



Diocese of Kalamazoo Cursillo January 2024 Newsletter

*Blessings to you during this season of
Christmas and at the dawn of 2024!*

2024 brings new beginnings, new opportunities, and new understandings; truly a time to rejoice!

New Beginnings... We begin the year with a new "Lay Director" with a new official title, Diocesan Cursillo Coordinator. Mike Metzger, from St Joseph in St Joseph, MI will now fill this position! Mike has served on the Secretariat as Post Cursillo and assistant Lay Director. Thank you, Mike for your "YES"! As we learned in the Leaders Rollo, we are each called to be Leaders for Christ in our environments. The Secretariat is comprised of Leaders that fully understand the purpose of the Cursillo and are willing to serve to keep it going and true to the Charism.

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Prayer Request Line, Vacant

Positions needed to be filled... *Secretary* (keeps minutes of meetings) and a new position **Coordinator of Prayer Line**

Is God calling you? If you are intrigued by one of these ways to serve in the Cursillo Movement please contact Mike or any of these Cursillistas for more information! Mike Metzger, mlm1976nd@gmail.com

More New Beginnings....

Welcome new Cursillistas from Cursillo 76!

Becky Borglin, St Mary of the Lake, New Buffalo; **Kam Carroll**, Our Lady of the Lake, Edwardsburg; **Jan Fischer**, St. Bernard's, Benton Harbor; **Lindysue Luster-Bartz**, Immaculate Conception, Three Rivers; **Sarah Mercer**, Immaculate Conception, Three Rivers; **Denise Metzger**, St Joseph, St. Joseph; **Michelle Rommel**, St Jude, Ft. Wayne; **Teresa Thomasma**, Holy Angels, Sturgis; **Lisa Thomasma**, St Catherine's Portage; **Denise West**, Holy Angels, Sturgis! Welcome sisters...let the grouping begin!!!

New Opportunities:

National Eucharistic Revival and Congress July 17-21, 2024 in Indianapolis, IN The Cursillo Movement is centered on Christ in the Eucharist, this Revival is something that all Cursillistas should embrace and help carry forward! Several of our group have already registered to attend! You can learn much more about the focus and plans for Eucharistic Revival at www.eucharisticrevival.org. You can register to attend at the same site.

CURSILLO CHALLENGE! *We can prepare and get involved now for Eucharistic Revival with an amazing 7 session study called **Jesus and the Eucharist!*** All the materials are provided at the same website, complete with guide, videos, and discussion questions! This is meant to be done in small groups so it's perfect to do with your Reunion Group, invite a "friend" (someone you would like to invite to live the Cursillo) to join your group in the study, or mix up the men and women's reunion groups and enjoy the study! Maybe you can even get your Parish involved. The sessions are filled with great speakers and interesting takeaways! They last close to 2 hours including the discussions. Many including Chris Stafanick, Fr Josh Johnson and many more helped create this program so it promises to be engaging, empowering, and fact filled! The goal is for ALL Catholics to grow from it! Let's be true Leaders and start now! Allow Christ to be your focus in this new year! **Let's all try to begin our sessions the week of January 21st! Christ is counting on us!**

The study is basically ready to go but I will be happy to assist anyone and even run a group online if anyone is interested. We are called to be Leaders for Christ...what a wonderful way to gain **new**

[understandings](#) and invite others to grow closer to Christ! Sharon will be reaching out to Reunion Group contact people to answer questions but please if you are not in a reunion group and are interested contact her at srmatkin@gmail.com or 269-689-9087.

Ultreya means onward...onward to living our 4th day for Christ!

Let us all join together to be ignited, **Sunday January 14th, 4:00 pm St Martin of Tours, 5855 W Ave E, Vicksburg, MI for our next Ultreya!** Deacon Dave Guido will be our witness speaker and we will pray for **Men's Cursillo 77, February 22-25, 2024!!!!** Let us pray for the candidates we are inviting and God is calling to live Cursillo 77 and for our Team 77: Eric Baker-Rector, Fr Dan Hyman – Spiritual Advisor, Deacon Ed Nickel, Mike Metzger, Mike Collins, Jeff Swett, Bernie Panone, Mitch Martin, John Martin, Richard Yesh, Dennis Traxler, Dan Tabisula, and Tom Woerdehoff.

Please keep these men in your prayers!

Save these upcoming Ultreya Dates: **February 4th, March 17th!**

Palanca, Palanca, Palanca is the power of movement!

Our prayers and sacrifices do make a difference to many! Please make Cursillo Palanca a priority. Just like the many we pray for who are ill or suffering, there are many that are spiritually sick as well! There are many who do not know Christ! Your Palanca can be the change! Our Palanca joined together can make an even bigger impact! So, please be sure to send your Palanca for the month to Eric. Come Holy Spirit, let the Kalamazoo Cursillo be a force for God's kingdom!

The Reunion Group is the ❤️ of the full Cursillo experience!!!

Are you in a Reunion Group? Is your group active? Does your group empower you, hold you accountable? Did it fizzle out during Covid? Did you get too busy? You haven't found the right group? You forgot how to group? Do you feel like you can't keep up with the others? Are you hesitant to get involved?

Don't miss the power of a good reunion group!!! It is the small community with Christ at the center that can make all the difference for each of us. If you are not grouping, there is likely someone who needs your wisdom or witness...or maybe you need theirs. Together we can walk stronger and stay focused!

Please...if you are in need of a Reunion Group or need to resurrect an old one... **ask for help!!!** Ask any of the Leaders on the Secretariat, contact your Sponsor, contact the Rector or Table Leader you lived your weekend with, or contact Sharon at srmatkin@gmail.com , 269-689-9087. All would love to help you enjoy the power of a Reunion Group!

Men's Cursillo Weekend 77

February 22-25, 2024!!!

Women's Cursillo Weekend 78

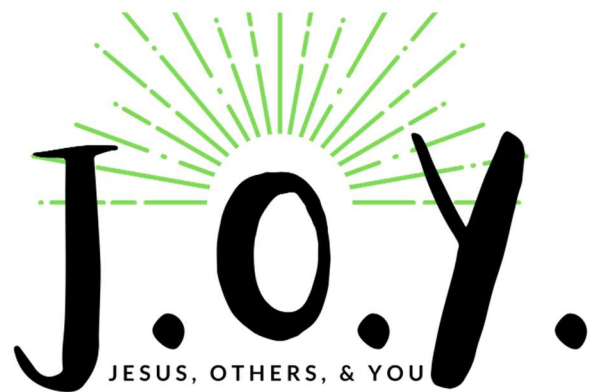
October 17-20, 2024!!



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Attached are Candidate Information Forms and Sponsor Forms, weekends will be held at the Amigo Center