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Mar. 10-12—St. Irene 40-Hour Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament—A Mini Parish Retreat

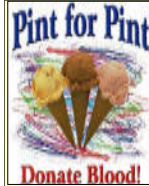
As a response the recent parish mission, we have planned a 40 hour Eucharistic Adoration. The 40-Hour Adoration runs from 11:00 AM Sunday, March

10 through 8:15 AM Tuesday, March 12, when a Mass of Thanksgiving with Solemn Benediction is offered as the Blessed Sacrament is Reposed. Each hour of the Devotion is dedicated to a Special Prayer Intention along with the private Prayer Intentions of Adorers. Special Prayer segments that begin some of the hours will vary in length depending upon the Prayer, with the remaining time of those hours devoted to quiet, uninterrupted Prayerful Meditation. A detailed schedule can be found [here](#).

The Knights have been asked to provide an Honor Guard on March 10 to open the 40 Hour Devotion at St. Irene, and to also take part in Prayerful Meditation on:

- Monday Mar. 11 hours 1:00 AM until 5:00 AM and,
- Tuesday Mar. 12 1:00 AM until 5:00 AM.

The Church should not be left un-attended during the night. Knights of Columbus should come together seeking Jesus' counsel, mercy and peace upon the work you do.



Mar. 9—KC/VFW Blood Drive to be Held at Warrenville VFW Hall

The next blood drive will be held at the Warrenville VFW from 7:30 AM—11:30 AM on Saturday Mar. 9. Free breakfast for all donors. Your donation will save lives. **Bring a photo ID card.**



Mar. 6—Ash Wednesday Lent Begins.

Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent at St. Irene's at 7:00 PM with Soup Supper following in the Activities Center. Soups prepared by parish organizations each week. **The Knights will sponsor Soup Supper on Apr. 12.**



Mar. 31—Join us for Mass at Mercy Home

Sunday Mass at Mercy Home for Boys and Girls airs on WGN-TV, Channel 9 on Sundays at 9:30 AM. We have again been invited to participate in a taping of the show for televised Masses to be celebrated by **Father Carl Morello** (brother of **PGK Vince Morello**) on the 4th Sunday of Easter (May 12) and The Ascension (June 2).

The date is Sunday, March 31, and we will meet at 1:30 PM at Mercy Home, 1140 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago. There is free parking and a chairlift is available if needed. The taping will occur between 2:30 PM and 4:00 PM. There will be a complimentary luncheon beforehand. We hope to have a good showing, but can accommodate no more than twenty people for the television audience. I need to know by Monday, March 25 how many individuals are interested in participating so that I can let Mercy Home staff know how many to expect for the luncheon.

This is a fun experience and I encourage families to bring their children (over 5 years old) as well. For more information or to make your reservation, please contact **Joe Kubal** by telephone at 630-983-6159 or by email at SMKu-bal0712@aol.com.

Mar. 16—St. Joseph Day Table Potluck

Come join your parish family for a St. Joseph's Table Potluck Dinner in the Activity Center on Saturday, March 16 following the 5:00 PM Mass. The Ladies of Columbus and the Council of Catholic Women will provide the main course. Please bring a dish to pass:

- Last Name A-G: salads, fruit or appetizers
- Last Name H-P: side dishes
- Last Name Q-Z: desserts and beverages



Mar.1 to June 1—Knights of Columbus Eyeglass Drive

In part, Mark 8:25 reads, "Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly." This neatly sums up for what the Knights of Columbus are striving in the St. Irene Eyeglass Drive.

Please bring and donate your old or unwanted eyeglasses and drop them

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**Council Business Meeting
March 14
7:30 PM**

The meeting will be located in the St. Irene Activities Center



Fourth Degree News

Mar. 13—The next Blanchette Assembly meeting March 13 will be at St. Margaret Mary 1450 Green Trails Drive Naperville. Rosary is at 6:30 PM, dinner at 7:00 PM, and meeting at 8:00 PM sharp.

