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Council 6710
Warrenville, IL

Happy Easter!



April 7—Easter Egg Hunt & Hospitality

Starts at 11:15 AM (after 10 AM Mass) on Fr. Jim's Lawn. Kids bring your baskets or receive a small bag to collect your eggs!

The Council has donated \$50 towards the purchase of the candy. Call **Diane Lichtenberg** at 630.836.9991 with questions.



April 13—Knights of Columbus Easter Party for Special Needs Citizens

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**
- **Time: 11:00 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).

Sponsors:

- **St. Irene Council**—Provide bottled water, a tractor to pull (and someone to drive it... or Dave can drive again). The fairgrounds should have a hayrack to borrow. The Council is donating \$250.
- **Winfield Council**—To grill meat and keep food warm along with a cash donation. Last year contributed \$250.
- **St Dan's Wheaton Council**—Once again organize all the food, food volunteers and let the Knights or me know what you need.

* 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.
- If anyone has access to additional critters (bunnies, petting zoo style-farm animals like bunnies, goats, chickens, sheep, llama, kangaroo), please let me know. I'd love to have a larger petting zoo.

Colleen McDonald
President of Special Camps



Apr. 12—Council Hosts Soup Supper

Stations of the Cross are held every Friday in Lent at St. Irene's at 7:00 PM with Soup Supper following in the Activities Center. Soups are prepared by parish organizations each week. **The Knights will host Soup Supper on Apr. 12.** Come taste the special soups prepared by your Brother Knights.



April 28—Divine Mercy Sunday 3:00 PM

On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II proclaimed to the world that "from now on throughout the Church this Sunday will be called Divine Mercy Sunday." Pope John Paul had actively promoted the message of St. Faustina.

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April 27—Ladies Auxiliary Bunco Party

Our next Bunco is on Sat., April 27, at 6:30 PM in the St. Irene ACL. This year the funds raised will go to DoodleBug Workshop, an organization that helps individuals with intellectual and/or physical disabilities develop functional life skills. Admission is \$20 prior to the event, and \$25 at the door. Contact **Missy Kemp** at 630-460-3704 or missyree2004 @yahoo.com if you are interested in attending. Both men and women are invited and food will be served.



Adopt-a-Highway May 4

It's that time again to clean up the mess in the stretch of Butterfield Rd between Batavia Rd., Hwy 59, and west to the City boundary. **Ralph Dieter, Adopt-A-Highway Chairman**, has scheduled cleanup to start at 9:00 AM. Meet in the parking lot north of the old MB Bank Building. Bring a sturdy pair of shoes and work gloves. For more information, call **Ralph** at 630-420-8160.

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Council Business Meeting April 11, 7:30 PM

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



Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

Thanks to all those who made soup and donated bread for the Soup Supper we sponsored on March 22. Thanks also to those who helped set up, serve and clean up.

- Our next Board Meeting is on Tuesday, April 2, at 7:30 PM in the ACL. We will be conducting our Easter Project by making Easter gifts for the children of St. Irene's that evening. All are invited.
- Our next Bunco is on Saturday, April 27, at 6:30 PM in the St. Irene ACL. See the article on Page 1 for more details.

Cathy Kott
LOC President



Fourth Degree News

Apr. 10—The next meeting of the Blanchette Assembly will be at St. Thomas the Apostle, 1500 Brookdale Rd., Naperville on April 10. Rosary at 6:30 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM and the meeting starts at 8:00 PM sharp.

Honor Guard Requests at St. Irene Church:

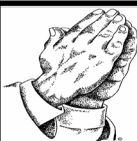
- April 7—Sunday Confirmation at 3:00 PM
- April 18—Holy Thursday 7:00 PM
- April 20—Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday at 8:00 PM
- May 4—Saturday First Communion 10:00 AM
- May 5—May Crowning to honor **Sue Gosewehr**, St. Irene Woman of the Year, 10:00 AM

Membership Recruitment
24x7 by You



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 **Pat Wehner, 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

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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,
Tax Season! Will get back to you next month.

Vivat Jesus!
GK Tom Perez

PGK Ken DiIulio Wins Victor Cardosi Award

Congratulations to **PGK Ken DiIulio** for being selected as the Joliet Chapter of the Knights of Columbus Victor Cardosi award recipient for 2019. A well-deserved honor!

