



Cursillo #346: November 7-10, 2019

Rectora: Mary Koch

Theme: Rejoice O Hearts That Seek the Lord!

Dear Cursillo Family,

What a tremendous honor and blessing it is to serve alongside the amazing team God has chosen for Cursillo #346. We definitely are feeling the love your prayers and palanca are providing and request that you keep those coming for us and for the candidates God has called and will call yet to this very special weekend. We could use your help in sponsoring a candidate (or more!). Consider also signing up for an hour in the Palanca Chapel. You can sign up online at www.quincycursillo.com, by contacting Bob Gough at bobgough1966@yahoo.com or by calling 217-577-8044. You can also sign the chart at our Buddy Mass on October 27, 2 pm, at Holy Family Church, 401 W. North St., Mt. Sterling, IL. We would love for you to join us there as we are anointed and commissioned for the weekend. A carry-in dinner will immediately follow at the K of C Hall, W Quincy Rd (Hwy 24), a block from the church. Meat, drinks and tableware will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.

The theme for the weekend is "Rejoice O Hearts that Seek the Lord", and He promises in Jeremiah 29:13, "When you look for Me, you will find Me. Yes, if you seek Me with all your heart." Our theme song is "Seek Ye First". We all look forward to a weekend without worldly distractions to do just that!

It pleases me to introduce the team of Cursillo #346.

Spiritual Director: Fr. Steve Thompson, Mt. Sterling, IL (Sacraments, Saturday 10 am); **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Sr. Loyola Miller, Springfield, IL (Grace, Friday, 11:15 am); Fr. James Wheeler, Quincy (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid, Friday 3 pm); Deacon Mike Ellerman, Quincy (Obstacles to a Life of Grace, Saturday 4:15 pm); Deacon Terry Ellerman, Quincy (Christian Life, Sunday 11 am).

Assistant Rectoras: Amy Dietrich, Jacksonville, IL (Laity in the Church, Friday 1:30 pm), Sherri Deimeke, Martinsburg, MO (Leaders, Saturday 7 pm), Hannah Heldt, Mt. Sterling, IL (Environment, Sunday 9 am).

Rollistas: Brenda McKinley, Waverly, IL (Ideal, Friday 10 am); Kim Gronewold, Clayton, IL (Piety, 6:45 pm); Karen McCrory, Clarksville, MO (Study, Saturday 9 am); Jane Tracy (Action, Saturday 3 pm); Carrie Cole, Jacksonville, IL (CCIA, Sunday 11 am).

Auxillaries: Amy Johnson and Susie Woodward, both of Mt. Sterling, IL; Sarah Zanger-Venvertloh, Kari Weisenberger, and Megan Brown, all of Quincy; Dawn Peters, La Prairie, IL; Patty Kallal, Jerseyville, IL; Shannon McGee, Payson, IL; Jan Caldwell, Frankford, MO.

Service Team: Jenni Obert, Ann O'Sullivan and Jennifer Koch, all of Mt. Sterling, IL; Becky Esselman, Liberty, IL; Brenda Berry, Monroe City, MO. **Food Service Team:** Kelly Koettters, Wentzville, MO; Mary Peterson, Alexander, IL; Tina Schmeling, Martinsburg, MO.

Sacristan: Carolyn White, St. Peters, MO; **Musicians:** Mary Jane Davis and Janey Menne, both of Troy, MO; **Observing Rector:** Doris Reid, Greenfield, IL; **Board Rep:** Marie Korte, Bowling Green, MO; **Rectora:** Mary Koch (Group Reunion and Ultreya, Sunday noon) Mt. Sterling, IL.

Kelly, Mary and Tina welcome those men who do not have a candidate, spouse, sibling or other close relative on the weekend to help serve meals.

Also, we invite ALL to join the Cursillo family at Mass on Saturday at 8 pm and the Closing Mass on Sunday at 4 pm.

We are excited for the weekend. We feel immensely blessed!

Mary Koch, Rectora of Cursillo #346.

WOMEN'S CURSILLO #346

Thursday November 7: Registration 7:30-8:30 pm

Saturday November 9: Mass 8:00 pm

Sunday November 10: Closing and Mass 4:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Women's Cursillo #346

October 27, 2019 at 2 pm

Holy Family Parish, Mt. Sterling, IL

Carry-in dinner following Mass

ULTREYAS

Tri-State Area Ultreya

Friday, November 15, 2019

Quincy University Chapel, Quincy

Begins with Mass at 6:30 pm

Hannibal Area Ultreya

Saturday, November 16, 2019

Holy Family Parish, Hannibal, Mo.

Follows 5:30 pm Mass

Jacksonville Area Ultreya

Saturday, November 16, 2019

Our Saviour Parish, Upper Room

Follows 4:30 pm Mass

Collinsville Area Ultreya

Saturday, November 16, 2019

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Morris Hall

Follow the 4:30 pm Mass

Martinsburg Area Ultreya

Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 6 pm

Martinsburg Community Room

Bring a dish to share. Meat/drinks provided.

