

KALAMAZOO DIOCESE JUBILEE CURSILLO MASS



Live It!

Upcoming Events

Candle Fundraiser

Date: Now until End of Year
(See Details on page 6-8)

Kalamazoo Diocese Jubilee Cursillo Mass

August 24, 2025 – 2:00 PM
St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo
(Flyer on Page 2)

September Ultreya

September 14, 2025
Pray for our Women's Team #80 (page 4)
Location TBD

Women's Cursillo #80

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

October Ultreya

October 12, 2025
Meet the new Cursillistas
Location TBD

Men's Cursillo #81

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:

Eric Baker – ericjbaker1958@gmail.com

Beverly Stevens – tootie003@gmail.com

**REMEMBER THE POWER OF PRAYER
IS STRONG**

LET'S CELEBRATE THIS SPECIAL MASS TOGETHER!

On Sunday, August 24th, 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

COME AND SEE!

**KALAMAZOO DIOCESE
ENGLISH/SPANISH
JUBILEE CURSILLO MASS**

LET'S CELEBRATE THIS SPECIAL
MASS TOGETHER



Along with
Bishop Lohse



Sunday, August 24, 2025
at 2:00 PM

St. Augustine Cathedral
542 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo,
MI 49007

Reception to follow in the Crowley Center
with Music, Cookies, salty snacks, water,
lemonade and coffee.

Come join us for this Jubilee Year
Celebration!

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 15th

St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo = Mass with Bishop Lohse Thur. August 28th

Sacred Heart of Mary, Dowagiac (Silver Creek) – Mass with Bishop Lohse Mon. September 8th

St. Therese of Lisieux, Wayland – Mass with Bishop Lohse Wed. October 1st

St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph – Mass with Bishop Lohse Thurs. Nov 6th

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

[Obtaining a Jubilee Indulgence in 2025](#)

We are saddened by the news of the passing of our dear friend and longtime Cursillista,

Deacon Carlos Alfaro on August 15th, the feast of the Assumption.

For funeral and visitation arrangements: <https://betzlerlifestory.com/obituaries/dcn-carlos-alfaro.149955>

We will miss his great example of living out his Fourth Day with faith, love, and dedication to his family, his parish, and the entire Cursillo community. **De Colores** Carlos!



TAP INTO THE GRACES OF THE JUBILEE

The School of Leaders, led by Bob and Sharon Matkin, recently completed a book study on “Jesus and the Jubilee” by Dr. John Bergsma. *I highly recommend you obtain and read this book.*

He explains that the original, Old Testament, Jubilee began with “Spiritual Liberation” on the Day of Atonement and also featured a societal restoration: families returned to their ancestral homesteads, indentured servants were released, debts were forgiven. Fundamental freedoms were restored every 50 years.

Dr. Bergsma explains that in the present time the focus is primarily on Spiritual Renewal, a time of deep conversion, aided by plentiful opportunities to obtain Indulgences for the remission of temporal punishment due to sin. The Holy Spirit is the Agent of the Jubilee via the Sacraments, Pilgrimages and Indulgences.

How can we and others access these Graces?

- 1- Join us for the Cursillo Jubilee Mass, St. Augustine Cathedral, August 24, 2:00 pm; and
- 2- Bring a Friend to Christ by inviting them to the next Women’s Weekend (October 16-19, 2025) or Men’s Weekend (February 26-March 1, 2026)

All should see and experience the friendship, love, and JOY of the Cursillo Community. Attending a Weekend is a “homecoming and restoration” in the Spirit of the Jubilee. Share the JOY of Cursillo! De Colores!



Mike Metzger,
Lay Coordinator, English Cursillo

DeColores!

Our Women's Team #80

Theme: "You Are Enough"

Marie Koole - **Rectora**

Betteanne Burnham – **Assistant**

Table Leaders

Amy Traxler

Colette Konkle

Janet Ouellette-Westra

Mary Martin

Rose Crawford

Rosie O'Connor

Rosemary Hagemyer

Sharon Matkin

Cha Chas

Melanie Boyd

Beverly Stevens

Ruby Swett

Amy Hackman

Auxiliary Team

Holly Keyser

Lucinda Galloway

Betsy Rambadt

Please Pray for Our Women's Team #80

Come Holy Spirit!



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