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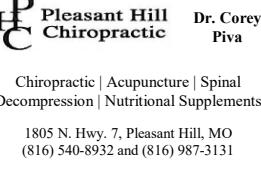
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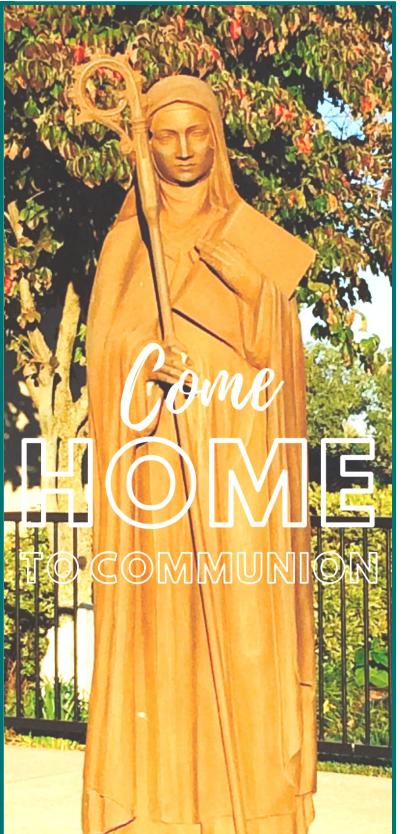
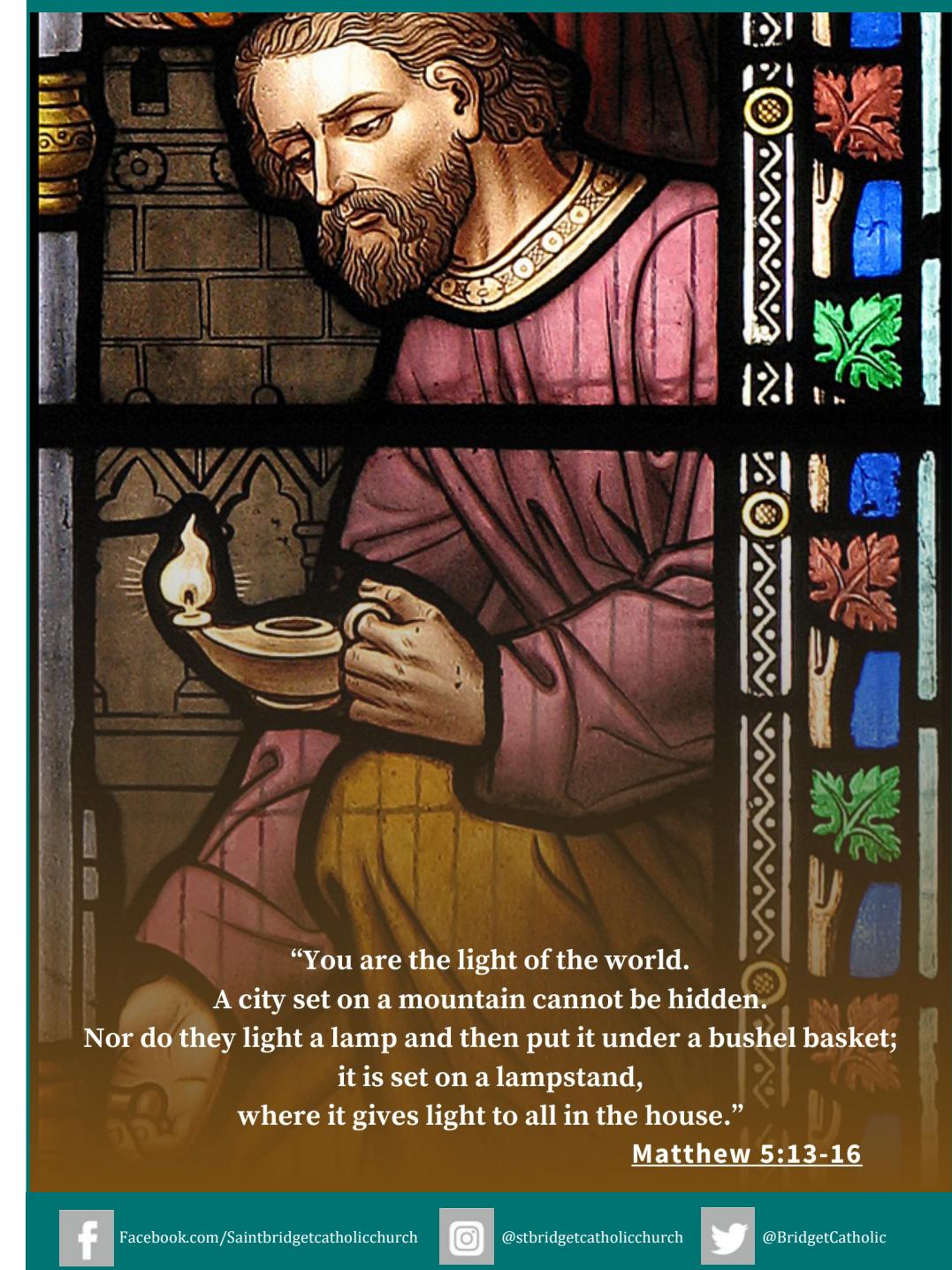
February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Regular Mass Times for