Honor Guard Request: Mar. 10 at 10:00 AM Mass to open the 40 Hour Eucharistic Adoration.



**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.



Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

- Out next LOC meeting is Tuesday, March 12, at 7:30 PM in the St. Irene ACL. All are invited.
- The Ladies of Columbus along with the CCW are hosting a St. Joseph's Day Table on Saturday, March 16, after the 5:00 PM Mass in the St. Irene ACL. Please bring a dish to pass and join us as we hopefully celebrate the ending of winter.
- Our Easter Project will be on Tuesday, April 2, at 7:30 PM in the St. Irene ACL. Come join us as we once again make bookmarks for the children.

**Cathy Kott
LOC President**

SAVE THE DATE! BUNCO April 27

The Ladies of Columbus will host a Bunco event on Saturday, April 27 at 6:30PM. All proceeds will go to benefit DoodleBug Workshop. This organization helps individuals with intellectual and/or physical disabilities to develop functional life skills. So mark your calendars and plan on having a lot of fun and helping a great organization at the same time. Thank you.



Pray for Our Loved Ones

Pray for the health & recovery of **Dan Cyrus, Baby Reyna Urso-Zizzo, Scott Hurley, Doug Dillman, Barbara Olson, Paula Peterson, Pat Kemp, Mary Hughes, Deacon Bob True, Beverly Scott, Joe Gattone, Gary Rufo, and Charlie Fahrenwald.**



Council Has Facebook Page!

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Business Meetings: 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM
Meeting Location: Activities Center - Lower Level
 28W451 Warrenville Rd, Warrenville, IL

Committee Directors	
Program Director	Michael Bates (630-836-0223)
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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 prior to the 21th day of each month.



Grand Knight's Corner

Greetings Brother Knights,

The Super Bowl Raffle and Party was once again a great success. As always, the raffle was expertly run by **PGK Jim Halamma**. Jim coordinates nearly every aspect of the raffle, including being present at several Masses each weekend to sell tickets, handling the finances, assigning the squares, and then actually running the raffle without a hiccup during the game. Thanks to his efforts, as well as those who both sold tickets and purchased tickets, we once again netted a large amount of funds to use to further our charitable works. This year, the council has decided to contribute the net profits to St. Irene Catholic School to help with its urgent financial needs. We are blessed to have a Catholic School as part of the St. Irene's community, and Council 6710 is proud to contribute these funds to help ensure a bright future for the school and the students it serves.

On Feb. 9 we held our annual packing session at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora. This event is a great way to live out the corporeal work of mercy. Thank you to everyone young and old who came out and helped make this event a success. Our turnout was again smaller than our goal, but those who came worked diligently and helped pack a large amount of food that will mean so much for those to whom it will be sent. Let's make sure to keep this annual event alive and ask more of our friends and family to come next year. It's a very fun event and everyone walks away being uplifted.

I wanted to thank everyone who stepped up to help coordinate and run the Free Throw Competition and Annual Spelling Bee. Additionally, we again hosted the District Free Throw competition, which has a very large turnout. Several council 6710 Knights manned the event and helped run a smooth competition. The Spelling Bee was also well attended by both students and Knights. **Jacqueline Reid**, the 8th grade teacher at St. Irene Catholic School, once again helped administer the competition. Our thanks to her for taking time out of her weekend to help.

Vivat Jesus!
GK Tom Perez



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.



American Legion Burger Family Theme Night

Every Fourth Wed. of the Month
at the VFW Hall Warrenville

Pro-Life

Illinois Right to Life Action



I wanted to update you on some important details about the new, extreme abortion "bill package" introduced in the General Assembly. They are:

- [HB 2467: Parent Notice Abortion Repeal](#)
- [HB 2495: Reproductive Health Act](#)

Illinois Right to Life Action and the attorneys at the Thomas More Society have thoroughly read through and analyzed the ramifications of each of these bills. Here is what these bill will do:

- Remove limits on late term abortions
- Remove parental involvement in cases of underage girls
- Declares unborn child has no rights
- Relaxes requirements of licensing of facilities and who perform abortions
- Force all insurance plans to cover abortion
- Removes conscience protection

If you were thinking about becoming involved in the pro-life movement and helping Illinois Right to Life Action save babies in our state, here's what you can do, right now, to help us join us at a

- rally at the Capital Rotunda, Springfield on Mar. 20,
- call your state representative to tell them to vote NO on these bills,
- host a town hall meeting at your church,
- place a bulletin insert,
- or [sign our petition](#).

