



# knights of st. irene

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Council 6710  
Warrenville, IL



## June 3—Council Hosts 1st, 2nd & 3rd Degree

The degree ceremonies start at 1:00 PM and will be held in the St. Irene Activities Center and will take about 2-3 hrs., with dinner to follow. There is no charge for those participating in the degrees. There will be a \$10 charge for those wishing to stay for dinner.

Volunteers are needed for set-up, dinner and clean-up. Contact **PGK Ray Scott** (630-294-5115).

## Sir Knight Phil Kemp Passes to Eternal Life May 28



With sadness in our hearts, we announce that **Sir Knight Philip Kemp** died May 28, after suffering a heart attack. Condolences go out to **Phil's Family**,

especially **Pat**. Both **Phil** and **Pat** have been very active parishioners at St. Irene's.

**A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday June 23 at 10:00 AM at St. Irene Church.** A luncheon will follow at the Courtyard. An Honor Guard is requested for the Memorial Service.

**Phil** was active on the Parish Council and as an officer in the Knights of Columbus. **Pat**, just in this last month, was awarded St. Irene Woman-Of-The-Year. She also has served as President of the Ladies of Columbus Auxiliary.

**Obituary** as written by Son Matthew Kemp: "Dr. Philip Kemp, 73 of

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## June 30—KC and Ladies Auxiliary Family Picnic

Officers of our Council and Ladies Auxiliary for the next fraternal year will be installed immediately following the 5:00 PM Mass on June 30 at St. Irene Church. A **Family Picnic** will follow at the home of **Pat Kemp** (2S450 Center Ave., Warrenville).

**Yes, Pat Kemp desires to host the picnic to honor Phil. Please plan to attend!**

**No RSVP necessary! Your whole Family is invited to attend. Invite a Friend and their Family!** Beverages and main course meal will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass (last names: A-G bring Sides, H-O bring Desserts, & P-Z bring Appetizers).

## Council Celebrates Independence Day in Warrenville



### March in 4th-of-July Parade, Tuesday July 3

The theme of the parade is "Red, White and Blue". Show your pride and march along with Council Sir Knights. The parade starts at 6:00 PM. Watch for more specifics in the July KC Newsletter.



### Food Stand at Cerny Park July 3-4

Plan on joining your brother Knights & Families at Cerny as we cook our famous burgers and sweet corn. Grillers, cashiers, set-up crew and general helpers are needed. Look for a call for your help. A sign-up for times will be available on the [Council web](#) site starting June 14.



## June 16—KC/VFW Blood Drive

The next blood drive will be held from 7:00 AM—Noon at VFW Hall.

**Joe Gattone**  
Blood Drive Director



## July 21—Cougars Baseball

**Tickets are now available!** The Kane County

Cougars are playing South Bend Cubs at 6:30 PM. Fireworks after the game.

Reserved seats are \$13.00 and \$5 parking in advance. For tickets **Michael Bates** (630-630-836-0223).

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### Council Business Meeting June 14 7:30 PM at St. Irene Activities Center

Officer Elections to Be Held. Our slate of officers is:  
 Chaplain—**Fr. Jim Antiporek**  
 Grand Knight—**Tom Perez**  
 Deputy Grand Knight—**Mike Bates**  
 Financial Secretary—**James Halama**  
 Treasurer—**John Ernst**  
 Chancellor—**Scott Hurley**  
 Recorder—**Bob Rauko**  
 Advocate—  
 Warden—**Wayne Decker**  
 Lecturer—**Bill Lintner**  
 Inside Guard—**Dan Cyrus**  
 Inside Guard—**Patrick O'Connor**  
 Outside Guard—**Dave Abhalter**  
 Trustees -**Kevin Looby, Glen Kussman, Ken Dilulio**

As always, anyone may request to place their name in nomination at the meeting. If you are interested, please contact **GK Tom Perez** (630-301-1481).



### Fourth Degree News Next Meeting June 13 at St. Irene's

The next Blanchette Assembly meeting Corpus Christi, Carol Stream on June 13.

