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November 11 – Sam Saladino

Profiled by Tom Lang

It all began in 2005 when Sam Saladino sold his successful financial services business and started an independent investment management company intending that the Catholic faith would be an integral part of the business. He knew God was calling him to this. For Sam, that was a great leap of faith. “I went to church, but my faith was a Sunday thing,” he recalls.

But it wasn't that easy. Clients didn't come and desperation started to set in. On top of it all, Sam had to have emergency open heart surgery. He felt like the whole world was against him. However, this medical crisis was a blessing in disguise: He felt the Virgin Mary's presence, and she restored peace to his heart.

Then clarity came to him. His firm's focus would be not only on the Church's social and moral teachings but would also include dynamic work to change society. He wanted to make sure the companies he invested in respected human dignity, were good stewards of the earth, and strove for the common good.

Sam really had taken a leap of faith with his business venture, but he wholeheartedly believes that through personal holiness and integrity in the workplace, Catholics can lead families, companies, and the country back to God. The greatest and hardest lesson Sam has learned is to trust God in all things. This will bring true happiness and true conversion to humanity even through the hardest of times. Our faith will see us through.



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Speaker Recap

Speaker Recap – Kenneth Cramer-- Becoming a Better Christian

By Norma Williams



President Jeff, Speaker Kenneth,
Spiritual Advisor Fr. Craig

Self-knowledge is the key to becoming a better Christian. The Catholic Catechism states this is where one must start to serve God and affects how one “hears” God. Paraphrasing Coach Vince Lombardi, one must chase perfection, knowing it cannot be reached, but in the striving excellence can be achieved. Teresa of Avila spoke of never departing from the path of self-knowledge. God’s love must be fully accepted in order to love self.

Cramer cites author Matthew Kelly in Dynamic Catholic that only 7% of parishioners are responsible for 80% of church accomplishments. Those “engaged” Catholics are persons of prayer, study, generosity, and evangelization. He asks us to imagine the results if that number were multiplied.

The call to holiness requires putting others first. In so doing, unity can result. Unity is mentioned 66 times in the Bible.

After a life of childhood abuse, drug addiction, and suicide attempts, through God’s grace, Kenn found his way out of sin and despondency, earning bachelor’s and master’s degrees in psychology and spending a year in seminary. For 10 years he ran a Denver psychotherapy practice. In 2015 he and wife Laura answered a call to serve at the Belknap Indian Reservation in Montana. Kenn is studying for the diaconate with expected ordination in 2018. He is a frequent public speaker and television guest.

Kenn advises that a good way to start each day is asking God to “Help me see myself as You see me.”

Website: stpaulmission.org

Business Person of the Month: Kathryn Weakland, Development Officer, Community Medical Foundation

With more than 20 years of fundraising experience, Kathryn Weakland has held leadership roles in three significant community organizations.

Kathryn is in her third year as a Development Officer for Community Medical Foundation. Her primary responsibilities include major gift fundraising for the Leon S. Peters Burn Center, Neonatal Intensive Care Units and Terry’s House — a home away from home for families of patients being treated in the Critical Care Units at Community Regional Medical Center or the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, just to name a few. Community Medical Centers is dedicated to serving the healthcare needs of the Valley.

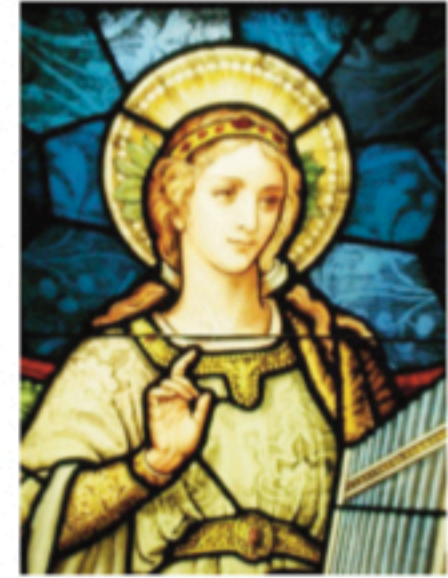
Prior to joining Community Medical Center, she spent seven years as Director of Development & Communications at Poverello House and was previously the Executive Director for the Fresno State Quarterback Club serving under former head coach Pat Hill. She

has spent many years as an active volunteer for the American Lung Association, San Joaquin Memorial High School, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and the Newman Center to name a few.

She is a graduate of Leadership Fresno Class XXVIII, a 2014 Marjaree Mason Center Top Ten Business Women of the Year, and is currently a member of the Board for the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Kathryn was a former board member of the Catholic Professional & Business Club.



Prayer Research & Submission By Mary Borges



St. Cecilia

Feast Day is November 22

St. Cecilia, a Roman martyr and patroness of musicians, symbolizes the central role of music to the liturgy. Her feast day was an occasion for musical concerts and festivals, and she has inspired and continues to inspire many composers and musicians to this day.

O glorious saint, who chose to die instead of denying your King, we pray you please to help us as His fair praise we sing. We lift our hearts in joyous song to honor Him this way. And while we sing, remembering, to sing is to doubly pray.

At once in our hearts and in our tongues we offer double prayer sent heavenward on winged notes to praise God dwelling there. While in our hearts and tongues we try with song to praise God twice, we ask dear saint, to help us be united close to Christ!

