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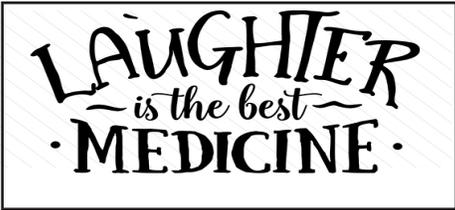
As this fraternal year comes to a close, our council needs to focus on those programs we hope to accomplish. For example, our final life program is the baby bottle drive in May. Like last year, we plan to hand out empty baby bottles after each Mass (May 10/11) and collect them the following week (May 17/18). Hopefully, they are filled with cash, checks, or coins. This life program was very successful last year, and we hope it is even more so this year. Please volunteer to help Brother Kevin Manning, our life director, at Mass and please wear your blue shirts both weekends. We'll also continue to support the Grotto and Early Childhood Center the first Saturday of every month. We continue to clean the Grotto and Rosary areas (faith program) as well as assist the ECC with odd jobs. We need to paint more arrows on the sidewalk for the kids to use as they ride their tricycles. We also need help on Easter Sunday with parking. We need at least 6 knights all morning to help with the overload of cars. As you know, there are Masses in the church, parish center, and tent. This means the overflow of cars need to be directed to the back field behind the grotto. Please consider helping for an hour or two on Easter morning. Finally, we will have council elections in May at the general meeting (14th). We still have a few positions to fill (Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, and 1-Year Trustee). Please take the time to discern whether you are being called to help our council this year. Feel free to reach out to any of the council officers if you have questions about the officer positions. Thanks for all you do!

Poll: A Majority of Americans Support Policies Protecting Unborn Children

Majorities of Americans consistently support legal limits on abortion and approve of pregnancy resource centers, according to a poll by the Knights of Columbus. The poll, which surveyed 1,387 adults, found that 67% of Americans said legal limits should be placed when abortions are allowed and 60% said those restrictions should at least limit abortion to the first three months of pregnancy. For the second year in a row, more than 8 in 10 Americans supported pregnancy resource centers as places of support for women before and after the births of their babies, despite smear campaigns in blue states against crisis pregnancy centers. "The Knights of Columbus poll shows that a majority of Americans support legal restrictions on abortion, and an overwhelming majority support pregnancy resource centers, which assist mothers and their children in greatest need," Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly stated. "Being pro-life means being pro-woman, pro-child, and helping vulnerable women and their babies. That is in the



Knights' DNA." The Knights have been instrumental in providing pregnancy resource centers with the tools needed to adequately care for mothers and save the lives of unborn children. According to the release, Knights in the U.S. and Canada have raised nearly \$14 million to support the centers and have given nearly 2,000 ultrasound machines to centers across the country, allowing women to see their unborn babies before birth. The poll asked respondents about their views on exemptions for healthcare professionals with religious objections to abortion, finding that 62% of Americans say such individuals "should not be required to perform abortions." Respondents additionally provided their thoughts on pro-life legislation, with 82% saying that laws can protect both the "health and well-being of a woman and the life of the unborn" at the same time. Just 15% said that laws must necessarily choose between protecting women or their unborn babies. More details regarding this year's poll and past polls are available on the KofC website.



I tried to be normal once... worst two minutes of my entire life.

I like to be an example for others. Usually a bad example, though.

Common sense is like deodorant—the people who need it most never seem to use it.

I'd like to help you out today, which way did you come in?

If you can't laugh at yourself, I can help you out.

Every woman should marry an archeologist. Because the older she gets, the more he'll love her.

Everyone talks about the early bird's good luck, but what about the early worm's bad luck?

Pobody's nerfect!

People are like refrigerators: it's what's inside that matters.

Excuse my naivety... I was born at a very early age.

Take my advice—I'm not using it.

I used to think I was indecisive, but now I'm not really sure.

Try this: Call your friend and let them know you can't talk.

I respect the opinion of everyone who agrees with me.

