



## Cursillo #307: January 22 – 25, 2015

**Rector: Greg Wittland**

**Theme: My Peace I Give to You**

What a wonderful gift the candidates of Cursillo #307 are about to receive. The men that have been picked by the Holy Spirit for this weekend have so many treasures to share. That Amazing Grace that we have witnessed during the team meetings has been overwhelming. I can't wait to have the team share their Peace in knowing Jesus with the men. Please continue to pray and to do your Palanca as we embark on our weekend. I am blessed to introduce His team for Cursillo #307.

**Spiritual Director:** Father Greg Oligschlaeger, Martinsburg, MO (Sacraments, Saturday 10 a.m.); **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Deacon Harry Cramer, Quincy, IL (Grace, Friday 11:15 a.m.); Father John Doctor, Quincy, IL (Holy Spirit/ Divine Aid, Friday 3:30 p.m.); Deacon Terry Ellerman, Quincy, IL (Obstacles to Grace, Saturday, 4:15 p.m.); Deacon John Wagner, Davenport, IA (Christian Life, Sunday 10 a.m.).

**Assistant Rectors:** Jeff Shade, Jacksonville, IL (Piety, Friday 6:45 p.m.); Chuck Amburg, Jerseyville, IL (Action, Saturday 3 p.m.); Russ Rohrer, Quincy, IL (Environment, Sunday 9 a.m.).

**Rollistas:** Jeff Fennewald, Martinsburg, MO (Ideal, Friday 10 a.m.); Brian Hendrian, Quincy, IL (Laity, Friday 1:30 p.m.); Derek Burns, Highland, IL (Study, Saturday, 9 a.m.); Denny Schumacher, Jacksonville, IL (Leaders, Saturday 7 p.m.); Herb Schwartz, Palmyra, MO (CCIA, Sunday 11 a.m.).

**Auxiliaries:** Mike Boll, Brad Morrison, Nick Steinkamp and Mike Wittland of Quincy, IL; Alan Karcher, Jerseyville, IL; Mike McMahon, Collinsville, IL; Bill Tyrrell, Mt. Pleasant, IA; Brad Vacca, Kampsville, IL and Steve Welbourne, Pittsfield, IL.

**Service Team:** Gary Crawford, Mt. Pleasant, IA; Jim Aschemann, Dennis Holbrook, Mike Holbrook and Jeff Mayfield of Quincy, IL.

**Food Service:** David Dodd, Quincy, IL, Larry Frese, Mendon, IL and Jeff Haley, Jacksonville, IL.

**Musicians:** Tim Bealor, Mendon, IL and Jared Holbrook, Quincy, IL. **Sacristan:** Jay Grawe, Quincy, IL; **Board Rep:** Mike Fessler, Liberty, IL; **Observing Rector:** Joe Buttitta, Roodhouse, IL.

**Rector:** Greg Wittland, Quincy, IL (Group Reunion & Ultreya, Sunday 12:15 p.m.) and Cheryl Wittland, Quincy, IL (A Woman Speaks Her Mind, Sunday 1 p.m.)

Our Buddy Mass will be on January 18 at 2:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church at 1119 South 7th Street, Quincy, IL. Please come to celebrate the Mass with us and to share fellowship immediately following in the school cafeteria. The team will supply the meat and we ask that you bring a covered dish.

Ladies we look forward to you sharing your gifts of hospitality by being meal servers during the weekend. Please sign up at the Buddy Mass or call David Dodd (217-656-3738), Larry Frese (217-440-7783) or Jeff Haley (217-243-7798).

Please help us to fill the Palanca chart prior to the weekend by signing up for your hour or hours at the Buddy Mass or by contacting Bob Gough at 217-617-7785 or email at [bgough@quincyjournal.com](mailto:bgough@quincyjournal.com).

Greg Wittland, Rector #307

### Pilgrimage Opportunity

#### Destination:

- EWTN Catholic Television Network in Birmingham, Alabama - the largest religious broadcast station in the world, started by Mother Angelica.
- Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama
- St. Bernard Abbey and Ave Maria Grotto in Cullman, Alabama

**Date:** April 6-9, 2015

For more information contact Marie Korte at 573-324-8300  
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### BUDDY MASS

##### Men's Cursillo #307

Sun. Jan. 18, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.  
Blessed Sacrament Church, Quincy, Ill.  
Carry-in dinner following Mass

##### Women's Cursillo #308

Sun. Feb. 22, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.  
Blessed Sacrament Church, Quincy, Ill.  
Carry-in dinner in cafeteria following Mass

#### MEN'S CURSILLO #307

##### Jan. 22 (Thursday)

7:30 pm Registration

8:30 pm Sponsors Hour

##### Jan. 24 (Saturday)

8:00 pm Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

##### Jan. 25 (Sunday)

4:00 pm Closing and Liturgy

#### ULTREYAS

##### Tri-State Area Ultreya

Friday, March 6, 2015  
Quincy University Chapel, Quincy  
Begins with Special Mass at 6:30 pm

