

## “Habemus Papam!” WE HAVE A NEW POPE!

### POPE LEO XIV



Elected to the papacy on May 8, 2025, Leo XIV became the first American pope in history. He was born Robert Prevost in Chicago in 1955, served as a missionary in Peru, and was head of the Augustinian order from 2001 to 2013.

#### What about the name Leo?

In a tradition steeped in meaning, papal names aren't chosen lightly. They're carefully selected, often invoking the memory of past pontiffs and signaling the new pope's vision for his reign. And by invoking Leo, Prevost didn't just align himself with a name — he aligned himself with a legacy.

- The name Leo XIV carries deep historical significance in papal history as Leo is one of the most common papal names. One of the most famous is Leo the Great, who served as pope in the 5th century and famously convinced Attila the Hun to spare Rome.
- A new or long-unused name, like Leo, can hint at a fresh direction — or a revival of an older papal legacy.
- Choosing the name Leo connects the new pope to a legacy of strong, influential figures in church history. Additionally, in Latin, Leo means lion, which is a symbol of strength, courage and leadership.
- The prayer to St. Michael originated with Pope Leo XIII in 1886. Pope Leo XIII composed the prayer after having a vision of the damage that Satan would do to the Church and the world in the 20th century. The vision occurred during the celebration of Mass, and some accounts say that the Pope fell to the floor as if he had died or suffered a stroke. The prayer is also associated with the feast of the Appearing of St. Michael on May 8.

#### Prayer For the Pope

O God, eternal Shepherd of the faithful, who tend Your Church in countless ways and rule over her in love, grant, we pray, that Leo, Your servant, whom You have set over Your people, may preside in the place of Christ over the flock whose shepherd he is, and be faithful as a teacher of doctrine, a Priest of sacred worship and as one who serves them by governing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



Live It!

### Upcoming Events

#### Candle Fundraiser

Date: Now until End of Year  
(See Details on page 5-6)

#### Ultreya

- June Regional Ultreya's
  - Wednesday, June 11, 2025 – 7:00 pm
  - St. Joseph Parish Rose Center
  - 301 Wayne St.
  - St Joseph, MI, 49085

#### Cursillo Picnic

Sun. 7/20/25 – 1:00 - 5:00 pm  
St. Joseph Parish Rose Center  
220 Church St.  
St. Joseph, MI 49085 (See flier page )

#### Kalamazoo Growlers Game

Thurs. August 7, 2025 - 6:35 PM  
Kalamazoo, MI (See flier page 4)

#### Kalamazoo Diocese Jubilee Cursillo Mass

August 24, 2025 – 2:00 PM  
St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo

#### Women's Cursillo #80

October 16-19, 2025  
Amigo Center, Sturgis (See Flier Page 5)

#### Men's Cursillo #80

February 26 – March 1, 2026  
Amigo Center, Sturgis

### Join Our Prayer Line on Facebook!

This is a **Private Group** for **ONLY** Kalamazoo Diocese Cursillistas. Join on Facebook at the following link for the invitation to join our prayer-line

<https://kalamazoocursillo.com/prayer-line>

If you need help or have any questions, please contact:

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**REMEMBER THE POWER OF PRAYER  
IS STRONG**

**Hey Boo Boo,  
“Did you Hear about the  
July Cursillo Picnic?  
It’s going to be lots of Fun!”**

Our annual July 20<sup>th</sup> Cursillo Picnic will be held at the St. Joseph Parish Rose Center in St. Joseph, MI

We are planning on an afternoon of family fun with activities, **including a Corn Hole Tournament** (winning team gets (2) tickets to the Kalamazoo Growlers “Cursillo Night” game on August 7<sup>th</sup>) and **Cursillo B-I-N-G-O!**

Bonus: There will be a **guided church tour** of the newly remodeled St. Joseph Catholic Church, one of the (5) Jubilee pilgrimage sites in the Diocese of Kalamazoo, which will begin at 2:45 pm.



**Cursillo will provide Hot Dogs and Pulled Pork, Water and Coffee feel free to bring your own non-alcoholic beverages.**

**Please bring a dish to pass:**  
**(A- K) Salads and Side Dishes**  
**(L-Z) Fruits and Desserts**

**When:** July 20<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 5:00 pm  
**Where:** St. Joseph Parish Rose Center  
301 Wayne St.  
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Please bring your family and... and feel free to **A friend** or potential candidate, this is a great time where they can experience the **JOY** of Cursillo and the **FRUIT** of Cursillo, which is...our Reunion Groups!

