



Cursillo #293: March 21–24, 2013

Rector: Joe Grote

Theme: “I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life”

Dear Cursillo Family,

The team of Cursillo #293 would like to thank everyone for the prayers and palanca that you have blessed us with and will continue to bless us with. Preparing for the weekend has been a very humbling experience. I have been blessed with an awesome group of Christian men who have shown tremendous leadership in love for the Lord. It has been a blessing to watch the team grow on this spiritual journey.

Our scriptures for the weekend are from John 14:6 “I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me” and 1 Corinthians 13:13 “meanwhile these three things remain, faith, hope, and love, and the greatest of these is love.” We need Jesus to help us love one another and forgive ourselves and those who caused pain and hurt in our lives. God will lead us through if we let Him.

The candidates will be extremely blessed by this amazing team and it is my honor to introduce the team of Cursillo # 293: **Spiritual Director:** Father Lou Dorn, Louisiana, Mo. (Sacraments, Saturday 10 a.m.); **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Msgr. Mike Kuse, Quincy, (Grace, Friday 11:15 a.m.); Deacon Mark Dobelmann, Louisiana, Mo. (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid, Friday 3:30 p.m.); Deacon John Esselman, Liberty, Ill. (Obstacles to Grace, Saturday 4:15 p.m.); Deacon Mike Long, Monroe City, Mo. (Christian Life, Sunday 10 a.m.).

Assistant Rectors: Pat Greenwell, Shelbina Mo. (Study, Saturday 9 a.m.); Doug Baker, Palmyra, Mo. (CCIA, Sunday 11:30 a.m.); Mike McCroy, Clarksville, Mo. (Piety, Friday 6:45 p.m.).

Rollistas: Ron Diemeke, Martinsburg, Mo. (Action, Saturday 3 p.m.); Ross Dames, Palmyra, Mo. (Leaders, Saturday 7 p.m.); Jim Vogel, Quincy (Laity, Friday 1:30 p.m.); Ryan Kent (Environment, Sunday 9:00 a.m.) and Greg Wyble (Ideals, Friday 10 a.m.) both of Bowling Green, Mo.

Auxillaries: Mike Merz, St. Peters, Mo.; Kirk Carter, Greg Orf, Larry Dean, all of Bowling Green, Mo.; Kenny Blentlinger, Quincy; Dave Welschmeyer, Martinsburg, Mo.; Chad Liesen, Quincy; Pete Colbert, Clarksville, Mo.; Joe Fessler, Payson, Ill.

Service Team: Bill Couch, Stoutsville, Mo.; Dean Shupe, Warsaw, Ill.; Tim Gilbert, Hannibal, Mo.; Randy Lovell and Jerry Epperson, both of Clarksville, Mo.

Food Service: Tom Holck, Quincy and John Boland, Troy, Mo. **Musicians:** Richard (Mark) Biggs, Bowling Green, Mo. and Tim Serbin, Palmyra, Mo. **Sacristan:** Richard Grote, Bowling Green, Mo.

Observing Rector: Dennis Hoyt, Quincy; **Board Rep:** Jim Erickson, Bowling Green, Mo.; Donna Grote (A Woman Speaks Her Mind, Sunday, 3 p.m.) and **Rector:** Joe Grote (Group Reunion /Ultreya, Sunday 12:30 p.m.) of Bowling Green, Mo.

We would like to invite all to attend the Buddy Mass March, 17, 2013, at 2 p.m. at St Clement Parish, Bowling Green, Mo. Carry in dinner will follow at K of C Hall.

Ladys, what a blessing to have you serve the Lord by helping us serve the meals on the weekend. To serve meals, please sign up at the Buddy Mass or call John Boland 636-528-6352 or Tom Holck 217-222-2466.

Your Brother in Christ,

Joe Grote - Rector, Cursillo#293

Retreat Center Renovations

Renovations to the South Wing and the Main Chapel at the Retreat Center have been completed and all activities will resume as usual for the March weekend. The University, with input from the various retreat programs, will begin some upgrades to the North Wing (Retreat Center side) in the near future. Details are still being worked out.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Men’s Cursillo #293

Sun. March 17, 2013 at 2:00 pm
St. Clement Parish, Bowling Green, MO
Carry-in dinner at KC Hall

Women’s Cursillo #294

Sun. April 21, 2013 at 2:00 pm
St. Joseph Parish, Palmyra, Mo.
Carry-in dinner following Mass

MEN’S CURSILLO #293

March 21 (Thursday)

7:30 pm Registration
8:30 pm Sponsors Hour

March 23 (Saturday)

8:00 pm Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

March 24 (Sunday)

5:00 pm Closing and Liturgy

ULTREYAS

Tri-State Area Ultreya

Friday, March 1, 2013
Quincy University Chapel, Quincy
Begins with Special Mass at 6:30 pm
Continues in Room 204 near the Chapel

