

NOVEMBER Jubilant Marriages for Priests & Deacons

This simple set of monthly resources are designed to help you as a Priest or Deacon to fortify the marriages of couples in your parish. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3. Choose **ONE** Sunday to encourage married couples in a special way in your homily. On that Sunday, add the Prayers of the Faithful intentions to your liturgy plans that are specific to marriage and family based on what is provided here. **TWO**, add the Sunday Matrimony Moments content as often as you can in the parish Bulletin. **THREE** add the Jubilant Marriages Tool Kit link and image to your digital communication sometime during the month of NOVEMBER.

1) Prayers of the Faithful + Homily Inspiration

Look for an opportunity to include encouragement/insight for Married couples and families in your homily, and prayers for them in your Prayers of the Faithful on one or more Sundays in November.

2) Sunday "Matrimony Moments"

These four short marriage-strengthening content blocks are included to offer as a regular feature in the parish bulletin. Use one each week, or include as space allows. Content from one of these can be mentioned in a homily. ***LINK***

3) NOVEMBER Jubilant Marriages Toolkit Magazine



The digital Jubilant Marriages Toolkit magazine is packed with great content to equip marriages to be strong and cultivate generosity by doing works of mercy together as a couple and making it part of the family lifestyle.

Use this Tool Kit COVER IMAGE (back page) and ***LINK****: to easily share the valuable Jubilant Marriages content with your parishioners.*
Digital sharing options include:
Parish e-newsletter, Flocknote, etc.

Questions? Contact Jubilant Marriages Coordinator: Cathy Gilmore (cell) 636-391-3999 or cathygilmore@archstl.org.

Jubilant Marriages Prayers of the Faithful

Married Couples

We pray that married couples will allow the power of Matrimonal Grace to energize them to actively seek ways to make the Corporal Works of Mercy part of their family lifestyle.

Generous Love

We pray that the love of married couples will overflow with charity, so that the afflicted and the needy who have known their kindness may find in them merciful friends and welcome them into the eternal home of God.



Sunday Matrimony Moments

Sunday Matrimony Moments have a two-fold purpose.
1) FOR COUPLES: They can help the married couples in your parish in a simple and practical way. These can reach the parishioners who might not come out for an event, but might try this simple little Sunday exercise to strengthen their marriage one-on-one at home. Couples can use them to start a conversation over coffee on a Sunday morning and/or parish-based couple small groups can use them as well.

2) FOR PRIESTS & DEACONS: They also can be used as part of ***homily preparation***. These short weekly elements based on one line of scripture in the Sunday readings can be helpful seeds for you to offer nuggets of encouragement directly to married couples in your congregation during the Sunday homily. Their Sacrament of Matrimony will flourish with words of spiritual nourishment.

Parish Bulletin: Copy and paste each weekly CONTENT SECTION and LOGO IMAGE as a regular feature in the parish bulletin - as often as space allows. (See following page to use.)

Sunday Matrimony Moments include the following four elements each week:

- **Scripture from one of the Sunday readings**
- **Simple Couple Prayer based on a weekly theme**
- **Marriage Motivation Tip for couples to improve their marriage**
- **Conversation Question to fuel a conversation about the topic that week**

Sunday Matrimony Moments November, 2026

Sunday Matrimony Moments are a simple way for couples to grow in unity and holiness. Couples can use this content one-on-one for conversations on Sundays and build a habit of choosing heart-to-heart time together as a priority each week. Parish-based couple small groups can also use these as a structure for reflection, prayer, and conversation.

Couples, try out this simple content to enrich your marriage one-on-one each Sunday

November 1, 2026 / All Saints – Growing in Mercy Together

***Sunday Scripture**: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." (Matthew 5:7)*

Couple Prayer: Heavenly Father, as we honor all the saints who lived lives of love, open our hearts to practice the corporal works of mercy as one. Help us feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and visit the lonely together, so that our marriage may reflect Your compassion and lead us closer to You. Amen.
Marriage Motivation Tip: Choose one corporal work of mercy this week—such as preparing a meal for a family in need or collecting clothing for the poor—and complete it side by side. Serving together strengthens your bond and forms you more deeply in the holiness of the saints.
Couple Conversation Question: Which saint inspires us most to show mercy, and what simple act of corporal mercy can we do together this week to honor their example?

November 8, 2026 – Keeping Our Lamps Burning with Mercy

Sunday Scripture: "Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!" (Matthew 25:6)

Couple Prayer: Lord Jesus, Bridegroom of the Church, keep the oil of charity burning brightly in our marriage. Inspire us to stay ready for You by performing works of mercy together—welcoming the stranger, visiting the sick, or comforting the grieving—so that when You come we may enter the wedding feast as one. Amen.
Marriage Motivation Tip: Treat acts of mercy as the "oil" that keeps your marital lamp lit. Schedule a shared visit to someone who is ill or homebound this week; the time spent serving side by side will deepen your readiness for Christ and for each other.
Couple Conversation Question: How can we, as a couple, keep our hearts "awake" through corporal works of mercy, even tiny ones in our home, so that we are always prepared to seek and meet the Lord together?

