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An astronaut! A police officer! A nurse! A professional athlete! A teacher! A veterinarian! These are some of the common responses when kids are asked, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” What was your answer? Chances are, it was not, “I want to be a wife/husband” or “I’m thinking I’d like to become a priest.” It could have been, but it’s not likely. Most of us don’t view our role as a spouse as a vocation, much less a sacrament. But it is. Fewer feel called to the priesthood. This month we will be looking more closely at these two sacraments at the service of communion: Marriage and Holy Orders. For today, I’ll focus on the first.

Our God is not alone. He is not a solitary entity. He is a triune God, a communion of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. And as humans are made in His image, so we are made for communion. In the beginning, God made Adam. God brought all the animals of the world to Adam so he could name them. While he probably found some of them to be quite amazing and maybe he was even a bit curious to check out one or two of them a bit closer, none were found to be a suitable companion for him. And so, God put Adam into a deep sleep, removed one of his ribs and created Eve. This woman was made out of man, but she also completed man. Male and female were complements to each other physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Yet they were three: male, female, and God; three-fold, just like the original. They were commanded to be fruitful and multiply. Again, it takes three! (Gasp!?!?!) Man and woman in the conjugal act, but it is at the moment of conception that life comes forth from the third, from God. Even more so, the two people become three!

Marriage on earth is just a small taste of what our union with God in Heaven will be like. It is a visible sign of Christ’s union with His Church. Matrimony is a sacrament because it makes God’s love present and tangible here on earth. Jesus loved those around Him unconditionally. It didn’t matter what things they had done, what diseases they had, how rich or poor they were. In spite of their failings and frailties, He loved them completely. And so it is with those who are married. We are called to imitate Christ in our everyday lives. We are to love our spouse without exception. (Even if they don’t know how to use a hamper or leave hair in the shower!) We are to create a domestic church in our homes and raise our children in the faith. God’s love and grace are brought into our homes by the sacrament of Matrimony. And that’s not an easy task. No wonder being a spouse didn’t top the list.

Blessings,

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* Sunday, April 7, 4-6 pm at Fellowship Hall: Faith Formation classes- “A Family of Faith” class, please bring your books if you have them.
* Monday, April 8, 7 pm at St. Francis de Sales, Lakeview: Adult Enrichment Class
* Thursday, April 11, 9:30 am- 10:30 am at CTK Church: Holy Hour
* Friday, April 12, 9:30 am at SF, Lakeview & 7 pm at CTK, Howard City: Stations of the Cross
* Saturday, April 13, 9 am till noon at Fellowship Hall: Service Saturday “Tech Tutors”- stop by any time this morning to get some help on how to use your electronic device (smartphone, tablet, laptop, Chromebook, etc.) We have people to help with both PC and Mac products, also both iPhones and Androids. You can also get help setting up accounts for email, Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, and more!