Jacksonville Area Ultreya

Saturday, March 2, 2013
Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Collinsville Area Ultreya

Saturday, March 2, 2013
Sts Peter and Paul Parish Morris Hall
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Lincoln County Ultreya

Saturday, March 2, 2013
Sacred Heart Parish, Troy, Mo.
Follows the 5 pm Mass

Montgomery County Area Ultreya

Saturday, March 9, 2013
Immaculate Conception Parish
Montgomery City, Mo.
Follows 5 pm Mass

Upcoming Cursillo Dates

April 25-28, 2013 - Tammy Foster, Rectora
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

Introducing Our New Assistant Lay Director

Ed Holthaus



It is with joy and a humble heart that I introduce myself to "The Family" as the new Assistant Lay Director of Quincy Cursillo. I know that I have big shoes to fill as David Dodd did a wonderful job. I pray that I can be as good a servant to Cindy and the Board as he was.

My name is Ed Holthaus. I am married to Linda and we have 4 wonderful children. They, along with a Loving God, have blessed us with 8 grandchildren. I am a member of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Quincy where I am an altar server and an usher.

I began my Cursillo journey on Cursillo #110 in November of 1990. I was Rector of #245 in March of 2007.

In January of 2009, I was asked to fill the remaining Board term of John Runge as he took over as Lay Director of the program. I was re-elected to the Board in 2010. As of February 1st of this year, I resigned my position on the Board to become the Assistant Lay Director.

I have greatly enjoyed my time as a Board Representative and I am sure that this new position will be just as rewarding.

Please continue to pray for our Board, they are a great group of people that really enjoy doing the work of the Lord.

De Colores,
Ed Holthaus

Thanks from David Dodd

Dear Cursillo Family.

I would like to give a heartfelt thanks to the Cursillo board, Lay Directors Cindy Stephens and John Runge and especially you, the Cursillo family, for the support and cooperation you have shown me during the past three years as Assistant Lay Director.

I feel the leadership of Cursillo is going in a positive and spiritual direction with the renovation and the much needed improvements at North Campus. I feel we have a home for as long as we want.

A special thanks to Fr. John Doctor for his support and dedication to our ministry. I would ask you to give my replacement, Ed Holthaus, your love and support as you have given me. Again, thank you and may God Bless each and every one of you.

David Dodd

Announcing Dates, Rectors/Rectoras for 2013-14

#297 - September 26-29, 2013

Jerry Zerrer

#298 - November 7-10, 2013

Jenni Obert

#299 - January 23-26, 2014

Tony Moore

#300 - February 20-23, 2014

Joan Brown

#301 - March 27-30, 2014

Dennis Boudreau

#302 - April 24-27, 2014

Marie Korte

#303 - June 26-29, 2014

Randy Lovell

#304 - July 17-20, 2014

Pat Holbrook

#305 - September 25-28, 2014

Jim Reid

#306 - November 6-9, 2014

Linda Holthaus

Cursillo #292



Front row, left to right: Lisa McDonald, Heather Davis, Fr. Michael Kuse, Jill Mason, Diane Schultz, Cindy Steinkamp. **Second row:** Pat Holbrook, Billie Huebotter, Patty Marshall, Ann Gage, Connie Vermeire, Jane Grant, Tammy Foster, Karen Meehan, Karen Crabtree. **Third row:** Linda Henricksen, Melanie Bates, Amy Stevens, Jan Zeidler, Jenn Tallcott, Kiki Seger, Jennifer Deters, Pam Frericks, Deacon Bill Gray. **Fourth row:** Jennifer Frericks, Brianna Fritts, Laura Young, Sharolyn Rice, Diane Chinn, Cindy Miles, Sarah McColez, Kim Lesko, Amy Leebold, Holly VanderBol. **Fifth row:** Janet Roach, Krista Veihl, Debbie Powell, Cris Brannan, Michelle Hombs, Nancy Jarboe, Ellen Gough, Jennifer Kim, Brittany Vermeire, Renea Henning, Christi Rothermich. **Sixth row:** Cathy Brennan, Denise, Sangoi, Katie Brannan, Chris Lawrence, Marcie Kramer, Terra Murphy, Gina Moss, Kathy Steinbrecher, Kari Weisenberger, Jennifer Klauser, Marlene Luitjohan, Colleen Koch, Deacon Jim Ghiglione.

Lay Director's Message

De Colores dear friends,

As I write this it is 4:00 am on Ash Wednesday. I've found myself reflecting on my Faith Journey thus far. I think I was born with Faith. Mom once told me I got my Faith from Dad. I have believed and trusted in God for as long as I can remember. Oh, I've been angry with God, I've doubted Him, I've tried to bargain with Him and I struggle with surrendering totally to Him.

