



## The Two Ends of Marriage

Serious, prayerful reflection on the Church's teaching regarding married life illustrates that we have made positive strides in developing our understanding of the purpose and goal of married life. This essay is an attempt to survey that development. St. Augustine, in his treatise On the Good of Marriage, describes the three goods ("bona") of marriage as permanence, fidelity, and openness to offspring; that is, marriage properly understood consists of the conjugal union of a man and a woman for life, of exclusive and mutual intimate fidelity, for the procreation and education of children.

Unfortunately, over time, his perspective on the ends of marriage often found expression as primarily for the procreation and education of children and secondarily, as a remedy for concupiscence – a somewhat limited understanding of why a man and a woman have chosen to marry! This perspective on the two ends of marriage, stated somewhat more positively as primarily for the procreation and education of children, and secondly the welfare of husband and wife was articulated in the 1917 Code of Canon Law.

However, the Second Vatican Council evidenced an important shift in perspective. The subcommittee dealing with the section on marriage and the family, under the leadership of our own Archbishop John Dearden, chose not to use the hierarchical language of primary and secondary ends to marriage, but rather to describe the importance of both. In the

document, *Gaudium et Spes*, the constitution on the Church in the Modern World the bishops stated, "But marriage was not instituted solely for the procreation of children: its nature as an indissoluble covenant between two people and the good of the children demand that the mutual love of the partners be properly expressed, that it should grow and mature" (no. 50).

Later, Pope Paul VI, in his encyclical letter, *Humanae Vitae*, expresses quite beautifully this inter-relationship between the two ends of marriage. "Married love particularly reveals its true nature and nobility when we realize that it takes its origins from God, who 'is love...'" (no. 6). "As a consequence, husband and wife, through that mutual gift of themselves, which is specific and exclusive to them alone, develop that union of two persons in which they perfect one another, cooperating with God in the generation and rearing of new lives (no.8).

Pope John Paul II, in his apostolic exhortation, *Familiaris Consortio*, continues to highlight the importance of both through the language of covenant, self-giving love, and participation in the very creativity of God

In its most profound reality, love is essentially a gift, and conjugal love while leading the spouses to the reciprocal 'knowledge' which makes them 'one flesh' does not end with the couple, because it makes them capable of the greatest possible gift, the gift by which they become cooperators with

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God for giving life to a new person (no.14).

Most recently, in his post-synodal apostolic exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis recognizes the efforts made by past popes to present a favorable description of the ends of marriage, yet he maintains that many representatives of the Church still emphasize the procreative dimension of marriage over the unitive.

We need a healthy dose of self-criticism... We often present marriage in such a way that its unitive meaning, its call to grow in love, and its ideal of mutual assistance are overshadowed by an almost exclusive insistence on the duty of procreation.

Pope Francis addresses this imbalance particularly in chapters three, four and five where he describes in an engaging and refreshing manner the joys and challenges of married life. In particular he stresses that marriage is first an "intimate partnership of life and love which is good for the spouses themselves"; that the love of a couple will only be able to truly appreciate the joys and overcome the trials of life if there are three in the marriage: husband, wife and God. He provides a much needed, healthy approach to "the passions" and the role of sexuality in marriage. Finally, one of the most valuable insights of Pope Francis is his recognition of the influence of the couple's relationship on the health and well-being of their children.

Catholic teaching has developed an affirming and life-giving theology of married life. In Pope Francis' recent contribution to that development, we are offered a deeper understanding and appreciation for marriage and family life, one that enriches our teaching, widens our pastoral communication, and challenges our spiritual integration.

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## DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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Detroit Symphony Orchestra's will be performing Mendelssohn's First Symphony, on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3 p.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish at 467 Fairford Road in Grosse Pointe Woods.

St. Ambrose parishioners can use the special promo code: FIRST20 for discounted \$20 tickets. Purchase tickets online at [dso.org/neighborhood](http://dso.org/neighborhood)



Not many parishes enjoy waterways like St. Ambrose. Join us for a 2 hour guided Kayak Canal tour on August 18th.

