

St. William Parish Community



Walled Lake, Michigan 48390

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As I said in last week's article that I might do, I have some additional suggestions for Lenten practices. Since

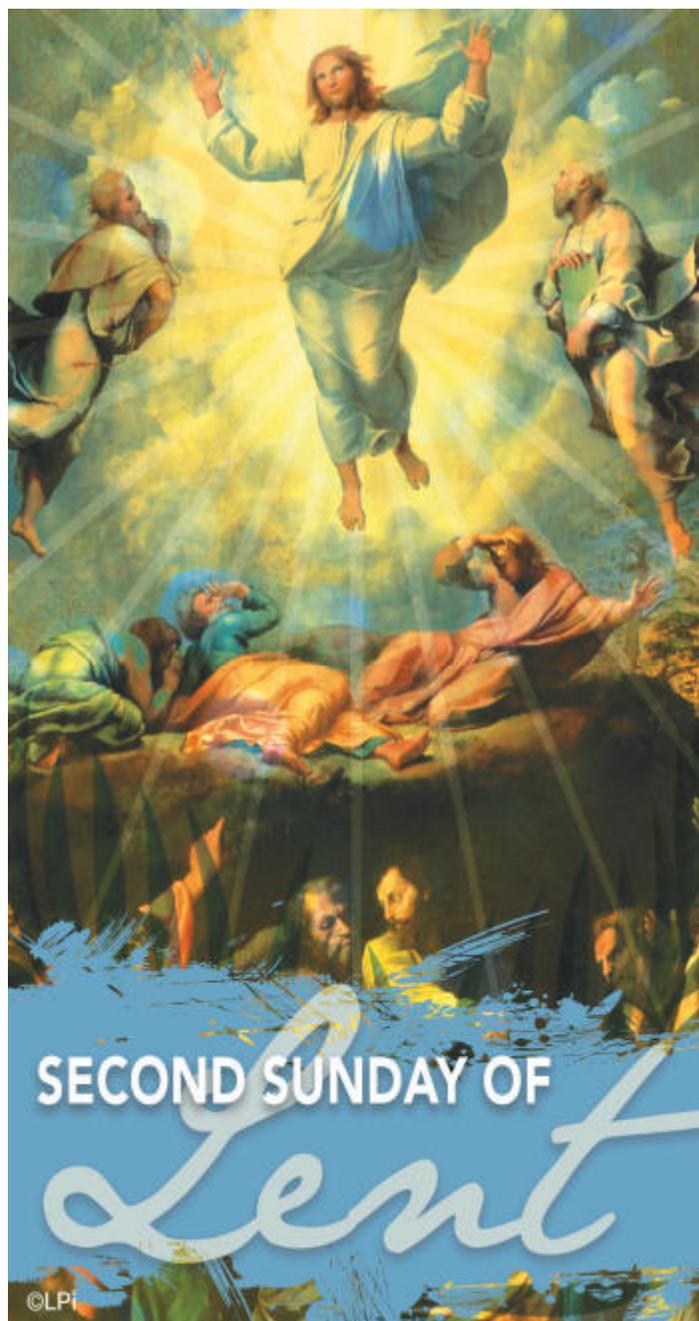
we're already 1-1/2 weeks into Lent, if you're finding yourself bogged down spiritually, you might find these especially helpful.

...Has to do with sacrifice. Specifically, the kind of sacrifice that all adults, under 60 years old, are **expected** to do on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. It's called *fasting*. Sometimes, this is just the thing to get a sluggish spirituality moving again (or for the first time!). We're not obliged to fast, except on those two special days, but it sure can be a powerful experience when it's done properly and with the proper intention. And yes, even though I'm well over 60, I still do this and find it very helpful.

By the way, "sacrifice" is not a dirty word. It comes from the Latin, *sacra facere*, which simply means "to make holy". So, loosely interpreted, Lenten sacrifices are those special practices which help make you holy! They're not all terribly unpleasant (you know, God isn't made happy by our making ourselves miserable), although sometimes a sacrifice can involve a fair amount of discipline.

Such is the case with an ancient form of sacrifice, fasting. If you have never really fasted, I highly recommend trying it as a way of breaking past spiritual roadblocks. I remember the late Fr. Ed Farrell, a noted author and retreat master, mentioning how sometimes when he would give a retreat, on the second or third day, he would recommend complete fasting from sunup until sundown. Often, that day would be the

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Parish Mission: "To live the Good News so joyfully, that we can't help but proclaim it!"

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30 pm,
Sunday *10:00 am (*also Live-streamed)
and Sunday 12:30 pm
Tues., Wed. & Thur., 8:00 am

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Many issues can be taken care of with a phone call, 248-624-1421.