Shelby County Ultreya

Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 6 pm

Fr. Buhman Center, Shelbina, Mo.

Carry-in dinner and Ultreya

Southeast Iowa Ultreya

Saturday, November 17, 2019

St. Mary Parish, Fairfield, Iowa

After 10 am Mass

Carry in meal Parish Hall

FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

December 6-7, 2019

Director: Gary Mast

For more information and to

Register online go to quincycursillo.com

UPCOMING CURSILLO DATES

January 23-26, 2020 - Doug Baker

February 20-23, 2020 - Doris Reid

March 26-29, 2020 - Damian McDonald

April 23-26, 2020 - Teresa Bennett

June 4-7, 2020 - Dave Ferrill

July 9-12, 2020 - Beth Shade

September 17-20, 2020 - Dan Brink

November 5-8, 2020 - Linda Keller

Fourth Day Renewal

When: December 6-7, 2019
Time: 7 pm Friday to 7 pm Saturday
Where: Franciscan Retreat Center-Quincy
Cost: \$50
Director: Gary Mast

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 Vernon Korte 573-470-3611.

Fee Increase

The fee to attend a Cursillo is increasing from \$150 to \$165 effective January 1, 2020. We have not had an increase in fees in many, many years. Quincy University, from who we rent the facilities, has been very good to us in that respect. But due to their increased costs, they have no other option than to pass those costs on to the programs held at the Retreat Center.

Candidate applications that are postmarked by Dec. 31, 2019 will still pay the \$150 fee. Applications postmarked after that date will need to pay the \$165 fee. Team members that have committed to the January and February teams will also pay the \$150 fee if they turn in their payment by Dec. 31.

2nd Annual Bonfire and Hog Dog Roast

Come join your fellow Cursillistas for a fun night of fellowship at the 2nd Annual Bonfire and Hot Dog Roast. It will be held at the Retreat Center on Saturday, Oct. 5, starting at 5 pm. The Bonfire is provided - bring all of your own food & drinks (alcoholic or non) and lawn chairs. Children are welcome.

Thank You From Cursillo #345

Dear Cursillo Family,

On behalf of the team and candidates of Cursillo #345, I would like to extend a sincere thank you for all your prayers and palanca. They were certainly felt, as the weekend was a resounding success! Thank you for all the work behind the scenes, both before and during the weekend. Everyone was willing and eager to offer any help they could, often before we even realized the need.

We were blessed with an extraordinary team that worked tirelessly. Our meetings went very well and by Thursday night the team was prepared and eager to share the message of Christ's love. So often I heard "Can't you just feel the Spirit working here?"

Our theme was "Make me a channel of Your peace." 29 candidates as well as the team definitely felt the peace of Christ this weekend. There was time for laughter and tears, reflection and whimsy.

As the days get shorter and cooler, remember Christ's love will light your way and keep you warm.

May the Peace of Christ be with you!

Steve Carr, Rector Cursillo 345

Cursillo #345

"And the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus"

Philippians 4:7



Front row, left to right: Derek Burns, Paddy Keller, Beaux Cole, David Rosentreter, Dan Eilerman, Steve Carr, Fr. Stephen Thompson, Bob Gough, Wes Friday, Jerry Eberhardt, Lawson Faler; **Row 2:** Justin Watts, Jim Millard, Joe Millard, Deacon Peter Chineke, Nick Logan, Patrick Thomas, Danny Cole, Terry Airsman, Mike Milder, John Peterson, Michael Grant; **Row 3:** Lucas Edwards, Jim Bellm, Ron Gengenbacher, Bill Bishop, Don Johannes, Scott Alexander, Terry Riffel, Ed Albes, Gary Moenster, Mike Poletti, Doug Baker, Jim Nevins; **Row 4:** Thomas Sweet, Tanner Wittland, Troy Dawson, Sergio Cassillas, Barry Wear, Lige Daley, Andy Martens, Art (Ajax) Brown, Kenneth Klauser, Joe Alexander, Scott Harris, Don Beeley; **Row 5:** John Barrett, Justin Obert, Craig Heckenberg, Ted Schneider, Jerel Mock, Michael Brettl, Taylor Rakers, Steve Warren, Deacon Pawel Luczak, Regan Joehl, Ray Bockhold, Fr. Basil Eruo, Deacon Dominic Vahling, Vernon Korte.

Lay Director's Message

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

How is your prayer life going? Is it carrying you through the day? I hope and pray that is the case. The news is full of negative issues of all kinds. Our church is struggling with many issues itself. We all are trying to get our heads around the real truth of all that we are hearing and seeing. When will it settle down, smooth out or just allows us to make some sense of it all? It is like a Cursillo weekend when the candidates are trying to figure things out. What is the one constant in all of this? That which never changes. Jesus Christ. In the Palanca Chapel, at Mass, in the quite recesses of our hearts and minds He is there. In Him we find the peace to make it through the day, to make it through our struggles so not to let the outside world detract us from what is so important to each of us. Our prayer life. Our lives depend on it.