#### Honor Guard Requests:

- June 23 10:00 AM—Memorial Service for Phil Kemp at St. Irene Church
- July 3, 6:00 PM—Warrenville July 4th Parade. Arrive by 5:30 PM in downtown Warrenville.

Check out [www.fathersforgood](http://www.fathersforgood)



### Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Pat Kemp** and her **Family** as they mourn the loss of her husband, **Phil**. His sense of humor and willingness to always lend a hand will be greatly missed.

Our next board meeting is Tuesday, June 12, at 7:00 PM at Pat Kemp's house. We will be donating the \$1100 raised at our Bunco Night on April 21 to the Bridge Community at the meeting.

We will also be discussing possible dates for our upcoming events in the next year. Please come and let us know of any other events you would like the Auxiliary to hold in the coming year.

**Cathy Kott**  
New LOC President



### Eucharistic Adoration Every Thursday

Join us every Thursday from 7:30 AM to 8:00 PM at St. Irene Church. For more information, or if you would like to schedule a time, call **Cathy Kott** at 630-393-9543. Contact **Bill Lintner** (630-841-6155) to let him know you will participate as a K of C representative.



### Pray for Our Loved Ones

Pray for the health & recovery of **Patti Menconi, Mary Hughes, Deacon Bob True, Beverly Scott, Joe Gattone, and Charlie Fahrenwald.**



**Matthew Kling**  
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### St. Irene Knights of Columbus Council 6710, Warrenville, IL

<p><b>Council Officers 2017-2018</b></p> <p>Chaplain Fr. Jim Antiporek (630-393-2400 x 13)                  Grand Knight Tom Perez (630-301-1481)                  Dep. Grand Knight Michael Bates (630-836-0223)                  Financial Sec. James Halama (630-433-6240)                  Treasurer John Ernst (630-606-2671)                  Chancellor Scott Hurley (773-677-9057)                  Recorder Bob Rauko (630-337-1568)                  Advocate                  Warden Wayne Decker (630-393-1891)                  Inside Guard Dan Cyrus (312-415-8369)                  Patrick O'Connor                  Outside Guard Dave Abhalter (630-857-0972)                  Lecturer William Lintner (630-841-6155)                  3rd Yr. Trustee Ken Dilulio (630-747-3673)                  2nd Yr. Trustee Glen Kussman (630-393-6545)                  1st Yr. Trustee Kevin Looby (630-329-1316)                  Insurance Agent <b>Matthew Kling (630-485-8705)</b></p>	<p><b>Business Meetings:</b> 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM  <b>Meeting Location:</b> Activities Center - Lower Level                  28W451 Warrenville Rd, Warrenville, IL</p> <p><b>Committee Directors</b></p> <p>Program Director Michael Bates (630-836-0223)                  Membership Director Ray Scott (630-393-0868)                  Community Director                  Council Director Bob Rauko (630-337-1568)                  Church Director Joe Gattone (630-876-1136)                  Family Director Michael Bates (630-836-0223)                  Youth Director Scott Hurley (773-677-9057)                  Public Relations Director Richard Kostner (630-310-9642)                  Blood Drive Director Joe Gattone (630-876-1136)                  Pro-Life Jack Gorski (630-393-4742)                  Vocations Brad Hentz (630-836-0332)                  Support our Troops Kevin Looby (630-329-1316)</p>
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Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to all Catholic gentleman over 18 years of age. To join or obtain further information, contact our Membership Chairman Ray Scott at 630-393-0868.

The Knights' News is published monthly by Council 6710. For contributions and corrections contact James Halama at 630-433-6240. Please make submissions by email at [jrhalama@comcast.net](mailto:jrhalama@comcast.net) prior to the 21th day of each month.