Registration

For many reasons it is important to be formally registered as a parishioner. Contact the rectory for friendly help. Ext. 341

Baptism

To begin the preparation process for Baptism please call Deacon Bob Dreyer at 624-1421, ext. 345. Baptisms are normally scheduled the first and third Sundays of the month.

Marriage

To celebrate a valid marriage Catholics must have the help of a priest or deacon. Call at least six months in advance.

Funeral

Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

Ministry To The Sick

We are happy to visit the sick and provide anointing. Please contact the Parish Office at 624-1421.

RECTORY

Email: Rectory1@stwilliam.com
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Eucharistic Exposition

Saturday
March 13th
12 to 3:00 pm



Since Sunday Masses have been reduced to the public, contributions have greatly declined.

If you are in a position to help, automatic giving can be easily arranged online. Go to Faithdirect.net, or follow the link from our website, www.stwilliam.com.



Offerory Report

(The fiscal year begins July 1)

	Collected	Budgeted*	Over/(Under)
As of Jan., 2020	*\$478,869	\$583,331	(\$108,462)

*This does NOT represent *needed* income, but only the amount we expected would actually come in.

Note: For clarity and accuracy, this report now shows reconciled month-end balances.

The "One-Hour Challenge!"

To have a *happy, peaceful life*, it is important that we have our lives in order, with our grateful response to God for his gifts being our top priority. That is how a disciple responds in the areas of *prayer, family, finance, and service*.

If you need help to put balance in your life, take the "one-hour challenge": Each week, spend at least...

- One hour in prayer and worship.
- One hour, special, focused on your family or other important relationship.
- One hour's wage (if you have a job) for the Lord. No job? Then give what seems right for you.
- One hour in service. (Helping another, or working for some cause.)

It's important to be *specific* in what steps to take in order to ensure that each "hour" actually happens!

May God bless you!

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“breakthrough”. Similarly, a Lenten fast on a particular day—or regularly—could have the same kind of result. Naturally, any kind of medical condition such as high or low blood sugar precludes the idea of fasting.

Church law, which specifies what is required, is specific about what is expected when fasting: you may eat one meal that day (and no snacking). Two smaller meals, not equaling a full meal, may be taken to maintain strength. But such laws are minimums, and we sometimes find ourselves playing games with them. A person can be tempted to see whether it’s possible to fulfill the law, and fast, without feeling hungry! (For example, eating a lot at the “smaller meals” and then eating even more at the “big meal”, but still not as much as the two smaller ones combined! Presto! Fulfilled the law—but missed the point.)

On the contrary, what I’m urging is: *simply don’t eat*. Let the hunger happen. Don’t try to avoid it; rather, consciously, translate the hunger into a sort of physical prayer: “Lord, let me hunger for you; let me thirst for your word”. Or again: “I’m not going to be preoccupied with seeking the satisfaction of my own needs. Lord, *You* take care of sustaining me.” Fasting, you see, must always be a *prayerful* experience. It should never be just an exercise in pain to no purpose. The time saved in a day (by not eating) should be used for prayer or doing some work of the Lord. The money saved on your food bill could



Multi-Media Event Stations

Jesus Christ carried the cross through the streets of Jerusalem, on the way to His own death. Join us as we commemorate Christ’s sacrifice for the sins of the world. Featuring music, prayer, teaching on crucifixion, and multi-media presentation.

March 5, 2021, 7 pm

Also will be livestreamed from our website, www.stwilliam.com

be given to the poor. You can drop such savings in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes, for example.

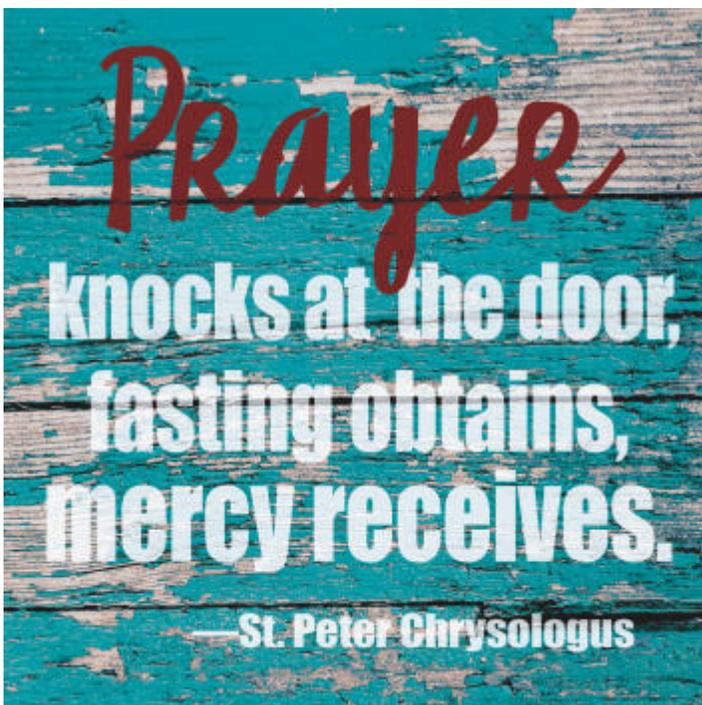
I remember reading a portion of a sermon by St. Peter Chrysologus (his name means “golden-tongued”), who wrote the following:

“Prayer, mercy and fasting: these three are one, and they give life to each other.... When you fast, see the fasting of others. If you want God to know that you are hungry, know that another is hungry. If you hope for mercy, show mercy. If you look for kindness, show kindness. If you want to receive, give. If you ask for yourself what you deny to others, your asking is a mockery. Therefore, let prayer, mercy, and fasting be one single plea to God on our behalf, one speech in our defense, a threefold united prayer in our favor.”

In short, fasting must be done for religious reasons, a sacrifice that makes us holy.

“Prayer” and “fasting” should practically be seen as one word. They go together, sort of like peanut butter and jelly—or more pointedly, like bread and wine.

In Jesus,
Fr. Michael



**St. William Dads' Club
33rd Annual
Lenten Fish Fry
Drive-Thru Carry-Out**



Adult Fish Dinner \$10.00

5 pieces of battered fried Cod, french fries, cole slaw, roll, butter, tartar sauce

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Baked Salmon Dinner \$14.00

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Baked Cod Dinner \$12.00

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Pasta Dinner \$ 5.00

Add-on Baked Potato \$ 1.00

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Enter main parking lot off of Common Street. Follow signage through lot to order stations and onward to curbside delivery. **Never Leave Your Vehicle!** See our on-line menu or place your order on-line:

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We will be offering Drive-through Carry-out only with cars entering the main parking lot and orders taken to the car. This year we will have online ordering through our website <http://www.saintwilliam.net>. You can order on-line, set your own pick-up time, and pay by credit card.

See the menu and share with your family, friends and neighbors.

We hope everyone has a safe and healthy Lenten season.

God bless,

The St. William Dads' Club

Rosary Altar Society

March Altar Society Meeting
Wednesday, March 3rd at 6:30 PM in
Lower Zepf Hall.



**St. Vincent de Paul Society
Second Sunday of Lent**

Lent is a call not just to "give up something" but more important to "give something for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Your almsgiving in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

USCCB Word of Life

*"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is **cherished**."*

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent
usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection



Right to Life — Lifespan

It Is So Simple

A family shared a video of a toddler touching his mother's pregnant stomach and saying, "The baby is moving!" he enthused. "The baby is moving!" He then deemed the impressive event "amazing! It is such a simple concept. Small children recognize the child within. It is sad that so many adults can't do the same.

Welcome

Newly Baptized

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Gibson Laurin



Rosary Rally

Please join us Saturday May 6th
12:00 Noon

To pray for our country and for
an end to abortion.

We will meet in the main parking lot, then
move to the front grassy area along
Pontiac Trail, in front of the school.



Prayer Opportunities for Lent

Liturgy of the Hours—Morning Prayer
with communion service

Mondays & Fridays of Lent, 8:00 AM

Weekday Morning Mass

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 8:00 AM

Tuesday Rosary

6:30 PM

Friday Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM

Special Presentation by Bill Richart

Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 5th, 7:00 PM

will also be live streamed from our website,

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Rosary Rally

Saturday, March 6th, 12 Noon
South Parking Lot (Off Nicolet)

Eucharistic Exposition

Saturday, March 13th, 12 to 3 PM



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

The apostles thought they knew Jesus, but when he changed in front of them at the Transfiguration, they were "afraid." In families we cannot freeze relationships because change and growth are inevitable. Children grow up, parents grow old and spouses change. Transfigurations are all around us and within us. Relationships can only grow when we embrace the new and let go of the old.



Augustine Institute Media

TITLES FOR LENT!

Stop by the Augustine Institute Media kiosk in the East Tower and check out the latest CD's and Books. There are numerous Lenten CD titles for only \$3.00 each. We also have 2 of the books Father Michael spoke about in a recent Bulletin article available for \$5.00 each, a very good price! Why not take advantage of these offerings and share with your families and friends? Please remember that this is a self-funding program so please deposit monies in the box if you take a book or CD.

When Sacrifice Becomes Mundane

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. "We're ready, God!" our hearts cry out. "Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!"

