



Cursillo #289: September 27-30, 2012

Rector: BJ Menne

Theme: "We Have Seen His Majesty"

Dear Cursillo Family,

Thank you for your prayers, palanca, sacrifice, and the joy that you have brought me over and over again. Serving as rector has truly been a "Mountain Top" experience for me. Peter tells us in his second epistle, "These are not cleverly devised myths that we have made known to you, We have been eyewitness to His majesty."

He was talking about the transfiguration on the mountain. Jesus pulled Peter, James and John aside to reveal himself to them. I believe that He still does this every day for us, letting us see His majesty. Being creatures of habit though we go through life almost automatically and respond to the daily calls with automatic responses. If we could put ourselves into manual mode we could often respond differently to what might otherwise be a moment of anger, bitterness, or resentment. When we do this we become transfigured Christians. And others see His majesty in us and we in them. We have to awaken ourselves to this and become "Alive Again."

That is why I chose Matt Maher's song "Alive Again" for my theme song. This is what Cursillo does for us. It wakes us up, makes us feel alive again. And group reunions remind us daily to be watchful for God's majesty in our lives. I hope we can inspire a large group of men to want that in their lives on Cursillo 289. So please send us your men!

We have a wonderful team in place, full of joy, passion, and energy for the Lord.

Spiritual Director: Fr. John Stack, Clinton, IA (Sacraments, Saturday 10 am); **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Fr Mike Quinn (Grace, Friday 11:15 am); Deacon Bill Blankenship, Hannibal, MO (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid, Friday 3:30 pm); Fr Jim Wheeler, Springfield, IL (Obstacles to Grace, Saturday 4:15 pm); Deacon Tony Trautman, O'Fallon, MO (Christian Life, Sunday 10:00 am).

Assistant Rectors: Scott Gough, Shelbina, MO (Study, Saturday 9:00 am); Jeff Mayfield (Action, Saturday 3 pm) and Jim Aschemann (CCIA, Sunday 11:30 am) both of Quincy.

Rollistas: Denny Schumacher, Jacksonville, IL (Ideals, Friday 10:00 am); Robin Coggeshall, Camp Point, IL (Environment, Sunday 9:00 am); Ramon Hernandez, Rushville, IL (Leaders, Saturday 7:00 pm); Bob Hoff, Lebanon, IL (Piety, Friday 7:00 pm); Delbert Hayes, Hannibal, MO (Laity, Friday 1:30 pm).

Auxiliaries: Darin Huntley, Nathan Koettters and Andy Deters all of Quincy; Carl Broyles, Troy, MO; Herb Schnitker and Bob Cope, both of Middletown, MO; Rod Konieczny, Bowling Green, MO; Terry Riffel and Vernon Rakers, Highland, IL.

Service Team: Tom Deters and Brent Frericks, both of Quincy; Stan Pollman and Ron Schieffer both of Troy, MO; and Rob Casagrande, St Peters, MO.

Sacristan: Jay Grawe, Quincy. **Food Service:** Jon Davis, St Joseph, MO; Marvin Meservey, Mount Sterling, IL. **Musicians:** Tom Becker, Martinsburg, MO and Adam Blaue, Wellsville, MO.

Board Rep: Dennis Holbrook Quincy. **Observing Rector:** John Little, Jacksonville, IL. **Rector:** BJ Menne (Group Reunion/Ultreya, Sunday 12:25pm) and Janey Menne (A Woman Speaks her Mind, Sunday 3:00 pm) of Troy, MO.

Please join us at the Buddy Mass on Sept 23rd at 2 pm at St. Joseph Church in Martinsburg, Mo. with dinner to follow at the KC Hall. The team will provide the meat for the carry-in and we ask you to bring side dishes to complete the menu. Please remember that you are also invited to share in our Sponsor Hour on Thursday night.

To sign up to serve meals, call Marvin Meservey at 217-773-3294 or email: mlmeservey@gmail.com or Jon Davis at 636-358-0792.

Love in Christ

BJ Menne, Rector, Cursillo 289

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Men's Cursillo #289

Sun. September 23 at 2:00 pm
St. Joseph Church, Martinsburg, Mo.
Carry-in dinner at KC Hall

Women's Cursillo #290

Sat. October 27 at 6:00 pm
All Saints Church, White Hall, Ill.
Carry-in dinner following Mass

MEN'S CURSILLO #289

September 27 (Thursday)

7:30 pm Registration

8:30 pm Sponsors Hour

September 29 (Saturday)

8:00 pm Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

September 30 (Sunday)

5:00 pm Closing and Liturgy

ULTREYAS

Shelbina Area Ultreya

Saturday, September 22, 2012
Fr. Buhman Center after 5:00 pm Mass
Carry-in meal

Tri-State Area Ultreya

Friday, November 9, 2012
Quincy University Chapel, Quincy, IL
Begins with Special Mass at 6:30
Continues in Room 204 Near the Chapel