Sincerely,

Mike Baker, Lay Director

Area Representatives - Save the Date

On Saturday, March 28, there will be an Area Reps Day at the Retreat Center. This will be a day for all Area Reps to gather to share ideas with each other and with the Cursillo Board. Details of the day are still in the planning stage.

What is an Area Representative? Area representatives act as a liaison between your parish or area and the Board. Each parish or town is eligible to have one representative and one assistant that is chosen by the local Ultreya and submitted to the Lay Director and Board for approval. Our goal is to have area representatives that cover all areas of our tri-state area.

Area Reps are encouraged to attend Board meetings when possible. In their local communities, they should be in contact with their pastors and keep an active list of who has made Cursillo and who is in Group Reunions. They also received a preliminary listing of candidates for each upcoming Cursillo.

It is also the responsibility of the Area Representative to maintain contact with sponsors when they have candidates to help answer any questions and to handle post-Cursillo activities, ultreya's and assist in getting Cursillistas in Group Reunions.

Area Representatives are listed on the Quincy Cursillo website: quincycursillo.com under the About Us tab. Please contact your Representative and let them know your contact information so they can keep you updated on Cursillo activities. Many areas have their own newsletter with local information. Help them help you stay informed. They are your resource if you have questions.

If your parish or area is not represented, choose someone from your local Ultreya area and nominate them to the Board to fill this position.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers that would like to take over the roles of Board Treasurer, Board Secretary and Team Applications Committee.

Job description for the treasurer: The treasurer pays all invoices, collects all team and candidate fees, collections from all Cursillo Masses and other donations, makes all deposits and balances checkbook. Treasurer picks up the bills and invoices from the PO Box located at the Quincy Post Office's Katherine Road location. Some invoices are received via email attachment. Maintains record of all vendors and corresponding invoices. Monitors bulk mailing account at the post office for mailing of the Fourth Day newsletter.

Once a month, the treasurer submits bank statements, check book and deposit records to Greg Wittland who prepares the monthly treasurer report for the board meeting.

Job Description for the secretary: Takes minutes of both the general meeting and the executive session. The board meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Job Description for Team Applications committee: Must have Microsoft Excel skills to maintain database of applications as well as application files. This is just a brief overview. For more details about this committee, contact Dennis & Connie Hoyt at 217-224-2322.

If you feel called to volunteer to serve in the treasurer or secretary positions, please contact Mike Baker, Lay Director, at 217-299-5873

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES

Next Board Meeting
October 15, 2019 at 7 p.m.
Retreat Center Conference Room

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Discovering and Celebrating

by Terri May

"I'll try to do my best for you,
I promise you, I'll laugh with you,
I'll cry with you, my whole life through,
Come live with me and be my love,
Share my bread and wine.
Be part of me, the heart of me, be mine."

This is from a love song by Roy Clark that I listen to often as I walk the neighborhood, headset on and walking stick at hand. As love songs often do, I find myself thinking of my relationship with my God. He asks us to share in His Bread of Life, and His wine, the blood of the new covenant, whenever we are at table with Him. And he wants me, heart and soul, His. But like a lover He promises to be with us through it all - the laughter and the tears, through the ups and the downs.

In a book, "Into His Likeness," by Edward Sri, that a friend gave me, Edward relates how St. Therese encourages her sister, Celene, who is discouraged by her attempts at holiness. Celene felt like she could never climb that high mountain up to God. St. Therese told her "You wish to scale a mountain and the good God wants to make you descend; he is waiting for you low down in the fertile valley of humility".

Edward goes on to say that we need to meet the Lord as we are, "so that he can lift you up to the heights of the spiritual life, far beyond what you could ever do on your own." In doing this we begin to realize that we are loved for who we are not what we do and we can humbly accept his forgiveness and "to rely on his grace, his healing power." Then we can begin to grow in His love.

That is a difficult thing to do, to accept ourselves as we are. Being a proud person, I can see myself there, expecting myself to be able to do it all by myself. I have come to be a tad bit more humble down in the valley of Parkinsons though and I am grateful for the people who open the doors for me, wait patiently when I freeze and stop in my tracks and help me up when I fall. He is with me through it all and we laugh together over some of it. Like the time I picked a nice juicy tomato and started up the incline in our back yard and not twice but three times I fell, luckily on the grass so I wasn't hurt but the tomato looked a bit worse for wear. If it had been filmed it would have looked like a comedy act!

When we have a Parkinson's support group meeting we have a committee of people who call the members to tell them about it and to listen to what is going on in their lives. This time I heard about a woman's 95 year old mother being put on hospice, another lady's upcoming surgery, a drug trial that another member is enrolled in for hallucinations and a member's husband who is dealing with dementia. I usually tell them that I will keep them in my prayers and they usually say, "Thanks, I need them." We all need that prayer and Grace every day, I know I do. But how wonderful to know that our God meets us where we are in all our human frailty, to help us up, to give us Grace to climb the mountain with us, baby steps at a time, to live with us so we can be part of Him, the Heart of Him, be His.

Happy day, much love and keep on laughing with Him.
Terri May