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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

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FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND KNIGHT



Pete McCabe

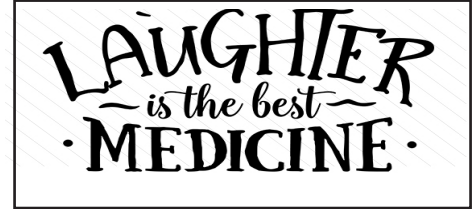
Grand Knight Report

A belated Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. I hope you shared the day with family and friends. Unfortunately, St Jerome was unable to hold its annual Thanksgiving meal this year. Much of that is due to the lack of volunteers and those willing to cook the meal. Hopefully it will be back next year. These types of community events make our parish stronger. Our council conducts monthly breakfasts and weekly bingo as community events. A few years back, Fr Tom (previous pastor) asked our council to hold these events in the hope of building a sense of community among the congregation.

Many of our council's activities are there to support the church, its ministries, and parishioners. To that end, on Saturday, November 30, we are meeting at 8 am to help clean up the parish grounds. Additionally, at 10 am we are replacing the missals in the church and chapel to get ready for Advent.

Speaking of Advent, the council purchased What's called The Little Blue Book to prepare for Advent. These books have daily prayers and reflections for each day of Advent. If you have not received a copy and would like one, please make a request at knightsdmoj17249@gmail.com.

Finally, there is no officer or general meetings in December. Instead, on Wednesday, December 4th, we'll have a Christmas party planning meeting at 7 pm. Wednesday, December 11th, is the Knights/Columbiettes Christmas Party. If you plan to attend, you must purchase your tickets by December 4th. Tickets are \$20 each and we are asking you to also bring a dessert. You can purchase tickets from the following people: Bill Bannon, 727-743-9643, Tim Kunish, 727-599-8327, Joe Giles, 727-221-7405, Bonnie Prudlow, 813-494-5788. It should be a good time. I hope to see you there.



Why do you need a driver license to buy liquor, but you can't drink and drive?

Why do they put Braille on the drive-up window of the ATM?

Why do we drive on parkways and park on driveways?

Why is it that when you transfer something by car it's called a shipment, but when you transfer something by ship, it's called cargo?

Why can't they make an airplane out of the same material they make that little black box?

How does the guy who drives the snowplow get to work in the morning?

Brain cells die, skin cells die, Even hair cells die, but fat cells must have accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior because they seem to have eternal life.

Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

I still miss my ex, but my aim is getting better

Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.

Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.

To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target

What Did You Do with Your Day?

Did you make someone happy or someone sad?
What have you done with your day today?

God gave it to you to do as you would.
Did you do what was wicked or what was good?

Did you lighten the load, or some progress impede?
Did you look for a rose or just gather a weed?

Did you hand out a smile, or just give someone a frown?
Did you lift someone up or push someone down?

What did you do with your beautiful day?
God gave it to you. Did you throw it away?

From the Desk of our Chaplain



Fr. Mike O'Brien

A Guide to Assist You in Following the Star from December 1 through December 25.

