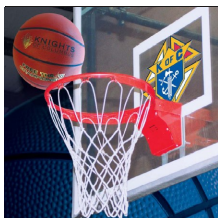




# knights of st. irene

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Council 6710  
Warrenville, IL



## Jan. 18—Knights of Columbus Youth Free Throw Challenge

All boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate in the 2020 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest to be held at St. Irene's Activity Center Gym on Saturday Jan. 18 at 2:00 PM. Winners will progress through district and state competitions. The regional competition will take place in March at Benedictine University, Lisle.

Participants are required to furnish proof of age. Registration begins at 2:00 PM at the gym. Winners will advance to District competition also held at St. Irene's at 8:00 AM on Feb. 15.



## Feb. 1—Youth Spelling Bee

All boys and girls ages 5-16 are invited to participate in the 2020 KC Council 6710 Spelling Bee to be held at St. Irene's Activity Center on Saturday, February 1 from 10:00 AM—2:00 PM. Registration begins 10:00 AM.

Winners will advance to the Regional Competition that will be announced. Rules and tips with a word list are available at [Knights of Columbus State of Illinois website](#). We follow the rules of [Scripps Howard Spelling Bee](#) which are also available on line.



## Jan. 18—Council to Take Down Outside Christmas Decorations

We need a team of volunteers to help take down the outdoor Christmas decorations around St. Irene Church on Saturday, Jan. 18 starting at 8:00 AM. I will get an early start and have the coffee hot by 8:00 AM.

The weather will determine how much can be done that day. I will bring poles and ladders. Please call **PGK Bob Rauko** for information (630-337-1568) or email to: [rauko@comcast.net](mailto:rauko@comcast.net).



## Feb. 15—Annual FMSC Food-Packing Event

Jesus challenged believers to perform works of charity. One of those acts is to feed the poor. Come join Brother Knights at the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) facility at 555 Exchange Ct. in Aurora on Saturday, February 9 from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM. We will be packing food for needy children overseas. No experience is necessary. Individuals over the age of 5 are welcome to participate. Get the entire family involved in this worthy cause. Students can earn service hours.

To participate, just register at "volunteer" on the FMSC website at

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## Feb. 2—The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual KC Super Bowl Raffle & Party

The annual fundraiser will be held once again on Super Bowl Sunday. The Raffle and Party will be held at the St. Irene's Activities Center.

For the raffle, \$25 tickets are being sold for two separate pools (**Faith** and **Hope**) of 100 tickets each. A \$50 ticket may be purchased for the **Charity Pool**. Prizes for the \$25 pools are 2-\$250, 2-\$125, 6-\$50, and 7-\$25 cash\*. Cash prize amounts for the \$50 ticket are doubled. (See ticket order form on Page 7). Buy your tickets early. **Early bird drawings will be held Jan. 19 & 26, 2020.** The winner of early bird drawings remains eligible for cash prizes on Super Bowl Sunday.

This is a major fundraiser for the Council. We need your help in selling tickets. Tickets may be obtained from PGK James Halama by calling 630-433-6240, or by email at [jshalama@comcast.net](mailto:jshalama@comcast.net). Use the ticket forms on Page 7 to order your raffle tickets now. Raffle ticket sales at St. Irene Church will begin Jan 11, 2020.

See Page 7  
for Raffle  
Tickets or-  
der form



## Feb. 8—6:00-10:00 PM St. Irene Activities Center

Your \$10 entry fee allows you to enjoy the chili from numerous contestants. Please consider being a contestant yourself (contact **Scott Reid** [S.Reid@stireneschool.org](mailto:S.Reid@stireneschool.org)). Hotdogs, drinks, and beer will be available for sale. Purchase a 50/50 cash raffle ticket after all Masses at St. Irene's in

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### Council Business Meeting Jan. 9, 7:30 PM

We have a director position open for **Youth Director**. Please contact **GK Mike Bates** (630-836-0223) if you are interested.