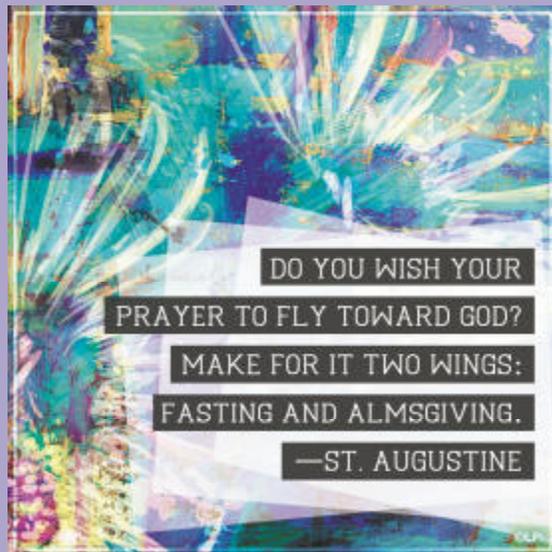
But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they've joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It's not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It's the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there's that nagging voice in our minds saying: *go ahead, God doesn't really mind.*

It's a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn't you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried "Ready!" when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, "Ready!" when we hear the call of God?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



WHY DO WE DO THAT? -

Question: Why do we use incense at Mass?

Answer: The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today.

Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.

The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass).

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Tuesday, March 2nd

8:00 am

Sylvia & Chester Studzinski (L&D, 64th Anniv.)

Wednesday, March 3rd

8:00 am

Alvin Chartrand (D) family

Thursday, March 4th

8:00 am

Members of St. William Parish (L&D)

Saturday, March 6th

4:30 pm

Matthew Dolder (D) and Chris Moersch (D) Dolder family; Ray Hibbeln (D) Monica & Rais Hibbeln; Trevor Monfette (SI) family

Sunday, March 7th

10:00 am

Members of St. William Parish (L&D)

12:30 pm

Ray & Marie Hibbeln (D); Frank Kemp (D) Stella Kemp & family; Pham, Ngoc & Hoang families (D); Dave Kozora (D)

Readings for the week

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16
-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf.
103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and
23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16
[17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/
Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18
-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11
-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps
19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-
8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

All-powerful and ever-lasting God, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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Pray the Rosary

Our Legion of Mary members invite you to join them Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm to pray the Rosary.

All are welcome to stay after and attend their brief meeting.

Gospel Meditation

A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, "You are absolutely beaming!" The new life God placed in her womb radiated throughout her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes. Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out. It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good. Yes, it is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently. But, for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal and metamorphosis as well. Simply regulating behavior and bringing someone into conformity with accepted protocols doesn't mean their heart and soul come with them.

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald's and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new "digs," received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when



they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you're really "into it" this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it's only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation. If we are serious

about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God's call. Then, there is God's request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen.

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Intercessory Prayers

Intercessory prayer boxes have been placed in the tower entrances. Our Intercessory Prayer Teams will lift your intentions up in prayer for two weeks. You may also email your prayer requests by clicking the link on our website, www.stwilliam.com. All prayer requests are kept confidential.

Live the Liturgy

How is your Lent going so far? In changing the circumstances and order of our lives a bit, perhaps we can hear God's voice more clearly and drink more deeply of graced moments we experience. Having God as a friend always involves several things. First, there is God's call. We become attuned to the echo of God's voice in the depth of our souls calling and beckoning us to listen. Second, there is a request. We begin to see that God asks us to do certain things, to order our lives a particular way, and become more intentional in the choices we make. Third, there is trust. Do we trust this call and request? Trust commits us to the relationship and makes a claim on who we are. Finally, we are asked to act. We find ourselves acting, not in the way we used to, but in a transformed, more enlightened way. Things seem clearer and all that is around us shines with the brilliance of God's presence. God's call came through a cloud, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him," This is the call and the request. Can we give God our trust and do as God asks?

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Are you struggling in your marriage or in need of a marriage refresher and not sure where to turn for help?

The Marriage Support Office of the Archdiocese of Detroit is pleased to offer the Marriage Coaching program – a couple-to-couple mentoring opportunity designed to assist couples live out God's plan for their marriage.

When differences begin dividing, hurt is hardening the heart, “growing pains” are becoming “regular pains”, and the passion and affection is lacking, then your marriage needs help. Like our vehicles that need preventative care, tune-ups or repairs to prevent major damage, so do our marriages.

Trained Coaching Couples will give the support and practical tools needed to help couples restore and realize the fullness they desire for their Catholic marriage. The Marriage Coaching program consists of seven main coaching sessions that are strictly confidential and provided at no cost.

To learn more and get started with the help you need for your marriage contact: 313-237-4680 | www.aod.org/marriagecoaching | familyministry@aod.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Whether you are wanting a marriage tune-up, feeling stalled, or experiencing a downward spiral, you need not settle for anything less than the fullness that God intends for your marriage relationship.

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