1. Starting with the end in mind: What did God hope to accomplish by the birth of his Son? John 3:16
2. How does recalling the events that led up to Jesus' birth change the way we celebrate this time before Christmas?
3. How does recalling the prophecies that foretold the coming of the Messiah change the way we celebrate this time of preparation? 2 Sam 7:12-17; Isaiah; 7:14; Micah 5:1
4. How does recalling the Angel Gabriel's visit to Mary change the way we celebrate this time before Christmas? Luke 1: 26-38
5. How can Mary show us how to spend our time preparing for the celebration of the Incarnation?
6. How does recalling the Angel's visit to Joseph change the way we celebrate this time before Christmas? Matthew: 1:18-25
7. How can Joseph show us how to spend our time preparing for the celebration of the Incarnation?
8. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception when Mary was conceived in Saint Ann's womb. Mary's birth was a part of God's plan. How often do we reflect on how our birth is also a part of God's plan?
9. How has the "over commercialization and secularization" of Christmas challenged your preparations?
10. For Mary & Joseph, the Great Adventure of raising Jesus began--not ended--after his birth. What are God's expectations for us on December 26?
11. A day lasts 24 hours. Events can go on and on. The Nativity of the Lord is both a day and an event. How will our lives be different when we see the Feast of the Incarnation as an event and not just a day?
12. On our birthday we usually receive cards and presents, on December 25 why are we receiving cards and presents?
13. The Gospel for the Feast of the Epiphany or "Little Christmas" is the story of the Magi; what can they teach us about giving gifts? Matthew: 2:1-12
14. Before presenting their gifts, what did the Magi do first? Matthew 2:11
15. In the first century, the royal protocol was to kneel before Kings, prostration was reserved only for deity. By their prostration what were the Magi proclaiming?
16. We may no longer be able to physically prostrate. If you can occasionally, it's a wonderful act of humility towards God, but if you can't, prostrate with your heart. How can you incorporate physical or spiritual prostration into your prayer time?
17. Why didn't the Magi give practical gifts for Mary and Joseph to use?
18. For centuries, Scripture scholars have been trying to figure out why the Magi gave gold, frankincense and myrrh to a baby. A more recent scholar suggests that these three items were used in the practice of their religion. By offering them to Jesus, they are presenting him not what he needed, but what they needed to offer, to make room in their lives for true worship of Him. What do we need to offer Jesus to make more room for him in our lives?
19. "No room at the Inn," Lk 2:7, is part of Luke's narrative on the birth of Christ. Is making room for Jesus our top priority, not only for now, but for our life?
20. St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta commented that developed countries are suffocating from muchness. Wouldn't the fall be a great time to have an annual garage sale and all proceeds would go to alms giving or you could donate all the items to charities that systematically help the poor and homeless in your area?
21. The three main spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting, and alms giving are three concrete ways of emptying ourselves of the temporal muchness, to make room for the eternal. Is there a specific area of our life that needs emptying?
22. After the Magi's encounter with Jesus, we read in Matthew 2:12b: "They departed for their country by another way." GPS often shows us ways around congested areas. Are there congested areas in our life that we need to find another way through them?
23. At the Last Supper, Jesus told his disciples, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6. Are we convinced that Jesus is the only way for us to find true joy now and in eternity?
24. Are we ready to extend our celebration of Christmas beyond one day?
25. You have made it to Bethlehem. Now the real journey begins. Are you ready?

Bishop Defends St. Michael's Prayer at Mass

The end of Mass sends participants out on a positive mission, bidding them to expand God's kingdom through evangelization.

St. Michael is known as the captain of the guardian angels and we should, by all means, ask for his help. But believers should accept the Lord's presence in the Eucharist as their primary protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil — and respond to his call to enhance God's kingdom, where the devil has no influence.

The liturgy ends when the celebrant says, "Go forth, the Mass is ended," and the people reply, "Thanks be to God." The prayer, then, is recited after Mass, which the priest and people are free to do. It isn't a private devotion when prayed publicly.

The prayer is as follows:

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the



Heavenly Host, by the divine power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen. The prayer to St. Michael was a regular feature of the Mass until the

Vatican II era, though Pope John Paul II in 1994 urged Catholics to make the prayer a regular part of their lives. Devotion to St. Michael is still widely promoted today, including by Pope Francis.

Dying Teen Miraculously Survives after Nurse Prays Rosary with Jonathan Roumie

Alex Jones, CEO and co-founder of the popular Catholic app Hollow, took to X to explain a story he was told.

"I was approached by a woman, a nurse, who told me this story in tears" he said.

The nurse was in an operating room. There was a 17-year-old boy brought in with multiple gunshot wounds. The medical team scrambled to save his life as his mom stood in the waiting room.

The nurse asked if she could say a rosary with Jonathan Roumie. The doctor said the boy needed all the prayers he could get. They did everything they could: chest compressions. everything. but the young man flatlined.

Ultimately, the doctor stepped back and announced the time of death: 7:24 p.m.

The doctor then went to inform the mom.

Jonathan's rosary was just finishing the final prayers. "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen."

Just then, they heard a beep on the machine. The doctor looked at the nurse and asked, "What did you do?"

The nurse just shook her head and pointed to the sky.

The boy's heart had restarted on its own.

He is still alive today.