Paddle out to the Detroit River, around Grayhaven Island, past the Fisher Mansion and by the waterfront residences of Jefferson Chalmers.

This tour is great for beginners and experienced kayakers alike.

August 18, 2018 launch @ 12:00pm  
\$45.00 per kayaker -

\$20.00 post excursion meal catered by Coriander Kitchen & Farm, featuring unique, seasonal food and healthful ingredients.

4:00 mass back at the parish

This private tour is professionally conducted by Detroit River Sports. Kayak and safety equipment provided. [stambrose@comcast.net](mailto:stambrose@comcast.net) or 313-822-2814

# All Things Considered

*"My life, I realize suddenly, is July. Childhood is June, and old age is August, but here it is, July, and my life, this year, is July inside of July."*

R. Bass

July reminds us of hot summer days, warm sun rays, buzzing bees, and holidays! For most people, July is mid-summer and prime vacation time. But, there's much more to this month. For those who work for your parish, July means ramping up for the programs that begin in the fall. There is never really a vacation period here at St. Ambrose. We carefully adjust our "away" time to coordinate with parish operations

## Religious Education

You have noticed how our Religious Education Director **Kelly Woolums'** columns as of recent have been urging families to get registered for classes. This is essential for good planning. While the beginning of another educational season might be the furthest thing on most families' minds right now, it really needs your attention now, please. Registration for our Religious Education Program year can be done through the mail using the forms that have been sent to you.

This is a key part of Christian parenthood. It is what "God"-parents signed on for when they agreed to be there at the Baptism of a newborn. If you as a godparent know that your God Son or Daughter are not receiving instructions in the faith, it is incumbent upon you – as part of your promise made at the Baptismal ceremony – that these children be receiving some sort of formal religious instruction as well as regular participation in family worship.

If you are new to the parish or want some assistance in registering, give us a phone call at (313) 822-1248 or drop us an email at: reled.stambrose@comcast.net.

## Fiscal Year

The beginning of July in the parish means wrapping up the financial books for the past twelve months. Parishes in our Archdiocese operate on the Fiscal, not Calendar Year. That's way better than trying to close and open books over the Christmas/New Year's holidays. So our office staff will be making our financial report for FY

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Number of Families .....	900
Returns to date .....	230
Average Gift ('17).....	\$440
Quota for the Archdiocese .....	\$87,418
Property/Liability Insurance ...	\$52,000
Parish '18 Target.....	\$139,418
Received as of 7/22/2018.....	\$110,049

• With our share of the burden of operating the Catholic Church in Southeastern Michigan now satisfied, we are in a position to do our own parish some good. Everything donated to the CSA from this point onward will be applied to our property/liability insurance at 100%. No Archdiocesan 7% tax will be assessed. So far we are able to fund our premiums for 22 weeks. Last year, we funded 26 weeks of premiums.

'17-'18 to the Archdiocese. By August, I promise to share the details of that with you in this column. I've done that consistently every year that I have been your pastor because I think it's important to how we have been stewards of your donations.

In that regard, you need to be aware that thanks to rental revenue on our properties, we have been able to balance the budget each year and to make progress in terms of services and maintenance of the plant. The loss of revenue on the Convent back in 2011 put a dent in our cash flow. We had assumed that we could recover that lost revenue through an increase in envelope donations. That, quite frankly, has failed to materialize. If anything, regular envelope donations have been regressive. It has been shocking to see how in some of the peak attendance periods, we have

failed to make the budget minimum of \$10,100 in the collection. Ambrosians do well and are generous when it comes to special projects – but there is a growing laxity when it comes to weekly parish support, and that hurts us in the long run. The parish budget is calculated not only on the special collections, such as the end-of-the-year Christmas collection, it is also calculated with a weekly minimum donor amount of \$10,100 a week. That number has not been raised over the past three years. It should not be difficult to reach that number during Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. Yet we struggle in those times. Even when we have lots of visitors here for events like Mass Mob, First Communion and Ordinations, we somehow failed to engage our visitors to make some contribution.

