



# KNIGHTLINE

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NEWS FOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## Reflection: The dominion of sin, the price of freedom



*It's easy to point blame when something goes wrong, when sin happens. It's time to admit our own personal sins led to Our Lord's cruel death.*

Before we feast, we fast.

Even as we anticipate the great feast of Easter this Sunday, we are invited to fast and seriously consider the price of our redemption.

It has often been observed that those who rejoice most deeply are those who have been tried in some way, who have experienced genuine sorrow. Someone who has gotten well after a serious illness, who has survived a brush with death, can truly appreciate health and life. They begin to enjoy even the simplest things, and their gratitude is profound. Such a joy far surpasses that of someone who has never been seriously ill. So it is for us, who in this week before Easter attempt to contemplate the sickness called sin, the malady that required our Lord's sacrifice for us to be healed. If we wish to truly enter the joy of Easter, it is both right and helpful to take this week to consider deeply the weight of sin, our sin, and the price Christ had to pay to free us from it. [READ MORE](#)

## Knight fighting COVID-19 leads virtual prayer

*In the face of adversity, this Knight has found a way to serve from home: virtual prayer groups.*

Frank Giacoio, a Knight from Cardinal Hayes Council 3995 in Yonkers, N.Y., is recovering from COVID-19. He experienced a 101-degree fever, headache, coughing, loss of sense of smell and other flu-like symptoms. He's now quarantined at home for several weeks. But even though he's at home, Giacoio is helping his community in an important way – through prayer.

Giacoio lives in New York, where dioceses across the state have canceled public Masses. So his council began looking for a way they could experience both parish community and prayer life, while best observing proper social distancing. That's when they began researching types of telecommunications software. [READ MORE](#)



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## Knights raise \$20,000 for widower and 10 kids

*Wisconsin Knights and community raise funds to support family after mom dies in childbirth.*

Father Keith Kitzhaber, a Knight and pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Marshfield, Wis., got a call at 6 a.m. It was Marshfield Hospital, asking him to come to the hospital right away.

"They had someone who was fading fast and just had a child," Father Kitzhaber said. "On my way over I thought, 'I hope I don't know who this is.'"

But the priest did know who it was. It was Tennille Thomas. When Father Kitzhaber got the phone call, Tennille had just given birth to her 10th child, a boy named Mark. During childbirth, amniotic fluid got into her blood stream, causing a brain aneurysm. She was 43.

Father Kitzhaber anointed Tennille and prayed the rosary with the Thomas family, who now faced an uncertain future. But he was determined to do something to help them. [READ MORE](#)



## Where to livestream Holy Week liturgies

Here's a list of top Catholic resources from around the world that can help deepen your faith during Holy Week. [READ MORE](#)

## Orderwide Divine Mercy Novena begins Good Friday



Jesus asked that the feast of the Divine Mercy should be marked by a novena beginning on Good Friday, with special intentions for each day. The novena prayers will be livestreamed daily at 3 p.m. from the K of C-sponsored Saint John Paul II National Shrine. [WATCH](#).

## Webinar to help welcome Knights

Every week, the Fraternal Excellence team will be hosting a webinar to update Knights and their councils on maintaining fraternal operations with COVID-19 restrictions. The next webinar will offer details on the online exemplification that will allow men to join the Knights and serve with us during the time of the coronavirus, while observing safe distance and stay-at-home orders. [READ MORE](#)

**PROBLEM WITH LAST WEEK'S LINKS?** Several Knights experienced difficulties accessing the links in last Friday's *Knightline*. You can find all Friday's stories [here](#).

## PSA on how to safely handle groceries, deliveries and take-out orders



*Michigan doctor Jeffrey VanWingen shared tips on how to clean groceries, food delivery and takeout orders to stay as safe as possible during the coronavirus outbreak.*

Dr. VanWingen has been a family physician in Grand Rapids, Mich., for more than 20 years. He shared a video detailing a "sterile technique" to clean your purchases.

"We have a dilemma in society where we need to eat to live but we also need to get that food. And that getting of food is now risky," VanWingen says. "Safety out in the marketplace can literally save lives." [WATCH](#)

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