**KALAMAZOO DIOCESE JUBILEE CURSILLO MASS**

**LET’S CELEBRATE THIS SPECIAL MASS TOGETHER!**

On Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm the Diocese of Kalamazoo Cursillo, English and Spanish cursillistas will join together to celebrate the Kalamazoo Diocese Jubilee Cursillo Mass at St. Augustine in Kalamazoo. A Reception will follow in the Crowley Center.

We are looking for cursillistas to bake cookies for the reception, please contact Marie Koole at:

[mariebkoole@yahoo.com](mailto:mariebkoole@yahoo.com)





## TAKE ME OUT TO THE OLD BALL GAME!



Are you ready for some baseball? The Kalamazoo Growlers will be hosting the Kalamazoo Cursillo at the ballpark on Thursday, August 7th and we are inviting **ALL** cursillistas to bring your family, bring your friend, invite perspective candidates to come and enjoy a fun evening at the ballpark!

### **Kalamazoo Growlers vs Royal Oak Leprechauns At Mayor's Riverfront Park**

**Date:** Thursday, August 7th

**Gates Open:** 5:30 pm

**First Pitch:** 6:35 pm

#### **Seating in the Pepsi Grandstand (210 GA)**

**Cost: \$15.00 p/p Reserved Bleacher ticket including a Growler Hat  
picked up at Guest Services**

**Or**

**Purchase \$25.00 Bleacher Buffet to include ALL-You-Can Eat Food and drink  
from 5:35 -7:35 pm**

**\*(Hat not included in this promo)**

### **HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS!**

Scan the QR Code or visit

[growlertickets.com](http://growlertickets.com)

enter Promotions:

**Cursillo**

to access our group  
tickets access.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE  
GAME!**



JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OUT AT THE BALLPARK!

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 7**

**GROWLERS VS. ROYAL OAK LEPRECHAUNS**

**FIRST PITCH 6:35 PM GATES OPEN: 5:35 PM**

#### **WHAT'S INCLUDED?**



Seating in the Pepsi  
Grandstand!



FREE Growlers Hat!  
(\$15 Ticket)



Purchase Bleacher Buffet  
(\$25 Ticket) for Food and  
Drink Included!



#### **HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS**

Scan the QR Code or visit  
[growlertickets.com](http://growlertickets.com) and enter Promotion:  
**Cursillo** to access your group tickets page



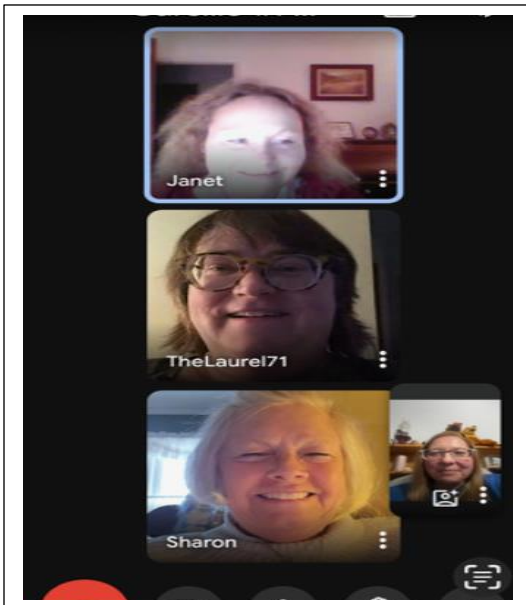
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**QUESTIONS? | BRANDON CAMP | 269.492.7965 | BRANDON@GROWLERSBASEBALL.COM**



## Reunion Group Highlight



**Top:** Janet Ouellette-Westra

**Middle:** Laura Bodary

**Bottom Left to Right:** Sharon Loich and Kim Gould

**Meet: Monday on-line at 7:00 pm.**

Technology has helped all of us to be more connected, so when cursillistas do not live in the same area, but have established a bond, that technology helped to shrink distance by meeting on-line. This special Reunion Group met at a weekend and now build on their bond and share their Closest Moments, along with Piety, Study and Action. Recently they went to The Shrine of Christ's Passion in St. John, Indiana.



Please send in a photo of your group, along with a summary, names, meeting day and time, to Beverly Stevens [tootie003@gmail.com](mailto:tootie003@gmail.com). Also, if you are looking for a group to join, we can help you find a group that works for you! Please contact Mike Metzger [mlm1976nd@gmail.com](mailto:mlm1976nd@gmail.com)

**Matthew 18:20: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."**

## How To Plant A Seed... and Grow A Cursillista!

Wondering what can you do to serve God? As a cursillista you have many opportunities! You could serve on a weekend Team.

Our Women's Team #80 have started formations, but still need helpers, and our Men's Team #81 is looking for men to serve on the next team in February. Not enough time for that Team commitment? There are many ways to contribute to a weekend, just contact one of our Rector's listed at the end.