Last week's envelope tally tells us something. 151 parishioners out of 900 made a donation. Even in the slowest of seasons, that should have been something closer to 300 parishioners – or roughly one third of our parish. It's my responsibility to remind our parishioners of their fiscal responsibility toward the operation and outreach of our parish. We will also have to do better when using electronic and other donor avenues. It very well may be that a weekly envelope which is predicated on a cash/check way of accounting is just not the way that people are used to handling their money now.

## Oyster Fest

To misquote **Charles Dickens**, "Oysterfest is the best of times. It is the worst of times." Oysterfest began 27 years ago out of necessity when we were struggling to balance the budget for St. Ambrose Academy. Little credit is given to **Archbishop Szoka** who for many years agreed to cover the financial shortfall of that fine institution, to the tune of what I can estimate as a third of a million dollars. OysterFest was a way we developed to help soften the gap between tuition revenue and the Archbishop's sustaining grant. In ensuing years, we discovered that OysterFest had taken on a life of its

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own. Even after we transferred from a Parochial/Diocesan school to a Charter School in 2003, Oysterfest continued as a beloved community event celebrating the last gasp of the Summer here in the lower Eastside. OysterFest has now shifted from a school-focused event to a parochial one.

In the process, OysterFest has become a monster of an event to organize. July means that we here in our office have to focus on making sure that event, celebrated on the last Monday of September, is perking along on schedule. But let's be clear here. In spite of its growth in popularity and size, it is hardly the money-maker some assume it to be. The raffle nets us approximately \$10,000 a year. The profits from Oysterfest average on \$30,000.

It is an immensely time-consuming part of our staff resources. It could benefit from some long-term dedicated help. Nonetheless, it is an established part of our community life and a remarkable public outreach effort for St. Ambrose Parish.

While you are in the middle of your Summer Vacation, think of us here at St. Ambrose who are busy toiling away getting ready for our 103<sup>rd</sup> year.

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**Bill Worden** has pointed out to me that for my entire life I have been misidentifying the parish of St. Vincent's near the train depot. St. Vincent's Catholic Church sat on 14<sup>th</sup> street to the East of the depot and slightly hidden from a Michigan Avenue view. Our Archdiocesan website shows that the parish closed in 1965 and the church was demolished about that time. The newer St. Vincent's school survived as a stand-alone institution for years after that and is now being rehabbed.

The church on Rose Street visible from the front of Michigan Central with the tower and steeple badly in need of maintenance was originally St. Paul's German Evangelical Church, built about 1875. Obviously, the German Lutherans fell on hard times no less than the Irish Catholics!

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## Redeemed Sexuality

As Christians we should be grateful beyond words for the gift of our redemption. We believe that Christ's action on the cross has changed all things, for all time. We should seek to relate every aspect of our lives to how Christ has redeemed us and our world. When we consider the mystery and contemporary confusion of human sexuality, it is even more urgent for Christians to ask, 'How has Christ redeemed human sexuality?'

Today our media features topics that not long ago would have been labeled science fiction, or pornography. Cloning, casual sex, getting pregnant by means of reproductive technologies, frozen embryos, adultery — the list goes on. Does anyone in the public square relate these issues to the spiritual? When those of us try to bring God into the equation, we are often told that individual morality must not be imposed on the public. But that should not deter the Christian.

Christ's work on the cross has restored all of human life, even human sexuality. That means that human sexuality is not tinged with sin, nor is it morally neutral. Although we can misuse even the best of God's gifts, that does not change the fact that sex is God's gift of life and love to us. Specifically, sexual intercourse was never meant to be directed to the individual. It's not a sport or game to be enjoyed on its own. Sexual intercourse is a powerful event of interpersonal communion it is a sacramental event.

This makes more sense when we realize that Christian marriage is a sign of Christ's presence in the world. As Christians we accept on faith that human sexuality is caught up in Christ, uniting a man and woman in a union which reflects God's love in the world and is directed to others. With that starting point, it makes excellent sense to keep sex in marriage. The redeemed nature of marriage was understood by the Church from our earliest history.