Upcoming Events

Breakfast Meetings

- December 9
- January No meeting
- February 10 – Our 20th Anniversary Celebration!

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Book Review

By John Kasaian

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Saint Odd

by Dean Koontz

449 pages, paperbound

Bantam Books, New York

2015



It was with a bit of sadness that I started reading "Saint Odd" a few days ago. Sad because this is the last of the eight-book series by Dean Koontz featuring the iconic Odd Thomas, a love sick teenage fry cook from the Mojave desert who sees dead people and bodachs, the shadow figures who gather en masse before bloody tragedies and for who-knows-what purpose.

For a protagonist, Odd Thomas is a refreshing change and for plots, the Odd Thomas series is a feast for the imagination. As grisly as these stories are, dealing with cults, satanism, ritual, human sacrifice, supernatural dimensions, as well as more garden variety murders, they are also held together with threads of incredible humor. The ghosts of Elvis Presley, Alfred Hitchcock, and Frank Sinatra take turns being Odd Thomas' "sidekicks" in the various installments. Better still, Koontz, a Catholic convert, gives us portrait of a supernatural world which, while not exactly theologically sound (this is fiction,) gives us imagery and ideas Catholics will find both familiar and comforting.

For the past few years I've been reading through the Odd Thomas series and, while it is enjoyable to skip around from book to book, the best plan is reading the series in chronological order, starting with "Odd Thomas" (Editor's note; reviewed by John Kasaian in September 2016 newsletter), "Forever Odd," "Brother Odd," "Odd Hours," "Odd Interlude," "Odd Apocalypse," "Deeply Odd," and finishing with "Saint Odd." Odd makes for excellent paperback reading on cool fall days or at Pismo Beach (trust me!)

You can order a copy at Cotter Religious Goods.

Remembering a Veteran

November is the last month of the Year of Mercy and also the month in which we celebrate Veteran's Day. This year there are also many events remembering the Vietnam War. In commemoration of these events it is fitting to recognize Servant of God, Maryknoll Missionary, Vincent R. Capodanno (1929-1967). He was a United States Navy chaplain who served in the Marine Corps



which used Navy men since they had no chaplains of their own. He posthumously received the Medal of Honor. That citation reads in part "In response to reports that the 2d Platoon of M Company was in danger of being overrun by a massed enemy assaulting force, Lt. Capodanno left the relative safety of the company command post and ran through an open area raked with fire, directly to the beleaguered platoon. Disregarding the intense enemy small-arms, automatic-weapons, and mortar fire, he moved about the battlefield administering last rites to the dying and giving medical aid to the wounded. When an exploding mortar round inflicted multiple painful wounds to his arms and legs, and severed a portion of his right hand, he steadfastly refused all medical aid. Instead, he directed the corpsmen to help their wounded comrades and, with calm vigor, continued to move about the battlefield as he provided encouragement by voice and example to the valiant Marines. Upon encountering a wounded corpsman in the direct line of fire of an enemy machine gunner positioned approximately 15 yards away, Lt. Capodanno rushed a daring attempt to aid and assist the mortally wounded corpsman. At that instant, only inches from his goal, he was struck down by a burst of machine gun fire..." For a moving first hand story by a doctor in the Marine Corps, see <http://maryknollmissionarchives.org/?deceased-fathers-bro=father-vincent-r-capodanno-mm>

His Cause of Canonization was opened in 2002

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network: November Intentions

Universal: Countries Receiving Refugees: That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

Evangelization: Collaboration of Priests and Laity: That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

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Reservations: Reservations are required for all breakfast meetings, held at Pardini's, and can be made by calling Lourdes Sanchez at 559-434-2722 or by visiting www.cpbcfresno.org then click on the reservation link. Doors open at 7 a.m. for coffee and networking. The program starts at 7:20 a.m. and concludes at 8:30 a.m. The breakfast cost is \$17 for members and \$22 for non-members. An annual discounted cost of \$120 is available to members that prepay for the year; this is a savings of \$33. Reservations are still required for prepays.

Membership Directory: Ad space starts at \$50. Contact Al Aguila at directory@cpbcfresno.org for more information. December 15, 2016 is the deadline to reserve ad space. More directory advertising information is available at www.cpbcfresno.org. December 31, 2016 is the deadline for ad artwork.

Prayer Network: CP&BC has a "prayer network" to be used for member prayer needs for themselves or loved ones. We have members already signed-up to pray for special needs submitted; however, anyone else is invited to also become part of the prayer network. Sally Lauritzen is the point person to whom requests can be made, and once they are received she will email or phone the network. Contact Sally (salauritz@att.net or [559.439.8378](tel:559.439.8378)) to become part of the network or to submit a prayer request.

Website: Please be sure to visit www.cpbcfresno.org for all the latest information about our club. CP&BC thanks J. Colin Petersen of J - I.T. Outsource for the design and maintenance of the website.

Mission Statement:

As Catholic professional and business men and women, we are called to live our Christian ethics not only on Sundays, but throughout our daily lives at home and at work.

Our goal in the Catholic Professional & Business Club shall be to incorporate and uphold our beliefs in every aspect of our daily lives, and to gather to share with others who seek a more ethical business environment.

Each of us shall strive to achieve a commingling of our ethical obligations and our professional obligations in demonstration of the fact that ethics and business need not be mutually exclusive terms.

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