



Cursillo #294: April 25 – 28, 2013

Rectora: Tammy Foster

Theme: “God is Love”

Dear Cursillo Family,

What an awesome journey this has been! The team of Cursillo #294 says thank-you for all the prayers and palanca, and ask that you continue to pray for us. We have truly felt the love of God during our team formation.

The desire to love and be loved is the deepest need of our being. We all long to be known, accepted, and cherished by another. To fully give or receive this love is not possible on our own. Only God can give us the unconditional love and acceptance that we desire. God loves us and wants us to live a full life, so that we can truly love one another.

Our scripture reading for the weekend is 1 John 4:8 “Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is Love”.

The theme song is “They will know we are Christians by our Love”

It is with great “Love” that I present to you the awesome team for Cursillo #294:
Spiritual Director: Father John Stack, Clinton, IA (Sacraments, Saturday 10 a.m.).
Assistant Spiritual Directors: Rev. Mr. Bill Sinak, St.Louis, MO (Grace, Friday 11:15 a.m.); Deacon Mr. Bill Blankenship, Hannibal, MO (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid, Friday 3:30 p.m.); Rev. Mr. Bob Leake, Palmyra, MO (Obstacles to Grace, Saturday, 4:15 p.m.); and Fr. James Wheeler, Quincy, IL (Christian Life, Sunday, 10 a.m.).

Assistant Rectoras: Stacey Eilerman, Carrollton, IL (Piety, Friday, 6:45 p.m.), Katie Hembrough, Jacksonville, IL (Environment, Sunday, 9 a.m.) and Margaret Little, Jacksonville, IL (Study, Saturday, 9 a.m.).

Rollistas: Mary Myers, (Leaders, Saturday, 7 p.m.), Paula Crookshanks (Action, Saturday, 3:00 p.m.) both of Palmyra; Patti Nord, Carrollton, IL (Ideals, Friday, 10 a.m.); Janet Schieffer, Troy, MO (CCIA, Sunday, 11:30 a.m.); & Nancy Schultz, Jacksonville, IL (Laity, Friday, 1:30 p.m.).

Auxiliaries: Hannah Foster and Harla Friesz, both of Palmyra, MO; Brenda Phillips, Cathy Platt, Maggie Reis, Rose Keller, Bev Rossmiller, and Nancy Venegoni, all of Quincy, and Brenda McKinley, Waverly, IL.

Service Team: Cheryl Wagner, Davenport, IA; Marcella Pollman, Troy, MO; Claudia Davis, Wendy McDonald and Evelyn Uppinghouse, all of Quincy, IL.

Food Service: Mary Lenane, Quincy, IL and Linda Reeves, Palmyra, MO; **Ob-serving Rectora:** Christine Duvall, Quincy, IL; **Musician:** Connie Vermeire, Quincy, IL. **Board Rep.:** Janet Summy, Fowler, IL; **Sacristan:** Lisa Leake, Palmyra, MO; **Rec-tora:** Tammy Foster, Palmyra, MO (Group Reunion/Ultreya, Sunday, 12:25 p.m.)

The team and family of Cursillo #294 would like to invite you to the Buddy Mass on Sunday, April 21, 2013, at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, 410 South Lane Street, Palmyra, MO at 2:00 p.m. A carry-in will follow at Msgr. Farischon Hall across the street. Meat will be provided. Please join us!

To help serve meals during the weekend, please sign up at the Buddy Mass or call Mary Lenane (217-224-4819) or Linda Reeves (573-769-2627).

“God Loves you & so do I”

Tammy Foster

Rectora, Cursillo #294

Welcome New Board Member

Welcome to Mike Baker of Quincy to the Quincy Cursillo Board. Mike will be serving out the remaining term of Ed Holthaus, who was recently appointed as Assistant. Lay Director. Mike will serve through July 2013.