Johnathan Roumie

Law Enabling Advance Requests for Assisted Suicide Goes into Effect in Quebec



McKenna Snow on November 1, 2024

As of October 30, 2024, patients in Quebec, Canada, who meet certain criteria no longer need to confirm that they want to undergo physician-assisted suicide immediately before they die. The patient can now request and provide consent for the assisted-suicide in advance, if he or she has been diagnosed with an illness such as dementia. Anti-euthanasia and assisted suicide activists are speaking out against the advance requests. On October 29, 2024, Amanda Acht-

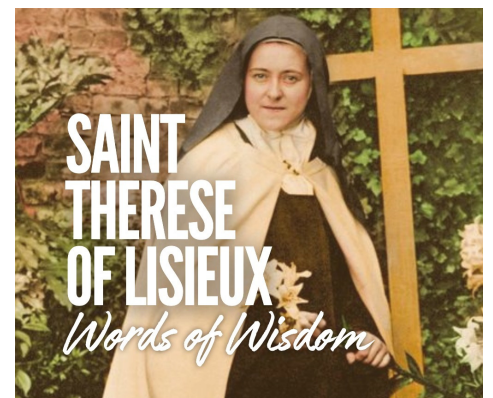
man, a Canadian Catholic activist, speaker, and journalist, said that "so-called advance requests will drastically increase the premature deaths of those with dementia." The Alzheimer Society of Canada has estimated that from 2020 to 2050, the number of Canadians who have developed dementia will have increased by 187%. It is also inherently enabling to deem some lives less valuable than others. "We know that doctors consistently rate the quality of life of persons

with disabilities as lower than those with disabilities evaluate their own lives. This shows that some lives seem as less worthwhile than others." It is dehumanizing, plain and simple. All of these decisions have a social cost; they do not exclusively concern those opting to be euthanized but are actually affecting our entire social fabric by sending the message that, without the capacity to consent, your life is over, you do not really exist. Research indicates people are often more afraid of a dementia diagnosis than a cancer diagnosis. The growing temptation toward euthanasia for those who have dementia happens because we struggle to see the value and sense of life in the midst of dependency and vulnerability. A recent Vatican document states that to assist in a suffering person's suicide is a violation of the person's dignity. The Catholic Church holds that suicide, assisted suicide, and euthanasia are grave evils. Suffering does not cause the sick to lose their dignity, which is intrinsically and inalienably their own. Nobody should be euthanized because they are complicated or difficult to care for; every person summons courage from us. Though it is a mystery why we suffer, the redemption of suffering consists in the drama of suffering being transformed into a drama of love."

11 Timeless Bits of Wisdom from Saint Therese of Lisieux

1. "Sufferings gladly borne for others convert more people than sermons."
2. "One word or a pleasing smile is often enough to raise up a saddened and wounded soul."
3. "My whole strength lies in prayer and sacrifice, these are my invincible arms; they can move hearts far better than words."
4. "For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look toward heaven; it is a cry of recognition and love; embracing both trial and joy."
5. "Jesus, help me to simplify my life by learning what you want me to be and becoming that person."
6. "If I did not suffer simply from moment to moment, I would find it impossible to be patient, but I look

- only at the present, forget the past and am careful never to anticipate the future. When we surrender to discouragement or despair it is usually because we are thinking too much of the past or the future."
7. "Receive Communion often, very often. There you have the sole remedy, if you want to be cured. Jesus has not put this attraction in your heart for nothing."
 8. "Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you, for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart. Don't listen to the demon, laugh at him, and go without fear to receive the Jesus of peace and love."
 9. "True charity consists in bearing all our neighbor's defects, not being surprised at their weakness but edified at their smallest virtues."



10. "Holiness consists simply in doing God's will and being just what God wants us to be."
11. "Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, thereby a kindly word, always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."

Can Non-Catholics Go to Heaven? This Is What the Catechism Says



According to the Catechism, the Church teaches that salvation comes through Christ and His Church. However, salvation is

possible for non-Catholics under certain conditions.

"Those who, through no fault of their own, do not know the Gospel of Christ or His Church, but who nevertheless

seek God with a sincere heart and moved by grace, try in their actions to do His will as they know it through the dictates of their conscience—those too may achieve salvation.

Knowingly turning away from Christ and His Church is different from those who have never had the opportunity to know Him. Sincere seekers of God may attain salvation, even if they are not part of the Church. This comes from the concept of 'invincible ignorance' of Christ.

Even though God can save whomever He wants, the Church still has the command and the right to evangelize all people because this is the truth—

this is the Church founded on Peter. While God's mercy is boundless, it doesn't diminish the Church's obligation to guide others toward salvation through the Sacraments.