Following up on Jesus' own words on the indissolubility of marriage, St. Paul likened Christian marriage to Christ's relationship with His Church. As Christ loved the Church . . . so the husband should love and cherish his wife as he cherishes his own body; for husband and wife are one body, as Christ and the Church are one body. This is a great mystery (Ephesians 5:21-33). St. John Chrysostom (347-407) taught that the "one flesh of the spouses is not an empty symbol. They have not become the image of anything on earth, but of God Himself." (Homily 12).

The love of spouses, says the Catechism, requires of its very nature, the unity and indissolubility of the spouses' community of persons, which embraces their entire life (#1644). The root of this indissolubility is found in God Himself, who taught us of His fidelity through His covenant with Abraham. It is found finally in Christ, who united Himself with His Church. In this age of continuous assaults on God's design for life and love, it would do the world good if Christians reclaimed our rich heritage. Before we can do this we need to return to the mystery of our faith and meditate on who Jesus is, what He did for us, and how this has changed all life for all ages.

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## Natural Family Planning Support & Education

On July 25 1968, Blessed Pope Paul VI released his encyclical *Humanae Vitae* reaffirming the Church's perennial teachings on the nature of conjugal love and the rejection of contraceptives. This year marks 50 years since this prophetic document exploded onto the scene. Does this document still hold relevance for today's marriages, families, and society? On July 24<sup>th</sup>, Sacred Heart Seminary, will hold up the mirror of *Humanae Vitae* to our own marriages to see how we're reflecting God's love to the world around us. RSVP to [nfp@aod.org](mailto:nfp@aod.org) and visit [www.aod.org/nfp](http://www.aod.org/nfp) for upcoming dates and more information!

## The Buzz

The liturgies for the next three Sundays focus us on the call to prophetic discipleship. And remember . . . because of Baptism, all of us are called to be prophetic (priestly and royal too) witnesses of Christ's good news to everyone in our world. So, these days are not just a memory exercise about Ezekiel, Amos, Jeremiah, Paul or the Twelve Apostles. They are truly about us as well.

Has your faith ever cost you anything (and you know I'm not talking about the collection basket here!)? When I hear today's Gospel I've often thought about how difficult it would be to try to minister in the parish where I grew up as a child. But Jesus didn't shy away from anything when it came to being faithful to his mission to spread the good news to everyone – without ever counting the cost.



One way to exercise prophetic discipleship is to respond to the very real need to help teach the faith to our children. **Kelly Woolums** needs four catechists for the coming year of religious education at St. Ambrose. She'd really like folks to volunteer as couples or friends or some other fashion of teams of twos that would double the number needed. Give her a call at 313-822-1248 and check it out . . . even if it's only to get more information. If you think you're not up to it, remember: most of the genuine prophets from scripture had reasons and excuses why they shouldn't have to do such things. God had some pretty dramatic answers for some of them. So watch out; it may be easier just to say OK and give Kelly a call.



Another prophetic-disciple activity is to always be ready to share the invitation to others to join our community of faith. At this most important level, it is not so much about preaching as it is about listening to the experiences, questions, and hungers of others who are looking for healing or a more abundant life. It's about preaching without words. It's about the integrity of our faith and joy as real and not compartmentalized to Sundays. And if any such folk you meet could benefit from learning more about the Catholic Community of Faith, invite them to check out the RCIA process at St. Ambrose. Contact me for more info at 313-822-2017 or at [chuck.stambrose@comcast.net](mailto:chuck.stambrose@comcast.net) . . . or use the form on p. 7 of this bulletin.



Next Saturday, Sunday, and Monday are also some special days on the Universal and Local Church calendars. Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, is not only Bastille Day and my wife Sue's birthday (She has once again caught up to me in age, and I am no longer "old"!), but it is also the memorial of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. In just 24 short years of her life, the faith of this "Lily of the Mohawks", in the face of misunderstanding and cultural strife, brought many on this continent to Christ in the later 1600's.

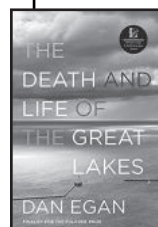
In other years, next Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> would be the memorial of St. Bonaventure, a great Franciscan bishop and theologian of the 1200's. His name is familiar to us because of the monastery and soup kitchen operated by our Capuchin Franciscan friends here in Detroit.