Another way is to look around you, there are so many people who don't know about Cursillo, fellow Catholics that need to grow their faith and grow closer to God. You can share Cursillo with them, the worst thing they can say is no, but you planted a seed.

Keep moving down the row and plant another seed, eventually you will find fertile soil and that seed will grow because someone **WILL** say yes! Prayer, patience and nurturing will turn that seed into a plant that can feed many! You can grow a cursillista to feed the community, starting in your own Parish!

Each Reunion Group (Men and Women) belongs to a Parish where the fertile soil of our Lord is to help grow a Cursillista and feed a community with Christ. Jesus sent out his Apostles in pairs to create disciples and increase his followers. Each of us, as cursillistas are apostles of Christ and are responsible for bringing others closer to Him as we live our 4<sup>th</sup> day.

The Reunion Groups are the fruit of Cursillo, and we experience the Blessings from our Reunion group. It is powerful!

I am challenging each Reunion Group to invite and bring **two candidates** to a Cursillo Weekend and change their lives by bringing them closer to Christ. Together we can help find followers for Christ and build a stronger community.

Remember Jesus started with two brothers, just pray and follow His lead!

**Christ is Counting on YOU!**

The Teams are already working hard on the weekend and need your help with the Men's Team and the Women's Team by finding candidates for the weekend or Volunteer to help. They are counting on you too!

### Cursillo Weekend Contacts

#### Women's Cursillo Weekend #80

October 16 - 19, 2025.

Contact Rectora: Marie Koole

[mariebkoole@yahoo.com](mailto:mariebkoole@yahoo.com)

#### Men's Cursillo Weekend #81

February 26 – March 1, 2026

Contact Rector: Dea. Andy Boyd

[andy.boyd@holylagssturgis.org](mailto:andy.boyd@holylagssturgis.org)

#### Lay Coordinator

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Mike Metzger

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Asst. Lay Coordinator

## Open Mike

The Most Rev. Earl Boyea, Bishop of Lansing, hosts a weekly You Tube series called BMW...Be My Witnesses. It is based upon Acts 1:8 where Jesus said: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

The Bishop asks; "How do we do that?" He then goes on to describe a 4 step process as follows: Prayer, Learning, Belonging, Mission. Each lesson (typically no more than 4 or five minutes) is centered on one of these four pillars.

Does this sound familiar? Those of us in the Cursillo Movement have been living this since completing our weekends.

Notice the linkage:

Piety = Prayer  
Study = Learning  
Belonging = Small/Reunion Groups  
Mission = Apostolic Action

They say that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. Bishop Boyea's study, which I highly recommend, can help all of us live Cursillo, and learn to better Make a Friend, Be a Friend and Bring that Friend to Christ.



Mike Metzger,  
Lay Coordinator, English Cu

## COME AND OBTAIN A JUBILEE INDULGENCE!

### BISHOP LOHSE HAS DESIGNATED THE FOLLOWING AS DIOCESAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE SITES

St. Mary Parish, Marshall – Mass with Bishop Lohse Fri. August 15<sup>th</sup>  
St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo = Mass with Bishop Lohse Thur. August 28<sup>th</sup>  
Sacred Heart of Mary, Dowagiac (Silver Creek) – Mass with Bishop Lohse Mon. September 8<sup>th</sup>  
St. Therese of Lisieux, Wayland – Mass with Bishop Lohse Wed. October 1<sup>st</sup>  
St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph – Mass with Bishop Lohse TBD

How to Obtain a Jubilee Indulgence for 2025, click on the following link:

[Obtaining a Jubilee Indulgence in 2025](#)

**DeColores!**

## CALLING ALL CURSILLISTAS – THE CURSILLO 2025 PICNIC



**Where:** St. Joseph Parish Rose Center,  
301 Wayne Street, Saint Joseph, MI  
49085

**When:** Sunday July 20, 2025, 1:00 pm –  
5:00 pm

**Activities** Includes a Corn Hole  
tournament (winning team gets 2  
tickets to Kalamazoo Growlers “Cursillo  
Night” game on August 7, 2025) and  
Cursillo Bingo.

There will be a **guided church tour** of  
the newly remodeled St. Joseph  
Catholic Church, one of the 5 Jubilee pilgrimage sites in the Diocese of  
Kalamazoo, which will begin at 2:45 pm.

Water and coffee will be provided. Feel free to bring your own  
non-alcoholic beverages, as needed.

Hot Dogs and pulled pork will be provided. **Please bring a dish to pass:**  
A-K: Salads and side dishes / L-Z – Fruit and Desserts

Feel free to bring a friend or potential candidate so they can experience  
the **JOY** of Cursillo.

