



Cursillo #320: July 14-17, 2016

Rectora: Ann Gage

Theme: "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Dear Cursillo Family,

"Open the eyes of my heart, Lord" - what a fitting request for each of us who desires to be a disciple of Jesus! It is truly a work of the Holy Spirit to change our hearts so that we might see the way Jesus sees, love the way Jesus loves, and serve the way Jesus serves. So, "Open the Eyes of My Heart" is the theme and the song for Cursillo 320!

Our scripture is Ephesians 1, 17-19: "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in His inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power for us who believe..." It is the Spirit who enables us to "see" the scope of what it means to be called a child of God, heir to all that is ours in Christ Jesus, and it is only in the Spirit that we have the desire, the courage and the perseverance to see, love, forgive and serve our brothers and sisters in Christ as He did.

It is with a grateful and humble heart that I introduce to you God's team for Cursillo 320: **Spiritual Director:** Fr. Mike Kuse, Quincy (Sacraments, Saturday 10 am). **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Sr. Angelene Biderbost, O.P., Springfield, IL (Grace, Friday 11:15 am); Deacon Bill Gray, Hamilton, IL (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid, Friday 3:30 pm); Deacon Terry Ellerman, Quincy (Obstacles to Grace, Saturday 4:15 pm); Sr. Jane Wand, Quincy (Christian Life, Sunday 10 am).

Assistant Rectoras: Pam Eftink (Action, Saturday 3 pm); Pam Frericks (Piety, Friday 6:45 pm); Sharon Zehnle (Environment, Sunday 11 am), all of Quincy.

Rollistas: Donna Boster, Quincy (Ideal, Friday 10 am); Audrey Gough, Shelbina, MO (Laity, Friday 1:30 pm); Pam Lauber, Collinsville, IL (Study, Saturday 9 am); Deb Meservey, Quincy (Leaders, Saturday 7 pm); Joan Albright, New London, MO (CCIA, Sunday 11 am).

Auxiliaries: Julie Boll, Christie Dickens, Rebecca Knuffman, and Karen Koehn, all of Quincy; Carrie Cole, Jacksonville, IL; Barb Frese, Fowler, IL; Laura Greenwell, Shelbina, MO; Bridgett Hanks, O'Fallon, MO; and Kiki Seger, Highland, IL.

Service Team: Delana Becker, Laddonia, MO; Diane Lagoski, Mt. Sterling, IL; Denise Nord, Carrolton, IL; Judy Spratt, Saverton, MO; Sharon Welschmeyer, Martinsburg, MO.

Food Service Team: Kristen Goings, Durham, MO; Becky Hill, Mt. Sterling, IL; Therese Long, Monroe City, MO.

Musicians: Sally Kroner, Quincy, and Cheryl Wagner, Davenport, IA. **Observing Rectora:** Carolyn White, Jacksonville, IL; **Board Rep:** Tammy Foster, Palmyra, MO; **Rectora:** Ann Gage, Quincy (Group Reunion & Ultreya, Sunday 12 pm).

On behalf of the team, thank you for the prayers and palanca you have already begun to support us in our formation as team! Please continue so that we may effectively provide the candidates with all God wants for them! Please sign up too for an hour or two in the Palanca Chapel. The team and candidates will be very grateful for your prayers as you spend time reflecting on His love and lifting all of us to Him. Call Bob Gough at 217-577-8044 or email bobgough1966@yahoo.com for open time slots.

We invite you to our Buddy Mass on Sunday, July 10, 2:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church, 1119 S. 7th, in Quincy. A carry-in dinner will follow in the school cafeteria (lower level). Meat, drinks and tableware will be provided; please bring a covered dish to share.

We need gentlemen meal servers and kitchen helpers to come provide hospitality during the weekend if you do not have a candidate, spouse or significant other on the weekend. We welcome your service with a smile! Please call Kristen Goings at 573-478-2010, Becky Hill at 217-242-2411 or Therese Long at 573-735-2803 to sign up. You may also sign up at the Buddy Mass.

Peace and Blessings,
Ann Gage

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Women's Cursillo #320

Sunday, July 10, 2016 at 2 pm
Blessed Sacrament Church, Quincy
Carry-in dinner following Mass

Men's Cursillo #321

Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 2 pm
St. Francis Church, Jerseyville, Ill.
Carry-in dinner following Mass

WOMEN'S CURSILLO #320

July 14 (Thursday)

7:30 pm Registration

8:30 pm Sponsors Hour

July 16 (Saturday)

8:00 pm Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

July 17 (Sunday)

4:00 pm Closing and Liturgy

ULTREYAS

Tri-State Area Ultreya

Friday, July 22, 2016
Quincy University Chapel, Quincy
Begins with Special Mass at 6:30 pm