## Grand Knight's Corner

Life is a series of endings and new beginnings. A perpetual cycle of loss and renewal. This reality could not be more true for our Council. The last week of May demonstrated this. First, on Monday, May 28, I learned of the passing of our dear **Brother Knight Philip Kemp**. Phil first became a Knight nearly 29 years ago, and has been an active member of Council 6710 for the past several years. Phil served on the Parish Council, coordinated the Welcome Committee for new parishioners, and was also an usher. He was a Warden in our Council and consistently volunteered at blood drives, Special Olympics, 4th-of-July food tent and other activities. More recently, he was also a member of the Rejuvenation Committee, helping to find ways to reinvigorate the council and get more members involved. He truly loved St. Irene's parish and the Knights, and he will be truly missed. Let us keep his wonderful wife Pat, as well as his children Matthe, Missy, and Jennifer in our prayers.

On Thursday, May 31, I had the privilege of attending St. Irene School's eight grade graduation. The graduation Mass and ceremony was wonderful, highlighting the end of the graduates' time at St. Irene's School, but also the beginning of a whole new chapter of their lives. At the graduation I presented our Council's annual scholarship to a graduating St. Irene's 8th grader who will be attending a Catholic High School. This year's winner was **Katherine McGowan**. Katherine will be attending St. Francis High School in the fall, and is daughter of **Brother Knight Patrick McGowan**. As we celebrated Katherine's new beginning at St. Francis, we also celebrated the life of **Brother Knight Bob Geary**, who this year's scholarship was in honor of. Bob passed away almost exactly a year earlier, on June 1, 2017. His beloved wife **Mary Geary** was present as we recalled the wonderful ways Bob served our Council and the St. Irene's community.

On Sunday, June 3, our Council is hosting our annual Major Degree. If you know of any Catholic gentlemen who would like to join the Knights, please bring him on Sunday. Regardless, please consider attending as we invite new men into our Order and celebrate those taking the honors of the Formation and Knighthood degrees.

**Vivat Jesus!**  
**GK Tom Perez**



## June 16—Pulling Weeds at City Signs

Meet at 9:00 AM at Batavia and Butterfield Rd. The remaining scheduled dates are as follows (all Saturdays at 9:00 AM): **July 21, Aug. 18, and Sept. 15.**

On May 19 mulch was put down at three of the signs. Knights who helped on May 19 were **PGK Marc Alle-ruzzo** (used his truck), **PGK James Halama**, **DGK Mike Bates**, and **PGK Bob Rauko**.

## Pro-Life Joliet Diocese Respect Life Ministry

"The Respect Life Ministry offers advocacy, education, and outreach in pro-life areas; in particular, in the areas of chastity, abortion and euthanasia. Most of the parishes have a pro-life coordinator, and through them, many in our diocese are involved in educational programs, in caring for those facing pregnancy in difficult life situations and other challenges, and in working for appropriate laws to protect the lives of the unborn, the elderly, and other lives at risk.

The Respect Life Office endorses the following pregnancy resource centers located in the Diocese of Joliet: [Birthright](#) (Joliet) and [Waterleaf Women's Center](#) (Aurora). We support a prayerful, respectful, and lawful witness at local abortion clinics. The Diocese sponsors [Rachel's Vineyard Retreats](#) for post-abortive women and men two times per year. Call 1-866-99-4-GIVE for more information.

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Respect Life Coordinator  
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Go to our [web site](#) to sign up to receive interesting stories, news and action alerts through our Ezine.

**PGK Jack Gorski**  
630-673-4742  
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Special Camps

"This is the best week of my whole life"

## Special Camps at Whites Pines Ranch June 3 & 10

Our Council has provided assistance each year to Special Camps, directed by **Col- len McDonald** and founded by **PGK Reed Callahan**. "Special Camps provides opportunities for children and adults with intellectual disabilities to experience new activities, form friendships, increase independence and self esteem in 2 week long, loving, all volunteer run summer camps.

We are on a mission; we have 95 young campers with intellectual disabilities eagerly anticipating the Special Camps week for kids (June 10-15) at White Pines Ranch in Oregon, Illinois, and it is always our goal to make this The Best Week of the Year for them!