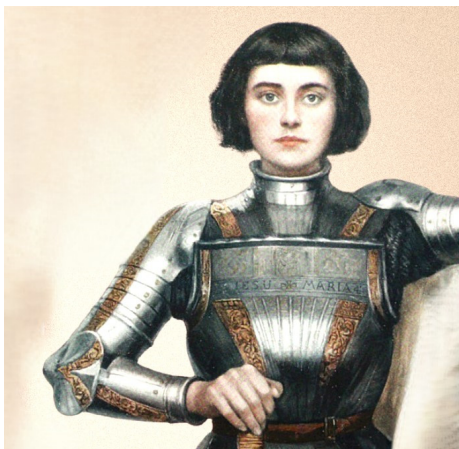
The Church also teaches that evangelization plays a big part in salvation.

The direction of the Church to those outside of it should be to bring them into it—it shouldn't be to tell them they're okay where they are.

Sharing the faith lovingly and truthfully is the best way to lead others toward Christ.

Understanding these teachings will help Catholics better share our faith.

9 Things to Know about Joan of Arc



1. She was a young French peasant born in 1412.

2. Joan of Arc was not a knight or a trained soldier, and she could not read or write. She didn't even know how to wield a sword before she began her mission!

3. At one point, she took the name "Jehanne la Pucelle," meaning "Joan the Maid," claiming she did not know her last name.

4. She reportedly heard the voices of Saint Michael the Archangel, Saint Margaret of Antioch, and Saint Catherine of Alexandria. They informed her of a special mission from God to crown the rightful king of France.

5. Encouraged receiving confession before battle and committed her life to contemplation and prayer. She is considered a heroine of the Hundred Years' War between France and England. Her life and journey are well-documented.

6. She was burned at the stake in 1431 after a corrupt Church trial found her guilty of heresy. The Church later nullified the trial!

7. Pope Benedict XV declared Saint Joan of Arc a saint in 1920.

8. She is the patroness of soldiers and of France.

9. Mark Twain wrote a book about her heroic life!

Infant Honored after Being Discovered at a Recycling Center



The community of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, gathered at a funeral home and chapel to pay tribute to Gabriel James Doe, an infant discovered dead at Millennium Recycling center earlier that month.

Around 180 people attended the funeral, which was also streamed online, for Gabriel at Miller Funeral Home. Approximately 200 community members came to the preceding wake, which was held the day before. The report also shared that tearful attendees wearing company T-shirts of Millennium Recycling were present at the service but chose not to comment. However, a bouquet of wildflowers from the recycling center's staff carried the message, "We found you, and we loved you."

The service was co-led by local Christian pastors and Rev. John Helmuelser of the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls.

The report highlighted the community's strong support for the service, noting donations of flowers, a hand-

made outfit for Gabriel, and Sioux Falls police officers who carried the small casket from the ceremony to the hearse for burial.

Jessica Remme, founder of the Oaklyn Foundation, which supports families dealing with infant loss, contributed to the funeral expenses. The foundation was established in memory of her baby daughter, who died in 2018.

The funeral director had asked Jessica and her husband Travis to name the baby. Jessica stated, "Travis and I sat down and read some scripture, and Gabriel James spoke to us, and it was an absolute honor being able to give him a name."

The Sioux Falls Police Department is still investigating the circumstances surrounding Gabriel's death.

Come Learn of Our Insurance Benefits

Brothers,
The email below talks about our benefits as Knights. Please join us on Monday, Dec 9th, at 7 pm in the Parish Center for a Fraternal Benefit Night. Our council insurance agent, Tony Crevello, will conduct a fraternal benefit presentation to our council. Please join us.
Thanks,
Pete McCabe, GK

Without dreams,
we reach nothing.
Without love,
we feel nothing,
and without God,
we are nothing.

When you have nothing
left but God,
you have
more than enough
to start over again.

Volunteer Landscape Soon to Take Place

Brothers:

On Saturday, November 30th from 8:30 am to 12 pm, we have a Volunteer Landscape Day to help us get our parish campus all buttoned up before Christmas. The goal will be twofold - Trim up all the cabbage palms and dead oak tree limbs on the front of the property and around the church then drag all the brush to a staging area between the rectory and the cottage. We will need

volunteers to use pole saws to do the trimming and then volunteers to help load up trailers and drag brush over to the staging area. If we have enough volunteers, we will send a crew to other areas like the grotto if needed. Please spread the word to others who might be interested and kids who need service hours. Rest assured, all the brush at the staging area and stumps on campus will be taken care of the beginning of December by JAG Property Solutions.

