

The FOURTH DAY



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Cursillo #333: March 22–25, 2018

Rector: Tom Becker

Theme: “Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love.”

Dear Cursillo Family:

This has been an amazing journey thus far. With each team meeting we see more and more of God’s hand in this movement. I have been blessed with a very strong and supportive group of men. Their help has made my job much easier.

Our scripture verse for the weekend is 1 John 3:18 ‘Let us not love in word and speech but in deed and truth.’ Our theme song is “Christ be Our Light” We all remember St. Teresa of Calcutta as doing great things during her life. I like to think of the pictures of her feeding a child, holding a newborn baby, comforting the dying, simply being Jesus to whoever was in front of her at the time. It is my hope we can show Christ’s love through our lives and actions.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce Cursillo team #333.

Spiritual Director: Fr. John Stack, Clinton, Iowa (Sacraments, Saturday 10 a.m.);

Assistant Spiritual Directors: Fr. Mike Quinn Hannibal, Mo. (Holy Spirit Divine Aid, Friday 3:30 p.m.); Deacon John Wagner, Davenport, Iowa (Grace, Friday 11:15 a.m.); Deacon Troy Egbert, Hannibal, Mo. (Obstacles to Grace, Saturday 4:15 a.m.); Deacon Ron Deimeke, Martinsburg, Mo. (Christian Life, Sunday 10 a.m.)

Assistant Rectors: Bob Hoff, Lebanon, Ill. (Laity, Friday 1:30 p.m.) Tim Serbin, Palmyra, Mo. (Study, Saturday 9 a.m.) Dennis Schumacher, Jacksonville, Ill. (CCIA, Sunday 11 a.m.)

Rollistas: Jeffrey Burditt, New London, Mo. (Ideal, Friday 10 a.m.); Andy Deters, Quincy (Piety, Friday 6:45 p.m.); Ramon Hernandez, Rushville, Ill. (Action, Saturday 3 p.m.) Tyler May, Macon, Mo. (Leaders, Saturday 7 p.m.); Bob Cope, Martinsburg, Mo. (Environment, Sunday 9 a.m.)

Auxiliaries: Ed Bergschneider, Franklin, Ill.; Beaux Cole, Jacksonville, Ill.; Michael Compton, O’Fallon, Mo.; Chad Freie, Middletown, Mo.; Michael Gramel-spacher, Carrollton, Ill.; Kevin Kestler, Martinsburg, Mo.; Mark Reid, Palmyra, Mo.; Dustin Schafer, Clarence, Mo.; George Whaley, Highland, Ill.

Service Team: Rob Casagrande, St. Peters, Mo.; John Peterson, Alexander, Ill.; Matt Heldt, Mt. Sterling Ill.; Regan Joehl, Greenfield Ill.; Richard Schafer, Martinsburg, Mo.

Food Service: Derek Burns, Highland, Ill.; Jon Davis, Troy, Mo.; Scott Gough, Shelby, Mo.

Sacristan: Bob Rucker, Eolia, Mo.; **Musicians:** BJ Menne, Troy, Mo. and Adam Blaue, Wellsville, Mo.; **Observing Rector:** Andrew Veile, Quincy; **Board Rep:** Tim Gilbert, Hannibal, Mo.; **Rector:** Tom Becker, Laddonia, Mo. (Group Reunion and Ultreya, Sunday 12:00 p.m.) and Delana Becker, Laddonia, Mo. (A Woman’s Perspective, Sunday 1:00 p.m.).

Please join us March 18, in Martinsburg, Mo. for our Buddy Mass, 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church. A carry-in dinner will immediately follow at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Fried chicken (of course), drinks, silverware, and paper products will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to complete the meal.

Please consider helping by serving meals during the weekend. You can sign up at the Buddy Mass or by calling: Derek Burns (573-480-0844), Jon Davis (636-358-0792), or Scott Gough (573-231-5828).

We have been truly blessed by all the prayer and palanca. Please consider sponsoring a candidate and signing up for an hour in the Palanca Chapel prior to the weekend either at the Buddy Mass, online at www.quincycursillo.com, or by contacting Bob Gough at bobgough1966@yahoo.com or 217-577-8044.

May God bless each of you with His love & peace,

Tom Becker

Rector, Cursillo #333

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Men’s Cursillo #333

Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 2 pm
St. Joseph Parish, Martinsburg, Mo.
Carry-in dinner following Mass

Women’s Cursillo #334

April 15, 2018 at 2 pm
Blessed Sacrament Church, Quincy, Ill.
Carry in dinner following Mass

ULTREYAS

Tri-State Area Ultreya

Friday, March 2, 2018
Quincy University Chapel, Quincy
Begins with Mass at 6:30 pm

Collinsville Area Ultreya

Saturday, March 3, 2018
Sts Peter and Paul Parish Morris Hall
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Jacksonville Area Ultreya

Saturday, March 3, 2018
Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Shelby County Ultreya

Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 6 pm
Fr. Buhman Center, Shelby, Mo.

