

“Future begins today, not tomorrow”

St. John Paul II

October 2016

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Many favors have been granted to individuals who devoutly recite these prayers that come from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church.

We celebrate one of our newest saints, St. John Paul II, on October 22. This month we also recognize the feast days of many great saints including: St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Faustina Kowalska, and St. Teresa of Avila. St. John Vianney reminds us that “The Saints did not all begin well, but they all ended well.”

On October 18, St. Luke the Evangelist is venerated as the patron of physicians and surgeons. At SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, we honor respected physicians with the St. Luke's Faithful Healer Award this month. Each day, our world-class health care professionals live out our mission through their work:

“Through our exceptional health care services, we reveal the healing presence of God.”

One of our physicians shared this prayer he prays; I want to pass it along.

Lord God, You are the Great Physician. My Child is sick and needs your healing touch. Lord, you are the healer of weaknesses, colds, flu, fevers, viruses, chronic conditions, tumors, cancer and other diseases and you are the healer of my child. As I ask you to heal my child, I will declare by faith that my child IS receiving your abundant healing power right now and that my child's health IS steadily improving. I declare that I will not look at what my eyes see, but I will look at what my faith sees. I will feed my faith concerning the healing power that is bringing health to my child. I will stand strong behind your biblical words: “By His stripes, we are healed.” * Thank you, Lord, for bringing your awesome healing power into my child's body. Lord, I will praise you for healing my child. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

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Isaiah 53:5*

We pray for you and your intentions at daily Mass. May God bless you and your loved ones.



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This family's journey of faith is made possible by God's loving grace and guiding hand.



Newlyweds Dave and Jen were excited to learn they conceived a child three weeks after their wedding. Baby Kevin was born in May, 24 weeks after the announcement, weighing 1 pound 4 ounces and 11.6 inches long. Kevin Scott is the first grandchild and first great-grandchild on Dave's side of the family. He is named after Dave's father who passed away unexpectedly shortly after being able to hold Kevin for the first time. Kevin has changed their lives.

As a premature baby, Kevin's problems were complex: underdeveloped lungs; two holes in his

heart; butterfly ribs and vertebrae; a vascular ring around the trachea and esophagus; detached retina resulting in blindness in his left eye; two hernias; pulmonary hypertension; blue spells that affect his airway; tracheomalacia; and reliance on a hospital ventilator. As his problems continue to be addressed and supported, the worst case scenario is that Kevin may need heart and lung transplants. Kevin's fight to live is undaunted and supported prayerfully by his parents, family, friends and church members.



Jen talks about the God moments of how her complicated pregnancy led her doctor to refer her to SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital, a feeder to SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital.

She went in for a checkup and had the baby within a week of arrival. Kevin was immediately transferred to SSM Health Cardinal Glennon's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit that is equipped to manage the complex care required. Jen credits Robert Fleming, MD, a SLUCare neonatologist, whose normal rotation at the hospital is in the fall, with saving Kevin's life that summer. After research on his part, Dr. Fleming determined that Kevin has Scimitar Syndrome, a rare congenital disorder characterized by an unusual arrangement of pulmonary veins, that is often undiagnosed because it often presents like asthma.

In August, once Kevin reached 5 lbs., Saadeh Al-Jureidini, MD, a SLUCare pediatric cardiologist at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon, was able to perform a cardiac catheterization which made possible the September surgery to close one hole in the heart, partially close the other, and clip the vascular heart ring. Jen and Dave refer to the physicians as “miracle workers.”

At 5 months, Kevin's feeding tube was relocated and Dave and Jen were able to see Kevin's bare face for the first time. Serenity filled the room. The proud parents spoke of Kevin's strength and happy disposition; “God has a purpose for Kevin.” Dave explains that Kevin is pulling up with great strength and should be sitting on his own soon. Jen adds that his teeth are coming in just fine, even the molars. Kevin is remarkable; even after having chest compressions for life-saving measures, there was no brain bleeding affecting his cognition.

At this time, Kevin has spent his first 16 months of life in the hospital, and his parents are without employment. Thanks for the support services available, they are able to remain devoted to his care. Going forward, Kevin needs to transition from a hospital ventilator to a home ventilator before he can come home to his own room.



Developmentally, his parents say that he should catch up by the age of 2 or 3 years old. The best case scenario is that by the time Kevin starts school, he should be able to leave the home ventilator behind and have a relatively normal childhood. Dave and Jen say that “time and growth are on his side.” God is guiding them on this spiritual journey through Kevin to inspire many, and He chose Kevin's parents with great love.

If you want to follow Kevin's remarkable story with updates, visit his Facebook page:

<https://m.facebook.com/TheSuperKev/>.