

Words From the Spiritual Director...

By Father Ray Brenner

Dear Fourth Day Community,

Welcome to the New Cursillistas! We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide you in carrying out the resolutions you made for evangelization. It seems the Holy Spirit always sends us enough candidates for every weekend but sometimes it would make us more comfortable if the Spirit moved us faster. We need to start now asking men for the spring weekend.



The fall season of the year brings many changes. But it reflects so much of our Christian life. We see the trees lose their leaves, the corn stalks and soybeans turn brown, but we know that in the spring they will be green again. At the same time, pine trees lose their brown needles and show their green once more and the wheat fields will soon be green.

As Christians we go through the experience of life and death constantly. This fact comes home to me on a regular basis, especially when I have a funeral and a baptism on the same day. May we always look forward in hope to our resurrection with Jesus.

I was asked at the Cursillo closing when Fr. Larry Richards will be here at St. Joseph in Jasper. Those dates are November 28– December 1 at 7:00 pm each night.

I will be leading a group to the Holy Land October 1-11, 2012. Let me know if you are interested and I will send you a brochure when I receive them.

De Colores, Fr. Ray Brenner

Words From Lay Director Nick Wolf

*"Finally, our friends, you have learned from us how you should walk in order to please God. This is, of course, the way you have been living. And now we beg and urge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to do even more". 1 Thessalonians 4.1*

I keep a small notebook in which I jot down interesting quotes, and I recently came across this little gem. "Life is like a field of newly fallen snow. Wherever we choose to walk, every step will show". When I read this I couldn't help but think about the recent men's weekend.



Especially: the team, the sponsors, the fourth day, and all who give so unselfishly to our new Cursillistas. It may be a stretch, but I would think that a new snow can be likened to God's Grace, so pure, and waiting for our footprints of acceptance. Men's #76 was a beautiful sight to behold. The fourth day is now fortunate to have 28 new "Men of God" ready to accept their call to change the world for Him. God poured out his love not only on the candidates, but on everyone who took on a servant's heart for these men.

I am so proud to be a Cursillista, to be in the fourth day, and to call all of you my friends in Christ. I can guarantee that the work of the weekend, all of your efforts, and the Palanca offered can easily be seen by the candidates as the footprints, or marks, of people living in God's Grace. As the weekend unfolded, the field was pristine and waiting for each of us to declare that we accept the Grace of God that our movement offers in our individual walks.

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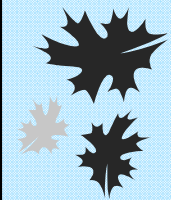
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Cursillo Reunion

Saturday, November 19th at

8:00 AM

St. John Daylight



ON THE EUCHARIST:

"IF WE TRULY KNEW HOW TO APPRECIATE IT, IT ALONE WOULD SUFFICE TO FORTIFY AND SUSTAIN US."

— ST. MOTHER THEODORA GUERIN

WOMEN'S CURSILLO #79 SCHEDULE \*\* please note the time zones\*\*

- Sat. Oct 22 Talk Support Day at St. Joseph Parish Center, Jasper 8:00—12:00 am EDT. Mass at 7 am EDT
- Wed. Nov. 2 Set-Up at Sarto Retreat House
- Thur. Nov. 3 Arrival of Candidates between 6:30 – 7:30 PM CDT (Sarto)
- Thur. Nov. 4 Sponsor's Dedication 7:00 PM CDT (Sarto Chapel)
- Sat. Nov. 5 Mass at 8:00 PM (Assembly Hall) then proceed to Chapel for Candlelight at 9:00 pm. CDT
- Sun. Nov. 6 Closing 5:20 PM Central Standard Time (Celebration Hall)

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Please forgive me for taking this metaphor a step further, but I really do believe that the snowballs (grace) of God's love were thrown with accuracy and certainly hit these 28 men over and over. The Power of the Holy Spirit, and the presence of Christ, on the weekend was so obvious at the closing when these men witnessed to Our Lord. The participation of the fourth day, and the Joy of this Cursillo celebration is often overwhelming, please don't forget to thank God for this gift. I encourage all of you to help where ever you can, even if you are not a sponsor. Give back a little to the life changing event we call God's Cursillo.

