



## Cursillo #318: April 21-24, 2016

**Rectora: Genny Gramke**

**Theme: "The Joy of the Lord is your Strength"**

Dear Cursillo Family,

"Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say Rejoice!" What beautiful words to hear and respond to! God truly does want us to have joy in our lives - to find and to wear His joy like a shield against all the things that this world throws against us. I have found that the deeper my joy becomes, the stronger Christian I am. Or maybe it's the stronger Christian I am, the deeper my joy becomes! That is why I chose "The Joy of the Lord is your Strength" as the theme for Cursillo 318. Our song is "How Great is Our God" - - - because He is!

Our scripture is Philippians 4:4-9 and 13 - which starts with JOY and ends with STRENGTH. "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." This scripture has meant so much to me and is my guide in life. I turn to it when I am anxious, when I need to turn negative thoughts into positives ones, when I want to/need to be kinder to someone, when I need to lean on Him and when I just sit and praise Him!

It is with great joy that I introduce to you the wonderful team that God chose for Cursillo 318.

**Spiritual Director:** Fr. John Doctor, Quincy (Sacraments, Saturday 10 am). **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Fr. Tom Donovan, Quincy (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid, Friday 3:30 pm); Fr. James Wheeler, Quincy (Grace, Friday 11:15 am); Deacon Harry Cramer, Quincy (Obstacles to Grace, Saturday 4:15 pm); Sr. Concepta Joerger, Springfield, Ill. (Christian Life, Sunday 10 am).

**Assistant Rectors:** Dianne Deters, Quincy (Action, Saturday 3 pm); Rita Frese, Mendon, IL (Piety, Friday 6:45 pm); Sue Sculley, Quincy (CCIA, Sunday 11 am).

**Rollistas:** Joleen Patton (Ideals, Friday 10 am), Angela Lepper (Laity, Friday 1:30 pm), and Cindy Cramer (Study, Saturday 9 am), all of Quincy; Hannah Heldt, Mt. Sterling, IL (Leaders, Saturday 7 pm); Julia Young, Columbia, MO (Environment, Sunday 9 am).

**Auxiliaries:** Kate Brammer, Cathy Gill, Bernice Neisen, Kristen Patton, and Mary Jo Reed, all of Quincy; Robin Fessler, Payson, IL; Terra Murphy, Hannibal MO; Karen Rehkemper and Shelia Weber, both of Highland, IL.

**Service Team:** Jane Deters, Anita Eberhardt, Lori Cornwell, and Joan Haubrich, all of Quincy; Christine Lansaw, Greenfield, IL; and Beth Shade, Jacksonville, IL.

**Food Service Team:** Rose Marie Beeley, Jacksonville; Carol Rolves, Quincy; Laurie Assell, Monroe City; **Musicians:** Laura Kammerer and Connie Vermeire, both of Quincy.

**Observing Rectora:** Ann Gage, Quincy; **Board Rep:** Sue Holbrook, Quincy, **Rectora:** Genny Gramke, Quincy (Group Reunion & Ultreya, Sunday 12 pm).

We thank you for your prayers and Palanca! Please come celebrate with us at the Buddy Mass on April 17 at 2:00 pm at the Retreat Center in Quincy. A carry in dinner will follow the Mass. Please bring a covered dish, meat will be provided.

Gentlemen, we invite you to come serve meals during the weekend if you do not have a candidate, spouse or significant other on the weekend. We would love to see your smiling faces! Please call Rose Marie Beeley at 217-491-1167, Laurie Assell at 217-257-7705 or Carol Rolves at 217-257-5851 to sign up.

Please sign up for an hour or two in the Palanca Chapel. The team and candidates will be very grateful for your prayers as you spend time reflecting on His love and lifting all of us to Him. Call Bob Gough at 217-577-8044 or email him bobgough1966@yahoo.com for open time slots.

The team and I are waiting in JOYFUL HOPE FOR this special weekend to begin. Again, we thank you our Cursillo family for ALL you do!