### Fourth Degree News

The next Blanchette Assembly will be meeting January 8 at St. Scholastica Parish, Woodridge, hosted by Robert P Connolly Council. Rosary is at 6:30 PM, Dinner is at 7:00 PM, and meeting at 8:00 PM.

**4th Degree Honor Guard Held Christmas Eve**—Sir Knights who participated were **Mike Bates, Commander Wayne Decker, Bill Lintner, Erich Pavel, PFN Ray Scott, and Bob Rauko.**

**4th Degree Exemplification**—The Next Exemplification of the 4th Degree is Sat., Feb. 22, at the Sheraton Lisle Naperville Hotel. Third Degree Knights consider joining the 4th Degree. To 4th Degree Knight's invite a Knight to advance. A candidate must be a 3rd Degree Member in good standing to be eligible for the 4th Degree Exemplification.

Click to download the [Exemplification Packet and Registration Form](#). The deadline for Candidates Form 4's for names to be listed in the Souvenir Program Book is February 1. The deadline for Banquet Reservation is February 7.



### Ushers Needed

Ushers are needed for all Masses at St. Irene's. Contact any of the ushers at any of the St. Irene Masses.



### Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

Thank you to all the ladies who made the Lady of Guadalupe celebration such a fantastic event. The Mass was inspiring, the food was delicious, and the dancers were exceptional. Thanks for all the behind the scenes help as well decorating, serving, and cleaning up.

I wish everyone a healthy and happy New Year. Our next board meeting is on Monday, January 13, at 4:30 PM in the St. Irene ACL.

Mark your calendars for our next Bunco on Saturday, April 18, at 6:30 PM in the St. Irene ACL.

**Cathy Kott**



### 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.

**Brother Knights—Have your Family read the newsletter as well!**



### Pray for Our Loved Ones

Pray for the health & recovery **Fr. Jim Antiporek, Marc Alleruzzo, Fred Smith, Sam Vitale, Pat Wehner, Barbara Olson, Pat Kemp, Mary Hughes, Beverly Scott, and Charlie Fahrenwald.**

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

Council Officers 2019-2020	
Chaplain	Fr. Jim Antiporek (630-393-2400 x 13)
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1st Yr. Trustee	Glen Kussman (630-393-6545)
Insurance Agent	<b>Matthew Kling (630-485-8705)</b>

**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	Doug Dillmann (630-415-5258)
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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

Happy New year to all! Hope the holiday season has given you time to celebrate with family and friends and moments to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. The Super Bowl

Raffle will soon be underway. You can help us by buying and selling as many tickets as you can. Funds from the raffle will be used to help support projects for our school and parish.

We will be needing help with several upcoming youth activities. The Youth Free Throw Contest is scheduled for Saturday January 18 and the Spelling Bee will take place on Saturday February 1. If you can coordinate or volunteer for these events please let me know.

Congratulations to our new Church Director, **PGK Jim Bartz!** Jim has served the Knights in many capacities over the years and is welcome in filling the opening after the passing of our beloved **Joe Gattone.**

While I hope you keep the holiday spirit with you all year long, the outdoor parish decorations will need to come down on Saturday January 18. Throw on a few extra layers of warm clothes and come join us. Rumor has it there will be donuts and hot coffee.

Vivat Jesus!  
GK Mike Bates



### ProLife March For Life Chicago 2020

All are invited to join thousands who will be marching for the sanctity of life on Saturday, January 11! The March for Life Chicago is the largest pro-life event

in the Midwest. Beginning with a rally at Daley Plaza at 1:00 PM, participants will march through the streets of Chicago as we work to transform our society from a culture of death to a culture of life.

New this year, a March for Life Chicago Convention concurrently being held at the Congress Hotel. Doors open for the convention at 8 AM. To see the entire schedule and for more information on the march and convention visit [March For Life Chicago](http://March For Life Chicago). You may register online.

