



Cursillo #324: February 23–26, 2017

Rectora: Karen Crabtree

Theme: "Be The Light"

Dear Cursillo Family,

I am both humbled and blessed to be the leader of the team God as selected to be Cursillo 324. Our theme is "Be the Light." Our theme song is "Christ be our Light." Our scripture is from Matthew 5:14-16. "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead they put it on a stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

We were all given the Light of Christ through our baptism, however bleak the world may seem, the light of Christ continues to shine through us, His disciples. I challenge you to do one small thing a day leading up to Cursillo 324 to let the light of Christ shine through you. Imagine the impact we could have! Be the Light!

You are all invited to Buddy Mass on Sunday, February 19, at All Saints Catholic Church, White Hall, IL at 2 pm; A carry-in dinner will follow Mass.

May I introduce the team of #324: **Spiritual Director:** Fr. Chuck Edwards, Springfield (Sacraments, Sat. 10 am); **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Fr. Chris Comerford, Collinsville (Grace, Friday 11:15 am); Fr. John Doctor, Quincy (Holy Spirit-Divine Aid, Friday 3:30 pm); Deacon Troy Egbert, Hannibal, Mo. (Obstacles to Grace, Saturday 4:15 pm); Deacon Neal Westhoff, Old Monroe, Mo. (Christian Life, Sun. 10:00 am).

Assistant Rectors: Janey Menne, Troy, Mo. (Environment, Sunday 9 am); Cris Berry, Carrollton, IL (Study, Saturday 9 am); Mary Jo Seiz, Springfield, IL (Leaders, Saturday 7 pm).

Rollistas: Mary Ann Freise, Old Monroe, Mo. (Ideal, Friday 10 am); Paula Reh-kemper, Highland, IL (Laity, Saturday 1:30 pm); Brenda McKinley, Waverly, IL (Pi-ety, Friday 6:45 pm); Denice Edwards, Quincy (Action, Saturday 3 pm); Beth Burrus, Roodhouse, IL (CCIA, Sunday, 11 am).

Auxiliaries: Chris Schumacher, Jacksonville, IL; Katie Brannan, Eldred, IL; Elaine Bugos, Roodhouse, IL; Jody Fisher, Middletown, Mo; Morgan Weller and Christie Joehl, Greenfield, IL; Laurie Frank and Barbara Rakers, both of Highland, IL; Susan Fohey, Hannibal, Mo.

Service Team: Linda Keller, Roodhouse, IL; Teresa Bennett, Pleasant Plains, IL; Naomi Egbert, Hannibal, Mo.; Carrie Alexander, Carrollton, IL; and Teresa Robinson, Quincy. **Food Service:** Joan Brown, Old Monroe, MO; Nelva Owens, Bowling Green, Mo; Mary Dodd, Quincy.

Sacristan: Karen Meehan Roodhouse, IL; **Musician:** Mary Jane Davis, Troy, Mo.

Observing Rectora: Donna Campbell, Lewiston, MO; **Board Rep:** Connie Vermire, Quincy; **Rectora:** Karen Crabtree, Roodhouse, IL (Group Reunion and Ultreya, Sunday 12 pm).

To help serve meals, please sign up at the Buddy Mass or call Mary Dodd 217-656-3738 or Joan Brown 636-366-4131.

Please remember to sign up for an hour or two in the palanca chapel. Call Bob Gough at 217-577-8044 or email: bobgough1966@yahoo.com for open time slots.

Thank you for all your prayer and palanca, we can feel your love and support.