Jacksonville Area Ultreya

Saturday, July 23, 2016
Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Collinsville Area Ultreya

Saturday, July 30, 2016
Sts Peter and Paul Parish Morris Hall
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Martinsburg/Montgomery Co. Ultreya

Saturday, July 30, 2016
Immaculate Conception, Montgomery City
Follow 5 pm Mass

Upcoming Cursillo Dates

Sept. 22-25, 2016 - Chris Lorton, Rector
Nov. 3-6, 2016 - Carolyn White, Rectora
Jan. 19-22, 2017 - Eric Schultz, Rector
Feb. 23-26, 2017 - Karen Crabtree, Rectora
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

Name Tags

The name tag committee, Bill & Alice Bender, are available on Saturday evening of Cursillo weekends from 6:30 - 7:45 pm to purchase and/or pickup name tags.

They have quite a few that have not yet been picked up (see list below of some of the more recent ones). Please check to see if there is someone from your church that you can take their name tag to them if they aren't able to pick them up themselves.

Chris Kirn - #291	Ellen Newby - #306
Michael Klein - #295	Callie Bushmeyer - #308
Charles Eades - #299	Roger Lipcamon - #307
Stephanie Cunningham - #300	Ryan Smith - #307
Courtney Hageman - #301	Mark Welch - #307
Jim Fell - #301	Angela Lipcamon - #308
Bob Mueller - #301	Lisa Welch - #308
Carl Erd - #301	Chris Schoonover - #309
Tom Strieker - #301	Kerri Martin - #310
Keith Cubberley - #303	Debbie Jordan - #310
Rod Vaught - #303	

Walk to Emmaus Dates

Men's Walk #11 is July 28-31, 2016

Women's Walk #12 is Aug. 11-14, 2016

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

Meal Servers and Palanca Chapel

On the last several Cursillo weekends we have been running very short on meal servers. This means so much to the candidates to know that you took the time to come and serve meals to them. It is appreciated if you can sign up in advance but it's not required. Please come even if it's last minute. Meal times are listed at: www.quincycursillo.com under FAQ.

Also, we have had to ask individuals to fill multiple hours in the palanca chapel. Remember how much that meant to you when you made your weekend to know that someone took the time to come and pray for you? We like to have these hours filled by Thursday night so that we don't have to ask people to fill double or triple hours. You won't regret spending that hour with Jesus.

Change of Information Form

To help us keep our electronic database of team applications up-to-date, a "change of information" form is available on the website - www.quincycursillo.com. Use this form to let us know when you change phone numbers, mailing address, etc. When a "change of information" 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, contact the team application committee at 217-224-2322.

Cursillo #319



Front row, left to right: Paddy Keller, Joe Henning, Rick Gengenbacher, Fr. George Kramer, Sheldon Robinson, Mark Gough, Chris Lorton. **Second row:** Ed Holthaus, Tom Meehan, Jim Citro, Don Tooley, Dick Mitchell Jr., Jim Reid, Paul Albrecht, Brad Boeing. **Third row:** Mark Shade, Garland Edwards, Buffalo Donald Shemwell, Travis Bird, Art Phetsadasack, Dan Meade, Jeremiah Knackstedt, Ron Kelly, Kevin Ostermiller. **Fourth row:** Steve Buckman, Terry Wilson, Ben Deimeke, Joe Bordewick, Joe Kohlrus, Chris Wegs, Byron Saathoff, Bob Gough, Brent Babyak, Mark Hill. **Fifth row:** Brad Morrison, Rich Krypciak, Jon Swedien, Shaun Washausen, Gerry Salfen, Joe Musolino, Pat Carley, Chuck Mellon, Ron Gengenbacher, Kelly McAlister, Steve Hembrough. **Sixth row:** Jef Gerkowski, David Adam, Shawn Noel, Steven Long, Kevin Murphy, Deacon Bob Leake, Matt Wasser, Paul Scheller, Paul Davis, Matt Anderson, John Moore, Joe Vermeire.

Notice of Annual Meeting

There will be an Annual Meeting held on Thursday, August 18 at 7 pm in the Retreat Center conference room. Newly elected board members will be seated and a report of this past year's activities will be presented. This meeting is open to anyone that has attended a Cursillo.

Message from Lay Director

"Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show his works by a good life in the humility that comes from wisdom". James 3:13

How understanding am I? If I am humbly honest, I must admit that many times I am critical. That's not good. I am making a conscious effort every day to be understanding of others. I do not really know what is going on in someone else's life. My goal is to pray for the person that God's will be done in their life.

I don't know how many of you get the Catholic Times each week and read Fr. Chuck Edwards article, but I always look forward to it. In the May 29, 2016 issue he talked about God saying to each of us "Bring me what you have." He was referring to Jesus feeding the five thousand. Remember the story? In our way of thinking five loaves and two fish won't go far in feeding that many people, but Jesus told the disciples, "Bring me what you have." They did. He blessed it and there were twelve baskets left over; more than enough.

