

# The FOURTH DAY



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## Cursillo #347: January 23-26, 2020

**Rector: Doug Baker**

**Theme: "A Call to Die"**

Dear Cursillo Family,

It's been an honor to have been chosen to lead these talented and gifted men on this event of Cursillo #347. We have been preparing and praying for the Holy Spirit to guide us and we are feeling HIS presence in our talks and witnesses. We request that you keep praying for us as we know your Palanca is helping us achieve our goals.

One of the many ways you can help is by bringing us candidates that God has called to be on our weekend, signing up for an hour in the Palanca Chapel or taking time out to serve meals. You can sign up for the Chapel online at [www.quincycursillo.com](http://www.quincycursillo.com), by contacting Bob Gough at [bobgough1966@yahoo.com](mailto:bobgough1966@yahoo.com) or by calling 217-577-8044. You can also sign the palanca chart at our Buddy Mass on January 20, 2020, at 2 pm, at St. Joseph Church at 400 S. Lane St. in Palmyra, Mo. 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 Msgr. Farischon Hall across from the church. Meat will be provided by the Knights of Columbus along with drinks and tableware. Please bring a dish to share.

The theme for the weekend is "A Call to Die" and the Scripture is John 2: 1-5. Our theme song is "You Are Near". We all look forward to a weekend without worldly distractions to find that He really is near.

It pleases me to introduce the team of Cursillo #347. **Spiritual Director:** Fr. John Stack, Clinton, IA (Sacraments, Saturday 10 am); **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Fr. Stephen Thompson, Mt. Sterling, IL (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid, Friday 3 pm); Deacon John Wagner, Davenport, IA (Christian Life, Sunday 11 am); Deacon Bob Leake, Hannibal, MO (Obstacles to a Life of Grace, Saturday 4:15 pm); Deacon Troy Egbert, Hannibal, MO (Grace, Friday 11:15 am).

**Assistant Rectors:** Roger Foster, Palmyra, MO (Ideal, Friday 10 am); Randy Scott, Jacksonville, IL (CCIA, Sunday 11 am); and Todd Platt, Hull, IL (Piety, Friday 6:45 pm).

**Rollistas:** Steve Bland Palmyra, MO (Laity in the Church, Friday 1:30 pm); Bob Cope, Martinsburg, MO (Leaders, Saturday 7 pm); Scott Fenton (Study, Saturday 9 am) and Kevin Phillips (Action, Saturday 3 pm) both of Quincy; and Tim Parker, Wentzville, MO (Environment, Sunday 9 am); .

**Auxiliaries:** Kristopher Mast, Fowler, IL; Doug Baughman, Hannibal, MO; Norbert Dubert, Martinsburg MO; Clete Miller, Bowling Green, MO; Chris Troesser, Laddonia, MO; Tim Barnes, Palmyra, MO; Tony Huber, Plainville, IL; Steve Lovell, Troy MO; and Paul White, St. Peters, MO.

**Service Team:** Ross Dames, Palmyra, MO; Stan Schwartz, Quincy; Kevin Terwelp, Payson, IL; Pat Greenwell, Shelbina, MO; and Dennis Cobb, Montgomery City, MO.

**Food Service Team:** John Runge, Keokuk, IA; Doug Hoerr, Palmyra, MO; and Randy Lovell, Clarksville, MO. **Sacristan:** Larry Frese Mendon, IL; **Musicians:** Tim Serbin, Palmyra, MO and Tom Becker, Laddonia MO; **Observing Rector:** Damian McDonald, Quincy; **Board Rep:** Ron Clark, Chatham, IL; **Rector:** Doug Baker (Group Reunion and Ultreya, Sunday noon) and Marie Baker (A Woman's Perspective, Sunday at 1 pm) both of Palmyra, MO.

We welcome those ladies 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 all excited for the weekend!

Doug Baker, Rector of Cursillo #347.