Love and Peace,

Karen Crabtree, Rectora #324

Women's Cursillo #324

Feb. 23 (Thursday)

7:30 pm Registration

8:30 pm Sponsors Hour

Feb. 25 (Saturday)

8:00 pm Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

Feb. 26 (Sunday)

4:00 pm Closing and Liturgy

Walk to Emmaus Dates

Women's Walk #14, Feb. 15-19, 2017
Great River Walk to Emmaus program is the Protestant version of Cursillo. Cursilistas are welcome to participate in the Walk and Walk Pilgrims are welcome to participate in Cursillo. Learn more at www.greatriveremmaus.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Women's Cursillo #324

Sunday, February 19, 2017 at 2 pm
All Saints Catholic Church, White Hall Ill.
Carry in dinner following Mass

Men's Cursillo #325

Sunday, March 26, 2017 at 2 pm
Blessed Sacrament, Quincy, Ill.
Carry-in dinner following Mass

FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

March 10-11, 2017
Cindy Stephens, Director

ULTREYAS

Tri-State Area Ultreya

Friday, March 3, 2017
Quincy University Chapel, Quincy
Begins with Special Mass at 6:30 pm

Shelby County Ultreya

Saturday, March 4, 2017
Fr. Buhman Center, Shelbina, Mo.
Follows 5 pm Mass

Jacksonville Area Ultreya

Saturday, March 4, 2017
Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Collinsville Area Ultreya

Saturday, March 4, 2017
Sts Peter and Paul Parish Morris Hall
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Lincoln County Ultreya

Saturday, March 4, 2017
Sacred Heart Parish, Troy, Mo.
Follows 5 pm Mass

Hannibal Area Ultreya

Saturday, March 4, 2017
Holy Family Church, Hannibal, Mo.
Follows 5:30 pm Mass

Upcoming Cursillo Dates

Mar. 30-Apr. 2, 2017 - Ron Clark, Rector
Apr. 20-23, 2017 - Donna Campbell, Rectora
June 22-25, 2017 - George Schultz, Rector
July 13-16, 2017 - Maria Carmody, Rectora
Sept. 21-24, 2017 - Mark Wiewel, Rector
Nov. 2-5, 2017 - Mary Zerrer, Rectora

Fourth Day Renewal

When: March 10-11, 2017
Time: 7 pm Fri. to 7 pm Sat.
Where: Retreat Center-Quincy
Cost: \$45
Director: Cindy Stephens

Fourth Day Renewal is a 24-hour experience of personal growth for those who have previously made a Cursillo weekend and are wanting to renew and develop their spirituality. It's also a way to meet new friends in our Cursillo community

This relaxed, co-ed environment is ideal for both singles and for couples. It picks right up where Sunday evening of the Cursillo weekend left off.

Download an application to mail or register online at
www.quincycursillo.com/apps.html

If you have questions about the Fourth Day Renewal, call the Steering Committee Marie Korte 573-324-8300 or Barb Dietrich 217-257-8129.

"Gift of Cursillo" Scholarship

The "Gift of Cursillo" is a scholarship fund that assists candidates and team to offset the fees of a Cursillo weekend. The "gift" amount is \$75 and is available to both candidates and team.

A candidate or sponsor can request this "gift" by writing on the application that they need financial assistance or email the application committee at quincycursillonfp@gmail.com. A team member requesting the scholarship should speak with the Board Rep for that weekend.

Candidate Applications

Due to possible postal mail delays, if you are submitting a candidate application within three weeks of the Cursillo weekend to which they are applying, please email the application and sponsor form (scan it or take photo of it) to quincycursillonfp@gmail.com or fax to 217-224-6145. Then mail the original signed candidate application, sponsor form and deposit as indicated on the application. The cut-off to submit applications is the Sunday prior to the weekend.

Canceled your landline or moved?

To help us keep our electronic database of team applications up-to-date, a "change of information" form is available on our website - www.quincycursillo.com. Use this form to let us know when you change phone numbers, mailing address, etc. When this form is submitted, the information will be updated in the team application database, as well as in the newsletter database.

If you want to be called to serve on a team or to continue receiving the newsletter, you need to keep your information up-to-date.

If you want to check to see if your information is correct on your team application, contact the application committee, Dennis & Connie Hoyt, at 217-224-2322 or email: choyt@comcast.net.

Cursillo Policy Reminders

1. Cursillo is for "Adults Only." Children are not to attend any of the Cursillo weekend functions. They are, however, welcome at the Buddy Mass.
2. No pictures or video are allowed at any time during a Cursillo weekend or at team meetings.