**We need 3 Male  
Counselors**

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## June 4—Come be a part of the St. Irene Garden Club

The Garden Club will meet Monday, June 4 at 7:00 PM in the St. Irene Activities Center. Maintenance of the many separate gardens will be discussed. Available, is the garden in front of the Activities Center that has within it a monument dedicated to the unborn (hint, hint, perhaps a good knights activity.)

**Sue Gosewehr**  
630-309-1310



### Did You Know?

May and June seem to be months of reflection, remembrance and memory. On Memorial Day we honored all who serve/served our

country faithfully. We sadly lost another worthy Knight, Phil Kemp. I remember my mother, who left us in June many years ago.

But what exactly IS a life well lived? In my mind, it is a life of service to God, to our families and friends, to this country. Our heroes have humility. They pay attention to the other, the one forgotten or ignored by society. They are the child who sits and eats with a lonely child. They are the mother who dries tears, the father who cheers you on. They are the quiet one, who does good without drawing attention. They are the husband who brings flowers to his wife, not on a special occasion, but to make any day special for her.

Two other notable people come to mind as they near the end of lives very well lived: Bob Dole and John McCain, both of whom served their country in the military and in and out of public office.

**May you live your life well!**

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But we need 3 last-minute male counselors! Do you have teen-age sons, nephews, neighbors, etc. who would welcome one of the most enriching, heartwarming, oh-my-gosh-that-was-a-blast weeks of their teen years? If so, please go to [SpecialCamps.org](http://SpecialCamps.org) and have him complete the application as soon as possible (as in tonight!) and send it in. I'll get back to them immediately.

Please give some immediate thought to this, and reach out to potential male counselors within your social circle. We have some very special kids who are counting on some amazing high-schoolers for an incredible week!

**Colleen McDonald**

President of Special Camps  
specialcamps.org  
(630) 690-0944



### Ushers Needed

Ushers are needed for all Masses at St. Irene's. Looking to contribute, contact any of the ushers at any of the St. Irene Masses.

### Mark Your Calendars!

- Sept. 21-23—ID Tootsie Roll Drive; the largest charity event of the year



### Program Awards for April 2018

**John Ernst Knight of the Month:** Council 6710 honors **Sir Knight John Ernst** as our Knight of the Month for April. John has done an exceptional job as our Treasurer over the many years he has served. In addition to his financial abilities, John utilizes his mechanical and electric skills. He can often be found working behind the scenes, helping make many of our Council projects possible. When our Knights BBQ grill is needed for a volunteer or fundraising project, John is always there. John is also devoted to charitable activities and regularly participates in FMSC food packing events and ID holiday parties. He has been our top fundraiser during the ID Tootsie Roll Drive for many years.

### Wayne & Sandy Decker Family of the Month:

Council 6710 is proud to honor **Sir Knight Wayne Decker and his wife Sandy** as our Family of the Month for April. Wayne has been a Knight for over 40 years and has served many roles in our Council as well as at the Assembly, Chapter, and State levels. He is currently our Council Warden and Commander of the 4th Degree and has been Joliet Chapter President and State Free Throw Chairman. Sandy participates in many Ladies Auxiliary activities and has previously served as an LA officer and State LA President. Wayne and Sandy have worked together at many Knights activities this past year including the ID Tootsie Roll Drive, ID Christmas Party and our council 4th of July food stand. Both are very active members of our parish.

**Community Program:** Our semi-annual Adopt A Highway cleanup was held Saturday April 21. Eighteen bags of trash were collected. Thank you to all who helped.

**Youth Program:** An Honor Guard was provided for Confirmation at St. Irene Sunday April 29. Our own **Fr. Jim Antiporek** had the honor of performing the Confirmation ceremony, only the second time he has done this.



### American Legion Post #589

Warrenville American Legion Post 589 is newly chartered and will be meeting at our post home, VFW, Warrenville.