Upcoming Cursillo Dates

June 27-30, 2013 - Dennis Hoyt, Rector
July 11-14, 2013 - Christine Duvall, Rectora
September 26-29, 2013 - Jerry Zerrer, Rector
November 7-10, 2013 - Jenni Obert, Rectora
January 23-26, 2014 - Tony Moore, Rector
February 20-23, 2014 - Joan Brown, Rectora

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Women’s Cursillo #294

Sun. April 21, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.
St. Joseph Parish, Palmyra, Mo.
Carry-in dinner at Msgr. Farischon Hall

Men’s Cursillo #295

Sun. June 23, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.
St. Francis Church, Quincy, Ill.
Carry-in dinner at school

WOMEN’S CURSILLO #294

April 25 (Thursday)

7:30 pm Registration

8:30 pm Sponsors Hour

April 27 (Saturday)

8:00 pm Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

April 28 (Sunday)

5:00 pm Closing and Liturgy

ULTREYAS

Hannibal Area Ultreya

Saturday, April 6, 2013
Holy Family Parish, Hannibal
St. Michael’s Hall following 5:30 pm Mass

Tri-State Area Ultreya

Friday, May 3, 2013
Quincy University Chapel, Quincy
Begins with Special Mass at 6:30 pm
Continues in Room 204 near the Chapel

Jacksonville Area Ultreya

Saturday, May 4, 2013
Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Collinsville Area Ultreya

Saturday, May 4, 2013
Sts Peter and Paul Parish Morris Hall
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Lincoln County Ultreya

Saturday, May 4, 2013
Sacred Heart Parish, Troy, Mo.
Follows the 5 pm Mass

Palmyra Ultreya

Saturday, May 4, 2013
St. Joseph Parish, Palmyra, Mo.
Follows 5:30 p.m. Mass

Montgomery County Area Ultreya

May 11, 2013
Location to be announced

Cursillistas to be Ordained Permanent Deacons

The Jefferson City Diocese will be ordaining 18 permanent deacons on Saturday, April 20 at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral in Jefferson City, Mo. Five of those diaconate candidates are cursillistas who attended Quincy Cursillo, many of whom began this spiritual journey as a result of attending Cursillo.

They are: Ron Deimeke, Martinsburg; Wayne Korte, Montgomery City; Troy Egbert, Hannibal; Larry Mitchell, Shelbina, and Burdett Wilson, Moberly. Also from our local area is Jim Davies of Louisiana, Mo. who made Cursillo in St. Louis.

The ordination ceremony is open for anyone to attend. All of these men would welcome your support by your attendance at the ceremony or by your prayers as they embark on this new ministry.

The Cathedral of St. Joseph is located at 2305 West Main Street, Jefferson City, Mo. A reception will be held immediately following the ordination in the Cathedral undercroft.

Thanks from 4th Day Renewal

“Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify our heavenly Father.” – Matthew 5:16

What an amazing experience to share 24 hours of renewal with 56 fellow Cursillistas. Everyone participated with an open-heart and shared of themselves and their journey to the benefit of the entire renewal. Each one of us is on our journey and the support and encouragement of each other is such a blessing. We were blessed with people who made their Cursillo many years ago, just a few months ago, and everything in-between. The City of God is a little brighter today because each one of us returned home on Saturday evening renewed, re-focused, and refueled. Thank you to the team for all of their hard work, prayer and giving to make the renewal a success. Thank you to everyone who attended and actively participated. We are blessed!

It is not too early to mark your calendar for the December 4th Day Renewal. The time for renewal will not happen unless we make the time.

Blessings to you!
Paula & Scott Gough

Thank you from Rector of Cursillo #292

Dear Cursillo Family,

Cursillo #292 truly “Delighted in the Lord” and we felt the prayers and palanca from all of you, our Cursillo family. At one point on Thursday morning, as I looked out at the snow storm we were having, I was doubtful that our weekend would even occur. But God prevailed, as He always does, and He brought 26 beautiful women to the weekend to experience His everlasting love and abundant Grace. My humble gratitude to all of you who helped in any way to make this experience one we will never forget. God truly does love each of us ENOUGH!