Cursillo #323



Front row, left to right: Dennis Hoyt, Ray Wheeler, Derek Burns, Eric Schultz, Jim Aschemann, Joe Haubrich. **Second row:** Wayne Myers, Dennis Steinkamp, Bill Casper, Fr. John Doctor, OFM, Deacon Wayne Zimmerman, Dwight Seeley, Jim Vogel, Fr. James Wheeler, Jim Cramsey, Larry Frese, Ron Clark. **Third row:** Maurice Kuebrich, Daniel Delaney, Kevin Korte, Kevin Schaffer, Billy Luitjohan, Ron Varel, Nick Duncan, Ben Brinker, Gary Deuser, Jeff Ross, Tyler Wellman, Richard Newman, Norb Dixon. **Fourth row:** Joe Ritterbusch, Ron Hakenewerth, Earl Kranawetter, Caleg Briscoe, Rich Ellerman, Mike Wrigley, Mark Biggs, Ben Droste, Joe Wegener, Dale Steinkamp, Kevin Kohlbrecher, Jack Mackenzie, Shaun Horstmann, Brian Korte, Pius Oyoo. **Fifth row:** Chris Menne, Bob Ruff, Mark Wellman, Dennis Kress, Ray Wilson, Bill Trickey, Frank Dugger, Larry Foster, Mike Genenbacher, Jeffrey Jansen, Curtis Cramsey, Marvin Meservey, Pat Sloan, Wes Uber, Dave Lockhart. **Sixth row:** Chris Schultz, Kyle Mueller, Justin Hillen, Will VerDuin, Mark Eversmann, Larry Beauchamp, Allen Davenport, Chris Keller, Nathan Klein, Tom Phillips, Brent Obert, Bill Meyer, Michael Chamberlain, Art Brown, John Keeven, Andy Moss, James Kantor.

Message From Your Lay Director

CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU. When you accepted that cross on your weekend and heard those words, did you realize that Christ was asking you to help build His kingdom? Only you know the answer to that question.

When was the last time you paused to truly think about your spiritual life? St. Paul tells us in Philippians 1:6, "the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus."

We get so busy, sure we go to church, we pray, sometimes on the run, we even may do a little study, we go to group. We have an action plan. How often do we actually sit down, be quiet and allow God to talk to us?

In just a few short weeks we will again be in Lent. I challenge you to take some quiet time and ask God what He wants of you this Lent. He will tell you if you listen. "Every morning, every day in every situation, every person we encounter is an opportunity to become a better version of ourselves." This is a quote from Matthew Kelly's book, "Resisting Happiness." In this same book there is a prayer that I am praying each day as a part of my morning meditation. "Loving Father, I come to you today to make myself 100 percent available to you. I lay everything I have and everything I am at your feet. Take what you want to take and give what you want to give. Command me in all things. I will do whatever you ask me to do. Transform me and transform my life, so that I may become the-very-best-version-of-myself and lead others to you with my life and my love! Amen."

I have found that it is quite difficult for me to make myself 100 percent available to God. I have "stuff" in my life I like to control. This is what I am giving up for Lent. My control of my "stuff". Is it hard? Yes. I do it many times every day. Die to myself. I know you have heard that before. Is it worth it? Yes! When we make ourselves 100 percent available to God incredible things will happen.

All Glory to God, we can change the world. CHRIST IS COUNTING ON US! LET'S DO IT. ONE PERSON AT A TIME.

Thank you so much for all you do for Cursillo. God continues to bless the weekends with an abundance of candidates. Thanks to you sponsors. You are changing the world one person at a time.

Thank you for your outstanding generosity for the Air Conditioner fund. We were able to purchase 31 air conditioners.

We will also be installing new cabinets and a sink in the 3rd floor lounge with memorial funds. Thanks to everyone who remembers Cursillo with memorials.

If there is something that you would like to see improved, please feel free to contact any Board member. We always like to hear from you. We want to make several more improvement as funds become available.

Please keep us in your prayers as we pray for you, our Cursillo family.