Joy and Blessings,  
Genny Gramke

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### BUDDY MASS

**Women's Cursillo #318**  
Sunday, April 17, 2016 at 2 pm  
Franciscan Retreat Center, Quincy  
Carry-in dinner following Mass

**Men's Cursillo #319**  
Sunday, June 12, 2016 at 2 pm  
Blessed Sacrament Church, Quincy  
Carry-in dinner following Mass

#### ULTREYAS

**Tri-State Area Ultreya**  
Friday, April 29, 2016  
Quincy University Chapel, Quincy  
Begins with Special Mass at 6:30 pm

**Shelby County Area Ultreya**  
Friday, April 29, 2016 at 6 pm  
Fr. Buhman Center in Shelbyna

**Jersey/Greene/Calhoun Ultreya**  
Saturday, April 30, 2016  
St. Francis Xavier Gym, Jerseyville, Ill.  
6 pm - Potluck dinner

**Martinsburg/Montgomery Co. Ultreya**  
Saturday, April 30, 2016  
St. Joseph Parish, Martinsburg, Mo.  
Follows 5:30 pm Mass

**Jacksonville Area Ultreya**  
Saturday, April 30, 2016  
Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.  
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

**Collinsville Area Ultreya**  
Saturday, April 30, 2016  
Sts Peter and Paul Parish Morris Hall  
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

**Lincoln County Ultreya**  
Saturday, April 30, 2016  
Sacred Heart Parish, Troy, Mo.  
Follows the 5 pm Mass

**Hannibal Area Ultreya**  
Sunday May 1, 2016 at 6 pm  
Holy Family Parish Center

#### Upcoming Cursillo Dates

June 23-26, 2016 - Sheldon Robinson, Rector  
July 14-17, 2016 - Ann Gage, Rectora  
Sept. 22-25, 2016 - Chris Lorton, Rector  
Nov. 3-6, 2016 - Carolyn White, Rectora

## Calling All Musicians - WE NEED YOU!!!

We are updating our list of all men and women musicians.

If you are interested in being in the musician database, please contact Connie Vermeire either by phone 217-224-3091, or by e-mail [connie.vermeire@blessinghealthsystem.org](mailto:connie.vermeire@blessinghealthsystem.org)

She needs your current contact information along with what instrument you play and/or vocal only.

Thank you for sharing the gift God has given you with your Cursillo family.

## “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 \$75 and is available to both candidates and team.

A candidate or sponsor can request this “gift” by writing on the application that they need financial assistance or email the application committee at [quincursillonfp@gmail.com](mailto:quincursillonfp@gmail.com). A team member requesting the scholarship should speak with the Board Rep for that weekend.

## Thank You From Cursillo #316

Cursillo Family, words cannot adequately express the appreciation to all of you for your prayers, palanca and acts of kindness behind the scenes. Thanks to all who loved, supported and sacrificed for Cursillo #316. We were overwhelmed at the army of you giving in so many ways. You are “soldiers in Christ’s army” (from a song we used to sing in elementary school). Thank you for all you do to make each Cursillo Weekend an incredible experience of Christ’s love.

Our theme was “The Lord is Kind and Merciful.” We experienced the kindness and mercy of Our Lord throughout the weekend through Christ in His sacraments, through one another, and through you, our Cursillo Family.

Thanks and blessings to each of you,  
Marcella Pollman, Rectora

## What you need to know about being on a Cursillo team

The call to be on a team implies the need for a good deal of dedication and commitment -- commitment to the rector or rectora, to the team, the candidates, the Cursillo Movement and most of all to Christ. Those commitments require us to attend team meetings, possibly prepare a talk, critique the rollistas, help the rector/rectora and the assistants, and to be open to the candidates and their needs on the weekend.

You can submit a team application upon completion of your initial Cursillo weekend but you will need to wait one year before your name will become available. Once you have been on a team, you will again need to wait one year before being called again. This is so others have the opportunity to serve.