Jacksonville Area Ultreya

Saturday, November 10, 2012
Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Collinsville Area Ultreya

Saturday, November 10, 2012
Sts Peter and Paul Parish Morris Hall
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Montgomery County Ultreya

Friday, November 16, 2012 - Location TBA

Upcoming Cursillo Dates

November 1-4, 2012 - Sharon Sitton, Rectora
January 24-27, 2013 - John Little, Rector
February 21-24, 2013 - Jill Mason, Rectora
March 21-24, 2013 - Joe Grote, Rector
April 25-28, 2013 - Tammy Foster, Rectora
June 27-30, 2013 - Dennis Hoyt, Rector
July 11-14, 2013 - Christine Duvall, Rectora

Fourth Day Renewal

Nov. 30 - Dec. 1, 2012
Joe & Connie Vermeire, Lay Directors

Meet Our New Board Members

Jeff Liesen



Hello, my name is Jeff Liesen. I am married to Kathy for 39 years and counting. We have been blessed with 3 children. Craig and his wife Kris; Ann and their two daughters. Chad and his wife Lisa and their new baby girl. And our daughter Kristin.

I am retired, which enables to be able to help at our parish Blessed Sacrament. Some of the ways that I serve our parish is serving at funerals, Eucharistic Minister, and help teach about

our religion with the special needs persons of our community. I made my first Cursillo in 1985 #80. I was rector of #183 in 2001. I served previously on the Cursillo Board from 2001-2004. I am humbled to be elected to this board. I thank you for your trust. I hope to serve in His name. We are the Cursillo family. I have been blessed with the Cursillo movement it has enriched my relationship with our Father. I look forward to serving you the next 3 years.

(Note: Kathy Schwartz is the 3rd newly elected board member and her photo and bio, along with Fr. John Doctor, our new Spiritual Director, will be in the October newsletter.)

Dennis Steinkamp



Hello, my name is Dennis Steinkamp. I live in Quincy, IL with my wife Marcia. We have four children and six grandchildren with the seventh to arrive in September.

I am retired from the State of Illinois Department of Human Services, where I worked for 20 years. I'm an active member of St Francis Solanus Parish, where I am a reader, communion minister, sacristan, and other duties too numerous to mention.

My first Cursillo was #57 in March of 1982. Marcia went on hers the following month, and we both have been very blessed by our involvement in Group Reunion ever since. I was extremely humbled to serve as Rector on Cursillo 207 in June 2003.

I thank you for this opportunity to serve the cursillo family as a Board member, and pray, with the Grace of God, to do the best job I can. Thank you for your trust and support.

*“Upon the palms of my hands
I have written your name”*

Isaiah 49:16, Scripture for #288

Cursillo #288



Front row, left to right: Mary Monett, Jeanne Fuchs Olubogun, Kristin Soebbing, Judy Oberman, Teresa Hays, Carrie Smith, Connie Kendrick, Sharon Phillips, Debbie Platt. **Second row:** Joan Hays, Elizabeth Foster, Kathi Moore, Jolinn Neisen, Paula Gough, Donna Campbell, Fr. Louis Dorn, Therese Long, Cathleen Koch, Sue Sculley, Carol Henrichs, Dianne Twyford, Pam Arnold, Lucia Arnold. **Third row:** Peggy Bibb, Heather Friday, Alice Schwartz, Jane Vollrath, Audrey Gough, Alice Weeks, Mary Stoneberger, Marilyn Eikel, Karen Janssen, Theresa Fosentreter, Mary Ann Lutostanski, JoAnn Foppe, Milly Rash, Ronda Frese, Susan Davison, Pat Long, Rita Frese. **Fourth row:** Kathy Jamboretz, Sharon Zehnle, Alice Mayes, Pat Troesser, Sharon Welschmeyer, Dana Sullivan, Mary Ann Viorel, Marge Gander, Gwen Allen, Ceil Kloss, Carolyn Waterkotte, Leatha Neisen, Susanne Butler, Dee Kapilla, Giny Baker. **Fifth row:** Celie Long, Maureen Tomko, Katie Ippensen, Stephanie McClelland, Irma Korte, Mary Marchal, Pat Korte, Deacon Mike Long.

Changes in Candidate Application Procedures

Candidate applications along with accompanying sponsor forms need to now be mailed to the Quincy Cursillo general post office box: P.O. Box 3153, Quincy, IL 62305-3153.

All inquiries regarding candidate applications are to be handled by email using: quincycursillonfp@gmail.com.

All of this information is on the revised Sponsor Form dated 6-22-12 available on the Quincy Cursillo website: www.quincycursillo.com.