On behalf of Fr. Blum, thank you to those who have helped since the Hurricanes in volunteering to clean up the property and remove trees that became a hazard. Without your efforts the church would still be a real mess.. We look forward to making a plan to replant trees next year that will be easy to maintain and weather the storms better.

Peace in Christ,
Chris McBride

Knights of Columbus Announces New partnership with Relevant Radio

The Knights of Columbus announced a new partnership with Relevant Radio to expand their Catholic outreach and strengthen community-building efforts nationwide.

The Knights announced that the collaboration will kick off with a special broadcast on "The Drew Mariani Show" dedicated to the Knights of Columbus and featuring Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and other leaders discussing the organization's mission, rooted in the vision of founder Blessed Michael McGivney.

The program, Knights of Columbus: Men on a Mission, will air on Relevant Radio stations and be available at relevantradio.com.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to work with Relevant Radio to spread the hope that comes from Jesus Christ," said Supreme Knight

Patrick Kelly. "Together, we will be able to introduce the many resources the Knights of Columbus offers to help families, parishes and communities develop both in faith and in service to the Church and one another."

Fr. Francis Hoffman, chairman and CEO of Relevant Radio, emphasized the organizations' shared objectives, calling the partnership a "natural fit." "The mission of Relevant Radio aligns closely with the founding mission of the Knights of Columbus to strengthen Catholic men as husbands, fathers, and members of parishes and communities," Fr. Hoffman said.

The partnership aims to highlight the Knights' charitable work, outreach to Hispanic and immigrant communities, which supports Catholic men in their faith journeys. The collaboration will also raise awareness of the Knights'



insurance and financial services for Catholic families while extending Relevant Radio's reach to new listeners, with both organizations anticipating long-term positive impacts.

The Boy Who Was Miraculously Cured After Touching Carlo Acutis' Relic

Young Matheus Vianna, who suffered from a rare disease called annular pancreas, was completely cured after touching a Carlo Acutis relic in a church in Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil. Eleven years after the miracle, Matheus lives with his mother and brother on a farm. The boy's grandmother, Solange Lins Vianna, said he is "a normal teenager who likes to eat, play games, and be on his cell phone." She also said he prefers to live a more reserved life.

Vianna said Matheus, now 14, goes to Mass with her and keeps a painting of the future saint with him. She says that Matheus' mother also lives a life of seclusion, only to pray.

Vianna also said that when he was younger, Matheus liked to play Mass, and even asked for a cassock as a birthday present.

The miracle after touching Carlo Acutis' relic.

Every October 12th, during the feast of Our Lady of Aparecida and on the anniversary of Carlo's death, a blessing of his relic is offered in a solemn Mass.

On October 12, 2013, in the chapel of Our Lady of Aparecida in our par-

ish, during the blessing of the relic, a boy, who was with his grandfather and suffered from annular pancreas, approached.

This rare condition caused constant vomiting, leaving the child debilitated, as everything he consumed, including liquids, would come back up. He always carried a small towel due to the severity of his condition. While waiting for the blessing, the boy asked his grandfather what he should ask for, and he replied, "to stop vomiting"

When it was his turn, the boy touched Carlo's Relic and firmly asked, "Stop vomiting." Since then, he has not vomited again!

In February 2014, the family underwent new tests and confirmed that the boy had completely recovered.

This miracle was sent to the Sacred Congregation of Saints, and the Vatican established an Ecclesiastical Tribunal in the Archdiocese to investigate the case, collecting testimonies and medical evidence. After the process was completed, the documents were sent to Rome, where they were analyzed by a team of Vatican experts.



The miracle was officially recognized on November 14, 2019, thus completing the beatification cycle."

The priest also mentioned that "Carlo Acutis has a special affection for Brazil. His mother, Dona Antonia Acutis, cannot explain this; although Carlo has never been to Brazil, 90 percent of the miracles attributed to him occurred here."

In October 2020, the parish inaugurated an altar dedicated to Blessed Carlo Acutis and the enthronement of his relic.

