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Warrenville, IL



Knights of Columbus Eyeglass and DME Drive Runs Through May 31

Please bring 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 to schedule a pick-up.



Mar. 13—Knights to Host Lenten Friday Night “Soup Supper”

Please join in on the annual Lenten Tradition of “Friday Night Soup Supper” in the St. Irene ACL after Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent. Come for the delicious vegetarian soups and wonderful fellowship. We hope to see you there!



Mar. 28—Knights of Columbus Easter Party for Special Needs Citizens

Families of those with intellectual disabilities and autism (kids and adults), are invited to join us for a free day of fun at the DuPage County fairgrounds. Come and enjoy lunch with other families, and join in on a host of fun activities designed especially for the entire family.

The Knights will provide a nice luncheon with Chick-Fil-A chicken sandwiches, burgers, brats and a taco bar. Please feel free to pack a sack lunch or special utensils for any family member who may need an alternative meal. A microwave / fridge will be available for you.

- **Date: Saturday, Mar. 28**
- **Time: 11:00 AM - 2:30 PM**

Sponsors:

- **St. Irene Council**—Provide bottled water and coordinate the tractor to pull the hay wagon (and someone to drive it). The fairgrounds should have a hayrack to borrow. The Council is donating \$250.
- **Winfield Council**—To provide the grill cooking supplies meat and keep food warm.

All:

- Provide as many volunteers as you can to man the grills, the hayride, the Easter Egg hunt, help with crafts, and invite your youth groups to help serve our guests.

Colleen McDonald
President of Special Camps



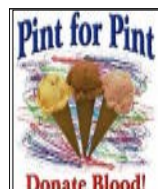
March 8—Mass at Mercy Home for Easter Broadcast on Sunday

The Mercy Home Mass will be celebrated with **Father Carl Morello** (brother of Knight of Columbus, **Vince Morello**). The Mass will be aired on WGN TV May 3 and May 24, respectively. Please RSVP March 1 with **Joe Kubal** at 630-983-6159 or SMKubal0712@aol.com.

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.

There is free parking at Mercy

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Mar. 28—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. 28. Free breakfast for all donors. Your donation will save lives. **Bring a photo ID card.**

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Council Business Meeting Mar. 12, 7:30 PM

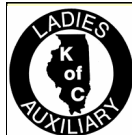
We have a position open for **Youth Director**. Please contact **GK Mike Bates** (630-836-0223) if you are interested.



Fourth Degree News

Mar. 11 will be the next meeting for the Blanchette Assembly #3044 will be at St. Margaret Mary 1450 Green Trails Drive Naperville on March 11. Rosary starts at 6:30 PM, dinner at 7:00 PM and the Meeting at 8:00 PM sharp.

Congratulations to **Sir Knight Andrew White** who advanced to the 4th degree on Feb. 22 in Lisle.



Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

Our next Board Meeting will be on Monday, March 9, at 6:00 PM in the St. Irene ACL. It will be a short meeting since it will be followed up with creating our Easter Project for the children of the parish.

There will be snacks and drinks provided. At the meeting we will determine who will benefit from our Bunco which will be held on Saturday, April 18. Hope to see many members there to help with our project.

Happy Lent!

Cathy Kott
LOC President

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Adopt-a-Highway April 25

Mark Your Calendar! 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.



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 **Deacon Bill Murphy, Marc Alleruzzo, Erich Pavel, Fr. Jim, Sam Vitale, Pat Wehner, Mary Hughes, Beverly Scott, and Charlie Fahrenwald.**

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

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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
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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

I would like to thank all of you who expressed your condolences and prayers after the recent passing of my mother. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. It's a blessing to have Brother Knights with whom we can share our joys as well as our sorrows.

Our annual KC Super Bowl Raffle fundraiser was a success once again, equaling last year's totals. Thank you chairman **PGK Jim Halama** and all who participated for your efforts.

Congratulations to our newest **Sir Knight Andrew White** who was inducted in the 4th Degree Exemplification Saturday, February 22.

Join Special Camps for the "Greatest Easter Party Ever!" at the DuPage County Fairgrounds Saturday March 28. Volunteers are welcome. See details in this newsletter.

**Vivat Jesus!
GK Mike Bates**

**Clothing Drive for the
St. Vincent de Paul Society**

March 14 & 15
For the St. Vincent de Paul
Society in West Chicago



We are accepting clothing, shoes, linens and books in good or bad condition. Also small household items and electronics!
NO TV's or COMPUTERS!

Start collecting now! Collection bags will be handed out after Masses on March 7th and 8th. Fill them (or any strong bag/box) and return to the truck in the church parking lot the following weekend (14th and 15th) before or after Masses.

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Home and plenty of street-parking available. If anyone has need of a chairlift, I also will need to know that in advance. The chairlift 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.

ProLife

US appeals court upholds Trump rules involving abortions

AP-SEATTLE (February 24, 2020) — A U.S. appeals court on Monday upheld Trump administration rules that bar health care providers in the federal family planning program for low-income women from referring patients for abortions.

The 7-4 ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned decisions issued by judges in Washington, Oregon and California. The court had already allowed the administration's changes to begin taking effect while the government appealed those rulings.

The changes ban taxpayer-funded clinics in the Title X program from making abortion referrals, a restriction opponents characterize as a "gag rule." They also prohibit clinics that receive federal money from sharing office space with abortion providers, which critics said would force many Title X providers to find new locations, undergo expensive remodels or shut down — reducing access to the program.