Please RSVP to [kalamazoo.palanca@gmail.com](mailto:kalamazoo.palanca@gmail.com) before July 11, 2025





Contact: Amy Hackman 269-625-1512 or  
Marie Koole 269-506-3636 or  
Michael Metzger 269-849-5453

## Ladies...

# LIVE a Cursillo Weekend!!!

Supported by the Pope, Bishops and Priests throughout the world, a three-day Cursillo weekend helps you experience your Catholic faith more fully. It will motivate you to engage in a spiritual life filled with joy, laughter and enthusiasm.

Cursillo also provides a method for you to sustain a life close to Christ! Discover an enhanced relationship with God. Discussions led by a team of Catholic lay people and Spiritual Advisors will emphasize:

- ❖ The meaning of Grace and the Sacraments
- ❖ The need for prayer and scripture to strengthen our union with God

**WOMEN'S WEEKEND: OCT 16-19, 2025**

AMIGO CENTRE, 26455 Banker St, Sturgis, MI 49091

Scan code for



application

## *Candle fundraiser*

De Colores Cursillista Friends,

Here we go...our first-ever fundraiser for the Cursillo of the Diocese of Kalamazoo, the **Year of Hope Prayer Candle!!!** This fundraiser will offer help to defray higher costs of offering a Cursillo Weekend for guests and team. Being a Jubilee Year and “The Year of Hope” our candle can encourage deeper prayer as well as opportunities for apostolic action to offer Hope!

We’re offering the beautiful Hope Prayer Candle (8.5oz) for \$20 and the candle Pilgrim Pack (three 3.5oz candles) for \$24. With over 300 individuals in the Kalamazoo English Cursillo, imagine how close we could get to our goal of raising nearly \$5,000—just by each person selling two candles or packs!

We encourage you to purchase a candle for yourself to enjoy during your prayer time and to have as a sample. But don’t worry—selling is easy, even without a sample, thanks to the attached flyer and QR code. **Use the attached flyer to hang at your parish or send to friends and family, add your own name as the contact! You can take orders and collect money or have them use the QR code and order direct! Details are on the attached order form below.**

The fundraiser will run throughout the year but with the Lenten season upon us, it’s the perfect time to share a little HOPE with everyone we meet, interact with, and pray for. By becoming an active seller, you’re not only spreading hope through these candles, but also raising funds to offer future Cursillo weekends.

Your participation is vital to the success of this fundraiser, and together, we can ensure a bright future for Cursillo within our diocese. We’re counting on you! Let’s make this a meaningful and successful campaign. Thank you for your support! Please do not hesitate to contact Amy Traxler 574-329-3097 or Sharon Matkin 269-689-9087 if you have any questions.



## THE YEAR OF HOPE PRAYER CANDLE



Illuminate your space with the **Cursillo, Diocese of Kalamazoo Year of Hope Prayer Candle**. This hand-poured soy wax candle carries a fresh, airy scent, evoking the peace of a sunrise over the ocean. Created for **Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope**, it features an elegant glass jar and an engraved lid with the Jubilee 2025 logo. A cherished keepsake for pilgrims and prayer warriors, its gentle glow serves as a reminder of faith, renewal, and the boundless hope found in Christ.

**ORDER HERE!**  
**\$20**



## YEAR OF HOPE PILGRIM CANDLE PACK SHARE THE LIGHT!



Bring hope to others with this set of three hand-poured soy wax candles, infused with a fresh, airy scent reminiscent of a sunrise over the ocean. Created for **Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope**, each candle comes in a travel-friendly tin. Give one, bring one, keep one—share faith and renewal with others. Light them in prayer and let their glow remind you of the boundless hope in God's love.

**ORDER HERE!**  
**\$24**



This fundraiser will help defray costs so more can attend a Cursillo Weekend –an encounter with Christ!

To order, please contact:

## Jubilee 2025 Pilgrim of Hope - Cursillo Candle Fundraiser

"Year of Hope" Prayer Candle in an elegant 10 oz. glass jar with an engraved lid featuring the Jubilee 2025 logo. A cherished keepsake for Pilgrims and Prayer Warriors.



"Year of Hope" Pilgrim Pack - Bring hope to others with this set of 3 hand-poured soy wax candles in travel friendly tins. Give One, Bring One, Keep One and share the boundless hope of God's love.

Name - First/Last, Phone	# Large Candles \$20	# Pilgrim Packs - \$24	Total \$\$	Amt Paid	Amt Owed

Candles are hand-poured 100% soy wax infused with CleanScents (essential oils) offering a fresh airy scent.

### Cash & Check orders

send to Amy Traxler @ 574-329-3097

amy.traxler@comcast.net

### Online Credit Card Orders:



Questions?...Contact Sharon Matkin @ 269-689-9087