**Brother Knight Vince Morello** is the Commander. Members are dedicated to four pillars of service: veterans, national security, youth, and Americanism. All military veterans to include Active Duty, National Guard & Reserve may be eligible to join. If you are interested contact Vince at [morel5@aol.com](mailto:morel5@aol.com) or 630-341-6886.



### Council Makes \$1200 Donation to Bridge Communities

Proceeds from the Super Bowl Raffle were used to make this donation. The \$1200 amount is enough to fund a residence for a Bridge Community Family for 40 nights.



### Council Purchases \$100 Sponsorship for the VFW/American Legion healing Field of Honor

A sponsorship flag was posted in the field.



### Council Hosts KC Academy May 26

The academy, presented by Steve Gawron of Illinois State Council, on duties and responsibilities of Council officers and directors. There were 14 in attendance from several Councils. From St. Irene's were PGK Jim Bartz, PGK Ray Scott, DGK Mike Bates, and PGK Ken DiIulio.



### 187 Eyeglasses Collected at St. Irene Drive!

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus and Lions International, we wish to thank those that participated in the 2018 Eyeglass Drive. Over 187 pairs of eyeglasses were donated by the St. Irene Church community to help the underprivileged that experience visual acuity problems. Thank you for your generosity to this worthy cause. As a result of the positive response that was garnered, we may plan to conduct this drive again in the future.

A sincere thank you!  
Joe Kubal



### PGK Ray Scott goes on DC Trip on May 20

Ray was a guest of [Vetsroll.org](http://Vetsroll.org) who took 220 veterans to Washington, DC on May 20. They visited the War memorials at the Unknown Soldier and Korea War Memorial (Ray pictured above). All 220 veterans boarded buses in Beloit, WI and were escorted by police to Washington DC. Their trip visited the the major memorials in DC.

### Council 4th Degree Honor Guards in May



First Communion May 5 at St. Irene Church with Bill Lintner, Commander Ray Scott, and Ken DiIulio



May Crowning by Pat Kemp May 6 at St. Irene's with Erich Pavel, James Halama, Commander Ray Scott, Bill Lintner, Glen Kussman, Bob Rauko, Mike Bates, and PFN Wayne Decker.



Memorial Service at Assumption Cemetery May 28 with Bob Rauko and Commander Wayne Decker.

### Katherine McGowan Wins \$1000 High School Scholarship

In honor of Bob Geary our Council awarded the 2018 \$1000 High School scholarship to St. Irene Grade Schooler Katherine McGowan who will be attending St. Francis High School in the Fall. Congratulations Katherine!



In Honor Guard were: Bill Lintner, Ken DiIulio, Marc Alle-

russo, John Ernst, Wayne Decker and Commander Ray Scott. Presenting the award is GK Tom Perez. Pictured also is Mary Geary (holding flowers), Marie Brack-

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### Wanted—Someone to help maintain gardens

I am looking for someone to help me maintain gardens (vegetable and perennial) at my home 3-6 hours per week. Call/text Jim Halama at 630-433-6240.

### Warrenville in Bloom Planting Day May 26

Knights who participated were PGK James Halama, PGK Bob Rauko and PGK Glen Kussman with his wife Terri.



## Knights' Calendar

June 3	1:00 PM	St. Irene Council hosts 1st, 2nd, 3rd Degrees at St. Irene Activities Center
		Special Camps for adults 21+ week begins—White Pines Ranch, Oregon, IL
June 4	7:00 PM	St. Irene Garden Club—St. Irene Activities Center
June 10		Special Camps kids ages 8-21 week begins—White Pines Ranch, Oregon, IL
June 12	7:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting—Home of Pat Kemp
June 13	8:00 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting—Corpus Christi, Carol Stream
	8:00 PM	Dr. Thomas Dooley Assembly Meeting—St. Dominic Church, Bolingbrook
June 14	7:30 PM	KC Council Business Meeting; Officer elections—St. Irene Activities Center
June 16	8:00 AM	KC/VFW Blood Drive—VFW Hall, Warrenville
	9:00 AM	Weeding of Warrenville City signs—meet at Batavia and Butterfield
June 23	10:00 AM	Memorial Service for Phil Kemp—St. Irene Church (Honor Guard requested)
June 30	5:00 PM	Council Officer Installation following Mass—St. Irene Church
	6:00 PM	Council Family Picnic—Home of Pat Kemp
July 3	6:00 PM	Warrenville Fourth-of-July Parade—Honor Guard will march
July 3-4		Council Food Concession at Cerny Park
July 13	7:30 PM	KC Council Business Meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
July 21	6:30 PM	Kane County Cougars Baseball Family Outing—Elfstrom Stadium, Batavia