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am
Tuesday	9:00 am
Wednesday	6:00 pm
Thursday	9:00 am
<i>First</i> Fridays	6:00 pm
Holy Days	See Bulletin

Regular Confession Times

Tuesday	8:25 - 8:50 am
Wednesday	5:25 - 5:50 pm
Thursday	8:25 - 8:50 am
Thursday	6:15 - 6:45 pm
<i>First</i> Friday	5:25 - 5:50 pm
Sunday	7:20 - 7:50 am
<i>2nd</i> Saturday	After Mass
Office Hours	
Mon. - Thur.	9:00 - 4:00 pm
Friday	9:00 - 3:00 pm



Date	Servers	Ushers	Lectors	Sacristans	Rosary Leaders	Cantors Musicians	Homebound Ministers	Church Cleaners	Money Counters
Saturday February 14	Emmett T Maxx S Bodon R	Chris Thornberry	Don Ring	Patty Hennrich Abrah Sullivan	Marilyn Anderson	Kaitlin Long / TBA			
Sunday February 15	Patrick O Richard B Bennett S	Ryan O'Hanlon	Laura Long	Joe Bouchard	Olivia Carrasco	David Orson / Judy Wolf	DJ Breitbach		Chris' Team February 16
Wednesday February 18 9AM	TBD	TBD	Mario O'Malley	TBD	N/A				
Wednesday February 18 7PM	Alex H Joseph H Bodon R	Don Ring Chris Thornberry	DJ Breitbach	Rita Pilcher Ed Medlock	N/A	Kaitlin Long / Melissa Neff			



Mass Intentions † Indicates deceased person

Tuesday, February 10 9:00 a.m. † Carl Schuster by St. Bridget Parish
 Wednesday, February 11 6:00 p.m. Special intention for Gabe Lickteig
 Thursday, February 12 9:00 a.m. † Bill Cassidy by Gary & Katy Crabtree
 Saturday, February 14 5:00 p.m. For the People of St. Bridget
 Sunday, February 15 8:00 a.m. † Robert Brock by St. Bridget Parish

Special Collections

2026

February 18 Ash Wednesday

February 22 Catholic Charities (CCEAAO)

March 1 Dream Fund

Charity Opportunity

Do you desire to help our Lord Jesus Christ by seeing Him in the poor and needy in our area? Consider donating towards The Pleasant Hill Lay Clergy Council, our local food pantry and charity organization. This is a 501C3 organization, thus your donation is tax deductible. There is no electronic giving yet, but you can write checks to "Pleasant Hill Lay Clergy," mail your donation to 100 Veterans Parkway, Pleasant Hill, MO 64080. If you desire to assist (i.e. Meals on Wheels - making and delivering low cost meals, then call 816-987-3952, working at the food pantry, working at the thrift store, etc.) OR have other questions, please contact the Pleasant Hill Lay Clergy at: (816) 987-3600.

GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH			
OFFER RIGHT SACRIFICES & PUT YOUR TRUST IN THE LORD. PS 4:5			
Week ending 02/01/2026	Collection	EFT	Total
St. Bridget Parish	\$4072.00	\$2265.15	\$6337.15
Dream Fund	\$375.00	\$0.00	\$375.00
Dream Fund MTD	\$375.00	\$0.00	\$375.00
Youth Group	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Votive Candle	\$61.00	\$0.00	\$61.00
Special Collection -	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Special Collection -	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Please remember the Dream Fund. Month to date: \$1402.50

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Position OPEN, High School Youth Director

Henry Saubers, Parish Custodian

Bulletin Announcements

Bulletin announcements must be e-mailed one week prior to the weekend of distribution to secretary@stbridgetph.org.

Sacraments

Baptism Parent preparation session is required. Please call the parish office prior to the birth.

First Communion A sacramental preparation program is required through SOR or an approved other curriculum.

Confirmation Program for high school students, according to Diocesan guidelines.