### MEN'S CURSILLO #347

Thursday January 23, 2020: Registration 7:30-8:30 pm

Saturday January 25, 2020: Mass 8:00 pm

Sunday January 26, 2020: Closing and Mass 4:00 pm

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### BUDDY MASS

##### Men's Cursillo #347

January 19, 2020 at 2 pm  
St. Joseph Parish, Palmyra, Mo.  
Carry-in dinner following Mass

##### Women's Cursillo #348

February 16, 2020 at 2 pm  
St. Michael Parish, Greenfield, Ill.  
Carry-in dinner following Mass

#### ULTREYAS

##### Lincoln County Area Ultreya

Saturday, February 8, 2020  
Sacred Heart Parish, Troy, Mo.  
Follow 5 pm Mass. Carry-in meal.

##### Tri-State Area Ultreya

Friday, February 28, 2020  
Quincy University Chapel, Quincy  
Begins with Mass at 6:30 pm

##### Hannibal Area Ultreya

Saturday, February 29, 2020  
Holy Family Parish, Hannibal, Mo.  
Follows 5:30 pm Mass

##### Jacksonville Area Ultreya

Saturday, February 29, 2020  
Our Saviour Parish, Upper Room  
Follows 4:30 pm Mass

##### Collinsville Area Ultreya

Saturday, February 29, 2020  
Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Fellowship Hall  
Follow the 4:30 pm Mass

##### Martinsburg Area Ultreya

Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 6 pm  
Martinsburg Community Room  
Bring a dish to share. Meat/drinks provided.

##### Shelby County Ultreya

Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 6 pm  
Fr. Buhman Center, Shelbina, Mo.  
Carry-in dinner and Ultreya

##### Southeast Iowa Ultreya

Saturday, February 29, 2020  
St. Mary Parish, Fairfield, Iowa  
After 5:30 pm Mass  
Carry in meal Parish Hall

#### FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

March 13-14, 2020

Director: Russ & Terri Rohrer

For more information and to  
Register online go to [quincycursillo.com](http://quincycursillo.com)

## 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 were postmarked by Dec. 31, 2019 were still able to pay the \$150 fee. Applications postmarked after that date will need to pay the \$165 fee.

Check the Cursillo website for updated candidate applications with new fee listed.

## UPCOMING CURSILLO DATES

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

## "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 now \$80 and is available to both candidates and team. The increase from \$75 to \$80 is effective January 1, 2020 as a result of the fee increase.

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.

## Walk to Emmaus Dates

Men #25: Jan. 30 - Feb. 2, 2020  
Women #26: February 13-16, 2020

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](http://www.greatriveremmaus.org)

## Coffee & Conversation

The Retreat Center cafeteria is open every Tuesday morning at 7:30 am for everyone to come out for coffee and conversation. Come in the kitchen entrance.

## Board Secretary Needed

We are in need of a volunteer that would like to take over the role of Board Secretary. This involves taking minutes of both the general meeting and the executive session. The board meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

If you feel called to volunteer to serve in the secretary position, please contact Diane Lagoski, Lay Director, at 217-257-9827.

## Area Reps - 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.

## Cursillo Board 2019-2020



**Front row, left to right:** Ed Holthaus, Assistant Lay Director; Diane Lagoski, Lay Director 2020-22; Pat Holbrook; Mike Baker, Lay Director 2017-2019. **Back row:** Marie Korte, Ron Clark, Fr. John Doctor, Spiritual Director; Jill Mason, Greg Wittland, Mike Grant. Absent: Tim Gilbert.

## Lay Director's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you may know, on January 1, 2020, I am taking over the position of Lay Director for Quincy Cursillo from Mike Baker. I am well aware that I have big shoes to fill. Mike did a terrific job for the past two years, and I suspect I will be talking to him often - I have his number on speed dial.

Just by way of introduction for those who do not know me, I made Cursillo 93 in January of 1988 and was Rectora on Cursillo 172 in October, 1999. I live in Mt. Sterling, Illinois and have 3 daughters and 9 grandchildren. I have been retired for about a year but before that, I worked as a lawyer and then as a circuit judge in West Central Illinois.

I always believed that the job I did as judge was God's work and I tried very hard to do it in service to Him. When I decided to retire (I had to give notice 1 1/2 years ahead), my fervent prayer was "God, how can I serve you now? What is your plan?" The Board began talking about filling the Lay Director position almost a year ago. All the while, I continued to pray and look for God's plan in my life. It never occurred to me that this might be God's plan. Sometimes, I just don't see the forest for the trees. As many of us have learned over the years, on occasion, God needs to use a 2X4 to get us to listen to Him. I now believe that being Lay Director is God's plan for me and I pray that I will be a better listener going forward as I undertake this job. Your prayers would be appreciated as well.