Ralph Rivera
Legislative Chairman
Illinois Right to Life Action

PGK Jack Gorski
Pro-Life Chair



Continuing Drive—Caring Network Baby Bottle Collection

Contributions are being collected by St. Irene's Council of Catholic Women (CCW) to support the efforts of Caring Network, a crisis pregnancy support organization in DuPage County. You donate by filling one or more **BABY BOTTLES** with your spare change or a check. **BABY BOTTLES** were distributed in church after all Masses. Please return the bottles in church for the remainder of March.

April 13—Knights of Columbus Easter Party for Special Needs

The Easter party at the DuPage County Fairgrounds was a huge success last year with 280 guests in attendance, both special needs guests and family members. I am hoping to repeat the event, if you and your council would find it worthy of repeating and able to assist. Our families were so very grateful. Only this year I'd like to open it up to more local families.

- **Date: Saturday, April 13** (a month later so I'm hoping the weather cooperates)
- **Time: 11 AM - 2:30 PM** (though I know we'll need you early in the day to set up all the food and get the grill ready).

NEEDED:

- **Winfield Council**—can you provide something to grill meat and keep food warm along with a cash donation. Last year you gave \$250, (not sure how much we'll need yet).
- **Warrenville Council**—can you provide the bottled water, a tractor to pull (and someone to drive it... or Dave can drive again). The fairgrounds should have a hayrack to borrow. A financial donation, and would you have any leads to setting up a "petting zoo"?
- **St Dan's Wheaton Council**—Matt, I'm hoping you can once again organize all the food, food volunteers and let the Knights or I know what you need. I do have your menu notes with #'s from last year.
- * **All**—Provide as many volunteers as you can to man the grills, the hayride, the Easter Egg hunt, provide wives to help with crafts, and invite your youth groups to help serve our guests.
- * **All**—If anyone has access to additional critters (bunnies, petting zoo style- farm animals like bunnies, goats, chickens, sheep, Lama, kangaroo), please let me know. I'd love to have a larger petting zoo.



Program Awards for January, 2019

Pat O'Connor Knight of the Month: – Council 6710 honors **Sir Knight Pat O'Connor** as Knight of the Month. Pat is very active in our council and currently serves as one of our Inside Guards. Pat brings enthusiasm to every event in which he participates including the 4th-of-July Parade and KC Food Tent at Cerny Park, Tootsie Roll Drive, and most recently at the KC Youth Spelling Bee. He ushers weekly at Masses, often multiple times as he gladly offers his help to substitute for others.

Mark & Diane Family of the Month: Council 6710 honors **Sir Knight Mark Spiotta**, his wife **Diane** and their children as Family of the Month. Mark and his entire family have been involved over the years in St. Irene Parish, School and local community. Mark has served in many capacities in our council including Grand Knight and Tootsie Roll Chairman. He has been an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 514 and volunteers monthly for PADS, an organization that serves the homeless. His wife, Diane, devoted many hours to Girl Scout activities when their five daughters were members. Their son Dominic is a junior at St. Francis High and helps at the school food Pantry. He serves as Senior Patrol Leader for Troop 514 and is currently working toward the rank of Eagle Scout.

Community Programs: The annual Youth Free Throw Contest was held Thursday January 17 at the St. Irene Activities Center. Ten contestants participated. Thank you chairman **PGK Ken DiIulio** and all who helped.