Then on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup>, the Church remembers Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Mt. Carmel in Galilee was the site of the prophet Elijah's famous underdog battle to defend the faith in the true God. (Read the whole story in Chapter 19 of the First Book of Kings in the Old Testament. It's a great one!) There later, in the same 13<sup>th</sup> Century that Bonaventure lived, the Catholic Carmelite Order was formally begun under the title "St. Mary of Mount Carmel". (It's also the name of the parish where I grew up as a child.)

So why not during this time of the Church Year – when the liturgical focus is on leadership – let's pray extra hard for the faith, health, wisdom, creativity, exuberance, peace and joy of our pastor and all our faith leaders. And we should pray for ourselves and our parish as well that we too might fully live up to our Baptismal calling to be humble, hard-working, and happy prophets of Good News. Amen.

Chuck Dropiewski

## Marcellina's Book Club



The Great Lakes hold 20% of the world's surface fresh water and provide sustenance, work and recreation for millions of Americans. But they are under threat as never before, and their problems are spreading.

In the Death and Life of the Great Lakes, author Dan Egan paints a portrait of an ecological catastrophe happening before our eyes – blending the epic story of the lakes and the ways we can restore and preserve them.

We are in the process of connecting with the author to see if he can pay our book club a visit at a date to be announced. Pick up a copy of the book and get a head-start in reading this important work which was one of this year's twenty Notable Book Honorees by the State Library of Michigan.

## The Beehive

is the parish weekly bulletin of the  
St. Ambrose Catholic Community  
Detroit/Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

**Pastor:** Rev. Timothy R. Pelc

**Pastoral Minister:** Charles Dropiewski

**Religious Education:** Kelly Anne Woolums

**Minister of Music:** Norah Duncan IV

**Office Manager:** Peggy O'Connor

### Sacramental Celebrations

**Masses:** On the Lord's Day –

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

**Baptism:** Arrangements for both adults and infants to be made by contacting the rectory.

**Penance:** As announced and by appointment.

**Marriage:** Couples should contact the rectory office a minimum of six months in advance of the proposed date to make arrangements.

**Funeral:** Normally celebrated within one week after the deceased's passing.

### Directory

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**Parish Website:** [stambrosechurch.net](http://stambrosechurch.net)

## Liturgy Schedule for the Coming Week

### Monday, July 9

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

### Tuesday, July 10

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Lawrence Convery

### Wednesday, July 11

*St. Benedict, abbot*

8:30 - Morning Prayer

### Thursday, July 12

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Sandra Frontczak

### Friday, July 13

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Mitchell Urbanski

### Saturday, July 14

4:00 p.m. - Mass - For All People

### Sunday, July 15

#### *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 a.m. - For All People

11:15 a.m. - For All People



## Scriptures for the 14<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time

### Monday, July 9

- Hos 2: 16, 17b-18, 21-22
- Ps 145: 2-9
- Mk 6: 1-6a

### Tuesday, July 10

- Hos 8: 4-7, 11-13
- Ps 115: 3-10
- Mt 9: 32-38

### Wednesday, July 11

- Hos 10: 1-3, 7-8, 12
- Ps 105: 2-7
- Mt 10: 1-7

### Thursday, July 12

- Hos 11: 1-4, 8c-9
- Ps 80: 2-3, 15-16
- Mt 10: 7-15

### Friday, July 13

- Hos 14: 2-10
- Ps 51: 3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17
- Mt 10: 16-23

### Saturday, July 14

- Is 6: 1-8
- Ps 93: 1-2, 5
- Mt 10: 24-33

### Sunday, May July 15

- Am 7: 12-15
- Eph 1: 3-14 or 1: 3-10
- Mk 6: 7-13

## *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time* *July 14<sup>th</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup>*

**4:00 p.m. – Saturday – Celebrant:** Fr. Bede **Lector:** Cathy McPherson  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Adam Borkowski, Karen McShane, Mary Urbanski  
**Altar Servers:** Daniel & Eleanor Bernas