**PGK Jack Gorski**  
Pro-Life Chair



### Knights of Columbus Eyeglass and DME Drive Starts Feb. 29

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 2020 St. Irene Eyeglass and DME 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 from Saturday, February 29 until Sunday, May 31.

**DME (Durable Medical Equipment)** - New this year, we also will be collecting used durable medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, canes, bath chairs and crutches as well as other miscellaneous items such as hearing aids. These items will be donated to appropriate healthcare and/or senior organizations. Please leave your donations in the church narthex or call **Joseph Kubal** by telephone at 630-983-6159 or by e-mail at [jdrk4715@aol.com](mailto:jdrk4715@aol.com) to schedule a pick-up.



### Mass at Mercy Home for Easter Broadcast on Sunday, March 8

We have been invited again to participate in a taping of a Mass that will be televised on the 4th Sunday of Easter and The Ascension. The Mass will be celebrated with **Father Carl Morello** (brother of fellow Knight of Columbus, Vince Morello). These masses will be aired on May 3 and May 24, respectively.

We will meet for the taping on Sunday, March 8 at 11:30 AM at Mercy Home, 1140 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago. The taping will occur between 12:30 PM and 2:00 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. **RSVP** by March 1 how many individuals are interested in participating so that I can let Mercy Home staff know how many to expect for the luncheon.

There is free parking at Mercy Home and plenty of street-parking available. If anyone has need of a chair-lift, I also will need to know that in advance. The chair-lift has a 300 lb. limit. Free-will donations would be appreciated by the Home which is a Catholic charity and child welfare agency. This event will be "first come, first served."

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 [SMKubal0712@aol.com](mailto:SMKubal0712@aol.com).



### Jan. 22—American Legion Burger Family Theme Night

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





### 22 Units Blood Collected at VFW Hall Dec. 7

Thank you for hosting your blood drive earlier in the month. We had 23 donors register; 3 were deferred and we collected 22 units. While the turnout was lower than anticipated, up to 66 lives were saved. From the four drives you sponsored this year, we collected 116 units in 2019. This amounts to up to 348 lives saved this year. That's how important you are to us. Thank you so much!

I hope you know how much we appreciate these ongoing efforts and your partnership in our life-saving mission. It means a lot to us. And I am happy that you have your dates for 2020 already. Let's try to beat how many units we collected this year by having a 2020 Life-Saving Challenge to collect more than 116 units by year end. Just an idea. Let me know your thoughts when we meet for the March drive.

Thank you all again for your partnership and your efforts in helping us consistently maintain a healthy blood supply. It means so much! Have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year and I will be in touch next year!

**Camille Piazza—Account Representative  
Versiti – Blood Center of Illinois**

### Knights of West Chicago, Warrenville and Winfield Help to Celebrate ID Christmas Party on Dec. 14

Thank you for helping us celebrate Christmas with all of our special friends Dec. 14 at St. John's. We had such a great time with the Knights from West Chicago, Winfield, and Warrenville. There were so many volunteers there to decorate, help our special guests, and to help clean up. Events included dancing with a DJ, limbo, face painting, crafts, parachute games, and yummy treats. Other visitors also include Santa and Mrs Clause who had a gift bag, a new hat and gloves, stuffed animal and a special gift for each guest.

Those who helped from St. Irene's were **GK Mike Bates, PGK Wayne Decker, PGK Bob Rauko, John Ernst, Joe Kubal, Chuck Burchette, PGK Jim Bartz, PGK Glen Kussman, Pat Connor, and Sandy Decker.**

**Colleen McDonald  
President of Special Camps**



### Share Your Soles Shoe Drive Collected over 1000 Pairs of Shoes

The 2019 Knights of Columbus Share Your Soles Shoe Drive collected over 1,000 pairs of shoes from the community at-large that will be repurposed and sent to those in need. Boots that were collected are being sent to children in



Flint, MI and to the Rosebud Indian Reservation in SD. Other shoes are being sent to Puerto Rico, Haiti, and Cameroon. The Organization also was appreciative \$50 check from our Council to help defray shipping expenses.