A special thanks to Deacon Jim Ghiglione who became my Spiritual Director when Fr Mike had to leave the weekend. He was a true blessing to us all. I also want to thank the Cursillo Board for entrusting me to be the Rectora of this amazing weekend. I will be forever changed!

Love and hugs,
Jill Mason,
Rectora Cursillo #292

Cursillo #293



Front row, left to right: Dennis Hoyt, Tom Holck, Joe Grote, Fr. Louis Dorn, Mark Biggs, Tim Serbin. **Second row:** Tim Gilbert, Rich Whitney, Richard Grote, Jim Erickson, Randy Lovell, Jerry Epperson, Dean Shupe, Bill Couch, Dave Welschmeyer. **Third row:** Deacon Mark Dobelmann, Doug Baker, John Boland, Thinh Tran, Kirk Carter, Jim Beals, Pete Colbert, Caleb Briscoe, Luke Zimmerman, Adam Cox. **Fourth row:** Cord Boughton, Tim Eller, Ron Zobrist, Greg Orf, Steve Hopper, Samuel Bagyo, Mark Fuhler, Melvin Walter, Mike Ellington, Dale Wilson, Fred Voshake. **Fifth row:** Pat Greenwell, Mike McCrory, Andrew Anderson, Ryan Kent, Mike Merz, Denis Thole, Ross Dames, Greg Wybel, Tim Bealor, Jim Vogel, Larry Dean, Ronald Deimeke, Dean Herring. **Sixth row:** Jerry Klostermann, Mike Howerton, Don Viviano, Dave Tepen, Dustin Schaefer, Michael Fietsam, Kevin Hemann, Andy Aberdroth, Joe Fessler, Mike Langan, Chad Liesen, Bill Hanks, Kenny Blentlinger, Mike Dixon.

Message from our Lay Director

De Colores Dear Friends!

Wow! Have you seen our new chapel? And did you notice how wonderful the acoustics are? These changes are the first of many improvements that will be made at our Retreat Center.

New showers (6 each for both 3rd & 4th floors) and new handicapped bathrooms should be completed by the September Men's Weekend. These are made possible by matching funds from Quincy University, the Tracy Foundation and Cursillo, TEC and Walk to Emmaus totaling \$150,000. Other future improvements planned are new heating and air-conditioning, new furniture, new window dressings, carpeting and floor tile, and repair/updating of plumbing and electrical systems.

I used to believe that we shouldn't have to pay for maintenance, repairs and improvements for a facility we "rented". I first visited Our Lady of Angels Seminary at an Open House when I was around 8 years old. The next time was at a Marriage Encounter Weekend, and then serving meals at a men's Cursillo. God's plan of forming Servant Leaders for the Church is still God's will and desire. Although our building no longer trains seminarians, it is still being used for the same purpose:

Piety + Study + Action = Leaders

I know that Jesus walks our halls, the air we breathe is infused with the Holy Spirit and we are surrounded by God's unconditional love in this building.

Our relationship with Quincy University has been revitalized and after spending much time in prayer I no longer feel that this is our temporary Cursillo home. Quincy Cursillo's use of the Retreat Center is included in Quincy University's 5-year Master Plan.

We have had golf outings and the Valentine's Day Gala and these have enabled us to contribute funds to Quincy University for repairs and small improvements specifically related to Cursillo. Now we are asking for more.

On Saturday, April 27, 2013, Quincy University and your Cursillo Board will be hosting a reception from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to share more about what is planned. This will be on the South side of our chapel, the Connie Niemann Performing Arts Center. I am asking each of you to support future fund-raising events and to pray about giving a private donation. If you are led to make a donation please make the check payable to Quincy Cursillo, P.O. Box 3153, Quincy, IL 62305-3153.

You can also visit QU's website: quincy.edu/spiritual-life/retreat-center for more information.