Love in Christ,

Billie Huebotter, Lay Director

Cursillo Name Tags

When ordering name tags, please keep these points in mind:

- Name tags should **not** be ordered until the candidate actually makes the weekend.
- Name tags must be paid for when ordered.
- The name tag committee is available on Saturday night only; table is set up in the lobby.

We have numerous name tags that were ordered and paid for and have not yet been picked up. Please stop by the table and review these and help us deliver them to anyone you might know. You may contact the Name Tag Committee - Sharolyn Rice - at 217-653-3834 or email: 2710south@gmail.com

"Our Fourth Day" Booklet available for purchase

Would you like to know more about the Cursillo movement, recapping the weekend, living your Fourth Day, the purpose and history? A 70-page booklet "Our Fourth Day", published by the National Ultreya Publications, is available for purchase through our local Cursillo Board. The cost is \$5.00 plus \$1.75 for postage if mailed totaling \$6.75. Please send a check along with a note of request to: Sharolyn Rice, 2710 S. 24th St., Quincy, IL 62305

The booklet is also available for purchase at the name tag table on Saturday evening of a Cursillo weekend.

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February 9, 2017 at 7 p.m.
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Discovering and Celebrating

by Terri May

I'm up in the wee hours of the night, checking e-mails, renewing library books, checking my account balance at the credit union, and reading articles on the web. My brain seems to be ticking away and I can't shut it down. Might be because I slept in front of the TV earlier this evening and got my second wind. I am usually an early to bed, early to rise but tonight holds me alert and in its grasp, like a little kid that fights sleep because they don't want to miss out on anything.

There is a Bible quote on the wall by the altar at St. Francis Church in Quincy from Cor.6:16 that says, "I will make my home with them and live among them. I will be their God and they shall be my people." What a comfort that is. He is here with me at this moment, staying up late at the computer, also watching over my husband as he sleeps in the comfy bed that I should be in right now. We are His people. That is family, someone who cares for us. He sees us cry when we lose someone special. He feels our frustrations or pain when we trip and fall, physically, emotionally, or spiritually. He hears our pleas for help in the middle of the night when we are up with a sick child or in the middle of the day when we can't find our car in the parking lot or when we are a lost child looking for our parent.

My husband pointed out an article in the paper written by Michael Gerson that is titled, "It's not easy to live like you are loved". The writer begins by talking about a movie in which the main character who as a five year old child in India gets separated from his family, ends up on the street and then (this is based on a true story) gets adopted by a loving family in Australia. As a young man, wanting to find his roots, he begins looking for his mother to find out "Who am I" and "Where do I belong".

I can relate to this little boy. As a 5 year old, my mother died and even though my father married a dedicated Christian woman who took such good care of me and my 5 siblings I felt lost, always searching for a way to fill that empty spot. Our Daily Bread devotional has a statement on the bottom of one of the pages - "Every loss leaves a space that can be filled with God's presence." And that is the gift that the Cursillo retreat I went on gave me. Once I welcomed Jesus, my God, into that empty space and He made His home in me and claimed me as His child, I discovered "who I was", and not "where do I belong" but to whom do I belong. It made all the difference in my life. Not to say I succeed every day to comprehend that Grace I received but I live with Hope and a freedom from my past that allows me at times to do what the logo on a pair of exercise pants says, "Don't Run, Fly". Don't you love it, I do!

Mr. Gerson says it well. "It is not an easy thing-maybe the work of a lifetime-to live as if we are loved. To quiet the voices of self-condemnation. To live outside the tiny cosmos of our own desires. To extend the grace we have been shown. To act on a vision of humanity in which all are equally loved by God."

Once I have claimed that lost child inside of me and tucked her safely into bed with love and then offered my new "beloved self" to others with my time and gifts, I'm on the high road with Him as my companion. My daughter had a friend as a child that you just never knew what they would get into when they were together. I like to think of God that way - you just never know what will happen when you hang out with him, when you allow Him to dwell among you. Well time to hit the sack and as I sing to my husband before going to sleep, a favorite song from Mamma Cass, "Sweet dreams till sunbeams find you, sweet dreams that leave all worries behind you..."

Much love to you, Beloveds, Terri May