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**Jared Fogle, Ashley Madison,
Planned Parenthood and Our Men
Without Chests** (Taken from "The
Wardrobe Door" by Aaron Earls,
August 20, 2015)

One man was exposed for sexually exploiting minors. Thousands of men were exposed for seeking affairs through a website. And an entire national organization continued to be exposed for barbaric practices toward unborn (and born) infants. And that's just this week. Subway spokesperson Jared Fogle, adultery website Ashley Madison and the abortion industry of Planned Parenthood have not occurred in a vacuum. They are the logical extension of the society we have created and cultivated.

In *The Abolition of Man*, one of his most prophetic pieces, C.S. Lewis saw the same thing happening over 70 years ago.

And all the time—such is the tragedy of our situation—we continue to clamour for those very qualities we are rendering impossible. You can hardly open a periodical without coming across the statement that what our civilization needs is more 'drive', or dynamism, or self-sacrifice, or 'creativity'. In a sort of ghastly simplicity we remove the organ and demand the function. We make men without chests and expect of them virtue and enterprise. We laugh at honour and are shocked to find traitors in our midst. We castrate and bid the geldings be fruitful.

Our culture demands certain virtues, but it removes and mocks the very means by which those virtues are developed.

We oversexualize young girls and are horrified when men see them as

sexual objects.

What Fogle, and others connected with him, did is morally repugnant and blameworthy, but it is also tragic. He drank too deeply from our poisoned cultural cistern.

Have you ever shopped for little girl's clothes? At an earlier and earlier age, their clothing is inappropriately sexual. Those who lament this development are deemed "prudes" and "sexually-repressed." We rightly condemn those who treat children as merely sexual objects, but we tolerate and even condone those who do so partially—without ever realizing the latter leads to the former.

We lampoon monogamy and marriage and are shocked when men commit adultery.

Today, affairs are glamorized. Divorce is normalized. And the enjoyment of sex is rooted purely in temporary pleasure, not deeply committed joy.

Very rarely do you see monogamy celebrated or even acknowledged as a worthwhile option. So why are we so surprised thousands of men, married or not, sought to find the ever elusive pleasure derived from casual sex? Almost universally, the Internet has told the men exposed by the Ashley Madison hack, "It serves you right." But this same Internet will also continue consuming pornography and imagining the enjoyment of the very lifestyle it criticizes.

We sacrifice everything for sexual freedom and are mortified when those sacrifices show up on undercover videos.

This is the end result of our casual disregard for human life. The Planned

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Parenthood videos and the horrors of Kermit Gosnell are not the exception to the rule, they are the logical extension.

These crimes have revealed the ugly truth behind the rationale for abortion. It is absurd to argue personhood is determined solely by location and the preferences of another. Yet, this is where we are left with the current abortion laws and logic.

How can you be surprised that someone would kill a child just outside of the womb, when they have been conditioned to believe, contrary to their own medical education, that just a moment earlier, when the child was inside the womb, it was only a "tissue"? The atrocities are the direct result of the dehumanization of life in the womb.

But the roots and branches of abortion tragedies also extend to and intertwine with the cases of Fogle and Ashley Madison.

If children are sexual objects, then they can be sacrificed in order for us to maintain our sexual freedom. If the only thing we expect from sex is pleasure, any children that result can be discarded.

As abortion doctors cut out the pieces of unborn children from the wombs of women, they also cut out the chests of men (and women).

Ruben Navarrette Jr., a writer for Daily Beast, considered himself pro-choice, but the Planned Parenthood videos have made him reconsider his position.

The words of his wife has also stirred reflection. She told him:

These are babies that are being killed. Millions of them. And you need

to use your voice to protect them.

That's what a man does. He protects children—his own children, and other children. That's what it means to be a man.

He may be a man, but Lewis is right—culture has taken his chest. Navarrette is a man fighting to regain the chest that has been ripped from his body.

Allow me to rephrase Lewis a bit for our current circumstances.