I'm not always hungry; sometimes I'm sleepy, too.

Patience is a virtue, but I don't want to wait.

I'm out of my mind... be back in five minutes!

When everything in life is coming your way, you're probably in the wrong lane.

If you want to look thin and young, hang out with some fat old people.

Colorado Mother Supports Nurse Practitioner Who Saved Her Unborn Child's Life with Abortion Pill Reversal

A Colorado mother is speaking out in support of the nurse practitioner who helped save her unborn daughter's life through abortion pill reversal, a practice that the state effectively prohibited in 2023.

"After taking the first pill, I immediately regretted my decision," Mackenna Greene said. "It was the worst decision I ever made."

Upon electing to reverse her attempted chemical abortion, Greene connected with the Abortion Pill Rescue Network (APRN), where nurse practitioner Chelsea Mynyk prescribed Greene progesterone, a naturally occurring hormone in women that supports pregnancy. "Chelsea was honest with me about the process," Greene continued. "There was only a chance that my baby could be saved."

After Greene underwent the abortion pill reversal, Mynyk routinely monitored Greene's pregnancy until she carried her unborn child to full term. She delivered a healthy baby.

"I thank God for giving my unborn child a second chance at life and for placing Chelsea in our lives," Greene wrote, "especially because my state,

Colorado, has banned the practice of APRN."

Colorado state legislation allows the medical use of progesterone in cases including the prevention of miscarriages and preterm labor, Greene explained. However, in 2023 Colorado legislators passed a law prohibiting healthcare professionals from providing abortion pill reversal.

In February 2024, after Mynyk helped save Greene's daughter, the Colorado Board of Nursing opened an investigation of a potential policy violation by Mynyk based on an anonymous third-party complaint of her administration of abortion pill reversal, according to ADF.

"To clarify, this investigation was opened because Chelsea saved a life which is exactly what medical professionals are supposed to do."

In April 2023, nonprofit Catholic clinic Bella Health and Wellness sued the Colorado attorney general and the Colorado Board of Nursing, and



several Colorado district attorneys, challenging the state's restriction of healthcare professionals providing abortion pill reversal.

In October 2023, the clinic successfully received a preliminary injunction preventing the state from enforcing SB 23-190 against it while the lawsuit proceeds. In April 2024, Mynyk joined the lawsuit as a plaintiff.

According to ADF, Mynyk believes her faith compels her to provide abortion pill reversal to women who desire to save the lives of their unborn children.

Connecticut Dems Bolster Planned Parenthood with \$800K to Stockpile Abortion Pills

Connecticut Democrats are attempting to fight back against President Donald Trump's landslide national election and a White House agenda that has already included multiple pro-life initiatives.

One of two bills passed by the state legislature last week through an emergency certification process awarded \$800,000 in Connecticut taxpayer funding to Planned Parenthood of Southern New England for the purpose of stockpiling abortion-inducing drugs.

The other emergency bill - which provides funding to organizations impacted by the Trump administration's policies - awards yet another \$2.8 million to Planned Parenthood, making the abortion vendor the biggest nonprofit beneficiary.

Other organizations that reportedly received grants from Connecticut taxpayers include refugee resettlement agencies and organizations whose funding has been frozen by

the Trump administration.

The bills were passed amid objections from Republicans in both chambers regarding a lack of transparency about how the recipient organizations were selected.

Family Institute of Connecticut Action Executive Director Peter Wolfgang said his organization and its allies are outraged that the state's Democrats just handed over \$800,000 of our tax dollars to Planned Parenthood through an emergency procedure with no input from the public."

Wolfgang added he and his allies have beaten bills from the Kill Babies Caucus before and we can beat them again, so long as we have a fair shot at making our voice heard. We and thousands of Connecticut pro-lifers will speak as one against this political pay-off at our expense at the 4th annual CT March for Life in Hartford on March 19th," he added.

Planned Parenthood will use its \$800,000 grant from Connecticut taxpayers to stockpile, one of two drugs used to end the lives of unborn babies.