Marriage Please call the parish office when engaged. A nine month preparation period is required (diocesan policy). One party should be a registered, attending parishioner.

Anointing of the Sick As requested after Mass and by appointment.

Devotions and Info

New Parishioners

Welcome! Please register by downloading a registration form from our web site, stbridgetph.weconnect.com or contact the parish office. We are glad you are here and look forward to meeting you! ***

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Thursday After Mass—7:00 p.m.
 Fifth Fridays 24 hrs. 5:00pm—Sat. 4:45pm

First Friday Mass and Devotions

6:00 p.m.; devotions, adoration, and benediction follow
 Rosary

Before Mass Tuesday, Saturday, Sunday; First Thursday at 6:30pm w/ Altar Society; Second Thursday at 6:30pm w/ KofC

Prayer Chain Requests If you wish to be added to the prayer chain, please contact Roberta Klein at (816) 540-5980.

Blessing Have you experienced a miscarriage?
 Contact Father Vogel or Deacon Morgan to receive a blessing.

Office of Child & Youth Protection

Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Phone: 816-714-2357

Email: victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org

Independent Ombudsman:

Phone: 816-213-6024

Email: ombudsman@ombudsmankcsj.org

Reporting Abuse

PROMISE TO PROTECT PLEDGE TO HEAL

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church.

If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18).
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911.
3. If the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, report the suspected abuse to the Diocesan Ombudsman, at ombudsman@ombudsmankcsj.org or 816-213-6024

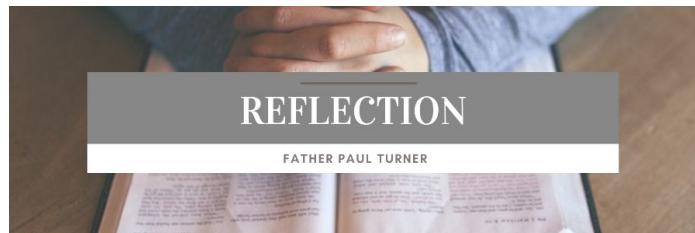
The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families.
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REFLECTION

FATHER PAUL TURNER

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

The Right Words

It is hard to say the right thing at the right time. Some people seem to have a gift for words. They know what to say to comfort, challenge, or inspire others. Others of us say things without thinking, words we later regret. Often we just cannot think of the argument we would like to make when someone else is speaking. We think it up later. When we have the opportunity to speak, we might feel frustrated or inadequate. We might wish someone else would speak instead.

But words are not everything. People also learn from us by our actions. Sometimes our care and concern is written on our faces or communicated in gestures of kindness. God can use us, even when we cannot find words.

St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "My message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of Spirit and power." Paul did not rely on public speaking technique. He spoke about his experience of God, and the power of the Spirit came through his words with a conviction that impressed his hearers.

If we get into situations where we do not know what to say, we may want to ask God for help before we speak. When we open our mouths, the Spirit of God can work, using our own experience and conviction in ways that words alone could not do.

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REFLECTION

DIVINE MERCY

Perceiving the Passion of the Lord

Do you understand the Passion of our Lord? Do you perceive His sufferings in your soul? This may, at first, seem undesirable. But perceiving the sufferings and Passion of our Lord is a great grace. As we perceive His suffering we must then encounter it and embrace it as our own. We must live His sufferings. In doing so, we begin to discover that His suffering is nothing other than divine love and Mercy. And we find that the love in His soul which endured all sufferings enables us to endure all things in love. Love endures everything and conquers everything. Let this holy and purified love consume you so that you can endure, in love, whatever you encounter in life (See Diary #46).



Gaze upon the crucifix this day. Gaze upon the perfect Sacrifice of Love. Gaze upon our God who willingly endured all things out of love for you. Ponder this great mystery of love in suffering and love in sacrifice. Understand it, accept it, love it and live it.

Lord, Your Cross is the perfect example of sacrificial love. It's the purest and highest form of love ever known. Help me to understand this love and to accept it into my heart. And as I accept Your perfect Sacrifice of Love, help me to live that love in all that I do and in all that I am. Jesus, I trust in You.

(This free reflection can be found at <https://divinemercy.life/2026/02/03/reflection-35-perceiving-the-passion-of-the-lord-2/>)



FR. VOGEL'S COLUMN

PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

Next weekend I will be gone visiting my brother and his family. We did not have a chance to see each other over the holiday season this time around. Additionally, my niece and nephews will be out of school next Friday and Monday, and my brother

does not work next weekend. With all this in place, the good Lord was kind to me to find a substitute priest for the weekend, one that you all have seen before, Father Tom Kirchhoeffer. He is coming as an Unbound Missionary this time around.

