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NEWS FOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Reflection: The real story of Christ's Passion



The true meaning of the Passion of our Lord was not evident to those who played a role in it, but we can know the deep work that God is doing.

The story of the Lord's Passion, the focus of this Sunday's liturgy and of Holy Week, plays out on two levels. The first level, on the surface, is the one that the players in the drama see. The second level, hidden and deeper, is where the Lord is really accomplishing his purpose.

Most of the characters in the story see only the surface, not the depths. They do not see the real story; they do not know what is really happening. They think they are in control of the action, but they are wrong; all along it is Jesus who is in control. The characters think they are putting Jesus on trial; but it is really they who are on trial before their true Lord. And, despite all appearances to the contrary, Jesus is the master of events, the one with his hands on the controls. [READ MORE](#)

Knights fund Vatican Holy Week broadcast

Last week's now iconic papal blessing is only one of many Knights-sponsored Vatican broadcasts.

With Catholics unable to attend Mass this Easter due to the coronavirus pandemic, many eyes will shift to televised Holy Week services led by Pope Francis in Rome.

The Knights of Columbus will help make this possible through the continuation of its long-standing commitment to bring papal events to people throughout the world. This year, the Knights of Columbus has donated more than \$55,000 to cover the costs of broadcasting Holy Week celebrations from the Vatican. [READ MORE](#)



Where's my monthly edition?

To address the particular needs and challenges of these days, the Supreme Council is replacing the monthly editions of Knightline with a special twice-weekly format. For past special editions, [click here](#).

SHARE YOUR QUESTIONS, FEEDBACK AND STORY Share how you, your family or your council is helping strengthen people's faith and offering support during this time. Email knightline@kofc.org.

Knights builds drive-in confession booth



Fr. Seamus Griesbach, a Knight from Maine, constructed a confessional booth to fit in his rector's window and installed it on St. Joseph's feast day.

Father Seamus Griesbach, a Knight of Columbus from Rev. William J. Kelly Council 9782 in Wells, Maine, developed carpentry skills after years of learning in his father's shop. But he never imagined those skills would apply to his ministry, especially his priestly duty to offer the sacrament of confession. However, like every priest around the country, he had to adapt to the outbreak of COVID-19.

That is why he constructed his own drive-in confessional window complete with a doorbell and Act of Contrition placards, which he inserted into the rector's window, which overlooks the drive-way. [READ MORE](#)

Top films on Christ's Passion

For Holy Week, here are five of cinema's best offerings.

There are numerous movie portrayals of the life and passion of Christ, from the insipid and blasphemous to the moving and reverent, but here are a few worth considering for home viewing this Lent. [READ MORE](#)

A K of C book to read at home

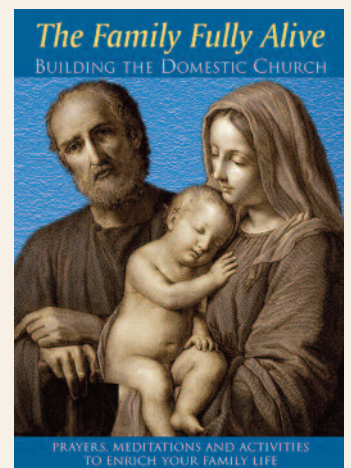
"The reader who hates the fact that church has to be missed will enjoy having *The Knights of Columbus: An Illustrated History* ... It's a large, beautiful retrospective on the 'K of C,' its contributions, and many of the leaders who influenced the Knights through the decades." – *The Washington Informer*

Order the full-color, hardcover, 296-page book for \$31.46 on [Amazon](#).

Knights provide resource to lead family prayer

The Family Fully Alive is a booklet provided by the Knights of Columbus. This booklet offers monthly readings, reflections and prayers to foster family prayer. This month, the booklet focuses on a way to lead your family in learning about God's mercy and forgiveness.

When we have been offended or let down, forgiveness is possible and desirable, but no one can say that it is easy. ... We ourselves have had the experience of being forgiven by God, justified by his grace and not by our own merits. We have known a love that is prior to any of our own efforts, a love that constantly opens doors, promotes and encourages. If we accept that God's love is unconditional, that the father's love cannot be bought or sold, then we will become capable of showing boundless love and forgiveness. [READ MORE](#)



Looking for a way to strengthen your prayer life?



Participate in the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge. This month, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori has challenged all Knights to pray the Stations of the Cross as we enter Holy Week. To learn more and to access the Supreme Chaplain's questions for reflection, [click here](#).

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