With Love and Prayers,
Cindy Stephens

What you need to know about being on a Cursillo team

The call to be on a team implies the need for a good deal of dedication and commitment -- commitment to the rector or rectora, to the team, to the candidates, to the Cursillo Movement and most of all to Christ. Those commitments require us to attend seven team meetings, possibly prepare a talk, pray for a fellow team member, critique the rollistas with love, to help the rector/rectora and the assistants, and to be open to the candidates and their needs on the weekend.

When you say "yes" to being an auxiliary, you are also saying "yes" to the possibility that you would be willing to be a rollista, an assistant rector/rectora and even a rector/rectora. These are the natural steps that one can expect when asked to be on a team. In order for Cursillo and us to continue to grow we need to be open to these steps and be aware that our "yes" to team membership implies that we are committing to our future roles in the Cursillo Movement whatever they may be.

You can submit a team application upon completion of your initial Cursillo weekend but you will need to wait one year before your name will become available. This one year wait period is to give you ample time to grow in your spirituality after your initial Cursillo experience. Once you have been on a team, you will again need to wait one year before being called again. This is so others have the opportunity to serve.

If you have submitted your team application and it has been awhile, be aware that we have a long list of applicants. Do not give up hopes of being called. You will be called in God's time. If you have changed phone numbers since sending in your application or if you are using only a cell phone now, complete a Change of Information form so that the information can be updated in our database. We frequently have difficulty reaching people because of inaccurate phone numbers.

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April 21, 2013 at 7 p.m.
Retreat Center Conference Room

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Discovering and Celebrating

I have a children's Golden Book called "We Help Daddy" that I read to my children when they were small. Now I read it to my grandchildren. Being blessed with four children we did not lack for "little helpers". I really didn't think about it ending until my youngest, Jason, asked me before he went off to Kindergarten, "Mom, who is going to help you at the grocery store or delivering Meals on Wheels now?" I assured him I would struggle by somehow.

Fifteen years ago my granddaughter took over that position, accompanying me to Moms in Touch Prayer Group, always ready to put on an apron and mix up a treat (although she still likes to do that!). I can still picture her with her rubber boots, squatting in the dirt, planting beans with Grandpa. Now her younger brothers have jumped into the role; Connor helping me with library book delivers for the elderly and my assistant in the kitchen. He calls himself a "fry chef". Connor and his little 2 yr. old brother, Grayson, love tagging along after Grandpa, trying to hammer and measure, enthralled by all the tools and scraps of wood when he has a project and of course, needs their assistance.

Next year Connor will be in Kindergarten and it reminds me again how quickly this time with them passes by - of little hands reaching out, little faces looking up to us in wonder at the new things they experience that we see as ordinary. Whether it is our children, grandchildren, younger brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, or children next door these "little helpers" are helping us slow down to see our world through God's eyes. Eyes that see beauty in the ordinary of each day, not limited by time because every moment is now and they are in it, not limited by expectations or prejudices because they have none, and not limited by imagination because theirs is limitless.

What a gift these little people give us - to see the world new again, to feel awe and wonder, to laugh with delight, to get down on our knees to see the earth close up with its treasures of bugs and flowers and sand castles and dirt or to find ourselves gazing at the stars at night as the fireflies glimmer in the trees. And now we have another little helper in the making, a 6 month old angel, Sylvia Rose, who graces our computer screen with a picture her mother snapped of her smiling in her sleep. It melts our hearts and makes us smile every time we turn on our computer. Life has its challenges and heartbreaks but God gifts us with "little helpers" to booster our spirits, to teach us about love, caring and sharing, forgiveness and grace- the important things in life. It is a love that goes both ways as we teach them to imitate Christ's love and care for others in their life also. Well, two of our little "snickerdoodles" will be here soon so I need to get ready for them.

Take care and hugs,
Terri May

Reception to Learn Plans for Renovations

On Saturday, April 27, 2013, Quincy University and your Cursillo Board will be hosting a reception from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to share more about what is planned for the Retreat Center renovations and upgrades. We will be discussing fund-raising events as well.

The reception will be on the south side of our chapel, the Connie Niemann Performing Arts Center. We are asking each of you to support future fund-raising events and to pray about giving a private donation.