The award dinner will be on May 19 at the Bloomingdale Country Club, Bloomingdale. Please pass along to anyone else who you think would be interested in attending. More to come in the May newsletter.



April 24—American Legion Burger Family Theme Night

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

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, April 27, 2019 at 9AM in the ACL**
- ◆ **Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 9AM in the ACL**



Pulling Weeds at City Signs Begins Saturday May 11

It's that time again! The Council each year takes on the task of maintaining perennial plantings surrounding the "Welcome to Warrenville" signs, to remove weeds, and put down mulch for the summer. The number of signs is dwindling, but nevertheless those that remain need maintenance.

Please consider participating in this community program during the summer. Subsequent scheduled dates are as follows (all Saturdays at 9:00 AM): **May 25, June 15, July 20, Aug. 17, and Sept. 14.** The May 25 date coincides with Warrenville in Bloom Volunteer planting day in Warrenville. Bring a spade, hoe, shears or other piece of gardening equipment you find useful.

Pro-Life

ABORTION, NEW YORK STYLE, ILLINOIS TOO?

From Christ is Our Hope Magazine
Bishop R. Daniel Conlon

"Women are Equal to Men and Deserve to be Treated as Such. But even fundamental principles can be carried to extremes. That is what happened recently in the state of New York.

Its legislature recently passed a law that permits abortion, essentially for any reason, right up to the moment of birth. The governor signed the bill with enthusiasm, and the World Trade Center gleamed with pink lights.

The law not only allows very late-term abortions. It permits medical professionals other than doctors to perform them. It eliminates previous provisions to assure medical care for babies who survive an abortion. By declaring the procuring of an abortion a "fundamental right," it opens the door for forcing private, even religious, hospitals to allow abortions. Strangely, enough, it will no longer be a crime to kill a child in the womb through an act of violence against the mother, perpetrated by another party, like a husband or boyfriend.

We live in a society that routinely commends and rewards people for helping others who are in distress. The Medal of Honor routinely goes to someone in the military who has bravely come to the aid of a fallen comrade in harms way. Can you imagine a child, having been struck by a car, lying in the street and people just driving and walking past without doing a thing to help? Yet, children in the womb are intentionally killed every day, and New York has just removed every restriction. Indeed, some News Yorkers, and others elsewhere, have celebrated the liberalization.

Unfortunately, the support nationwide for legal abortion in the first trimester has remained about the same over the years, around 60 percent. But that drops to less than 15 percent for the third trimester. I believe that there is an innate recognition that what a woman carries in her womb is a child, a human person. We routinely talk that way: "When is your baby due?" "Here, you can feel the baby's heart beat." "Careful now. You don't want to hurt the baby." Abortion is the antithesis of the natural, normal maternal instinct.

Jesus did not address abortion, as far as we know, since the practice was prohibited among the Jews. But the Romans not only tolerated abortion, they allowed for infanticide. An unwanted newborn was simply left exposed to the elements and wild animals. New York has come close to that.

The Catholic Church's consistent opposition to abortion is at the heart of its respect for human beings as children of God. Just as Jesus reached out to the defenseless and rejected people of His time, His true followers welcome and assist similar classes of people in our time. Politicians and others who support the right to abortion are not happy with the Church's vocal position. News reports routinely speak of our "anti-abortion" stance rather than "pro-life".

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I am very grateful to those who take an active role in standing up for the right of unborn children to live. Some pray outside abortion clinics. Some are engaged in the political process or advocate in the public forum, including in marches in Washington, D.C. and Chicago. Some just give witness to the truth in more private settings. I am also grateful to those women who carry their children to term despite personal hardship or adverse pre-natal diagnosis.

Abortion is a critical issue, not just because of how horrific it is itself, but because it represents graphically the general decline of moral, religious values in our society. This latest setback for the safety of unborn children is limited to New York (which, by the way, chalks up the highest rate of abortions by far in the United States). Yet, will other states follow suit? Illinois?

Some people criticize me and other bishops in the country. No matter what we say or do, it will never be enough. Others need to speak up and act. The Holy Spirit dwells in every baptized person. Confirmation gives all of us the powerful seven-fold gifts of the Holy Spirit. Together, we can easily outmatch the New York legislature or any other human force — but by positive means, not negative.”