You have elected an exceptional board. Also, Ed Holthaus has agreed to continue as Assistant Lay Director. Each of these men and women is committed to furthering the Cursillo movement. Our contact information appears in this newsletter, and we welcome your input. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month and invite you to come. We are a family, and each member should have a voice.

Please pray for all of us that we do God's will in serving Him and the Cursillo family in the upcoming year.

In the love of Jesus and DeColores,  
Diane M. Lagoski

### Thank You From Cursillo #346

Dear Cursillo Family,

All I can do in the Fourth Day is smile! What a blessed weekend the Cursillo #346 team, candidates and I shared. The weekend was most definitely orchestrated by a Masterful Planner, as evidenced by everything that occurred that only God could have put together.

Our team did not take long at all to form a tight bond of love that was carried on into the weekend, and the team so lavishly shared their gifts and talents, for which I am so grateful!

I know we had help to do so. We have the Community to thank for all of the prayers and palanca. We are most grateful for this lever that propelled each one of us, and each one of the 23 candidates, closer to our goal of being Christ in our world and changing our environments.

Let the Lover of Your Soul lead you, and you will surely progress forward to that goal. As our bible verse says, "When you seek Him, you will find Him. Yes, if you seek Him with all your heart." (Jeremiah 29:13)

Much love from a fellow seeker,  
Mary Koch, Rectora Cursillo 346

### Cursillo Name Tags

When ordering name tags, please keep these points in mind:

- Name tags should **not** be ordered until the candidate actually makes the weekend.
- Name tags must be paid for when ordered.
- Name tags can be mailed if postage is paid when ordering
- The name tag committee is available on Saturday night only; table is set up in the lobby outside the main chapel; or you may contact the Name Tag Committee, Billie Huebotter at 217-430-4406 or email: mhuebotter22@hotmail.com.



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Next Board Meeting  
January 21, 2020 at 7 p.m.  
Retreat Center Conference Room

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[www.quincycursillo.com](http://www.quincycursillo.com)  
and "Like Us" on Facebook.

### Fourth Day Renewal

When: March 13-14, 2020  
Time: 7 pm Friday to 7 pm Saturday  
Where: Franciscan Retreat Center-Quincy  
Cost: \$50  
Director: Russ & Terri Rohrer

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/](http://www.quincycursillo.com/)

If you have questions about the Fourth Day Renewal, call Steering Committee Scott Gough 573-231-5828.

### Serving Meals

We encourage anyone that is eligible to serve meals on a Cursillo weekend. It is a great way to stay involved and to meet others. Great friendships have been formed among many of our regular servers.

Plan to arrive 30 minutes before meal times to help set up and also plan to stay 30 minutes after meal time to help with clean up. The Food Service team will tell you what needs to be done. Meal times are listed on the Cursillo website [www.quincycursillo.com](http://www.quincycursillo.com) under FAQ.

### Newsletter Distribution

Cursillo spends a large amount on distributing the Fourth Day Newsletter. The newsletter is provided through postal mail and by email. Following are suggestions on how to help us cut costs.

1. If you are receiving duplicates, please choose one method.
2. If married and both are receiving a separate newsletter, please combine.
3. If you have changed emails or have duplicate emails, please choose one. An update link can be found at the bottom of each newsletter.
4. An emailed newsletter costs us less to send than postal so if you have an email where you can receive the newsletter, please change.
5. If you prefer to just go to the Cursillo website and download the newsletter at your convenience, please cancel your newsletter.
6. Possibly you have elderly relatives that have either passed away or are no longer able to read the newsletter, please contact us to cancel.

Hal Klaus maintains the newsletter distribution database. If you want to make any changes, please send an email to: [updateaddress@quincycursillo.com](mailto:updateaddress@quincycursillo.com) or call him at 618-973-4048.

### Quote for Contemplation

Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy. That is not our business and, in fact, it is nobody's business. What we are asked to do is to love, and this love itself will render both ourselves and our neighbors worthy.

*Thomas Merton*