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**Feed My Sheep
Weekend**
July 21
at Resurrection

BUSINESS MEETING, August 1, 7:00PM (Light Refreshments Served!) ♦ OTHER MEETINGS @7:30PM IN PERSON ONLY!

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✠ *From the Desk of the Grand Knight*

August 2024

Dear Brothers:

"I am happy to die because I lived my life without wasting even a minute of it on anything displeasing to God."

These are the words of an Italian boy who died of cancer at the age of fifteen. He moved to Milan with his family as an infant. His parents were not especially religious; however, he became interested in Catholicism and the Eucharist in particular. He made his First Communion at age seven, and attended Mass daily.

He gave his allowance to the poor, and saved up to buy a sleeping bag for a homeless person. Knowing that he was facing death, he insisted on being buried in Assisi, as he was devoted to St. Francis. After his death, he was declared "Venerable." The Pope called him "A servant of God." Upon the first verified miracle he was declared "Blessed" and after the second, "Saint." The poor whom he had helped in his brief life paid their respects at his funeral.

You might think this boy lived hundreds of years ago; after all, there are no saints these days, are there? But the sleeping bag gave it away. Carlo Acutis was born in 1991 and died in 2006. In addition to his piety, he was a self-taught computer genius.

He created websites that tracked miracles and the appearances of the Virgin Mary. They are in use today

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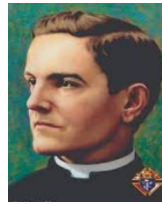


by parishes and schools around the world. But Carlo wasn't all work. He loved soccer and dogs. He played the saxophone. He enjoyed playing Halo, Super Mario and Pokemon; in testament to his maturity and commitment to God, he allowed himself only one hour per week for these distractions.

Today, his body can be viewed at the Church of St. Mary Major, in further homage to St. Francis. He is clad in jeans, Nike sneakers and an athletic jacket. He is referred to as the first millennial saint and "God's Influencer." One of his miracles involved a sick child praying to Carlo and touching a relic of his clothing. Strange to think of a tee shirt being a religious relic.

Times have changed, perhaps this time for the better.

Vivat Jesus,
Mike Pinkl
Grand Knight
Knights of Columbus
Fr. Ryan Council 5036



**Blessed Michael McGivney
Feast Day, Aug 13**

✠ *From Trustee Chuck Kuhar*

Brothers:

I wanted to take a moment to thank the Knights of Columbus for helping to sponsor the National Eucharistic Congress this year. This was an amazing event held over 5 days in Indiana. The Knights were present in just about everything that happened during the event. We were part of the Eucharistic procession through the streets of Indiana. 60,000 Catholics were in attendance for this event. It made me very proud to be a Knight.



Ladies Auxiliary Trip to the Museum of the American Revolution



✠ Message from Adam Ungaro

The 2024 Football Sweeps Fundraiser Tickets are now available. The tickets will be out on the bar until early October 11, 2024. Please take some and try to sell or purchase them. The cost is \$10.00 per ticket and gives you a chance to win 25 weekly cash prizes ranging from \$30 to \$400 that total \$3,000. Your ticket covers the last 10 weeks of the football season, so it actually comes down to \$1 per week to play for the ten weeks. You don't need to know anything about football as the ticket has computer-picked four teams for each of your ten weeks. It's not about your teams winning or losing their games, but is about their total scores summed up for the week. There are 8 prizes for the lowest totals and 17 prizes for the highest. Each \$10 ticket purchased/sold yields \$2 for our Council. Then when the season is over there is an additional check that comes into the Council for our participation.



If you are not a regular attendee to our Council meetings (no access to the bar) then you can contact Adam Ungaro at 215-284-1997 or adamungaro57@gmail.com for tickets. The cutoff for purchasing the tickets is October 11, 2024 as they must be returned to the State Council by October 18, 2024.

✠ Lecture Message

The Hardest Sin to Overcome

How many times a day are you deprived of what is fairly yours; what is rightfully yours abruptly stolen from you? It may have been your time, when you were interrupted, your place in line at Disney World, or your space on the road when someone cut you out.

Are you ever disappointed, angered, or frustrated over the senselessness, lack of common sense or outright arrogance of others?

I am.

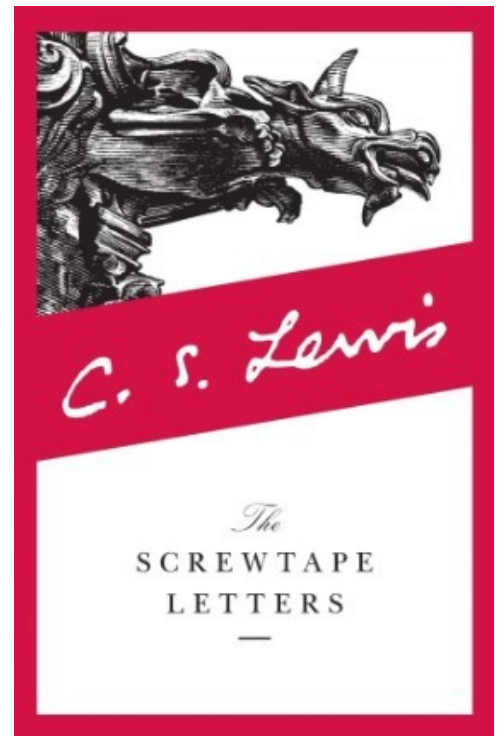
It is my "Thorn in the side" (St. Paul). It is the one sin I commit over and over.

What? Hold up... Wait a minute... You ask, "How can your being sinned against be your sin, what did YOU do wrong?"

The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis, (available from Amazon or YouTube), brought this home to me with the impact of a meteor smashing into the earth. Screwtape is a fictional demon and the mentor of Wormwood, a his apprentice demon.

In Letter 21, Screwtape is advising Wormwood to keep his "patient" (that's the term for you and me) in a constant state of irritability by making us feel as if we are having things taken from us in life. His point is: the more claims on life that we make, the more we will be disappointed, resentful, and ill-tempered.

The more we feel that we "own" these things, "My time is my own," "My space is sacred and inviolable," "My ideas and opinions are right," the more peevish, disappointed, resentful and therefore sinful we become. All of these "things" are beautiful gifts from God, not ours.



Wormwood states, "All elements of life are a gift from the Enemy." To Wormwood, God is the enemy. So all of our possessions are really a gift from God.

If instead of feeling resentful for the imposition, we were to feel thankful for the gifts, how much happier and sinless life would be. When imposition is thrust upon us, we know the truth and are thankful.

This may be a stupid example, but maybe this helps. Day-trading stocks is a money-losing thing for 80% of traders. When someone loses a great deal of money, they feel intensely angered. Instead, why not feel that your money may have been won by some poor single mom which you just helped. It drains the anger out of you, replacing a negative emotion with a sense of righteousness and good feelings which allows you to continue working logically not emotionally and thus a much smarter, happier and sinless person.

Vivat Jesus!
Will Schmitt, PGK, Lecturer

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS & LADIES

Also, please pray for an end to war everywhere. Please pray for victims of gun violence.

Please call or email Mike Pinkl with the names of all ill Brother Knights and Ladies.

Also... pray through "Prayers Unite the World" www.prayersunitetheworld.org,



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