PGK Jack Gorski
Pro-Life Chair

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In his 1980 encyclical on God's mercy, *Rich in Mercy*, he developed a scriptural and doctrinal basis for our faith in the mercy of God. Likewise, Pope Francis continues to emphasize this foundational belief of our Church. We, as Catholics, are profoundly called to reflect, in a prayerful and devote way, on the message of God's mercy.

Please join your faith community in acknowledging and accepting the merciful love of God, during a special holy hour, on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28, from 3-4 PM at the St. Irene Church.



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 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 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.



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.



Program Awards for February, 2019



James & Alta Halama named as Supreme Council Family of the Month for February.

Deacon Joe Urso Knight of the Month: – Council 6710 honors Sir Knight and **Deacon Joe Urso** as our Knight of the Month. Joe has been a Knight for over 50 years and a Deacon since 1981. His call to ministry has led him to serve in a variety of roles. Joe has been a Chaplain at the Illinois Youth Home in Warrenville for many years. He has ministered to the sick at several area hospitals and worked with couples preparing for marriage. Of his many duties as a Deacon, Joe seems to especially enjoy performing Baptisms. Joe has been a monthly volunteer over the past 25 years for PADS, a program which provides food and shelter for the homeless in our community. He participates in council activities as time allows—most recently at our Feed My Starving Children packing event in February.

James & Alta Halama Family of the Month: Council 6710 honors **PGK Jim Halama** and his wife **Alta** as our Family of the Month. Jim and Alta are active members of our parish, council and Ladies Auxiliary. Jim has been our Financial Secretary for many years and frequently participates in Honor Guards, service projects, and other council events. He serves as chairman of our Super Bowl Party and Raffle, a major council fundraiser. This year Jim proposed that all net proceeds from the raffle (\$4169) be donated to St. Irene School which was facing a critical \$100K budget deficit. Thanks to a generous outpouring of support and encouragement from **Fr. Jim** and parishioners, the school fund drive was a success. Jim and Alta are co-editors of our council newsletter which has been rated several times as among the best in the state.

Community Program: Knights and their families participated in a Feed My Starving Children packing event on Sat. Feb. 9. With the help of another group 253 boxes of food were packed—enough to feed 149 children for a year! Our council also donated a check for \$100.00 to FMSC. Thank you **chairman Joe Kubal** and all who attended the session.

Council Program: The annual KC Super Bowl Party and Raffle was held Sun. Feb. 3. This year the council donated all proceeds of the raffle to the St. Irene School Fund.

Youth Programs: The annual KC Spelling Bee was conducted Sat. Feb. 2. Special thanks to 8th Grade teacher **Jacqueline Reid** and **Ladies Auxiliary** members who helped. The KC District Free Throw Contest was held Sat, Feb. 23 at St. Irene. Winners advance to a regional competition at Benedictine University.



Knights Participate in 40 -Hour Devotion of the Blessed Sacrament March 10-12



We thank all our Knights of Columbus for their wonderful support of our 40 hours of Eucharist Adoration! More than 450 people spent time in prayer before our Lord, Jesus Christ, during the 40 hours. Thanks to our Knights, we had a Eucharist Procession both for Exposition, to begin the 40 hours and Benediction which ended the 40 hours.

Our parishioners and school children sat in awe of the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, our Knights brought added reverence and attention to Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist.

We could not have continued Adoration for 40 hours without the overnight prayer coverage of our Knights. According to the sign up sheet the following men were before Jesus in prayer from midnight to 5:00 AM: **Eduardo Sanchez, Chris Gierek, Jose Cuautle, Ray Scott, Doug Dillmann, Bill Lintner, Mike Duquette, Jim Halama, Ken DiIulio, John O'Malley, Anthony Inerro, Jeff Schmitz, Deacon Joe, Timothy Moritz.**

Many of these men covered several hours of prayer during our night and day hours of devotion.

With gratitude for the wonderful work the Knights do for the Community of St. Irene and their great devotion to Christ's presence in the Eucharist.

**Lenten Blessings,
Fr. Jim and Staff**



2019 Super Bowl Raffle Summary Council Donates \$4169 to St. Irene School

This year we sold a record 266 raffle tickets for a gross of \$8675. Of this there were \$4250 in cash raffle prizes and \$256 of expenses. The net proceeds of \$4169 was fully donated to the St. Irene Stand Strong Fund.

I thank everyone who helped to contribute, sell tickets, and help volunteer your time for this this annual event. I look forward to the next event in 2020.