When the application is received a confirmation email will be sent to the sponsor so be sure and include a sponsor email address on the sponsor form where indicated. If a sponsor needs to notify the committee that a candidate cannot attend a scheduled weekend or if there are other questions, use the email mentioned above.

Board Member Election Results

New board members elected to serve a three-year term are Kathy Schwartz, Dennis Steinkamp and Jeff Liesen. These new board members took their seats at the August Board meeting. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their journey of serving you by serving on the Board.

Thanks also to all of the candidates who said "yes" to submitting their names for board member.

A big thank you to those board members going off the board - Donna Vogel, Jim Cramsey and Matt Harmon. It takes a great deal of time to serve on the Cursillo Board and we all owe them our gratitude for serving these past three years.

And as we complete this year's election, we start looking at the 2013 election. Please review below the policy for the Cursillo Community to nominate a candidate for the Cursillo Board for the 2013 election.

Cursillo Board Nominations for 2013

The Cursillo Community is invited to submit names of qualified past Rectors & Rectoras for nomination as candidates for the Cursillo Board in the 2013 election. A letter of nomination signed by both the Nominator and the Nominee should be sent to the Cursillo Lay Director (Cindy Stephens, 2130 Brookmead Dr., Quincy, IL 62301) by October 1, 2012.

The following characteristics should be considered when nominating:

Qualifications as per the Quincy Cursillo By-Laws:

A candidate for Board Member must be...

1. a practicing Catholic
2. a past Rector / Rectora
3. active in a group reunion
4. a non-Board Member (unless that member is serving a partial term).
5. willing to uphold the by-laws.

Characteristics for "Ideal" Board Member Candidates:

Availability:

- A past Rector/a before the September prior to the election
- Supportive spouse (if married)
- Available for the many Cursillo activities
- Available to attend Board meetings

Christian Characteristics:

- Prayerful, compassionate & caring
- Open to being led by the Holy Spirit
- Open to non-Catholic participation

People Skills:

- Diplomatic, positive approach
- Able to deal with confrontation

Communication Skills:

- Listening skills
- Capable of articulating the mission of Cursillo
- Able to use or willing to learn email for communications with Board

Administrative Skills:

- Will not let emotions rule meetings or decisions of the Board
- Open minded

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES

Next Board Meeting
September 20, 2012 at 7 p.m.
Retreat Center Conference Room

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Retreat Center Renovations

Renovations have begun on the Retreat Center South Wing (Seminary Road side). There will be no access through the South Entrance doors during upcoming weekends. Please watch for direction signs throughout this renovation period.

The Board invites your feedback for ideas of what you would like to see included in renovations on the North Wing. Contact Ed Holthaus: elholthaus@adams.net

Thank You from Cursillo #288 - Therese Long

My dear Cursillo family,

Each one of you has truly been a blessing for the team and candidates of Cursillo #288. Thank you with a grateful heart for all of your prayers and palanca offered for this past Cursillo weekend. God called each one of these candidates, and thanks to your sacrifices of prayer and palanca, they answered His call.

I also want to humbly thank the Cursillo Board for entrusting me with the process of leading Cursillo #288. I was aware from the beginning that this could not be done without the power of prayer and sacrifice, nor could I do it alone. Throughout the entire process we felt the presence of Jesus Christ as we were lifted up in prayer by our fellow Cursillistas. I can just hear our Heavenly Father saying, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

Thank you for being a part of a beautiful weekend and guiding us to walk in truth with Our Lord.

With a humble and grateful heart,
Therese Long

Thank You From Cursillo #287 - Dick Mitchell, Jr.

Dear Cursillo Family,

Thank you from the men of Cursillo #287 and me for all the prayers and palanca offered up for us! We felt the prayers and palanca, and we were truly blessed with an awesome team. The Holy Spirit was definitely with us from beginning to end, with the result being 34 wonderful new Cursillistas. It was an amazing weekend and an experience that I will always treasure.

I appreciate the support of so many people who helped make our weekend a success... those who prayed for us in the Palanca Chapel (especially those who took over my late night spots), people who ran Sponsor's Hour in my absence, the meal servers, clowns, actors in the Stations of the Cross, the Holy Fools, the priests who heard confessions, the applications committee, the board, and all who came to Candlelight and our closing.

I'd like to give a special thanks to my wife, Vicky, for all the hours she spent being my underpaid secretary and helping out in many ways on the weekend. Of course, none of this would have been possible without my awesome team, who went above and beyond in their various duties on the weekend. I know there were also a lot of people on vacation who prayed for us from afar. I couldn't feel more blessed.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the love, support, and prayers. May the Lord's love be with you all. Don't forget to answer that door when Jesus comes knocking!

Dick Mitchell Jr. Rector #287