How Bill Atkinson Became the First Quadriplegic Priest

Philadelphia-born Bill Atkinson was the third of seven children, good-looking, a natural-born athlete, and the center of his large family. He had everything going for him. Because of his natural athleticism and athletic build, some might have thought he would follow in the footsteps of his older brother Al, who had been drafted into the NFL. Instead, Bill chose the road less traveled. Instead of an athletic career, this natural-born athlete decided to become a priest. He chose the Augustinians of the Order of St. Augustine in New Hamburg, New York, where he began his novitiate with a year of solitude and reflection.

Most would think a career with the New York Jets would have been the more dangerous path. While seminary studies were interspersed with occasional sports, the level of roughness is nothing like the grueling physical competition in the NFL.

Unfortunately, Bill's relatively idyllic existence was about to change. During the first year of his novitiate, there was a snowstorm, and the seminarians were excited to take their toboggans and go sledding. Bill was happy to be among the group. He jumped on a sled and started downhill, but things went horribly wrong. The fresh snow blowing in Bill's face caused him to go off course and plow headlong into a tree.

Bill almost died several times. The accident was so severe that the Augustinians allowed Bill, who was only a novice, to profess his vows before completing the novitiate. That's a privilege that is only allowed when a person is in danger of death.

Miraculously, Bill didn't die, but his diagnosis was devastating: He suffered a broken neck and severely damaged his spinal cord and would soon discover he had become a quadriplegic.

For most people, that would be the

end of their vocation story. In fact, the Code of Canon Law of 1917 stated: "Paralytics and a person suffering from similar diseases are absolutely irregular and cannot be advanced to orders without a special dispensation, which is very seldom granted."

That was an understatement. In fact, no one in Bill's condition had ever been granted such a dispensation. But Bill was determined to become a priest. Was this heroic or was he setting himself up for failure? After all, this was the 1950s. There was no Americans with Disabilities Act. How could a person in his condition study? How could he write papers or take an exam? How could he contribute meaningfully to the priesthood? Even though his superiors couldn't imagine that Pope Paul VI would grant Bill a dispensation, the order decided to give Bill a chance.

The dispensation would be granted, but why? Why did the Pope decide to make an exception in this one case? What convinced him? How did Bill not only become a priest, but a high-school teacher?

Fr. Atkinson overcame his obstacles in life with a combination of two things. One was his sheer determination and the second was the support he received from his family and friends.

One specific example of how dedicated he was to his teaching vocation is that he would type his own tests. Using a pen in his mouth, Fr. Bill would type the entire test, letter by letter. He would also mark his own papers with a red pen, again using his mouth. He would also never let his disability

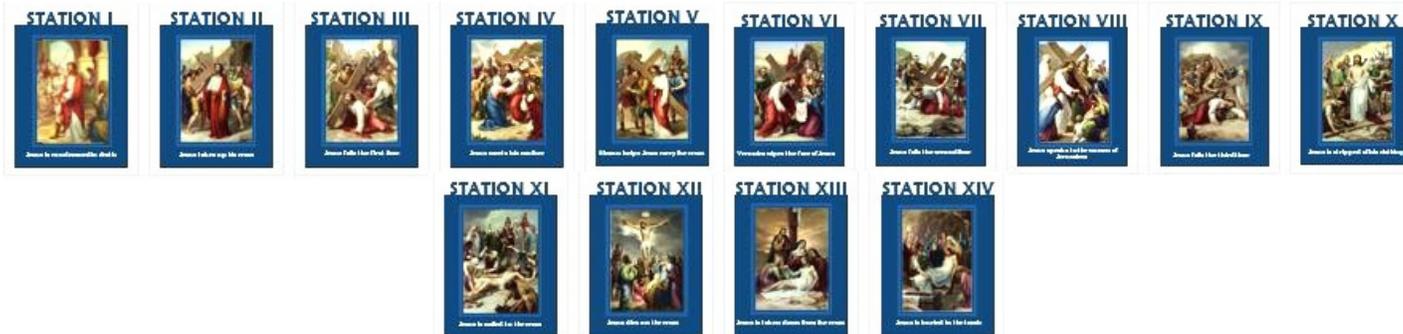


serve as an excuse for not attending school activities like football games and school plays. He also served as a role model for others with disabilities. If he could say an entire Mass from a wheelchair and teach classes on a daily basis, one would think twice before complaining about their lot in life.