In 1st grade I was taught the words of Faith. "God made me to know Him, love Him and to serve Him." In 2nd grade I was taught to bow my head every time I said or heard the name Jesus. I learned this well, and as a sinning, guilt-ridden Catholic I fought with myself to stop this simple sign of my personal Faith. As a shamed teenage mother and wife, divorced, and remarried, now mother of 4, I came to Cursillo during Lent.

There is not room enough in this issue of the Fourth Day to tell all that I learned on Cursillo 89, and it would take several issues to witness my life since Cursillo. But joyfully I accepted the habit I tried to break, the gift I carried with me for 30+ years, and I felt loved with each and every bow. God sent Jesus to show us the way.

John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, so that all that may believe in Him may have eternal life."

With Love, Prayers and Bows,
Cindy Stephens
Quincy Cursillo Lay Director

Comments from John Little and Cursillo #291

Dear Cursillo Family,

We are so thankful for all the prayers and Palanca offered up for Cursillo #291. We had a great group of candidates; they took off Friday morning and continued all weekend. The Holy Spirit was working throughout these past few months, during team formation, and throughout the weekend, as well.

I am always amazed at the many instances of His saving Grace during any weekend. The team of Cursillo #291 was truly a blessing, too. I want to also thank the Cursillo board for having the faith in me to lead this weekend. I am truly humbled by the experience.

Your Brother in Christ,
John Little, Rector #291
DeColores!

Volunteers Needed

Cursillo Board Secretary: Kathy Cramsey will be retiring as Secretary of Quincy Cursillo in August. The Secretary takes the minutes for both the Monthly Board Meeting and Executive Session and any other meetings that may be held. Some experience in Microsoft Word and Excel needed. Attendance at Cursillo Meetings is required.

Candidate Application Coordinators: In the past a husband & wife team has done this but 2 or 3 committed Cursillistas will also work. Some experience in Microsoft Excel is required. Application Coordinators process Candidate Applications and answer any correspondence, assign rooms, make name tags, collect deposits and payments for the Weekend. Attendance at Cursillo check-in on Thursday, generally from 7 pm until 9 pm, is required.

Please contact Cindy Stephens at 217-224-7760 if interested in serving in either of these positions.

Valentine's Gala Thank You

Thanks to everyone that came to our Valentine's Gala and supported us and participated in any way. We are still calculating our expenses and will have a full update in next months newsletter of our fundraising results and acknowledgement of all of our wonderful sponsors.

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Next Board Meeting
March 14, 2013 at 7 p.m.
Retreat Center Conference Room

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Discovering and Celebrating

"Inch worm, inch worm, measuring the Marigold, you and your arithmetic will probably go far. "Inch worm, inch worm, measuring the Marigold, seems to me you'd stop and see how beautiful they are." David and I were surprised to find this old song on a new album by Paul McCartney recently. This was the same Beatles singer who sang "I want to hold your hand" and "All you need is love". There are a couple new love songs on the album he wrote - one, a valentine to his wife but mostly they are old classics. I'd find myself humming this little ditty about the inch worm as I went for a walk or did the dishes, one because it was easy to remember the words and secondly because it was short but had a deeper meaning to me.

I connected with that little worm counting the inches, around and around, into the detail, seeing the minute but oft times overlooking the bigger picture, doing the good work but forgetting to stop and listen to the message. Paul McCartney's musical career and maturity have grown and changed in the years since he started back in Liverpool, England, just as my spiritual journey has taken me to different places and stretched me in challenging ways since I made my Cursillo.

On first going to Cursillo I began with me and how knowing God loved me for being me, changed me. I needed to fill an empty spot that only He could fill. Once that hole began to fill up with His love, it began to spill over to others. I began to share my gifts, became more open to His whispers, started on my journey of Piety, Study and Action. It is always a challenge to keep that tripod balanced, but it is a joy also, knowing I am not alone in this adventure.

This little song reminds me that it is good to be a Martha, toiling for our Lord, sharing my gifts with His people but it is also good to be a Mary, seeing the beauty in the moment, in the world around me, in the people who grace my day and life, and just soaking up His love like the flowers of the field soak up the sunshine. Well, this little "inch worm" is going to do some ironing or maybe go for a walk and hum a little tune!

Love and hugs, 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.

If you would like to contribute to the Gift of Cursillo fund, please send a check made payable to Quincy Cursillo to P.O. Box 3153, Quincy, IL 62305-3153. Indicate on a note or on the check that you want to contribute to the Gift of Cursillo fund.

Ireland Trip with Fr. Stack

Father John Stack is planning a trip to Ireland in August 2013, to celebrate his Silver Jubilee Anniversary. He invites all Cursillistas to join him. He can be reached at 563-242-7730 or stackj@diiodav.org