## June Birthdays

Stuart Aschauer	June 3	Katie Polkow	June 17
Carol Walsh	June 4	Nancy Markendorf	June 18
Anthony Parrino	June 5	James Bartz	June 19
Richard Behrens	June 6	William Lintner	June 20
Jaclyn Bosoli	June 7	Douglas True	June 20
Sue Cirock	June 7	Annette Hanson	June 22
David Abhalter	June 8	Gloria Wilger	June 23
Trini Cantu	June 11	William Constable	June 24
Beverly Scott	June 11	Michelle Horan	June 24
Daniel Cyrus	June 13	Pamela Schefke	June 24
Judy Wilkie	June 14	Dolores Dieter	June 25
John Gorski	June 16	Karen Graney	June 30
Andrew Seiberlich	June 16		



### The Father McGivney Guild

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney.

[www.fathermcgivney.org/](http://www.fathermcgivney.org/)

## June Wedding Anniversaries

Mark & Filomena Jarosz	June 1	Wayne & Sandra Decker	June 17
Matthew & Mary Jo Kulzick	June 2	Thomas & Elaine Perez	June 19
Patrick & Mary Ann Lawinger	June 2	Mark & Karen Rurka	June 24
Eric & Cathy Fladeland	June 6	Kyle & Rebecca Gettelman	June 25
Justin & Christina Wagner	June 13	Charles & Debbie Ingram	June 25
James & Leora Mowbray	June 16	Connie & Gary Dyas	June 27

\*\*\* If your birthday or anniversary date is missing or incorrect, contact **PGK James Halama** (630-433-6240) or [jrhalama@comcast.net](mailto:jrhalama@comcast.net) to make the corrections.

man (Mary's Sister) and Stanley (Mary's Brother-in-Law).

**Katherine McGowan** in her application describes her service and activities:

### 1. Your Church

- I was an alter server from 4th through 8th grade.
- After receiving Confirmation, I have been trained as a lector and will be lecturing for the first time this May.
- I was honored to be chosen as our school's Faith Formation leader, a year-long job to teach about Transubstantiation and God's gift of Eucharist to the whole school.
- I was selected to crown Mary in this year's May Crowning.
- I have been a student volunteer at Vacation Bible School for three years (after attending for many more).

### 2. Your School

- I am one of only two people in my grade (and the only girl) who is a 4-sport, 4-year athletes (cross-country, volleyball, basketball and track).
- I competed at the state level for Science Fair, receiving a Bronze award.
- I was a kid duty helper for younger children for a year and a half.
- I participated in Newspaper Club, Math Club, Drama Club.
- I have been on honor roll or high honor roll every semester.

### 3. Your Community

- I was in Girl Scouts for seven years in Troop 42174. Our troop had a service project for five years where we made jars of soup to benefit the St. Irene Food Pantry. Over those years we raised more than \$1,200 for St. Irene Food Pantry by selling soup at the CCW Craft Fair.
- I walked in the Crop Walk for two years with the residents of Monarch Landing to raise money to fight hunger.
- I have been a member of performing groups including Young Naperville Singers and Christian Youth Theater since age 7. I've been a part of more than 11 plays through CYT, Warrenville Community Theater and St. Francis High School Summer Musical.