Martinsburg Area Ultreya

Saturday, March 10, 2018
St. Joseph Parish, Martinsburg, Mo.
Follows 5:30 pm Mass

Highland Area Ultreya

Saturday, March 10, 2018
St. Paul Parish Cafeteria
Follows 5 pm Mass

Fairfield, Iowa Ultreya

Sunday, March 18, 2018
St. Mary Parish Hall
Potluck and Program after 10 a.m. Mass

FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

March 9-10, 2018

Director: Donna Campbell
Register online at: quincycursillo.com

Upcoming Cursillo Dates

April 19-22, 2018 - Laurie Brink

June 21-24, 2018 - Andy Veile

July 12-15, 2018 - Connie Hoyt

September 20-23, 2018 - Paddy Keller

November 1-4, 2018 - Karen Biggs

Message from the Lay Director

To the Cursillo Family,
Greetings,

All of us have been on a trip or a journey multiple times over the course of these past years. Some short some long. The preparation is different for each one depending on the length. The anticipation is also different. The short ones not so much the longer the more heighten our anticipation. Let's take a couple of trips.

First, into space. When we begin all of our senses are on high alert. We can't wait to use our eyes to view the vast expanse of space. So much of God's creation is before us. The stars, the planets, the galaxies, the astroids and the grandeur of it all. The feeling of weightlessness, something we have never experienced except when we jump from a swing at its pinnacle (short trip down). It would have to be awesome. The likes we have never experience before.

Next trip. This is the difficult one. The interior. The one where we delve into our selves. We go to a very quiet place. No sound at all. No phones, TV, radio, earplugs, headsets or the like. Just yourself. Just your thoughts. Slowly drift deeper into yourself, leaving work, family, friends, even enemies behind. Continue to go deeper taking only your self as you go. What is it that you see? Who is it you see? This is the longest journey of all. The toughest. The important point to remember is this is where you are closest to God. The better you can see who you truly are the more you will know why God loves you so much. His love is surrounding you this very moment.

With Love in Christ Jesus,
Mike Baker, Lay Director

Thank You From Cursillo #331

Thank you Cursillo community for all your prayers, palanca and service. It was amazing to get a glimpse of all the sacrifices made by the team and you, the community.

Many from #331 came in apprehensive but as it said in our theme song "I will lift you from all your fear." It is absolutely amazing how a group of ordinary men came together and formed an extraordinary Christian Community. The Holy Spirit nurtured and guided us to "claim you as our choice." The 49 candidates were called by name, followed the cross, and felt His loving embrace. They have put their problems in God's hands and He has put His peace in their hearts.

Thank you #331 again for all the laughter, tears, and joy.
Your friend in Christ,
Larry Frese, Rector of #331

Retreat Center Updates

We would like to express our sincere thanks to our Building and Maintenance crew that have been working on numerous projects to spruce up the Retreat Center. Here are just some of the projects they have been working on:

- New A/C units and mini blinds in rooms
- New roof over entryway
- New entry doors installed, thanks to QU
- New to us larger refrigerator in the kitchen with the smaller refrigerator moved to the snack room
- General rearrangement of the kitchen including additional electrical receptacles
- Repaired doors on the fourth floor
- Touch up painting in conference room & cafeteria

Cursillo #332



Front row, left to right: Kate Brammer, Janice Schuckman, Genny Gramke, Laurie Assell, Fr. John Doctor, Dianne Deters, Henrietta Hughes, Amy Hoerr, Connie Vermeire. **Second row:** Sue Holbrook, Chris Wiemelt, Mary Koch, Susan Chambers, Laurie Brink, Ann Gage, Deacon Scott Keen. **Third row:** Kaitlin Schuckman, Linda Rull, Nancy Dolan, Rosanna Voss, Tasha Neisen, Heather Martens, Lindsey Frese, Jennifer Frericks, Sharon Welschmeyer, Becky Esselman, Jenni Obert. **Fourth row:** Angel Boswell, Megan Longmeyer, Katrina Casper, Sara Fisher, Lisa Sutterfield, Emily Goodapple, Cheryl Bowling, Kathie Korte, Veronica Demmel, Mary Kussman, Dianne Kunce, Gen Jeffus, Laura Greenwell. **Fifth row:** Tracy Arrowsmith, Gina Bergman, Dana Carter, Chris Miller, Susie Woodward, Kristen Goings, Deb Keeven, Brooke Mehrle, Kathryn Untiedt, Theresa Humke, Chris Dimmitt, Joan Kroeter, Carol Vogel, Kate Kohlbrecher. **Sixth row:** Donna Long, Lynn Rakers, Leslie Pollman, Jamie Friye, Lori Catalpa, Nancy McWilliams, Rachel Coggeshall, Cindy Paul, Nancy Venegoni, Julie Konrad, Jessica McClintock, Leah Ley, Ashley DeSelm, Julie Wade, Susan Fohey.

