



Summer 2026 Community News



Message from your Chairman

Dear Fellow Cursillistas,

The Holy Spirit continues to do amazing things throughout the Heartland Episcopal Cursillo Ministry, and we are excited to share what's ahead!

Our July Ultreya at St. David's Episcopal Church in Topeka was a wonderful day of fellowship, great food, and friendship. A special thank-you to Kirsten Book for her inspiring talk on Experiencing God's Spirit Through Music.

Our next Ultreya will be held on Saturday, September 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Christ Church in Springfield, Missouri. We invite everyone to make the road trip, bring a friend, and join us for a morning of worship, encouragement, and fellowship.

As we strengthen our Fourth Day, we're prayerfully encouraging everyone to reconnect through Group Reunion. If you aren't part of a group, now is a wonderful time to start one—whether with members of your own church, across church communities, or even by Zoom. Group Reunion helps keep our hearts centered on Christ through prayer, accountability, and Christian friendship. If you need Group Reunion cards or would like help getting started, please reach out to a member of the Secretariat. We'd love to see Group Reunion become a vibrant part of Heartland once again.

Our annual Heartland Episcopal Cursillo Weekend is October 16-18 at the Heartland Retreat Center in Parkville. This year's theme, Hearts on Fire, reminds us to let the Holy Spirit rekindle our faith and strengthen our walk with Christ.

We are now prayerfully seeking candidates, sponsors, Palanca, and prayer support. Thanks to the hard work of Raja Reed and Cheryl Hart, the weekend cost has been kept to \$180 for both team members and candidates.

Weekend applications, brochures, and Save the Date cards are available on the Heartland Episcopal Cursillo website. Please remember to receive your priest's approval before inviting prospective candidates.

Whether you sponsor a candidate, write Palanca, serve on the prayer vigil, give financially, or simply keep the weekend in your prayers, your support makes a difference. Every prayer and every act of service help share Christ's love.

We look forward to seeing many hearts on fire this October as the Holy Spirit continues to renew our ministry and bring others into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

De Colores,

Roberta Coons

Chairman, Heartland Episcopal Cursillo



July Ultreya at St. David's Episcopal Church in Topeka Kansas hosted by Kirsten Book
'Experiencing God's Spirit Through Music'

Hearts on Fire: Join Us for the Heartland Episcopal Cursillo Weekend!

October 16-18, 2026

Friday Evening through Sunday Afternoon

Dear Friends in Christ,

My heart is full of excitement as I invite you to join us for the **2026 Heartland Episcopal Cursillo Weekend**, taking place **Friday, October 16, through Sunday, October 18, 2026 at the Heartland Retreat Center in Parkville Missouri**. Whether you are exploring your faith for the first time, looking to renew your spiritual life, or seeking a deeper relationship with Christ, Cursillo offers a weekend that can be truly life-changing.

Our theme this year is **Hearts on Fire**, inspired by the disciples on the road to Emmaus whose hearts burned within them as they encountered the risen Christ. My prayer is that everyone who attends will leave with that same renewed joy, deeper faith, and enthusiasm for living out the Gospel.

So, what is **Cursillo**? The Episcopal Cursillo Movement is a three-day experience of worship, prayer, fellowship, learning, and laughter. Through inspiring talks, small-group discussions, music, and the celebration of Holy Eucharist, participants discover new ways to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. It is not a retreat where you sit quietly all weekend, nor is it a conference. It is an opportunity to experience Christian community in a joyful and welcoming environment while being encouraged and equipped to live your faith more intentionally in your home, parish, workplace, and community.

We are currently looking for both **candidates** and **sponsors** and **Fourth Day Cursillistas**.

If you have attended Cursillo before, I encourage you to prayerfully consider sponsoring someone. Think about the person in your parish whose faith might be strengthened, whose gifts could be nurtured, or who simply needs to know they are deeply loved by God. Your invitation could change a life.

If you have never attended Cursillo, I warmly invite you to take that step. You don't need to have all the answers. You simply need an open heart and a willingness to see what God has in store for you. People from every stage of their faith journey are welcome.

The cost for the weekend is **\$180**, and many parishes are happy to help support candidates as part of their spiritual formation.

As Lay Rector, I would love the opportunity to answer your questions, tell you more about the weekend, or help you begin the application process.

Come and experience Christian community. Come and deepen your faith. Come and discover how God is calling you to serve. Most of all, come and let your heart be set on fire by the love of Christ.

We hope to welcome you this October!

De Colores!

Raja Reed

Lay Rector

2026 Heartland Episcopal Cursillo Weekend

Cheryl Hart

Assistant Lay Rector

Weekend Resources

For more information, please email Raja Reed at rajareed@gmail.com or click the links below at the [Heartland Episcopal Cursillo website](#) to see:

- [Candidate and Team Member Application Packet](#)
- [2026 Trifold](#)
- [2026 Save the Date Cards](#)

Please post the flier on the next page at your church and share it in your church's news and with friends.

Hearts on Fire!

"Were not our hearts
burning within us...?"

Luke 24:32

HEARTLAND EPISCOPAL CURSILLO

— WEEKEND 2026 —

OCTOBER 16–18, 2026

FRIDAY EVENING – SUNDAY AFTERNOON

*Come Experience a Weekend
That Can Change Your Life!*

Cursillo is a joyful three-day experience of worship, fellowship, inspiring talks, small-group discussion, music, prayer, and Holy Eucharist that encourages you to live your faith with purpose and enthusiasm.



CANDIDATES

ready to experience
Cursillo for the
first time



SPONSORS

willing to invite and
encourage someone on
their faith journey



FOURTH DAY CURSILLISTAS

to pray, serve, and support
the weekend community

WEEKEND
COST

\$180

Many parishes
are willing to help
with the registration
fee.

Interested?

WE'D LOVE TO
HEAR FROM YOU!



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Cursillo Weekend 2026



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Contact me to learn more,
ask questions, or receive a
candidate application.

Come discover Christ. ♥ Come build lasting friendships. ♥

Come set your heart on fire!



De Colores!

- ★ ALL ARE WELCOME.
- ★ ALL ARE LOVED.
- ★ ALL CAN ENCOUNTER CHRIST.