Father Atkinson died in 2006, and the process to explore what was needed for him to become a saint in the Catholic Church began the following year. The case was approved and remains in process. As one priest explains it: "What the Church is looking for in the canonization process is someone who has lived his life with heroic virtue, meaning that they are worthy of being held up as an example for their own life and as an example of true hope for others."

"All I can tell you is this," Father Atkinson said. "At 6 a.m. this morning, God sent me a huge cross to crush me. That much I'm sure. But, at 6:01 a.m., he sent a lot of people to help me carry it."

All parishioners are welcome to an outdoor Stations of the Cross at the home of Laura and Bill Woodard, Monday April 7, 6:30 PM., 9777 120 Street, Seminole.



Hospitals Pause Child Gender Surgeries

Multiple hospitals, including one in Washington, D.C., are pausing so-called gender-affirming procedures on children following an executive order President Donald Trump signed an executive order against the "mutilation" of children.

Denver Health in Colorado has also stopped providing gender-affirming surgeries for people under age 19 in order to comply with the executive order and continue receiving federal funding.

In Virginia, VCU Health and Children's Hospital of Richmond said they have suspended gender-affirming medication and gender-affirming surgical procedures for those under 19 years old.

Children's National Hospital in Washington, D.C., has suspended all new prescriptions, refills and medication administration for puberty blockers and hormone therapy. And the list goes on.

Trump said, "Across the country today, medical professionals are maiming and sterilizing a growing number of impressionable children under the



radical and false claim that adults can change a child's sex through a series of irreversible medical interventions. This trend will be a stain on our Nation's history, and it must end."

"Accordingly, it is the policy of the United States that it will not fund,

sponsor, promote, assist, or support the so-called transition of a child from one sex to another," Trump continued, "and it will rigorously enforce all laws that prohibit or limit these destructive and life-altering procedures."

A University Is Killing Viable Babies in Abortions and Using Body Parts for Research



A publicly funded university in California is killing babies in abortions and turning around and using their body parts for grisly research.

A leading pro-life legal group is identifying unethical medical practices at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) Medical Center.

At UCSF, babies are killed in abortions up to 24 weeks of pregnancy, with the remains of these unborn children used for controversial scientific experiments. Reports suggest that researchers have harvested organs, such as intestines and scalps, from these viable babies and grafted them onto mice.

Alexandra Snyder, the CEO of Life Legal, condemned the abortions and disgusting research.

"At the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) Medical Center, abortions are performed on site, and the bodies of these aborted babies are then used for horrific experiments," she explained.

"UCSF's Zuckerberg facility performs abortions up to 24 weeks. These are fully formed babies, about 12 inches long, who could potentially survive outside the womb. We've seen evidence of researchers taking intestines and scalps from these vi-

able babies and grafting them onto mice, all in the name of science, Snyder continued.

Snyder said UCSF is aggressively going after pro-life advocates who have exposed the atrocities.

"When the Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust exposed these atrocities, UCSF and its powerful allies moved quickly to silence them using false arrests, harassment, and suppression of free speech. Life Legal stepped in and we are fighting back. Now, UCSF is rewriting policies to crush pro-life voices and hide the truth about its barbaric practices," she said.

"Babies' lives are at stake. These depraved experiments will continue unless brave pro-lifers expose them," Snyder continued. "Free speech is under attack. Pro-life advocates must have the right to speak the truth outside UCSF's laboratories of horror."