If you have submitted your team application and it has been awhile, be aware that we have a long list of applicants. You will be called in God’s time. If you need to update your phone number since sending in your application or if you are using only a cell phone now, contact the Team Applications Committee Dennis & Connie Hoyt at 217-224-2322 or [choyt@comcast.net](mailto:choyt@comcast.net). We frequently have difficulty reaching people because of inaccurate phone numbers.

## Cursillo #317



**Front row, left to right:** Daniel Leonatti, Gabriel Vanderbol, Tom Becker, Brad Scott, Sheldon Robinson, Phil Thompson, Don Beeley, Jonathan McClelland, Joe McNeill. **Second row:** Ken Klaus, Brandon Garger, Dennis Ippensen, Dale Wilburn, Dustin Schaefer, George Korte, Marlin McCormick, Charley Garthoeffner, James Weisenberger, Mark Martin, Todd Platt. **Third row:** Fr. John Doctor, OFM, Bill Niebrogge, Terry Riffel, Henry Korte, Dan Bolin, Chris Bohr, Jim Underhill, Bill Blei, Phil Leatherman, Steve VanCleave, Jason Osbourne, Joe Koch, Deacon Mike Long. **Fourth row:** Bill Couch, Larry Korte, Phil Martin, Terry Schwartz, Bob Zanger, Ted Meyer, Keith Halter, Robert Seely, Michael Ahrens, Billy Joe Klise, Ryan Daffron, Kris Steinman, Brett Shively, John Little. **Fifth row:** Dale Gervais, Frank Siebers, Jacob Mueller, Marty Clark, Mark Edwards, Austin M.D. Quick, Bill Wooldridge, Steve McPike, Stan Wessel, Richard Schafer, Chris Atkinson, Shane Landon, Jim Assell, Patrick Horstmann, Dave Ferrill. **Sixth row:** Deacon Ron Deimeke, Robert Shields, Tyler May, Troy Egbert, Don Miller, Rick Ellison, Ross Brockhouse, Mike Dall, Jesse Eller, Frank Bolte, Bill Mahler, Will Halter, P. Allen Elliott, Lucas Peters, Mark Vogelpohl, Daniel Koch, Vernon Korte, Mike May.

## Lay Director Message

**HE IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD—HE LIVES!!** In Marks Gospel 16:15 Jesus said to his apostles, “Go into the world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.” And He says to us today, “Rejoice and Be Glad, I came that all might be saved. Go and share my love”.

It needs to be our passion to spread this joyful message to everyone. In this Year of Mercy we can start with our family, friends, neighbors, church family and community, the world around us.

When I see 450-500 of us gathered at Saturday evening Mass and feel all the love and the mercy in that chapel, then hear a priest say, why isn't it like this in his parish, I wonder, what happened? Why do we not carry this love, peace, mercy and compassion home with us?

In Group Reunion and Ultreya, we are renewed so that we can fill our world around us with the love of Christ. If each one of us reaches out to just one person a day for the next month, think how many lives we can touch with love, mercy and forgiveness.

### LET'S DO IT – CHRIST IS COUNTING ON US!

I am honored to introduce to you the Rectors and Rectoras for 2017.

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| January Cursillo 323 - Eric Schultz | February Cursillo 324 - Karen Crabtree |
| March Cursillo 325 - Ron Clark      | April Cursillo 326 - Donna Campbell    |
| June Cursillo 327 - George Schultz  | July Cursillo 328 - Maria Carmody      |
| September Cursillo 329-Mark Wiewel  | November Cursillo 330 - Mary Zerrer    |

Please join with the Board and me in keeping these ladies and gentlemen in our prayers.

Remember, Jesus loves you and I love you,  
Billie Huebotter,  
Quincy Cursillo Lay Director

### Dinner at Sprouts Inn anyone?

Sprouts Inn, in Quincy has graciously supplied our Cursillo weekends with their delicious pies for several years. They are a great addition to our special meal on Sunday.

Their manager has said they will be willing to stay open longer on Saturday night if we, as a Cursillo community, would like to eat there after Mass. They normally close at 10 pm. If you are interested in doing this, please let me know so I can give him a possible number to expect.