This does mean that I am sadly missing the Mardis Gras party at St. Bridget, which is a fun time for our whole parish community. I hope for the reasons stated above, you all can more than understand how I cannot pass up this opportunity to see my family.

Also, this weekend we are passing out our Lent books. Not only, the Magnificat daily Lent devotional, but also, a fantastic book about striving/growing in holiness. We got an amazing discount to boot on these books. This book is so practical. It gives you many ways to grow in holiness, and even by breaking it down by the days of the week. I have found as a priest that there's a desire among people to grow in holiness, but making it concrete and living it out are difficult. This book makes it reachable. I hope you take it home, peruse it over, and apply it to your observance during Lent, which starts with Ash Wednesday on February 18.

In Christo et Maria,

Father Vogel



CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, February 9

Tuesday, February 10

8:25 a.m. Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:25 a.m. Confessions
9:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, February 11

5:25 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. Mass
6:30 p.m. WoF / Men's Group
6:40 p.m. SOR / OCIA

Thursday, February 12

8:25 a.m. Confessions
9:00 a.m. Mass
9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration Begins
6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus—Rosary
6:50 p.m. Benediction (w/ Deac. Morgan)
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus—Meeting

Friday, February 13

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, February 14 — OUTBOUND

4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass (w/ Fr. Kirchhoefer)
6:00 p.m. 2nd Saturday Confessions
6:15 ish Mardi Gras

Sunday, February 15 — OUTBOUND

7:30 a.m. Confessions
7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass (w/ Fr. Kirchhoefer)

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National Marriage Week

Every February 7-14

For More Information marriageweek.org

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PRAYER FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Almighty and eternal God,

You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church:

look with kindness on them.

Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.

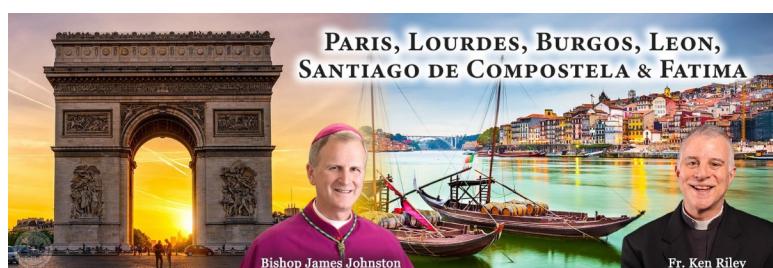
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

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Join Bishop James Johnston and Father Ken Riley on a pilgrimage to Paris, Lourdes, Burgos, Leon, Santiago de Compostela and Fatima in October. Find pricing, an itinerary and more information by scanning the QR Code. The password for the website is **Francis206**.



Catechism of the Catholic Church

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2447 The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities. Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting are spiritual works of mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. the corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God: ”

COMMANDMENT OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY 2026



If you love me, you will keep my commandments. John 14:15

WEEK 2

The 6th Commandment **You shall not commit adultery**

The human heart is constantly in search of authentic love. But in our over-sexualized culture it is easy to be tempted, distracted and lose our way trying to fill a God-size hole with worldly pleasures that don't satisfy, leave us lonely, and erode our soul. Having been made in the image and likeness of God, we are made for greatness, for joy and for authentic relationship. It is through trusting in Jesus, His forgiveness and His Commandments, that we discover the love that will fill our God-size hole.

Have you ever really taken a good look at why God gave us the truth and wisdom of His Commandments and the authentic freedom they offer? If not, why not now?

To rediscover the truth and wisdom of the Commandments from a fresh and insightful perspective, go to <https://ifuloveme.org/register> or scan the code.

Prayer Intention for February

For the married members of our parish family. That their love be renewed through the example of Jesus's love for His bride, the Church.





UNBOUND

February 14-15, 2026



Father Tom Kirchhoefer

Next weekend, please welcome, Rev. Thomas Kirchhoefer who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 17 developing countries. To learn more, call [800] 875-6564 or visit Unbound online at www.unbound.org.

Ordained in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Father Tom Kirchhoefer has served in parishes and supported the U.S. Army as a chaplain for over 10 years. He served as Veterans Affairs hospital chaplain in St. Petersburg and Gainesville, Florida, and currently serves as VA hospital chaplain in Kansas City, Missouri. In his spare time, Father Kirchhoefer enjoys reading, traveling and music.

“I am glad to work with Unbound and reach out to people. I hold onto the definition of a prophet, who has been called to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. In my baptismal role as prophet, I seek to bring people's attention to the poor in our midst.”