PGK James Halama



Distributions Made for Intellectual Disabilities "Tootsie Roll Drive" Held Sept. 21-23

This year's gross revenue was **\$8159.90** (\$8408.07 in 2017). Of the total revenue, expenses were as follows:

State ID Program (10% of gross)	\$815.69
Tootsie Roll Candy	\$877.50
Postage	\$ 50.00

Net total available for distribution was \$6413.71. Checks donations were sent to the following organizations:

Cupertino Home	\$4388.71
Special Camps	\$1000.00
Western DuPage Special Recreation Area	\$1000.00
Diocese of Joliet Special Needs Office	\$ 25.00



July 20—Cougars Baseball Mark Your Calendar!

The Kane County Cougars are playing Dayton Dragons at 6:30 PM. Reserved seats are \$13.00 and \$5 parking in advance. For tickets call **Michael Bates**

(630-630-836-0223).

Get this for Special Events:

- Christmas in July—Get out your hats and gloves, and prepare to celebrate the season of giving. The night features an appearance from Santa Claus, an Elf bobblehead giveaway for the first 1500 fans, and many more tidings of joy.
- Saturday Suds—Beginning May 25 on Saturdays enjoy one reserved seat ticket and two 20 oz. domestic beers or one all you can drink Pepsi product in a 32 oz. cup for \$17. Must be 21 years or older. Tickets must be purchased in ADVANCE.
- Run the Bases—Join us for a post game run the bases after every home Cougars game. Presented by: Sonic Drive-In
- Fireworks—Enjoy a post game firework presentation with featured playlist: Christmas in honor of Christmas in July.



Thirty Pints of Blood Collected at KC/VFW Blood Drive Mar. 9

Congratulations! The blood drive held at the VFW Hall collected 30 pints of blood. Knights who helped were **PGK Ken DiIulio, PGK Bob Rauko, Joe Gattone, PGK Ray Scott, and Dave Abhalter.**



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Knights' Calendar

April 2	7:30 PM	Ladies Auxiliary meeting & Easter Egg Project—St. Irene Activities Center
Apr. 7	11:15 AM	Easter Egg Hunt—St. Irene Rectory Lawn
	3:00 PM	Confirmation—St. Irene Church
Apr. 10	7:00 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting—St. Thomas the Apostle, Naperville
	7:30 PM	Thomas Dooley Assembly—St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church, Addison
April 11	7:30 PM	KC Council Business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
April 12	7:00 PM	Council hosts Soup Supper—St. Irene Activities Center
April 13	11:00 AM	Special Camps Easter Party—DuPage County Fair Grounds
April 14-21		Holy Week—Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday
April 26-28		Illinois KC State Council Convention—Springfield, Illinois
April 24	6:00 PM	American Legion Burger Night—VFW Hall, Warrenville
April 27	9:00 AM	Council hosts Coffee with the Pastor— St. Irene Activities Center
April 28	3:00 PM	Divine Mercy Sunday—Holy Hour from 3-4 PM St. Irene Church
May 4	9:00 AM	Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up—along Butterfield Rd from Batavia to City West
	10:00 AM	First Communion—St. Irene Church
May 5	10:00 AM	May Crowning—to honor Sue Gosewehr CCW Woman of the Year
May 10	7:30 PM	KC Council Business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
May 11	9:00 AM	Maintenance of City Welcome Signs—meet at Batavia Rd and Butterfield Rd.
May 27		Memorial Day

April Birthdays

Patrick McGowan	April 4	Thomas Taylor	April 13
Bill Constable	April 5	Ellen Voegtle	April 14
Douglas Dillmann	April 5	Gloria Fello	April 16
Anthony Standifer	April 8	Bruce Olson	April 16
Winston Rasmussen	April 9	Ronald Zoran	April 16
Lois Booth	April 11	Raymond Hoshell	April 18
Annette Kubalanza	April 11	Debbie Ingram	April 22
Christine Ceja-Rager	April 13	Barbara Edwards	April 24
Scott Hurley	April 13	Bradley Hentz	April 30

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/

April Wedding Anniversaries

Vincent & Roxanne Morello	April 16	Steven & Lupe Pyszka	April 23
William & Allison Looby	April 20	Burton & Judy Minor	April 27
Michael & Sandy Larue	April 21	Michelle & Michael Horan	April 28
Bradley & Julie Hentz	April 22	Jerry & Carole Kleinwachter	April 29

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