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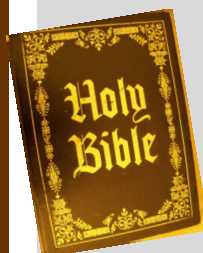
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Luke 2:8-14 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, may we be thankful of the wonderful gift of salvation that He has given to us. May the light of Christ shine brightly in your heart and home this Christmas.

We are very happy to report that the Team for Women's Cursillo #66 has been discerned, and the team roster is printed below. Thank you to all the members of the team. May God bless you as you work to bring our candidates to a closer relationship with Christ, and offer them the tools to Christianize their environments.

It's not too early to get together with your candidates and fill out an application to attend the weekend.

Applications, Sponsor Forms and Instructions can be printed from our website: www.YoungstownCursillo.com

Look for the paged titled "**Candidate and Team Applications**"

Our Spiritual Advisor, Father Edward Brienzy has a special message for us this Christmas. You'll find it on page 3 of this newsletter.

Have a blessed and joyous Christmas

DeColores! *Bill Joyce*



TEAM OF WOMEN'S CURSILLO #66

Here's the Team Roster:

Spiritual Advisor:	Father Edward Gretchko
Asst. Spiritual Advisor:	Deacon Tony Falasca
Rector:	Peg Elston
Assistant Rector:	Tina Thompson
Head Guide:	Linda Susany
Guides:	Tina DeVito, Linda Monk
Sacristan:	Kim Molek
Musical Director:	Loretta Nagel
Professors:	Martha Coulter, Heidi Fekety, Laurie Kramer, Cecelia Lange, Loretta Nagel, Kathy Riggie, Maureen Walsh, Teri Wilson

Formation meetings begin Monday, January 6th in the Martha/Mary Room at St. Luke Church, at 5235 South Avenue, Boardman OH 44512 We will begin promptly at 7pm.

These Formation meetings are open to the community.

NEXT ULTREYA

January 9th, in the basement of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
343 Mt. Carmel Way, Youngstown OH 44505

Ultraya begins at 7 pm



A Message from our Spiritual Advisor—Father Edward Brien



Greetings of Peace!

We've done our best in the 2024th Year of our Lord. As we prepare to celebrate the great Mystery of the Incarnation and enter the year of Jubilee as pilgrims of hope, I extend to all of you my heartfelt best wishes of joy, peace and courage to you and your families.

May the birth of the Word made Flesh, our Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ, fill you all with every blessing, grace and strength to continue undaunted in the work of Cursillo. May the Christ child strengthen our worldwide network of prayer, evangelization and formation in the ongoing development of leadership potential among our parishioners, .

Be assured of my prayers daily for you, my Sisters and Brothers. May your lives be a beacon of faithful love and your prayers a source of courage for all of us.

A happy Christmas and abundant blessings in the New Year.

Cordially,
Father Ed Brien



Email Notification

We are asking if you have an updated email address to please send it to us at: Youngstown4thDay@gmail.com

We have cut costs on the newsletter by sending it now only through email. Please, if you have an email address, let us put you on the list. Thanks!

SCHOOL OF LEADERS

Don Shilling has been hosting the **School of Leaders** meetings on the third Wednesday every other month. We would like to encourage more Cursillistas to become involved with the School of Leaders, as there are many things to discuss and work to improve within our local movement. We welcome your input. All Cursillistas are welcome to participate. Please join us!



The next meeting is set for **January 15, 2025** at 7pm, in the **Rectory of St Columba Cathedral:**
At the corner of Elm Street and West Rayen Avenue, Youngstown, OH 44503

Bible Vigil Thank you



Dear Cursillo Brothers and Sisters,

During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us...

Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

We so much appreciated the Bible Vigil for our Dad, Edward Smrek. It was a source of comfort for the whole family. Our Mom mentioned how much it meant to her.

Thank you!

Rick and Linda Smrek

Bible Vigils

BIBLE VIGIL REQUESTS

Can be made for a Cursillista or an immediate family member.

To arrange for a Bible Vigil, please call:

Jim & Laurie Kramer

(Cell phone) 330-720-7987

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Or email them to: YoungstownCursillo@gmail.com

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Your suggestions on improving the newsletter are welcomed.

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Thank you for your help!

As you may know, we incur expenses throughout the year not just for our Cursillo Weekends, but also for National and Region III membership dues, storage of our weekend materials and other necessities. Thank you for helping defray our costs. Any size donation is greatly appreciated. Please mail your donation to:

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REMEMBER TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR:

Women's Team Formation:

Jan. 6 at St. Luke Church, 5235 South Ave. Boardman

January Ultreya:

Jan. 9 in the basement of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica

School of Leaders:

Jan. 15 at St. Columba Rectory, Youngstown OH

All events begin at 7PM