to that tiny newborn. We need to stress the fact that this day celebrates the birthday of our Saviour --another blessing beyond measure. Why would He do that for us? Just because He made a promise to our forefathers? It's all about love - a love like we can hardly imagine, but one that is given to us without strings attached.

So let's tell it like it is -- -- on Thanksgiving give heartfelt thanks to the Trinity for the gifts we have and tell all we know why we are doing it - because God loves us. And don't forget to wish all you know a Blessed and Merry Christmas even if they insist on removing God and just saying Happy Holidays.

And as to why He brought me to Central Illinois? -- -- So I could have the pleasure of knowing and loving you - see I told you He really blessed me.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving (giving much thanks) and a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

Jim Nevins

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### New Requirements for Choosing Service Team

During the October Board meeting, new requirements were announced for choosing Service Teams.

- a) Each person must have served as an auxiliary at least once
  - b) One person on the Service Team must have been an Assistant Rector/a at least once
  - c) One person must have served on the Service Team in the past
- Person b) and c) cannot be the same person.**

There can still be only four people on the Service Team

*"God will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge."*

*Psalm 91:4*

## Cursillo Board Members 2005-2006

Fr. Tom Henseler, Spiritual Director  
Jim Nevins, Lay Director  
Dennis Steinkamp, Assistant Lay Director

Mike Baker	Sheryl Geisler
Jane Deters	Renae Jansen
Tom Deters	Vernon Korte
Mary Dodd	John Peterson
Rob Edwards	Marcia Steinkamp

Next Board Meeting  
November 17, 2005 at 7 p.m.

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### CURSILLO DATES

December 1-4, 2005 - Donna Vogel  
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 Mary  
July 6-9, 2006 - Donna Thompson

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### FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

January 20-21, 2006

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### GREAT RIVER TEC

TEC #235 January 14-16, 2006  
Dave Cawthon, Director

TEC #236 March 4-6, 2006

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### QUEST

#34 February 17-18, 2006

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## True Identity

Morning Medication" by Mary Jane Davis

Romans 8:14-15 "All who are led by the Spirit of God are sons and daughters of God. You did not receive a spirit of fear but a spirit of adoption through which we cry out; Abba. (Daddy)"

My true identity as God's child assures me that my Father is on my side. I can count on him for everyday needs and basic directives to live by, as I slowly grow into the person he dreamed me to be; my true identity.

That's not who somebody else thinks I am or expects me to be. It's not even who I thought I was early on. I'd taken on some of the world's identity of shoulds and ought tos. It's taking me some time to unravel that. I'm learning the truth about me, coming to know the friend in my skin. Giving her unconditional love is a choice I often neglect.

Because you and I are treasured children of Father God, treating ourselves in a loving and respectful manner just makes sense. I need the same love and care inside myself that I offer to my best friend on the outside.

You and I need a spirit of nurturing self love and care. Many of us have been taught that is selfish. Anything but! Instead, healthy self-care, (spiritually, physically, mentally and emotionally) makes us the best servants to those around us. It's kind of a paradox, isn't it? We are called to serve. We must take care of the servant.

Let's ask Father today, what he'd like us to do to take care of the gift he's give us; ourselves! Body, mind and spirit...

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