This year's team included **David Abhalter, Joseph Kubal, PGK Glen Kussman and Bill Lintner. PGK Jim Halama and Rich Kostner** provided publicity support. Beside collection bins at St. Irene Church, there were bins at the Warrenville VFW and the Warrenville Park District Recreation Center. The late **Bob Geary**, who first conceived and implemented earlier drives would have been honored.

I sincerely wish to thank all of those who served on this year's team and for the time, effort, and financial support each member provided to the project.

**Joe Kubal (Shoe Drive Chair)**

### Mass at Mercy Home Held Dec. 15

Council Knights **Bill Lintner, Patrick O'Connor, and Joseph Kubal** recently went

to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls on the western flank of downtown Chicago for the television taping of Mass at Mercy Home. **Father Carl Morello** (our own **Vince Morello's** brother) celebrated mass of the Holy Family and **Reverend L. Scott Donahue** (President of Mercy Home) celebrated the Solemnity of Mary and Epiphany which will be aired on WGN-TV (Channel 9) at 9:30 a.m. on December 29, January 1st and January 5th respectively.

A check for \$100 from our council was presented to **Narek Mkrtooumian**, Special Projects Coordinator of Mercy Home as a donation to forward their mission of helping distressed and abused youth.



## Knights' Calendar

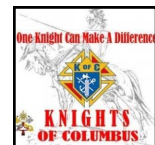
Jan. 1		<b>Happy New Year! 2020</b>
Jan. 8	6:30 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting—St. Scholastica Parish, Woodridge
	7:30 PM	Thomas Dooley Assembly meeting—St. Mathews Parish, Glendale Heights
Jan. 9	7:30 PM	St. Irene Council Business Meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Jan. 11	11:00 AM	Chicago March for Life—Daley Piazza, Chicago
Jan. 12	All Masses	Super Raffle ticket sales begin—St. Irene Church
Jan. 13	4:30 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Jan. 18	8:00 AM	Take down Christmas decorations at St. Irene's. Meet at the ACL
	2:00 PM	KC Youth Free Throw Contest—St. Irene Activities Center
Jan. 19	11:00 AM	1st Early Bird Drawing Super Bowl Raffle—St. Irene Church
Jan. 22	6:00 PM	American Legion Burger Family Theme Night—VFW Hall, Warrenville
Jan. 23	6:30 PM	Protecting God's Children workshop—St. Irene Activities Center
Jan. 26	11:00 AM	2nd Early Bird Drawing Super Bowl Raffle—St. Irene Church
Feb. 1	10:00AM	KC Youth Spelling Bee—St. Irene Activities Center
Feb. 2	4:30 PM	Super Bowl Raffle Party
Feb. 8	6:00 PM	St. Irene Chili Cookoff—St. Irene Activities Center
Feb. 13	7:30 PM	St. Irene Council Business Meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Feb. 14		<b>Valentines Day</b>
Feb. 15	9:00 AM	Feed My Starving Children Food Packing Event—Aurora
Feb. 22	10:00 AM	4th Degree Exemplification at Lisle Hilton
Mar. 8	11:30 AM	Taping of Easter Season Mass at Mercy Home. RSVP by Mar. 1