**8:30 a.m. – Sunday – Celebrant:** Fr. Pelc **Lector:** Colleen Jogan  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Colleen Drummond, Colleen Gatzke, Christopher Harrison, Bob Jogan, Steve Linne, Joellyn Valgoi, Chris Walsh  
**Altar Servers:** Jack Hern, Dailey Jogan

**11:15 a.m. - Celebrant:** Fr. Bede **Lector:** Leslie Leitch  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Thomas Bennert, Lupe Davila, Doris Fleming, Joseph Hugh, Janis Ramsey, Cristina Swiatkowski, Patty Yaden  
**Altar Servers:** Liam O'Byrne, April Caballero

## Your Envelope Speaks . . . the Inside Story

To operate, each week our parish requires a *minimum* of..... \$10,100.00

### *On Sunday, July 1, 2018*

in envelopes we received ..... \$5,708.00

in the loose collection ..... \$562.00

in electronic donations ..... \$1,390.00

in children's envelopes..... \$0.00

for a total of..... **\$7,660.00**

**Under** budget for the week..... **\$2,440.00**

Number of envelopes mailed ..... 900

Number of envelopes used..... 151

*"As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, 'Son of man, I am sending you ...'" EZEKIEL 2:2-3*

*God asks each of us to do some special work for Him. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. However, do we listen to God when He calls? Do we get up on our feet and use our talent to do the work He asks of us? Remember, God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called.*

## Our Sick

Please pray for those who are seriously ill or who are hospitalized: Pat Blake, Maria Chinchilla, Karen Culver, Ann Sullivan Kay, Josephine Marino, Donald Miriani, Bonnie McKenna, Mary Myers, Jeanne Noto, David Schumacker, Matthew Elias, George Bucec, Emilie Kasper, Arthur Stoyshin, Anna Noto Billings, Vilma Rivers, Vilma Marone, Eileen O'Brien, Martha Luna, Dan Urbiel, Dina Engels, Liz Linne, Donna Barnes, Betty Greenia, Alexandra Cullen, Charmaine Kaptur, Darby O'Toole, Ernie DuMouchelle, Frank Gregory, Josephine DeCastris Sue Playwin and Lou Rondini.

## Marriage Encounter

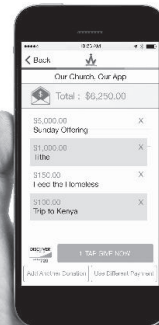
Create a beautiful tomorrow today together with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience! Renew the commitment, intimacy and passion in your marriage and make a good marriage even better!

Register @ [encounterdetroit.org](http://encounterdetroit.org) or Call 888-322-9963 for the following 2018 weekend dates:

August 17-19, Holy Family, Novi  
September 28-30, Holiday Inn, Troy  
November 2-4, St. Mary, Wayne.

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## A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for July

Heavenly Father,

You are the source of wisdom and grace,  
the author of human freedom and creativity.

We thank you for these gifts, and ask that you  
teach us to be good stewards of our creative spirits.

As we immerse ourselves in this summer season,  
show us how to slow down a bit, quiet ourselves,  
and learn the art of re-creation,  
reflection and relaxation.

Encourage us to "power down" so that we might  
recharge and re-energize our minds, bodies and spirits  
for the journey ahead of us.

Help us never to be too busy to pause  
and realize your gracious presence all around us:  
in nature, in other people, in ourselves.

Slow us down and teach us to be better stewards  
of our time of recreation.

We pray this in Jesus' name.

Amen



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- ☐ I would simply like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.
- ☐ I desire to prepare for my Baptism into Christianity.
- ☐ I've been Baptized as a Christian and now desire to join in Catholic Communion.
- ☐ I'm non-Catholic, but married to a Catholic, and now wish to join the Catholic Church.
- ☐ I'm Catholic and I would like to complete my initiation into the Catholic Church by celebrating Confirmation and/or Communion.
- ☐ I'm Baptized Catholic and would like to learn more about my faith and how to practice it.
- ☐ I want to propose someone for Catholic Church membership and offer to serve as their sponsor.
- ☐ I would be willing to help with an R.C.I.A. program.
- ☐ I have other needs, requests, and questions. Please contact me.

Return this to the Parish Rectory or place it in the Collection basket.