Also, it's a nice way to thank them for their support to eat there after closing on Sunday night.

This is just something for you to consider.

Billie Huebotter  
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### Cursillo Policy Reminders

1. **Cursillo is for “Adults Only.” Children are not to attend any of the Cursillo weekend functions. They are, however, welcome at the Buddy Mass.**
2. **No pictures or video are allowed at any time during a Cursillo weekend or at team meetings.**
3. Wear your crosses and/or name tags when coming to events during Cursillo weekends. With other people using the Retreat Center it helps to know the right people are in the right places.
4. Serving meals - please contact the Food Service Team prior to the weekend to sign up for serving meals. Spouses, sponsors and immediate family of anyone on the weekend may not serve that weekend. Avoid mingling with the team and candidates as this is time for them to have fellowship with each other. Any entertainment at meals is to be done by the team only.
5. Palanca chapel - Sponsors and prayer buddies should spend an hour in the palanca chapel. Please sign the palanca chart and write palanca letters to let your candidate or team member know you are supporting them in prayer.

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Next Board Meeting  
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Retreat Center Conference Room

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### Discovering and Celebrating

by Terri May

"Hey, Grandma, can I have a candy cane after I eat my sandwich?" "Hey, Grandpa, can we go downstairs to play?" "Hey, Grandma, can we walk down to the bridge?" Questions and more questions interspersed with "Thank you, Grandma and Grandpa for the candy, the juice, playing with me" from an almost five year old grandson who is so excited about life and all that it holds. Then after a couple hours of activity it's time to quiet down and read stories on the old wooden rocking chair and somehow convince a little boy that he just has to rest for a little while. He is usually asleep in a couple minutes, off to dreamland probably peppering someone else with questions and doing extraordinary feats of daring.

He can be a stubborn little guy at times and still wants his way or has a grumpy spell which only time and patience gets him and us through. To see how our grandchildren grow, interact and experience life is amazing. As parents it was hard to take the time to stop in the midst of all the hubbub, to always enjoy it, but a couple years after my Cursillo I began writing for the 4th Day Newsletter. My youngest was 6 or 7 and so I have captured some of our experiences in the "hurricane years" in print. Now I leaf back through these short meditations and peep into the past like time traveling. I "see" anew my children as they grow and mature, the places my husband and I have traveled to over the years, I experience again the weddings, the births of my grandchildren, the heartache of losing a parent, the challenges that life brings but also the hopes, joys and blessings and all of it surrounded by the love and care of Our Lord.

Soon our oldest granddaughter, Madeline, will graduate from high school and be off to college in the fall. Gone are the days I put her down for a nap, or played Barbie dolls and I can

only pray that we have made enough good memories for her and us to pull out on a rainy day to warm our hearts. It's all about feeling loved. Our kids and grandkids might not remember all we have done with or for them but we hope that all these times have been like pieces in a quilt when put together gives them the feeling of the love that we have for them, like our Lord has for us. I can't recall all the things and times He was there for me but I know He loves me like a hug from a grandma and grandpa says.

A friend once confided that she didn't know where God was sometimes when she told our little prayer group of a challenge in her life. It was a raining that day and I commented that he was there just like the sun was, still there but hidden by the clouds. It is still difficult to feel His warm presence when we are undergoing stressful times or pain or doubt but I do believe that is when He will make His face known most through those in our lives that love us. And sometimes it is from a total stranger that His love appears or in the strangest coincidence because we are searching and open to Him.

One night this week as we said prayers around our supper table with the two grandsons, who were spending the night, we asked if they would like to add something to the blessing. The little five year old piped up, "I love you so much, Jesus, I want to hug you and kiss you!" There it is, that excitement for life and love for all that is good (or God) in life. So in keeping with the wisdom that comes from the mouths of babes, "Hey, God, thanks for the blessing of little boys that warm our hearts and souls and, Jesus, thanks for leaving us your Spirit to warm us on cold rainy days when we are in doubt and need of a hug from a friend."

A grandma but always a child of God,  
Terri May