Palanca Chapel Online Sign-up

We are now providing the option for online sign-up for the Palanca Chapel. A link is provided on the home page of the Cursillo website: quincycursillo.com

The regular sign-up chart will still be available at the Buddy Mass and Sponsor's Hour for those that do not have access to the Internet. Or you can call Bob Gough to have your name added. His contact information is located on page 3 of this newsletter.

Discovering and Celebrating

by Terri May

Isabel met a troublesome doctor,
He punched and he poked till he really shocked her.
The doctor's talk was of coughs and chills
And the doctor's satchel bulged with pills.
The doctor said unto Isabel,
Swallow this, it will make you well.
Isabel, Isabel, didn't worry,
Isabel didn't scream or scurry.
She took those pills from the pill concoctor,
And Isabel calmly cured the doctor.

From the poem Adventures of Isabel by Ogden Nash

I have nothing against doctors but having had a double ear infection that is hanging on with various doses of antibiotics, sometimes a body loses patience and just wants to be done with it. But what I admire in Isabel is how she didn't get upset but "calmly" reacted to the situation. I won't go through all of her adventures but let's just say she was quite experienced with adversity. She has inspired me and I think that my word for this year is "Patience" for what life throws at me, but mostly patience with myself.

I was walking with a friend at one of my Parkinson exercise classes and explaining how my once easy task of shoveling snow now has turned into a stop, start and try not to fall in a snow drift kind of exercise since I have what is called "freezing of gait." Basically, when I stop or turn or go through doorways, on elevators or through small spaces, my mind says, "Whoa, Baby, you don't want to do that - Freeze!" It is like the freeze tag game we played as kids. Trouble is I have a problem "getin' going" again once I've stopped and it can be hazardous if my feet stop and my head keeps going. I can walk two miles around our neighborhood as quick as a fox - just don't stop me!! Anyway, He surprised me when he said that I must be pretty patient.

Sometimes I am but a lot of times I am cussing myself out under my breath or out loud. That can cause a lot of inner angst. So I have decided that I have to be kinder to myself. Henri Nouwen has an interesting take on Patience. He says, "Patience is not waiting passively until someone else does something. Patience asks us to live the moment to the fullest, to be completely present to the moment, to taste the here and now. When we are impatient we try to get away from where we are. We behave as if the real thing will happen tomorrow, later and somewhere else. Let's be patient and trust that the treasure we look for is hidden in the ground on which we stand."

If I am constantly expecting myself to be perfect, I will never be happy or be happy with others who aren't perfect also, and the moment I am in will be lost with its beauty or fun or meaningful exchange. In our Bible Study we are reading the book by Mathew Kelly, Perfectly Yourself. He points out that "We must never allow our spirit to be stifled by failure. Failure is a part of progress, not a final outcome." There is a lot more in the book but this made me realize that I have to be patient with myself, to keep trying whether trying means literally not falling or whether it means finding out how I can share my uniqueness with others. Patience came up in a devotional reading from The Word Among Us. "Ponder what strengths He has given you and how He might use them. And laugh a little when you realize that like James and John, you still need some refining. Don't worry - the same God who worked patiently with the Sons of Thunder (James and John) will work in you."

Isabel looked at what was happening in her life and took hold of it, albeit in a fantastical way but, hey, you have to admire her gutsiness. I have a feeling if she were real she would enjoy every moment of her day, and if she failed at something she would give herself a pep talk and get right back up. I also imagine she would have a father just like our God who loves us and patiently helps us through our day with plenty of pep talks and encouragement and patience.

"Terri, Terri didn't worry

Terri didn't scream or scurry.

She stopped and started and possible froze but after awhile,

with patience and faith she'd say "I can and I will" still continue..... With a smile!"

Happy day and much love, Terri May

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March 15, 2018 at 7 p.m.
Retreat Center Conference Room

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Fourth Day Renewal

When: March 9-10, 2018
Time: 7 pm Fri. to 7 pm Sat.
Where: Retreat Center-Quincy
Cost: \$45
Director: Donna Campbell

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 couples.

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

If you have questions about the Fourth Day Renewal, call Steering Committee Katie Korte 573-324-3611.

Candidate Applications Deadline

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.

"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. 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.

Change of Information for Team Applications

We often have difficulty with team applications not having current information. When we try to contact you to serve on teams, we are not able to reach you. If you have changed your name due to marriage/divorce, phone number, address or email in recent years, please contact our team application database coordinators Dennis & Connie Hoyt at 217-224-2322 or email choyt@comcast.net.

If you no longer wish to serve on a Cursillo team due to health, moved out of the area or just personal reasons, please contact the coordinators Dennis & Connie Hoyt to have your application inactivated.

You may also just complete a new team application if you want to be sure your information is up-to-date. Applications are available on the Cursillo website: quincycursillo.com.