Anheuser-Busch Declines to Sponsor St. Louis Pride Fest; Breaks 30-year Partnership

Anheuser-Busch is not sponsoring the St. Louis PrideFest or the San Francisco Pride festival this year, a change that comes amid shifting political and societal climates that have increasingly steered away corporations' support of the LGBT agenda. The brewing company has sponsored the city's PrideFest for 30 years. A nonprofit organization learned several weeks ago of Anheuser-Busch's decline to sponsor and tried to find a solution. "It was just interesting that the longest partner of ours for 30 years that they've been at the table with us and a true ally just decided to walk away after basically just saying that they just don't see the value in it anymore," a spokesperson said. The brewery is not the only company making this move. The number of sponsorships of the pro-LGBT festival are historically low this year. Busch has also withdrawn its spon-

sorship of the Pride festival in San Francisco. Several other companies did the same, and all of them citing a lack of funds. None mentioned the current political climate in announcements about ceasing sponsorships, but San Francisco Pride Director Suzanne Ford posited that politics had an effect on the decisions. Ford also said that it was very abnormal for this many companies to drop the sponsorships so abruptly, especially without having a series of conversations with the organization. "I just interpreted that companies are making decisions that at this time it's not good to be sponsoring Pride. Notably, in 2023, the sales of the



brewing company Bud Light were rocked by massive boycotts over its partnership with a transgender TikTok influencer Dylan Mulvaney, a man who claims he is a girl. The boycott eventually led to Bud Light losing its 20-year streak as the top-selling beer in the U.S. beer market; Modelo took the lead in June 2023.

David Unkrich Says Goodbye at KofC Dinner

Hi Brother Knights,
 Thank you so much for getting together to say goodbye to me.
 I will always treasure the brotherhood and friendship that I gained here with Council 17249. You stand for high quality of commitment, service, unity as the Knights of Columbus at St. Jerome's and the community around it. I am honored to know each and every one of you. Thank you all. I'm going to miss you. Feel free to contact me at any time. Hope to see you again - maybe in Cincinnati sometime in the future. Take care.



Sincerely, David Unkrich dnunkrich@gmail.com 513-328-4860

When we pray,
 God hears more
 that we say,
 answers more than we
 ask,
 gives more
 than we can imagine
 in His own time
 and in His own way.

Forgiveness means
 that someone has
 agreed to forfeit
 justice in order to
 obtain mercy.

Sometimes, a door
 closing is God's way
 of protecting you
 from what is behind
 it.
 Trust Good always.

Catholic-Backed Prison Nursery Offers Incarcerated Moms Family-Oriented Space for Babies

A prison nursery program in Missouri that has drawn support from local Catholic leaders is offering mothers a supportive family-oriented place to bond with their newborn babies while still incarcerated.

The nursery program at the Women's Eastern Reception, Diagnostic, and Correctional Center in Vandalia, Missouri, is offering "a great opportunity to reach a lot of moms who might otherwise be separated from their very young children," program manager Kim Perkins said.

Perkins said the facility came about after the Missouri Legislature in 2022 passed a bill creating the "Correctional Center Nursery Program," which requires the Department of Corrections to establish a correctional center nursery in at least one of the state's women's prisons by July 2025.

The program "allows eligible inmates and children born to them while in the custody of the department to reside together in the institution for up to 18 months post-delivery," the measure said.

Perkins said that the program she oversees is the only one in the state. "We have two female facilities in Missouri, and all of our pregnant moms stay at our institution," she said.

"The state government funds the program, which is amazing, because

most programs that exist like this are not fully funded by the state but by donations," she added.

"We have a great opportunity to reach a lot of moms and not worry about if we're going to have enough diapers from month to month."

Father Louis Dorn, a priest with the Diocese of Jefferson City who has done prison ministry for decades, said that he has seen the toll taken on mothers who are separated from their newborn babies. "Having been chaplain to incarcerated women for many years, I know that one of the most painful things for them is the separation from their newborn infants," he said, calling it "demoralizing and harmful to their mental health."

