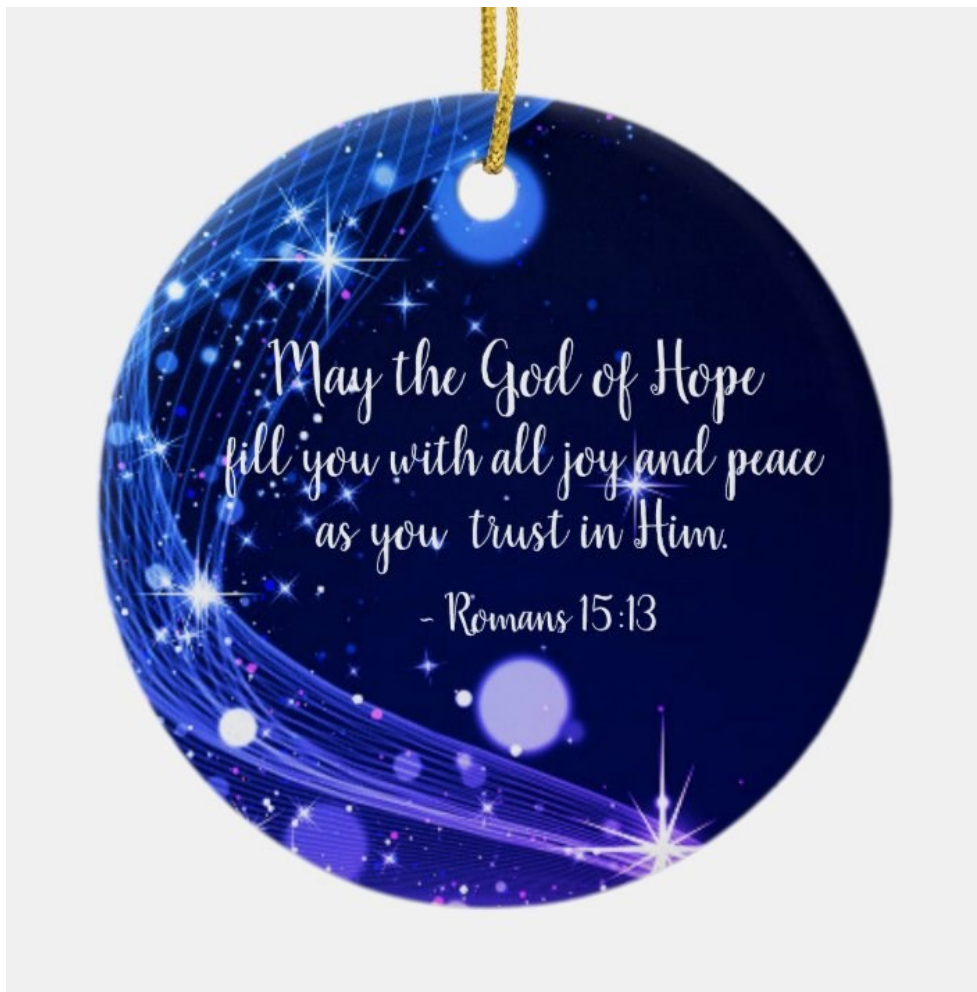


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*Merry Christmas*



A Message from Fr. Paul:

Advent is here and so is Christmas. This year is so different because of the pandemic. Our lives are not normal due to the restrictions. I'm thinking that's great opportunity to take stock of our Christmas and our family traditions. Perhaps It's time to evaluate if you are overspending and over-giving. You might realize that things had gotten out of control for your family. Too many gifts, too much stress. You may be being in debt because of Christmas. Just think Christ probably wouldn't want something like that. He was born with only swaddling clothes in a manger. Nothing luxurious. Think about how your family Christmas could be more like the first Christmas.

Regarding this, I recently Googled an on-line article by Tracy Fredrychowski called, *5 Tips For Keeping Christmas Simple*. Here she states, **...simple memories remind me that Christmas is more than presents and parties.** It is the anticipation of sharing family traditions, helping those in need and remembering why we celebrate Christmas in the first place." Here are her 5 ways to keep Christmas simple:

**Simple Decorations** – “A nativity scene, a poinsettia on the mantel and a tree decorated simply”

**Simple Traditions** – Simplify what you do in a way that is comfortable for all. Whatever you do, try to make it peaceful and for family. If you're not going to mass because of Covid, what are you going do in its place?

**Simple Giving** – Take steps to make it simple and peaceful like the first Christmas. In her post, Tracy Fredrychowski states she matches dollar for dollar every penny spent on Christmas to give to charitable causes.

**Simple Shopping** – She states, “For years we control our spending and gift giving.” Maybe you can do something similar.

**Simple Cookies** – “My girls and I keep our cookie baking to just a couple favorite recipes each. We enjoy spending together more than the actual cookie baking.” (<https://oursimplehomestead.com/keeping-christmas-simple/>) God Bless you all and remember to “Keep Christ in Christmas! DeColores!

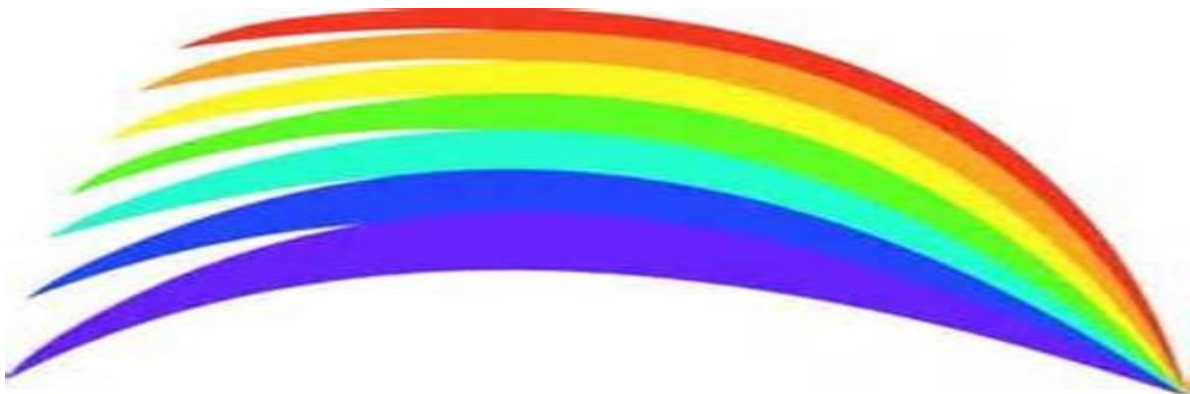




## 2021 Cursillo Dates

Cursillo dates for 2021 are as follows. All information is subject to change.

March 18-21, 2021	Men's Cursillo #251 at at Our Lady of Mercy in Harborcreek
May 20-23, 2021	Women's Cursillo #258 at at Our Lady of Mercy in Harborcreek
June 10-13, 2021	Men's Cursillo #252 at Elk County Christian in St. Marys
July 15-18, 2021	Women's Cursillo #259 at Notre Dame in Hermitage (Mercer Coun- Men's Cursillo #253 at St. Philip in Linesville (Crawford County)
October 21-24, 2021	Women's #260 at Our Lady of Mercy in Harborcreek
November 18-21, 2021	Men's #254 at Our Lady of Mercy in Harborcreek



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