##### Hannibal Area Ultreya

Saturday, March 7, 2015  
Holy Family Parish, Hannibal  
St. Michael Hall following 5:30 pm Mass

##### Jacksonville Area Ultreya

Saturday, March 7, 2015  
Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.  
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

##### Collinsville Area Ultreya

Saturday, March 7, 2015  
Sts Peter and Paul Parish Morris Hall  
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

##### Martinsburg/Montgomery Co. Ultreya

Saturday, March 7, 2015  
Immaculate Conception Parish  
Montgomery City, Mo.  
Follows 5 pm Mass

##### Lincoln County Ultreya

Saturday, March 7, 2015  
Sacred Heart Parish, Troy, Mo.  
Follows 5 pm Mass

## Lay Director's Message

Greetings to the Cursillo family. I hope and pray that you have all had a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year! My prayer is that we have continued growth in our life journey with Christ. We tend to our own spiritual growth, and pray for wisdom and guidance to invite family, friends, co-workers and others we know to attend a Cursillo weekend. The metanoia that we experience is a moving target as we realize the "Christ is Counting on Us".

Which brings me to a reflection I had recently on a homily I heard during Advent. The priest was saying what it was like in Galilee at the time of the birth of Jesus. Galilee was not one of the prominent regions in the area. It was poor with not many well-to-do citizens. People from Galilee were sometimes looked down on as not very important and having little status. Also at this time there was a lot of upheaval and violence with many factions warring against each other. This was the environment into which Jesus was born.

Jesus came to earth teaching a message of peace and love to one another. We should turn the other cheek, and be more concerned about our sisters and brothers. This is the commission that Jesus gave His apostles when He left our earth. The Good News was to be spread and shared with all mankind. This also

is our commission through Baptism and Confirmation, to share the Love of Jesus with everyone that we meet, and tell them about Him.

In looking at our world today, with all the warring factions, killings and social unrest and violence, it would appear that we have not made much progress. While it looks like not much has been done, the Message of the Good News is spreading. But we as Christians have much more to do! Anyone who has been on a Cursillo team knows how hard the devil starts working the closer it gets to the weekend. He knows the Lord is working through His people, and it really ticks him off and tries anything to distract us from our goal.

I think this is what is happening in our world. The Message is being spread and the devil does not like it and is causing all kinds of havoc to keep us distracted. But that means we should work even harder in our Christian mission. When we have problems we can't control, what do we do? PRAY, PRAY, PRAY!

Have a Merry Christmas Season & a Blessed New Year.  
DeColores,  
Dennis Steinkamp

### Walk to Emmaus Dates

Men's #5: Jan. 30 - Feb. 1 2015

Women's #6: Feb. 19-22, 2015

Great River Walk to Emmaus program is the Protestant version of Cursillo. Cursillistas are welcome to participate in the Walk and Walk Pilgrims are welcome to participate in Cursillo.

Learn more at [www.greatriveremmaus.org](http://www.greatriveremmaus.org)

### Upcoming Cursillo Dates

Feb 26-Mar 1, 2015 - Evelyn Uppinghouse, Rectora

Mar. 26-29, 2015 - Joe Buttitta, Rector

Apr. 23-26, 2015 - Karen Meehan, Rectora

June 25-28, 2015 - Joe Haubrich, Rector

July 16-19, 2015 - Naomi Egbert, Rectora

Sept. 24-27, 2015 - Tom Holck, Rector

Nov. 5-8, 2015 - Joan Broyles, Rectora

## Quincy Cursillo Board of Directors 2014-15



**Front row, left to right:** Nancy Weede, Sue Holbrook, Dennis Steinkamp - Lay Director; Fr. John Doctor OFM - Spiritual Director; Kathy Schwartz, Ed Holthaus, Asst. Lay Director. **Back row:** Greg Wittland-Treasurer, Kathy Cramsey-Secretary, Judy Oberman, Tammy Foster, Don Beeley, Dick Mitchell, Jr., Mike Fessler, Jeff Leisen. Absent: Mike Grant.

## Discovering and Celebrating

by Terri May

This time of year as I drive around our town or walk my neighborhood a favorite childhood book of my children comes to mind, Miss Suzy by Miriam Young. Why this story? Well, with the trees bare I can spy out the leafy homes of the squirrels and this tale is about, Miss Suzy, a squirrel who loved living in her home up in the tippy top branches of an old oak tree and being gently rocked to sleep by the wind at night.