The specialized facility — which looks more like a comfortable hospital or birthing center than a prison — offers bonding opportunities for mothers and time to focus on themselves and their baby.

She noted that there are requirements for mothers participating in the program, most specifically that they have 18 months or fewer left on their sentence. The crimes for which



they were incarcerated, meanwhile, cannot have been dangerous felonies, sex crimes, or crimes against children.

"Once they're cleared, we can move them over to our facility," she said. "We have seven rooms that are designated for moms and babies, but we can hold 14. We can double up if we need to. They're pretty big rooms."

Los Angeles Priest Experienced Miracle That Paved way for a Canonization

When a seminarian was injured while playing basketball in 2017, he had no idea it would one day contribute to the cause for canonization of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati.

Father Juan Gutierrez, 38, then a seminarian at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, California, got an MRI and soon learned he had torn his Achilles tendon. Concerned about the long and painful recovery and expenses, Gutierrez headed for the seminary chapel the following day with a heavy heart.

As he prayed, Gutierrez felt inspired to make a novena to Frassati. A few days into the novena, Gutierrez went into the chapel to pray when nobody was there. As he prayed, he recalled feeling an unusual sensation around his injured foot.

"I was praying, and I started to feel a sensation of heat around the area of my injury. I honestly thought that maybe something was catching on fire, underneath the pews," he said.



Father Juan Gutierrez

Gutierrez checked for a fire, but saw none, even as he still felt the sensation of heat on his injury. The seminarian remembered from his experiences with the Charismatic Renewal movement that heat can be associ-

ated with healing from God. He found himself gazing at the tabernacle, weeping.

"That event touched me deeply," Gutierrez said.

He was not only touched spiritually, but he was also healed physically. Incredibly, he was able to walk normally again and no longer needed a brace. When Gutierrez visited the orthopedic surgeon, the surgeon confirmed that he didn't need surgery. The tear that had once shown up on an MRI scan was gone, something unheard of with this type of injury.

"His healing was a miracle. His doctors could not explain it," Los Angeles Archbishop José Gómez said at a press conference. "Of course, miracle is a word that gets overused in our culture; that is not well understood. But the Scriptures tell us that Jesus worked miracles on earth, and we believe that Jesus continues to work miracles from heaven."

Knights Help Parishioner Move

On March 8th, a few brothers from our council gathered to help a parishioner move. This parishioner reached out to our council for help in moving them and after careful consideration, we agreed.

While the council has to be mindful of these types of events (we are not 18 years old), we were cautious about how we moved all the pieces of furniture. This parishioner owns quite a few heavy pieces of furniture. Luckily, Sir Knight Ralph Frizzle allowed us to use his box truck with lift. The lift was a life saver (or more specifically, a back saver). In addition, we used hand trucks and were careful to avoid injury. Even so, it's doubtful we'll make a habit of moving others in the future. That is a young man's

game. We might consider offering financial help instead to arrange for professional movers.

A huge thank you to those Knights who came out to help: Bill Bannon, Pete McCabe, Wayne Nunez, Jim Sanders, Dan Timmons, and Ralph Frizzle.

Workers on lift (L-R): Chris (non-knight), Pete McCabe, Wayne Nunez, Jim Sanders, Dan Timmons, Bill Bannon, and Ralph Frizzle



Our Knights' Council Continues to Serve Breakfasts with Limitations

The Knights Breakfast in March had a St. Patrick's Day theme. The room was decorated in green, and Irish music was played all morning.

We discussed having green eggs, but cooler heads prevailed, and we went with our normal scrambled eggs.

We served 124 people which is about average for our breakfast. Considering the price of eggs today, many of our patrons were surprised we were serving eggs. Luckily, we have found a scrambled egg blend that is less expensive than cartons of eggs. In fact, there were many compliments about how great the eggs tasted.