November 15, 2026 – A Worthy Marriage that Reaches Out

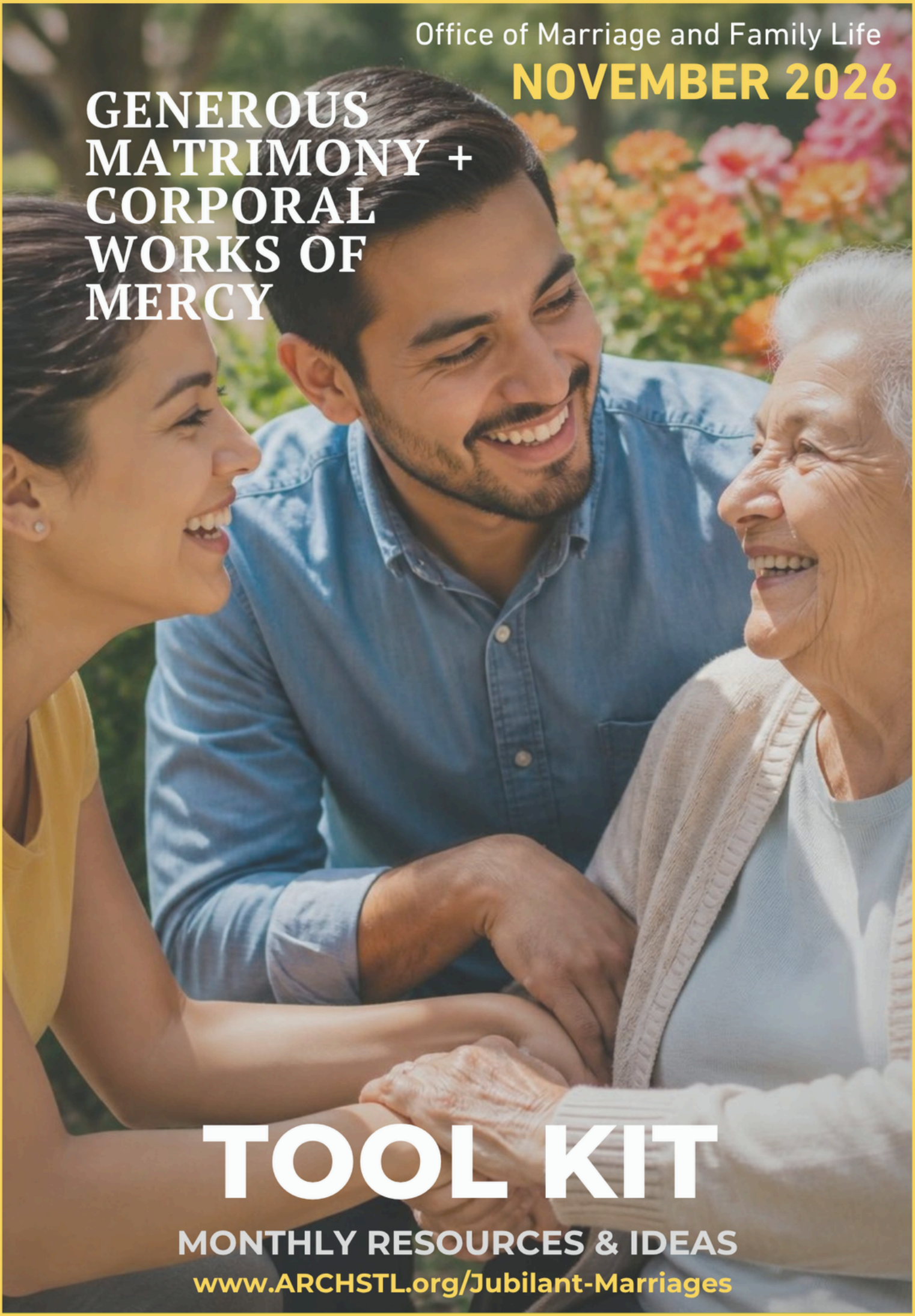
Sunday Scripture: "She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy." (Proverbs 31:20)

Couple Prayer: God of all goodness, You call us to be a worthy husband and wife who bring good to one another and to those in need. Grant us the grace to use the talents You have entrusted to us by performing corporal works of mercy as a couple—feeding, clothing, and caring—with our home flowing with love. Amen.
Marriage Motivation Tip: Like the wise servant who multiplies talents, identify one gift each of you has (time, cooking skills, organizing ability) and combine them this week to serve the poor or elderly. Investing your married life in mercy yields eternal joy.
Couple Conversation Question: In what practical ways can we, as a couple, "reach out our hands to the poor" this month so that our marriage becomes a living example of the worthy wife and faithful servant?

November 22, 2026 / Solemnity of Christ the King – Recognizing Christ in the Least

Sunday Scripture: "I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

Couple Prayer: Christ our King, You reign through love. Unite us in practicing tangible works of mercy so that when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, or visit the imprisoned, we may truly serve You. May our marriage be a kingdom of compassion under Your kingship. Amen.
Marriage Motivation Tip: Make a simple "mercy plan" as a couple: choose one corporal work (perhaps delivering food to a local shelter or writing notes to those in prison) and carry it out together before the end of the week. Serving Christ in the least will draw you closer to each other and to your King.
Couple Conversation Question: Looking at the list of corporal works of mercy in today's Gospel, which one is the Lord inviting us to practice together right now, and how will we begin?


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