**Membership Recruitment
24x7 by You**

Apr 27—Knights to Serve as Host

You are urged to attend any of the upcoming dates

Coffee with the Pastor

Fr. Jim will host a monthly "Coffee with the Pastor" in order to provide time for open communication. Each meeting will last one hour. There is no agenda – just time to visit with Fr. Jim to talk about life and our Catholic faith. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the following:

- ♦ **Saturday, January 12th at 9AM in the ACL**
- ♦ **Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 9AM in the ACL**
- ♦ **Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 9AM in the ACL**
- ♦ **Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 9AM in the ACL**
- ♦ **Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 9AM in the ACL**

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off in the collection box in the back of the church. Eyeglasses will be forwarded to the Lions Club International local chapter for renovation and reuse by those in need. The collection box will be in the back of the church until June 1st. Questions may be directed to **Joseph Kubal** by telephone at 630-983-6159 or by e-mail at jdrk4715@aol.com.

Outdoor Christmas Decorations Taken Down at St. Irene on Feb. 9.

Outdoor Christmas at St. Irene is packed away for another year. Originally scheduled for Jan 19, it was very cold and there was a nasty snow storm. Though it was a cold Feb. 9, five brave Knights got the job done. A very special Thank You goes to **PGK Jim Bartz, PGK Glen Kussman, Bill Lintner, PGK Bob Rauko, and PGK Ray Scott.**



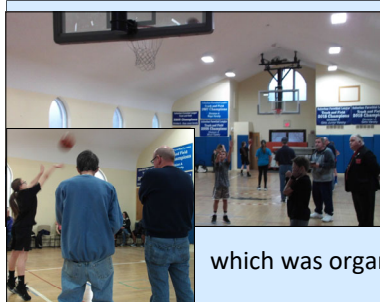
Feb. 3 Super Bowl Raffle Raises \$4169 for St. Irene School

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2019 Super Bowl Raffle. This year the Council decided to donate all net proceeds to the **Stand Strong for St. Irene School** fund. Your purchase of 266 tickets over three boards is a record bringing \$8550. As in past years 1/2 of the ticket sales are awarded as cash prizes. The remainder minus party expenses gave us a net of \$4169 which was all donated to the school. In addition many of our prize winners donated their winning as well. I personally dropped in \$400 in cash into the donation box at church.

This year there were 25 attendees at the party in the St. Irene Activities Center. I thank all who helped at church selling tickets for 4 consecutive Sundays and those who helped setup for the party and who cleanup afterwards. The list is too long to enumerate.

A run down of the winners is as follows:

Early Bird Winners	Amount	\$25 Pool Raffle Winners	\$2,350
Chuck Burchette	\$25	Council 6710	\$250
Jeff Bollweg	\$25	Janet Graczyk	\$250
\$50 Pool Raffle Winners		Mike Bates	\$250
Bob Rauko	\$500	Dana Wolze	\$250
James Bartz	\$500	Dave Smith	\$125
Mark Rurka	\$250	William Gosewehr	\$125
Alta Halama	\$100	Tom LaRocco	\$125
Bill Hughes	\$100	John Huttenhoff	\$125
Council 6710	\$100	Sue & Erich	\$50
Cyril Kennedy	\$100	Sue Gosewehr	\$50
Bob Rauko	\$50	Bill Hughes	\$50
Ed Leahy	\$50	Ben Phelps	\$50
Jay Schrimpl	\$50	Bill Hughes	\$50
Wayne Booth	\$50	Kim Gartlan	\$50
		Marty Kometz	\$50
		David Duquette	\$50
		Pat Brown	\$50
		Brad Hentz	\$50
		Brian Preston	\$50
		Patrick Gosewehr	\$25
		Brad Hentz	\$25
		Loyola Nuclear Medicine	\$25
		Kathy & Allen Reczek	\$25
		Patrick Morrison	\$25
		Bob Ladeur	\$25
		Bill Arnold	\$25
		Richard Planek	\$25
		Mike Ohare	\$25
		Jeff Bollweg	\$25
		Tim McGowan	\$25
		Scott Pointner	\$25



Council Host District Free Throw Jan. 23

Council Brother Knights helped with the District Free Throw competition which was organized by **DD Ed Szeft**.