Michigan Man Builds a Catholic Church, One Lego at a Time



John Kraemer knows that what he does is unusual. In fact, he relishes the improbable path that God has set him on for the past quarter-century. Every year, Kraemer assembles

some 30,000 Lego bricks into a painstakingly intricate model of a Catholic church. Though often inspired by the designs of real churches he has visited, each one is a unique creation.

Kaemer's Lego Church Project, now in its 25th year, blends creativity, his Catholic faith, and disability advocacy — a subject near and dear to Kraemer's heart who is a disabled person himself.

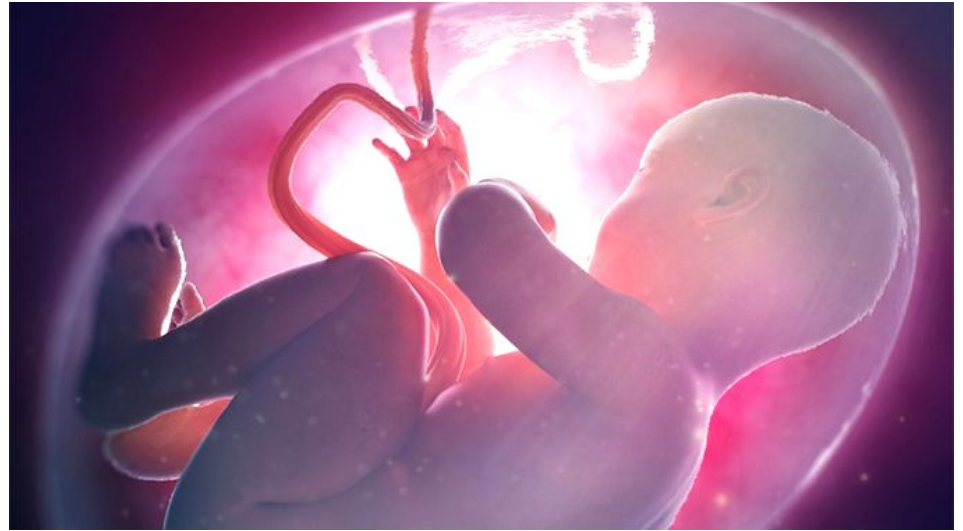
"I am thankful to God that I have a purpose in my life that goes beyond myself. Without God in my life, without the Church, I would not have anything meaningful to do with my life," Kraemer, who lives in east-cen-

tral Michigan," Kaemer said. He then added, "God has given me this unique mission to share the faith creatively, to talk about issues related to disability, to show people what it means to live the faith and have a disability or challenges. I know that there are a lot of people out there who have their own struggles. So if I can bring some insight into how I deal with it, it may give them some wisdom on how to navigate their own issues that they may be facing."

Every year, Kraemer builds his Lego church, displays it at a number of parishes in the Saginaw, Michigan, area around the holiday season, and then tears it down and starts over again.

Alarming Abortion Pill Report Warns of Online Dangers

Online predators have a new name and practice, and unlike the nefarious online predators of the past, whose actions result in indeterminate consequences, the actions of these predators will result in death. No, this is not hyperbole. We are talking about the abortion pill and the fact that access to this deadly drug takes only a computer and a few minutes. In order to increase awareness about the abortion pill, a new report by American Life League seeks to save lives by telling the disturbing truth. Entitled *Beneath the Surface: Exposing the Abortion Pill Drug Cartel*, ALL's report illustrates how easy it is for anyone—even underage girls and sex traffickers—to order this pill online.



It is a report everyone should read. And it's a report that should be shared with both federal and state policymakers because lives are at stake.

What is the abortion pill?

The abortion pill regimen consists of two drugs—mifepristone and misoprostol. The mother will first take the mifepristone, which stops her body

from making progesterone, a hormone the baby needs to grow. This results in his death by starvation. Up to 48 hours later, she then takes the misoprostol to expel the dead baby. This protocol has become the most popular type of abortion for mothers whose preborn baby is up to 10 weeks gestation, though many places and people are stretching this limit.