Unfortunately, she was chased out of her home by a band of rowdy red squirrels. Miss Suzy found shelter in a doll house she discovered in the attic of an old house nearby. There she came across a box of toy soldiers who she asked into her new home and cared for all winter. While telling them stories one night the soldiers learned how Miss Suzy came to be there. The band of soldiers took up their sabers, marched into the woods, scaled the tree where Miss Suzy's house was and chased off the dastardly squirrels returning the little squirrel to her rightful home. She made them promise to come back every week for dinner and they agreed.

Not all stories, I know, have such a happy ending in real life. One good thing can be true though if I look at trials in life as opportunities for God's grace to bless me. I can find new insights of God's love through the helping hands and prayers of family and friends, in the new people and experiences I encounter in these challenging times and in my spiritual growth as I learn to rely more on God and His Spirit within me for strength and wisdom.

Miss Suzy did this - finding joy in a new home, welcoming and giving of herself to new friends, making the most of her situation, rejoicing with the return of her leafy, comfy home and then sharing her bounty with the toy soldiers as well. I know a lot of people in my life like Miss Suzy - faith filled and full fortitude and God's joy.

I read a book recently, The Story Keeper, by Lisa Wingate which has this quote: "This is the glory hour. This is the place the magic happens. The trick, Jennia Beth Gibbs, is to turn your face to the glory hours as they come ..... The saddest thing in life is to see them only as they flit away. They're always a passing thing..."

Lord, I don't want to miss the "glory hours", the moments of Your Grace, to see and experience the joy that comes in surprising ways in my day. I need to have open hands to receive and give love graciously and to continue to listen to Your Spirit within me that gives me insight and nudges me to move forward. Above all I must not be afraid to sing or dance in praise of You who made me and the little squirrels who live in their tip, top, leafy homes high above me. The wonder of You happens here and now. Thank You from the bottom of my heart.

With love always, Terri May

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## Serving Meals

If you would like to serve meals during a Cursillo weekend, plan to arrive 30 minutes before meal times to help set up and also plan to stay 30 minutes after meal time to help with clean up. The Food Service team will tell you what needs to be done.

Friday breakfast served: 8:30 am  
Friday lunch served: 12:30 pm  
Friday dinner served: 5:30 pm  
Saturday breakfast served: 8:00 am  
Saturday lunch served: 12:30 pm  
Saturday dinner served: 5:30 pm  
Sunday breakfast served: 8:00 am  
Sunday lunch/ dinner served: 1:30 pm

Sponsors, spouses, siblings, parents, and children of candidates and team are asked NOT to server. We want all participants to process the weekend without being reminded of "outside" concerns.

We request that you contact the Food Service team (phone numbers are included in the front page article in the newsletter) prior to the start of the weekend to sign up to serve but if you aren't able to sign up in advance, you are still welcome to serve.

The above meal times are listed on the website ([www.quincycursillo.com](http://www.quincycursillo.com)) under the Frequently Asked Questions tab.

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### 4th Day Renewal

When: March 6-7, 2015 from 7 pm Fri. to 7 pm Sat.  
Where: Retreat Center-Quincy  
Cost: \$45 (includes \$10 deposit sent with application)  
Director: David and Mary Dodd

4th Day Renewal is a 24-hour experience of personal growth designed for those who have previously made a Cursillo weekend and are wanting to renew and develop their spirituality.

This relaxed, co-ed environment is ideal for singles and for couples that would like to experience a little bit of Cursillo as a couple. Couples will be roomed together but will not be at the same tables.

Download an application or register online at [www.quincycursillo.com](http://www.quincycursillo.com) or watch for the application in next month's newsletter. Mailed applications can be mailed to:

Dave & Terri May, Reservation Coordinators  
3922 Harbor Lane, Quincy, IL

If you have questions about the 4th Day Renewal, call either Dave & Terri May at 217-224-7027 or Vernon Korte at 573-324-3611.

### New Newsletter Database Coordinator

Thanks to Hal Klaus of Highland for volunteering to take over the duties of maintaining the database of names and addresses for the newsletter postal -mailing. Please contact him at 618-973-4048 for any updates. Thanks to Lisa McDonald for her many years of service as she retires from this position.

### Thank You From #306

De Colores Cursillo Family,

Words cannot express the deep thanks that we, the ladies of Cursillo #306 have for each of you for your prayers, palanca and good works that you did for us.

The weekend was truly an amazing gift from God for myself, the team and the candidates. The Holy Spirit was alive and very active in each rollo and activity that we did.

Thanks to the love shown by you the family, the amazing team, and the Holy Spirit, 29 wonderful new Cursillistas have joined our Cursillo family.

God bless each and every one of you, as you continue your 4th day.

Linda Holthaus, Rectora Cursillo #306

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be open to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." *Matthew 7: 7-8*

### "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](mailto:quincycursillonfp@gmail.com). A team member requesting the scholarship should speak with the Board Rep for that weekend.