Youth Spelling Bee Held Feb. 2

The spelling Bee was well attended by both students and Knights. Those who helped were **GK Tom Perez, Jacqueline Reid** (8th grade teacher), **Sandy Decker, Beverly Scott, Pat O'Connor, DGK Mike Bates, and PGK Ken Dilulio.**



Congratulations to our winners: **Carys Thompson, Carter Riggs, and Isabelle Sanchez.**

Feed My Starving Food Packing on Feb. 9

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank 21 fellow Knights, parishioners, and other organization and church members that participated as part of the Feed My Starving Children food packing event held Sat., Feb. 9 at the Aurora facility. Thanks to dedication of the and hard work of 161 total volunteers, 253 boxes of food (7 pallets) were packed - a total of 54,648 meals worth \$12,022. This is the equivalent of feeding 149 children for a year. The food was being shipped to the Haiti and Swaziland this week, The Council graciously donated \$100 to help defray the cost of the food. Again, thank you!"



Knights' Calendar

Mar. 1		Eyeglass Drive at St. Irene's begins
Mar. 6		Lent Begins
Mar. 9	7:30 AM	KC/VFW Blood Drive—VFW Hall Warrenville
Mar. 10		Daylight Saving Time Begins —Move clocks ahead 1 hour
	10:00 AM	4th Degree Honor Guard at Mass at St. Irene to Start mini-parish Retreat
Mar. 11	1-5 AM	Prayerful Adoration at St. Irene Church
Mar. 12	1-5 AM	Prayerful Adoration at St. Irene Church
	7:30 PM	LOC Board meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Mar. 13	7:00 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting—St. Margaret Mary, Naperville
Mar. 16	6:00 PM	St. Joseph Day Table Potluck—St. Irene Activities Center
	8:00 PM	Dr. Thomas Dooley Assembly meeting—Divine Savior, Downers Grove
Mar. 14	7:30 PM	KC Council Business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Mar. 20		First Day of Spring!
Mar. 27	5:00 PM	American Legion Burger Night—Warrenville VFW Hall
Mar. 29		Knights of Columbus Founders Day
Mar. 31	1:30 PM	Mercy Home Mass in Chicago—RSVP by Mar. 25
Apr. 11	7:30 PM	KC Council Business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Apr. 12	7:00 PM	Council hosts Soup Supper—St. Irene Activities Center
Apr. 13		Special Camps Easter Party—DuPage County Fair Grounds
Apr. 14		Palm Sunday
Apr. 21		Easter Sunday
Apr. 27	9:00 AM	Council hosts Coffee with the Pastor— St. Irene Activities Center

March Birthdays

Joseph Eganhouse	Mar. 2	David Vincent	Mar. 14
Karen Menconi Cappa	Mar. 5	Maryann Bartz	Mar. 15
Jackie La Rocco	Mar. 5	Patti Eganhouse	Mar. 17
Matthew Kulzick	Mar. 7	Deborah Smithy	Mar. 18
Jacqueline Huttenhoff	Mar. 8	David Cappa	Mar. 22
John O'Malley	Mar. 8	Susan Cizek	Mar. 24
Barbara Schrage	Mar. 10	Michael Horan	Mar. 25
Dianne Drew	Mar. 11	Maryann True	Mar. 25
Diane Lichtenberg	Mar. 11	William Looby	Mar. 26
Anna Saake	Mar. 13	Robert Ladeur	Mar. 27
Pamela Kuhn	Mar. 14	Robert Rauko	Mar. 29

March Wedding Anniversaries

Andrew & Sandi Gorski	Mar. 10	Mark & Diane Spiotta	Mar. 24
Jeffrey & Pam Bollweg	Mar. 12	Michael & Gloria Fello	Mar. 28
Dwight & Janet Sherman	Mar. 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/

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