— Father Tom Kirchhoefer

SAVE THESE DATES!!!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - SONS OF MERCY

FISH FRY

FEBRUARY 27

MARCH 13

MARCH 27

5:00 PM TO 6:30 PM

KIDS AGE 5 & UNDER = FREE;

KIDS AGE 6-12 = \$5.00;

OVER AGE 13 & ADULTS = \$15.00.

Parishioners are invited to bring a dessert to one of the Fish Fry Dinners. Look for sign-up sheet on the oak table.

Please bring desserts to Ledwidge Hall between 1pm - 4pm the day of the Dinner.

Menu: FRIED, BAKED, GRILLED FISH; COLE SLAW; BAKED POTATO; MAC & CHEESE; CORN FRITTERS; GREEN BEANS; DESSERT; WATER - LEMONADE - ICE TEA. ALL YOU CAN EAT.

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Ash Wednesday

{INTO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN}

FEBRUARY 18, 2026

MASS TIMES:

9:00 AM - ST. BRIDGET (FR. VOGEL)

7:00 PM - ST. BRIDGET (FR. MILLER)

7:00 PM - ST. PATRICK (FR. VOGEL)



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2026 Weekend Dates

Men #279: March 5-8

Women #280: March 19-22

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Called By Name

SUNDAY

January 31 and February 1, 2026

Submission deadline: February 15, 2026



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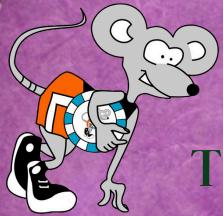
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FIND THE BABY IN
THE KING CAKE!

FAMILY FUN FOR EVERYONE!

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- TO JOIN IN ON THE CHILI COOK-OFF
- TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WORK THE CHILI COOK-OFF
- TO BRING A CAKE FOR THE CAKE WHEEL
- TO RSVP



February 7-14 National Marriage Week USA™

Let's Strengthen Marriage

**A national campaign to help marriage
which benefits children and reduces poverty**

"We have launched highly effective public education campaigns on much less momentous issues, from smoking to recycling...For now, the decline in marriage is our most ignored national crisis..."
TIME Magazine commentary
March 5, 2012

The Benefits of Marriage:

- ▶ Married adults live longer lives, have better health, and greater personal happiness.
- ▶ Children raised by both parents at home perform better in school, have less addiction, less teen pregnancy and less trouble with the law.
- ▶ Marriage is the unsung anti-poverty program.
- ▶ Single motherhood is greatest cause for poverty among women and children.
- ▶ Married adults have more wealth and financial stability.
- ▶ Healthy marriage saves U.S. taxpayers—costs \$112 billion per year for divorce and unwed childbearing.

We Can Do Better

Huge decline in married adults: from 79% in 1970 to 57% in 2013

US births to unwed mothers grew from 5% in 1960 to an alarming 41% in 2008

White, working-class, U.S. children living with both parents declined from 96% in 1962 to only 37% in 2004

Never-married Americans soared nearly 4-fold from 21 million in 1970 to 77 million in 2012

Teen birth rate for girls when their father leaves before they are 6- yrs-old is 35%. 7 times the rate from when fathers stay married.

Boys without fathers at home are twice as likely to end up in prison

Children Need Both Parents

What Can You Do?

- ▶ Find a marriage class or event near you on the NMW National Calendar!
- ▶ Mobilize your organization to start a new marriage class or host a special event.
- ▶ Help build a groundswell of marriage education across the nation, and post your info for free with us!
- ▶ Launch a National Marriage Week USA Celebration in your town!

Marriage Reduces Poverty

We'd have 25% less poverty today if we had the marriage rates we had in 1970

Only 2 % chance of poverty if you finish high school, work fulltime, & postpone marriage/child bearing until age 21. 77% chance of poverty if you don't do these 3 things.

In U.S., marriage drops probability of child poverty by 82%

A photograph of a couple in a romantic pose at sunset, with the man's arm around the woman's shoulder. The scene is set against a warm, golden sky.

STRENGTHENING MARRIAGES

National Marriage Week

is Feb 7th - 14th.

This is a time for husbands and
wives to do something
intentional together, to grow
their marriage.

Follow us on social media for daily encouragement for your marriage



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The 2026 theme for National Marriage Week is:

Together with purpose

A marriage with purpose goes beyond day-to-day life—it is about a higher commitment to walk side by side, building a life that is intentional, meaningful, and enduring.

Join us for a live virtual event each day of National Marriage Week by National Marriage Leaders aimed at growing, helping, and improving your marriage.



marriageweek.org/broadcasts



Sign up for our newsletter on our website to get more information and register as we draw closer to February!