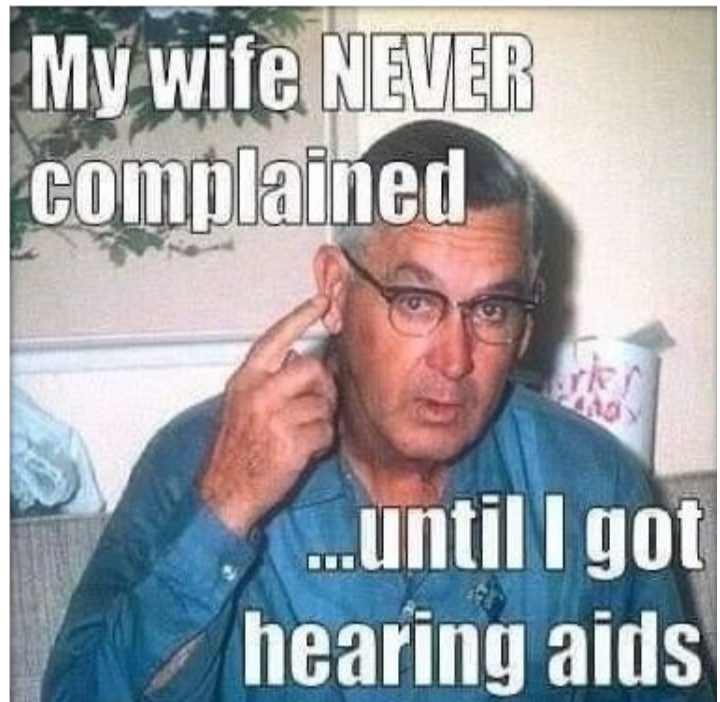
In fact, the pill regimen is so popular that a spring 2024 report from

the Guttmacher Institute—the research arm of Planned Parenthood—stated that “medication abortion accounted for 63% of all U.S. abortions in 2023—an increase from 53% in 2020.” In actual numbers, that amounts to 642,700 dead babies.

This is one of the most suppressed problems facing women in crisis pregnancies today.

The dangers are incredibly clear, but most want to ignore them.

Just sitting here....eating popcorn....cell phone in hand with 9-1-.....already punched in.....



15-Year-Old Builds 20-Foot Sculpture of Saint Augustine

At age four, Josué Benjamín Figueroa began making sculptures with clay.

Now, at 15, he is building a 20-foot sculpture of Saint Augustine.

The sculpture is located in the city of Guacara in Carabobo State in Venezuela. It is made of fiberglass-reinforced resin. It also has an internal metal structure to give the sculpture stability.

To achieve this great feat, Figueroa needed the tireless work of at least 10 people.

"Blacksmiths are needed to create the metal structure precisely because it has to support the weight of the clay to model and mount the clay on the structure so that I can do the modeling," Figueroa said.

"Imagine how proud and happy I feel that just a few years ago I was making clay dolls, and today this 20-foot sculpture of Augustine of Hippo that I made is installed. It's incredible what practice, dedication and discipline can do. Anyone who tries can achieve anything," he said.

"Today I present to you the largest sculpture of Saint Augustine of Hippo in the world and the largest sculpture made by a 15-year-old boy."

"For those who don't know, Augustine of Hippo was an extremely important theologian, one of the most important for the Catholic Church, for the Christian Church, and the Church in general, and it is one of the most impressive stories of redemption that there has ever been."



10 Quotes from St. Vincent de Paul That Will Elevate Your Life



1. The poor are your masters. You are the servant.
2. Humility is nothing but truth, and pride is nothing but lying.
3. Be careful to give no credit to yourself for anything; if you do, you are stealing from God, to whom alone every good thing is due.
4. The most powerful weapon to conquer the devil is humility. For, as he does not know at all how to employ it, neither does he know how to defend himself from it.
5. Go to the poor: you will find God.
6. We should spend as much time in thanking God for his benefits as we do in asking him for them.
7. Make it a practice to judge persons and things in the most favorable light at all times.
8. Fear not; calm will follow the storm, and perhaps soon.
9. Virtue is not found in extremes, but in prudence, which I recommend as strongly as I can.
10. There is nothing good that does not meet with opposition, and it should not be valued any less because it encounters objections.

We are all flowers planted on this earth which God plucks when He wishes to, some a little sooner, some a little later.

May love surround you,
May faith sustain you
May hope encourage you
day by day.

Send peace into my heart, O Lord.
May I be content with your mercies of this day and confident of your protection this night.



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Council 17249 Divine Mercy of Jesus Officers for 2024-2025

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