

Hardwired for Communion

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As the season of Lent begins today, Ash Wednesday, Knights are encouraged to renew their commitment to prayer, charity and self-denial alongside their brothers. In his [2026 message for Lent](#), Pope Leo XIV emphasized the communal aspect of prayer and fasting that is necessary for “allowing the word of God to touch our hearts.” The Holy Father continued, “Our parishes, families, ecclesial groups and religious communities are called to undertake a shared journey during Lent, in which listening to the word of God, as well as to the cry of the poor and of the earth, becomes part of our community life, and fasting a foundation for sincere repentance.”



Father Daniel LaCroix (center) serves as principal celebrant of a Mass in the Ice Chapel of Our Lady of the Snows at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Mich., on Feb. 6. (Photo by Searra

Liggett)

Sacred Snow

Knights from Michigan Technological University Council 17237 in Houghton, Michigan, joined fellow students and local parishioners to construct the Ice Chapel of Our Lady of the Snows at St. Albert the Great University Parish. For the past 11 years, the chapel has drawn increased attention from around the world. This year, more than 900 people braved the cold on Feb. 6 and 7 to attend three Masses held in the ice chapel.

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Recent polling data shows that nearly 70% of Gen Z men spend one to six hours a day online, and 27% spend six hours or more. But the fulfillment they seek cannot be found in digital distractions, writes Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly in a recent column for *Columbia*. “At their core,” the supreme knight argues, “all men have a deep desire to be challenged with a vision of life that calls them to sacrifice for a higher purpose.”

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Knights from the Philippines participate in a Sacred Heart Holy Hour with the Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Pilgrim Icon.

An Act of Surrender and Trust

Throughout the Philippines, Knights and their families are welcoming the Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon into their communities and homes, inviting Christ to reign in family life. “The enthronement, for me, is the acceptance of the openness of the Sacred Heart within us,” said Rommel del Rosario, a member of Our Lady of Fatima Council 9636 in Las Piñas, Metro Manila. “What inspired me to enthrone the Sacred Heart in our home was when I thought about the protection of my family.”

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Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly (center) joins Walter Finneran, a member of Sheridan Council 24 in Waterbury, Conn., and his wife, Donna, in distributing Brian Bags to people experiencing homelessness.

Hope for the Homeless

After his wife, Donna, lost her brother to homelessness, Walter Finneran, a member of Sheridan Council 24 in Waterbury, Connecticut, helped her turn grief into action. Through Brian Bags, the Finnerans work with Knights and community members to provide essentials to those in need, honoring Brian O’Connell’s memory and exemplifying the Order’s call to serve the vulnerable with compassion and dignity.

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Lenten Resources

In this holy season, join Dominican Father Jonathan Kalisch and Renzo Ortega, manager of digital evangelization content, as they unpack why we are called to sacrifice and what that can look like as Knights. Look for their weekly video reflections on the Sunday readings across the official K of C social media channels or at kofc.org/lent. You will also find additional free resources, including a guide to confession, meditations for praying the Stations of the Cross and more.

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