The Cursillo movement, through the fourth day, is always full of pure "snow and grace". Please let God see your footsteps as you walk with Him, and let them lead to the warmth of hearth and home. Also it wouldn't hurt, now and then, to stop and make a few "Snow Angels". As the scripture suggests we should always be walking with Christ, whether we break the snow, collect the dew of spring on our shoes, or crush the leaves of fall, IT IS ALWAYS ABOUT HIM. *Thank you Fourth Day, and Ultreya!*

Joel Kuhn	St. John, Newburgh
Joshua Vaal	St. John, Daylight
James Wolf	St. Boniface
Randy Spindler	St. James
Tony Burton	St. Mary, Ireland
Robert Seib	Sts. Peter & Paul
Matt Stoll	Sts. Peter & Paul
Craig Johnson	Precious Blood
Dan James	Sts. Peter and Paul
Jim Schroeder	Holy Redeemer
Gilbert Adler	St. Wendel
Greg Raben	Holy Rosary
Timothy Render	St. Wendel
Charles Griffin	St. Philip
Brent Lottes	St. Philip
Todd Hardesty	Good Shepherd
Richard Clements	St. Benedict
Daniel Pfister	St. Wendel
Jeff Spindler	Sts. Peter and Paul
Jon Dilbeck	Holy Craus
Kevin Menke	Holy Cross
Mike Shearer	St. Peter, Celestine
Scott Sitzman	Corpus Christi
Kerry Kippes	Holy Redeemer
Carl Elpers	St. Wendel
Kyle Peter	St. Mary, Ireland
George Hoffman	Corpus Christi
Jeff Cowan	Good Shepherd

**Men's Cursillo #76**  
***"Blest Be The Lord"***

**"May the good Saints protect you and bless you today, and may troubles ignore you each step of the way."  
*(Irish Blessing)***

**Team for Women's Cursillo #81**

Coordinator	Allison Kaiser
Asst. Coordinator	Brenda Wheatley
Spiritual Director	Fr. Gary Kaiser
Spiritual Director	Sr. Jolinda Nass
Spiritual Director	Fr. Ron Kreilein
Head Stewardess	Nancy Mendel
Asst. Stewardess	Kelly Hale
Asst. Stewardess	Amy Williams
Head Kitchen	Carol Smith
Kitchen	Linda Wessel
Kitchen	Verena Fortwendel
Kitchen	Jessica Fehrenbacher
Kitchen	Lisa Butler
Ideals	Lisa Wagner
Laity	Mary Ann Wilsbacher
Piety	Elaine Morris
Study	Suz Burgess
Action	Dana Thyen
Leaders	Beth Hirt
Environment	Sharon Wagner
Christianity in Action	Judy Wolf
Head Music	Dianne Klein
Asst. Music	Missy Kremp

**Post-Cursillo — by Jim Werner & Diane Schweizer**

As we sit writing this article, 32 women are getting ready to attend and make "their" weekend! As each one of them will, each of us went thru those 3 days and came out ready to catch the world on fire with our new found flame. But, alas...have we? Are you grouping on a regular basis? Are you attending the different Cursillo functions: the candlelight service on Saturday evening during the weekend or the closing to welcome the new Cursillistas? What about the Ultreyas that are held throughout the diocese on a monthly basis and the Grand Ultreya that was recently held? The upcoming reunion will be held on **Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at St. John's in Daylight**. It starts at 8 am with a light breakfast, followed by music, fellowship, speakers and more. It will conclude at approximately noon. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend and of course there is no charge!

Keep your fire burning or rekindle it!!  
Please keep those Information Sheets (found on the website) coming in so we can update Group lists to help our newest Cursillistas find a Friendship Group.

**“Blest Be The Lord”**  
**Evansville Men’s Cursillo #76**  
**October 6-9, 2011**



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

For 3 days starting October 6<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed and celebrated the presence of the Holy Spirit. Throughout every talk, meal, prayer, song, discussion, Mass and Rosary, God gifted us with His presence. What a blessing it was!! A spirit of self-surrender was clearly evident amongst the candidates and they were an inspiration to the whole team. Our prayers will continue as our new Brother’s in Christ Go 4<sup>th</sup> to ‘take the love of God with them as they go’ and spread the Gospel message to their environments of family, friends, neighbors and work.

What an honor and privilege it was to be a part of such a faith-filled weekend. Special blessings to the men of Team #76 who surrendered to God’s Will and lead the new Cursillistas by their example of humility and love. They cared for each candidate with the love of Jesus throughout the weekend. A special gift of prayer goes out to the spiritual directors that made the presence of Christ come alive in so many ways and allowed the candidates to leave the necessary things behind in order to begin a new life in Christ.

To everyone who gave the candidates the precious gifts of your time and talent through sponsoring, serving meals, palanca chapel visits, Candlelight, Closing and all the endless prayers, our prayers and thanks go out to you. You are such important part of the success of each and every weekend. Included in appreciation must be all the behind the scenes work of those on Secretariat, kitchen angels, clean up, etc. Many blessings to you all for your servant’s heart and the spirit of service that always shines brightly.