Thanks to Brothers Joe Zwiessler and Greg Musick, our master egg chefs. Please note that we have to cancel the next three months of breakfast: April (Easter), May (Sr. Lucia's going-away party), June (Father's Day).



Tim Kunish and Bill McClelland



Bill Bannon and unknown parishioner

Psalm 136:1 Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever.

Proverbs 14:5 An honest witness does not lie; a false witness breaths lies.

Eternity is a long time to think about where you went wrong.

World Down Syndrome Day

In the US, estimates of abortion of babies diagnosed with Down syndrome range from 60% to 90%. In Iceland, that number is nearly 100%, while in Denmark it's 98%, and in Australia, it is about 90%.

March 21, 2012, was the first World Down Syndrome Day. This day reminds the world how precious and special are those with Down syndrome and how we must be their voice so that they can attain their full potential.

Every year's celebration offers a different theme. This year, knowing that people with Down syndrome throughout the world are frequently denied quality education, healthcare, a chance to earn their own income, and the tools they need to thrive, advocates are calling "on all governments to improve their support systems."

This is a monumental task but one whose outcomes have unlimited benefits. These support systems are often lacking because of fear, ignorance, and misinformation. That's why it takes advocates all over the world to effect change.

We need better education, better laws and policies, more help for families, and assistance for people with Down syndrome as they grow up and move toward greater independence. All of these things will go a long way to helping families and people with Down syndrome.

Cathy Daub, mother of eight—including a four-year-old with Down syndrome—has become a fierce advocate for her son. When she first learned that Will had a 99% chance of having Down syndrome, she didn't fear welcoming him into her family, loving him, and wondering how her other children would react. She feared how the world would treat him. So she began to research, which led her to the vast Down syndrome community filled with people who not only shared the immense joy their children bring to

their lives but who offer help and advice through their families' unique struggles.

As Will grew and encountered medical problems, that community stepped up to assist Cathy's family, even providing them with much-needed therapy equipment that helped Will progress in strength and skill. She and her husband asked questions, sought advice, and educated themselves so they could be the best possible advocates for Will. Soon they began to advocate for Will in doctors' offices and their community.

From this advocacy, Team Iron Will was born to support, encourage, and advocate for individuals with Down syndrome as they discover their God-given potential. And Team Iron Will is now giving back by helping families get the therapy equipment they need but cannot afford.

Team Iron Will has reached over 1,000 families through online educational webinars and has helped 309 families with material resources and therapy scholarships. This is an amazing achievement.

In the majority of cases in which babies are diagnosed prenatally with Down syndrome, the parents choose to abort them.

The majority of women who choose to abort their babies likely do so out of fear: fear of the unknown, of what their child may face, or of being unable to handle the child's special needs. Many women tell stories of how their doctors pressure them to abort, calling their children "burdens" or scaring them into thinking that their family will be unable to



handle a child with Down syndrome or even that this will ruin their family.

It is indeed today's genocide.

Medical professionals like to scare new parents by telling them all the things that can go wrong if you have DS, but the truth is that there's so much more that can go right. Will opens our eyes more every day to a beauty that I never realized existed. He's taught us to slow down and enjoy life's simple pleasures. He's taught us to rejoice in little and big accomplishments, to love with unconditional love, to see the humanity in others even when we don't agree, and to persevere through hard things with grace and hope.

People with Down syndrome hold the key to living a life of happiness. And we are thankful and humbled that God has allowed us the honor of raising Will and walking beside him through life.

This World Down Syndrome Day, let us see those with Down syndrome through the eyes of countless mothers and fathers who share love and wisdom. Let us see those with Down syndrome for the blessings and gifts they are. And let us lend our voices, to protect, support, and love those with Down syndrome.

You Are What You Think about All Day Long



Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.

Try being yourself for a change.

Everyone else is taken.

Fr. Blum Asks for Lenten Eucharistic Adoration

Brothers,

I have signed up our council to do Eucharistic Adoration in our chapel on April 4th from 12:00 noon to 1:00pm.