*(Phil Kemp, Continued from page 1)*

Warrenville, IL, passed away on Monday, May 28, 2018. He was born September 21, 1944 in Evanston, IL to the late Edward and Lucille (Oska) Kemp. Beloved husband of 44 years to Patricia (Dackiw) Kemp. Loving Father of Jennifer (Roger) Diercks, Michele and Matthew Kemp. Grandfather to Colin and Evan Diercks. Brother to Glenn and Larry Kemp.

Dr. Kemp's career at DePaul University spanned over forty years. During those years he served in both administrative and academic positions. While serving as Director of the Graduate School of Business, he completed his studies and was awarded the DBA, doctorate in business administration, by Nova Southeastern University. Dr. Kemp taught courses in Marketing Management and Business Administration. He was the founder and director of PET, the Program for the Enhancement of Teaching, creating opportunities for faculty members to exchange ideas for continuous improvement and to understand and incorporate contemporary technologies into their courses and by so doing actively reinforce DePaul's mission as a teaching institution. The AACSB America Association of Collegiate Schools of Business recognized Dr. Kemp's contribution to the areas of teaching and assessment by inviting him to conduct seminars for college administrators at national meetings. His ideas were published in a number of peer reviewed academic journals.

As a result of his impact on the faculty, staff and students at DePaul he was recommended by his peers and received the Spirit of DePaul award in 2004 for his exemplary embodiment of leadership and service in the spirit of St. Vincent DePaul and DePaul's highest honor in recognition of faculty and staff contributions to the University, the Via Sapientiae Award in 2007. Outside of his career, Phil enjoyed family gatherings, golfing and commenting on any Chicago sports team. He was an avid volunteer with Misericordia and at the Special Olympics. Phil was a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus and active member of St. Irene's parish in Warrenville.

A Life Celebration will be held at St. Irene's parish in Warrenville, IL on Saturday, June 23rd at 10:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Edward and Lucille Kemp Family Endowed Scholarship Fund at DePaul University at <https://alumni.depaul.edu/GiveNow/Home>.

### Why Catholic Education Is Important to Me Katherine McGowan

I have attended Saint Irene Catholic School since three-year-old preschool. This school has been a second family for me for over eleven years. Catholic education has sculpted me into the person I am today. Being at a school that values Catholic virtues it has helped me to become a more kind and thoughtful individual. Without the privilege of a Catholic education I would not be as close to God as I am now.

Next August, I will be attending a Catholic high school. I am very excited to be continuing my Catholic education at a school that both of my brothers attended. Before I took the entrance exam, I was nervous because I really wanted to get into a Catholic high school.

Catholic education is more than learning about God and the bible, it is the environment of a Catholic school. At Saint Irene, we all wear uniforms to show that everyone is equal in God's eyes and we focus on things that are similar about each other instead of focusing on the differences. At a Catholic School we are all different, but the one thing we all have is the ability to come together to learn about God and all of his works. Catholic education is more than important to be me, it is vital in my everyday life.

At my Catholic school, I really was able to appreciate the importance of service. Service is what God calls us to serve him

and his people. Service can really impact someone's life and as a Catholic I believe that service is giving back to everything God has given to us.

Since I was 7 years old, I have been involved in Christian Youth Theater because I love theater, and I got to experience what I love in a faith-filled atmosphere. At the end of each show, we would point to the sky, indicating that all we do is for the glory of God. That message has stuck with me throughout my life and has strengthen my faith with God.

Singing is also a huge part of my life, because I am able to use my talents to praise God. When I was younger, I was involved in our church's choir. It really helped me to understand that everything I do is for God. I always sing at mass and will be more involved in the mass by becoming a lector, after years of altar serving. If I went to a public school, I would be able to express my Catholic faith.

Catholic education is most important to me because I get to share my love of God with my friends around me and with my teachers. I was chosen to be one of our school's two faith formation leaders. I was also selected to crown Mary this May. All of these amazing opportunities have shaped me into the person I am today. Learning about my faith daily has strengthened my understanding of Him and I would not change any of the things that God has gifted me and the opportunities Catholic school has given me.