Please pray for our new **family members in Christ**, that through the Sacraments, weekly group sharing and Ultreya, they may continue to grow closer to God and forever surrender to His will. May the Holy Spirit be with them and their families.

May we all live this life as if we were already a part of the next.

In honor of Men’s Team #76 ...Blest Be the Lord!! -- *Bob Martin*

**“You Have Spoken My Name”**

**Evansville Women’s Cursillo #81**  
**November 3-6, 2011**

Jesus has spoken our names and has called together His team for Women’s Cursillo #81. We have been in formations since Sept. 18, and have been building a true Christian Community through the guidance of the Holy Spirit to prepare ourselves to serve the candidates of Women’s Cursillo #81 and bring them closer to Christ.



Jesus is speaking all of our names!  
He is calling us to be fishers of men.  
He is asking us to leave everything  
else behind and come follow Him.

Will you heed the call and offer your time, prayer, and palanca for the success of the weekend? Remember the great feeling you had when you saw familiar faces serving you in the dining room, when the Chapel was filled at Candlelight, and Closing had a million people (it looked like that anyway)? Please come be “fishers of women” and help bring these candidates of Women’s Cursillo #81 to Christ.

If you have team palanca, you may mail it to: Allison Kaiser, 1346 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Jasper, IN 47546; or email it to: [kaiser1346@insightbb.com](mailto:kaiser1346@insightbb.com). You may sign up for a Palanca Chapel at your local Ultreya.

If you would like to provide a snack or dessert for the weekend, please call our Head Kitchen, Carol Smith, at 547-6069. If you would like to serve a meal, or be a kitchen angel, please contact Norma Folz at 925-7159.

Again, I ask for your continued support through your time, prayer, and palanca.

*Your Sister in Christ, Allison Kaiser*

**SCHOOL OF LEADERS by Tom Anslinger**

*We have many parts in the one body, and all these parts have different functions. In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in union with Christ, and we are all joined to each other as different parts of one body. So we are to use our different gifts in accordance with the grace that God has given us.” Romans 12: 4-6*



We, as Cursillistas, learned on our weekend that we are loved by God, in every moment, in every way. We don’t earn the love of God. Through grace, it is freely and mysteriously given to us. Everything good in our lives, in fact, in the world, is a gift of God. Let us recognize that there are opportunities everywhere for us to use the gifts we receive from God.

One of our gifts is leadership. If we look for a definition of leadership, we can find different results. Wikipedia defines Leadership as the “process of social influence in which one person can enlist the aid and support of others in the accomplishment of a common task.” Other definitions are: “Leadership is ultimately about creating a way for people to contribute to making something extraordinary happen and organizing a group of people to achieve a common goal”. The New Webster Dictionary defines “lead” in this way: to show the way; to guide; to direct; to persuade; to precede” and more.

Summarizing the above, the School of Leaders is a group of 4<sup>th</sup> Day to achieve the goal of showing others the way to act as one body in union with Christ. Come and join us at St. John Church in Daylight at 7 PM on the first and third Tuesday of each month. We pray, group and discuss the Cursillo movement.

Though we are different parts, we can use our different gifts in accordance with the grace that God has given us.

<b>Secretariat Members</b>	
Spiritual Director	Fr. Ray Brenner
Lay Director	Nick Wolf
Secretary	Tony Scheller
Treasurer	Dennis Seib
Pre-Cursillo	Joe & Ruth Thompson
3-Day	Lloyd & Julie Young
Post-Cursillo	Jim Werner & Diane Schweizer
Palanca	Jerry Brenner
Procurement	Mary Lou Bradley & Lois Schenk
School of Leaders	Thomas Anslinger

Ultreya	Where	Day	Time
<b>Our Lady of Hope</b>	<b>Washington</b>	<b>1st Monday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>St. Joseph</b>	<b>Jasper</b>	<b>2nd Monday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Sts. Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>Haubstadt</b>	<b>4th Monday</b>	<b>After 6:30 Mass</b>
<b>St. John's</b>	<b>Newburgh</b>	<b>2nd Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>St. Paul</b>	<b>Tell City</b>	<b>2nd Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>St. Ferdinand</b>	<b>Ferdinand</b>	<b>3rd Thursday</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
<b>Resurrection</b>	<b>Evansville</b>	<b>Last Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>

Please remember to notify us if your email address or mailing address has changed. Please send your updated address to [dkegen@sigeom.net](mailto:dkegen@sigeom.net) or mail to return address on this newsletter.

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