Please reply to this email with a time within that 1 hour window that you can do Adoration.

Below is Father Blum's email.

Thanks,
Bill Bannon, DGK

Dear St. Jerome Ministries and Organizations,

On Friday, April 4, we are offering all-day Eucharistic Adoration in our Chapel. I invite our parish ministries and organizations to help provide adoration coverage throughout the day. This is also a wonderful opportunity to spend some quality time before the Blessed Sacrament as we make our Lenten Pilgrimage towards Easter Sunday.

My hope is that each ministry/organization would commit to cover a one-hour period, and to have members of your group present to adore before our Eucharistic Lord during that time frame. Adoration will be offered between 10am - 6:45pm. For example, perhaps the Knights of Columbus would cover the hour between 2pm-3pm; the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion would cover the 4pm-5pm hour, and so on...

I am asking you, our ministry and organizational leaders, to decide what hour you would like to cover and coordinate with members of your group to be present during that time. Please contact Michele at our front desk to let us know what hour your ministry/organization will be covering.

Thank you for your participation in this worthy endeavor and thank you for your faithful stewardship to our parish family.

Lenten Blessings,
Fr Blum



10 Places You Should Stay Silent at All Cost

1. Be silent if you don't know the full story.
2. Be silent if you feel unable to control your emotions.
3. Be silent in the heat of anger.
4. Be silent if your words can destroy an amazing friendship or relationship.
5. Be silent if you are unsure about your lack of knowledge about the topic.
6. Be silent when someone is sharing their struggles and vulnerabilities.
7. Be silent if you can't talk without yelling.
8. Be silent if your silence can save bonds.
9. Be silent if speaking will only serve to boost your ego or seek validation.
10. Be silent if your words can betray trust.

Something to Think About

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock?
Or do you just stay at home to criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part to help the work along, or are you satisfied to only just belong?
Do you bring in new members and help the old ones stick,
Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique?
Now think this over, member, for you know right from wrong,
are you an active member, or do you just belong?

When Christ Spoke From a Crucifix: The Mystical Vision of Saint Thomas Aquinas

Saint Thomas Aquinas is one of many saints who experienced supernatural ecstasy. Others include Saint Catherine of Siena, Saint Teresa of Avila, Saint Joseph of Cupertino, Saint Angela of Foligno, and Saint Lidwina.

In one instance, Jesus spoke to Saint Thomas Aquinas from a crucifix in his priory's chapel after completing one of his writings on the Eucharist. Saint Thomas then felt he no longer needed to write.

His fellow Dominican Brother Dominic Caserta witnessed the account, explaining that Saint Thomas was in ecstasy at the time. Brother Caserta even saw Christ speak from the Crucifix!

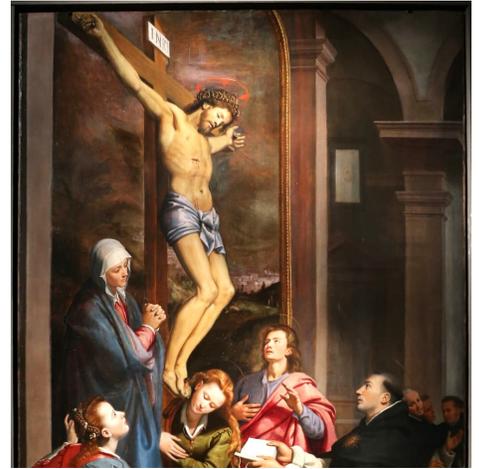
As Thomas lay prostrate on the floor, Jesus spoke these words from the crucifix:

"Thou hast written well of me, Thomas; what reward wilt thou have?"

Thomas then responded: "None other than Thyself, Lord."

Following this experience, Saint Thomas told his confessor that he had completed his writings. His confessor encouraged him to continue writing, but Saint Thomas responded, "I can do no more. Such secrets have been revealed to me that all I have written now appears to be of little value."

Saint Thomas Aquinas died within one year of this mystical experience.



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