We laugh at chastity and are shocked to find the sexually exploitive in our midst. We are constantly feeding the sexual appetite of young men and bidding them "be faithful." We demand consequence free sex and are appalled when we see what we deem "consequences" have faces that are being sliced open.

These children have faces that will continue to be ripped apart until we realize we have chests that have already been removed.

COMING EVENTS

"Rally Day"

CHURCH PICNIC

Sept. 6, 2015

Sunday School resumes
Picnic following church

YOUTH MEETINGS

Youth Meetings are on Sundays,
Oct. 2nd, Nov. 1st, Dec. 6th
following church.

CHOIR

The choir will resume singing in
Holy Communion on Sunday,
September 13, 2015. Choir
practices are Fridays at 9:00 a.m.

WORK DAY

Saturday, Sept. 19th, 2015
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Sign up sheet is on the bulletin
board in the narthex.

HOG HAVEN FUND-RAISER

For and at St. Andrew's Church on Sat.,
Sept. 26. Be here at noon. Please turn in
Commitment Sheets & correct number of
Pork Chops and Chicken needed for
dinners. (See flyer page 3)

EPISCOPAL VISIT

Bishop Royal U. Grote will be
with us for the Annual Episcopal
Visit on Sunday, October 18th.

HOMCOMING SUNDAY

Sunday, October 18, when Bishop
Grote is here. A Pot Luck luncheon
will be in the Parish Hall following
Holy Communion.

E-mail Addresses Needed

To cut down on printing and mailing
costs, we have been sending the
Parish Register out via e-mail. Please
send your e-mail address to Rev. Levi
at franklevi@andrewrec.org

MISSIONARIES OF THE

MONTH Please pray for Bishop
Gerhard and Grace Meyer as they
teach The Gospel in Germany.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nancy Toomey, Judy Casper, Alex
Poole, Prentice Onayemi, Loluwa
Osilaja, Peter Poole, Oye Olajide,
Temi Onayemi, Jim Casper,
Elizabeth Domato, Franklin Sellers,
Jr., Steve Horosinski, Victoria Oni,
Vicky Nwosu, Benjamin Oluwole,
Brian Sutton, Dennis Domato

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For: ST. ANDREW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

**At the Church: 18001 94th Ave., Tinley Park, IL
Call 708-614-7404 for Pork Chop or Chicken Tickets**

Saturday, September 26, 2015 at Noon

“Best Pork Chops!” from Hog Haven

**Adults pick “Famous Huge Pork Chop or Chicken”
Includes Three Sides. Let us know which you choose!**

**With \$25 Adult/Youth Tickets you get FREE
Hamburgers & Hot Dogs for children (under 12). [But,
\$25 if children want chicken or pork chop instead.]**

with

Country Gospel Concert

Pal & Family “Serving Jesus In Song”

Featuring, Singer/Guitarist, William Ray Garrison

Turn in Commitment Sheets and money by Sept. 13!

Giving you an extra week!

**Need to know how many pork chops and
how many chicken dinners are needed!**

Plus, how many Free Tickets needed!

Make checks to: ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Specify for: Hog Haven Fund-Raiser

SEPTEMBER 2015 CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
14th Sunday 6 after Trinity MP & SS 9:30 a.m. HC 10:30 a.m.	7	8	9	10	11	12
15 th Sunday 13 after Trinity MP & SS 9:30 a.m. HC 10:30 a.m. "Rally Day" Picnic Final Ticket Money Due	14	15	16	17	18	19
16th Sunday 20 Apostle & Evangelist MP & SS 9:30 a.m. HC 10:30 a.m. Vestry Meeting	21 St. Matthew Apostle and Evangelist	22	23	24	25	26
17th Sunday 27 after Trinity MP & SS 9:30 a.m. HC 10:30 a.m. Guild Meeting	28	29 St. Michael and All Angels	30			
			Ember Day		Ember Day	Ember Day
					Choir Practice 9:00 a.m.	Choir Practice 9:00 a.m.
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						Work Day 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
						Hog Haven Fundraiser 12:00 p.m. sharp