## January Birthdays

Katie Augustynowicz	Jan. 3	William Higgins	Jan. 12
Cathy Kott	Jan. 3	Mary Hughes	Jan. 13
Marian Dunn	Jan. 4	Mike O'Hare	Jan. 13
Teri Lindeman	Jan. 4	Liz Pittman	Jan. 13
Shirley Cosgrove	Jan. 5	Filomena Jarosz	Jan. 15
Kevin Dunn	Jan. 6	Mark Jarosz	Jan. 16
Sam Vitale	Jan. 6	Paula Polkow	Jan. 17
Terri Kussman	Jan. 7	Denise Hoshell	Jan. 19
Glen Kussman	Jan. 8	Susan Constable	Jan. 20
Cindy Naberhaus	Jan. 8	Cathy Fladeland	Jan. 20
Truman Stevens	Jan. 8	Tom La Rocco	Jan. 22
Jeffrey Bollweg	Jan. 9	Clare Barry	Jan. 23
Gary Dyas	Jan. 9	Connie Dyas	Jan. 26
Karen Leonard	Jan. 9	Dianne Urso	Jan. 26
Kenneth Ulanowski	Jan. 9	Kathleen Planek	Jan. 27
Yolanda Schwarts	Jan. 11	Nick Battaglia	Jan. 30

## January Wedding Anniversaries

Patrick & Laura McGowan	Jan. 11	Tom & Jackie La Rocco	Jan. 18
Richard & Margaret Doucette	Jan. 12	Andy & Angelita (Lita) Yusi	Jan. 28
Charles & Caren Burchett	Jan. 16	Gary & Paula Polkow	Jan. 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/](http://www.fathermcgivney.org/)

\*\*\* 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.

### Super Bowl Raffle—Order Your Tickets Now!

Use the ticket forms below to order your tickets. Ticket sales begin Jan. 12, and will also be available for sale at St. Irene Church beginning Jan. 11, 2020. Early bird drawings will be held Jan. 19 & 26. Please make check out to St. Irene Knights of Columbus and send to:

**James Halama**  
27W100 Galusha Ave.  
Warrenville, IL 60555



## St. Irene Knights of Columbus Football Raffle

### \$25 Raffle Ticket

2-\$250, 2-\$125, 6-\$50, 7-\$25 Cash Prizes

Cash prizes based on 100 tickets sold  
See reverse side for details

**Super Bowl Sunday**  
**Feb. 2, 2020 4:00 PM**

**Early Bird Drawings Jan. 19 & 26**

Winners Need Not be Present to Win  
Proceeds Benefit Knights of Columbus Programs

St. Irene Parish Activities Center  
28W441 Warrenville Rd.,  
Warrenville, IL

## Faith

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

St. Irene Knights of Columbus  
Super Bowl Raffle Feb. 2, 2020



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## Hope

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

St. Irene Knights of Columbus  
Super Bowl Raffle Feb. 2, 2020



## St. Irene Knights of Columbus Football Raffle

### \$50 Raffle Ticket

2-\$500, 2-\$250, 6-\$100, 7-\$50 Cash Prizes

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## Charity

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

St. Irene Knights of Columbus  
Super Bowl Raffle Feb. 2, 2020

**Early-Bird Drawings:** Drawings will be held Jan. 19 & 26 at St. Irene's Activities Center following the 10:00 AM Mass on these days. Each entry can only win once during the early-bird drawings, but remains eligible for the drawings on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020.

**Raffle on Super Bowl Sunday:** Prior to the start of the football game, for each respective pool 100 number pairs will be randomly assigned to each raffle ticket holder, from (0,0) through (9,9). During the football game, one cash prize will be awarded to the person holding the winning number pair each time a team scores; a touchdown plus points after constitutes one score. The winning number pair is comprised as follows: the least significant digit (right most digit) in the NFC team score constitutes the first number, and the least significant digit of the AFC team constitutes the second number in the pair. The cash prize amount is determined by a random drawing from the available cash prize pool. The remainder, if any, at the game's end will be awarded by random drawing of those raffle tickets not having a winning combination during the football game.

The pool of 17 cash prizes are based on 100 tickets sold for each pool. The number of cash prizes and the total cash amount awarded may be reduced to maintain the same winning odds (0.17) and 50% payout of ticket receipts. In the event of multiple raffles being conducted, cash prizes may be pooled. Fifty percent of the raffle ticket receipts will be used to support St. Irene Knights of Columbus programs.