As Fr. Chuck said in the article, I think that is what Jesus is asking of us, "Give me what you have, bring me who you are." He can and will use us to help build the kingdom.

As this summer is going by so quickly, let us stop for a few minutes of quiet time with God and reflect on what we are doing. Are we so busy doing what WE think needs to be done that we forget to humble ourselves before God?

As Fr. Chuck said, listen as God is saying, "Bring me what you have." Let each of us do this and watch as God preforms miracles in our world.

Please remember to keep all of our future Rectors and Rectoras and their teams in your prayers. Also, please pray for those that are sick or have lost loved ones recently. So very many are in need of our prayers.

Sign up to spend time in the Palanca chapel and to serve meals if you are eligible. Always remember, Christ is counting on you.

Love and prayers
Billie Huebotter
Quincy Cursillo, Lay Director

Cursillo Board Election

It's time to choose new Cursillo Board members to replace those whose term expires in August. Those whose terms expire are: Dick Mitchell, Jr., Don Beeley, Judy Oberman and Sue Holbrook. We thank them for their service these last three years.

All Cursillista's are urged to prayerfully consider the nominees to serve a three-year term. You will vote for two men and two women. A ballot is available in the June Fourth Day newsletter and ballots will be available during the July Cursillo activities. Brief bios for the candidates are also available in the June newsletter.

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.**
3. Wear your crosses and/or name tags when coming to events during Cursillo weekends. With other people using the Retreat Center it helps to know the right people are in the right places.
4. Serving meals - contact the Food Service Team prior to the weekend to sign up for serving meals. Spouses, sponsors and immediate family of anyone on the weekend may not serve that weekend. Avoid mingling with the team and candidates as this is time for them to have fellowship with each other. Any entertainment at meals is to be done by the team only. Meal times are listed on the website.
5. Palanca chapel - Sponsors and prayer buddies should spend an hour in the palanca chapel. Please sign the palanca chart and write palanca letters to let your candidate or team member know you are supporting them in prayer.

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Next Board Meeting
July 21, 2016 at 7 p.m.
Retreat Center Conference Room

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Discovering and Celebrating

by Terri May

That morning I thanked God for the day and asked him to open my eyes to where I could be of service to Him. I have heard and have used the line "Our God is a God of Surprises." When He does surprise me I am thrilled and inspired once again at how He speaks to my heart in such simple ways.

That day was my Library day to deliver books to a couple apartment buildings. As I left the second one I noticed a man sitting outside and I remarked that it was a good day to be outside. Then I took in the fact that he was holding a harmonica. I really like harmonica music and early in our marriage my husband bought me a humdinger 12 hole harmonica. In fact, I rediscovered it this week after meeting this man (which I find incredibly timely) along with the music books - one entitled "How to learn to play the harmonica for fun and profit." Need I say that I did not really learn how to play for profit or play anywhere outside my house? It was fun and even though I will never be a virtuoso on the harmonica, I might take it back up.

But I digress. So I asked the man if he would play me a tune and after some mumbled exchanges he sat back, raised the harmonica to his lips and sweetly played as I tried to control the tears behind my eyes from escaping. I told him we had been to Ireland and he said the name of the song, "Danny Boy". The way he moved his mouth, and had difficulty speaking, I was certain that he had some medical condition. So I just thanked him for making my day with his music and he said, "Thank you" back to me. He gave his gift to me and I returned it by listening to him and accepting his gift. Simple, right? But how many times do I hurry by those "surprises" God has sprinkled through my days or maybe I "do" the right things but don't give my heart to it because my mind is somewhere else, or maybe I don't feel like the service is BIG enough to lay at His feet.

Here is what I love about our God. Every day is a new day with new opportunities to discover Him, His surprises, His forgiveness and love and to serve Him. I am reminded of this today as I walk with my husband in the early morning cool, stop to chat with a fellow walker, take a nap with a grandson, make the first potato salad of the summer for a family get together, hug a granddaughter and tell her I love her, read a devotional on my e-mail, talk to a daughter far away etc. etc. Some days are simple like this; others are crowded or have unpleasant experiences or a mixed bag, like spending time in Hawaii and breaking my toe on the beach. Don't ask; it takes a special talent. But the surprise was we still enjoyed our vacation with family and the beautiful world He had created because He was there with us.

When I related my story of the harmonica man at our Group Reunion that same day, one of our ladies also told us how that song was special to her family and late father whose name was Dan. They had played the song at his service. So the gift went on as we sat and shared ourselves, our shortcomings, our hopes, and challenges and our love for this mysterious, always "surprising" God of ours.

Happy Day and much love, Terri May

"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.