Abortion is a legal medical procedure, but federal laws prohibit the use of Title X or other taxpayer funds to pay for abortions except in cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the woman. Under Title X, a 1970 law designed to improve access to family planning services, federal money may not be used in programs "where abortion is a method of family planning."

Abortion rights supporters and opponents have argued over the decades whether counseling a patient about abortion or referring a patient to a different provider for an abortion violates that language. Abortion opponents and religious conservatives say Title X has long been used to indirectly subsidize abortion providers.

"Congress has long prohibited the use of Title X funds in programs where abortion is a method of family planning and (the Department of Health and Human Service's) recent rule makes that longstanding prohibition a reality," U.S. Justice Department spokeswoman Mollie Timmons said in a written statement celebrating the 9th Circuit's ruling. "We look forward to continuing to defend this vital rule against all challenges."

More than 20 states and several civil rights and health organizations challenged the rules in cases filed in Ore-

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Ushers Needed

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



**Mar. 25—American Legion
Burger Family Theme Night**

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

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gon, Washington and California. Judges in all three states blocked them from taking effect, with Oregon and Washington courts issuing nationwide injunctions. One judge called the new policy “madness” and said it was motivated by “an arrogant assumption that the government is better suited to direct women’s health care than their providers.”

Planned Parenthood, which served 1.6 million of the 4 million patients who received care through Title X, has already left the program over the new rules, giving up about \$60 million a year in federal funding. Title X patients also receive other medical care through the program, including breast and cervical cancer screenings and HIV testing.

The administration’s new rules are a return to rules that were adopted in 1988 and subsequently upheld by the Supreme Court in the 1991 case *Rust v. Sullivan*. Under the Clinton administration, those rules were abandoned in favor of a requirement that the clinics provide neutral abortion counseling and referrals upon request.

The 9th Circuit’s majority opinion, by Judge Sandra Ikuta, stressed the *Rust* decision.

“In light of Supreme Court approval of the 1988 regulations and our broad deference to agencies’ interpretations of the statutes they are charged with implementing, plaintiffs’ legal challenges to the 2019 rule fail,” she wrote.

Further, she said, the so-called gag rule is no such thing: While providers may not make a referral for an abortion, they may discuss abortion with their patients.

**Submitted by PGK Jack Gorski
Pro-Life Chair**



Major Change in Knights Degree Ceremonies (Re-Run from Feb. Newsletter)

Beginning Jan. 1, 2020, **First, Second, & Third degrees are completed as one Ceremony with Candidates and their Families present. The ceremony is to be completed within 30 minutes.**

The following are excerpts of the Catholic News Agency, Feb.1, 2020:

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — The Knights of Columbus has announced a major revision to its longtime initiation ceremonies and for the first time will open them to the public, saying the changes are needed to become more appealing to prospective members and to respond to a “crisis” in church membership.

“Today, we need an exemplification of our principles that presents, in a clear and convincing way, how charity, unity and fraternity can come together to form a Catholic way of life for today’s man and his family,” Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said in the January 2020 issue of *Columbia* magazine...

These ceremonials of the order were kept under a pledge of secrecy limited to the membership...

The new ceremony will now combine all three degrees and, in another major change, will be opened to the public. Anderson said the exemplification may be conducted in a council’s meeting chamber or in a church, “with families and friends seated in the pews.”

“They will see firsthand the organization that their husbands, fathers, brothers, sons and friends are joining — the principles and values they are committing to and why it matters,” Anderson said in remarks he originally delivered Nov. 23 to the Knights of Columbus midyear organizational meeting of state deputies in Orlando, Florida.

Anderson cited the difficulties of bringing young men, especially young fathers, into the order. Many said they found it difficult to attend multiple ceremonies.

“They also tell us that secrecy is unnecessary, and sometimes, it is even an impediment to joining,” Anderson added. He cited a lack of manpower in local councils to perform degree ceremonies. Some candidates give up, and some never seek second and third degrees.

“Last year, little more than half of the men who took their First Degree also took their Third Degree,” he said, adding that the number of third degree teams is expected to decline.

He said the current system is “too often a stumbling block, not a gateway to membership” that often fails to promote “a truly Catholic fraternal membership according to the vision of Father McGivney.”

“Our ceremonials have always been an essential way we teach the principles of charity, unity and fraternity. But today, too many men never hear the lessons of unity and fraternity,” he said, adding that the failure to reach

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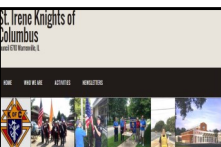
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Feb. 2 Super Bowl Raffle Raises \$4235 for Council Programs

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2020 Super Bowl Raffle. Your purchase of 254 tickets over three boards brought a total of \$8025. As in past years 1/2 of the ticket sales are awarded as cash prizes. The remainder minus party expenses plus \$360 in cash donations gave us a net of \$4235.

This year there were 22 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 set up for the party and who cleaned up afterwards. The list is too long to enumerate.

A run down of the winners is as follows:

Early Bird Winners	Amount
Bill Hughes	\$25
Kim Ladeur	\$50
Total	\$75

\$50 Pool Raffle Winners	\$1,650
Andrew White	\$600
Alta & Jim	\$250
Kevin & Mary Colgan	\$250
Amy Z	\$100
Wayne Booth	\$100
Vicki Smith	\$100
Mike Duquette	\$50
Kevin Looby	\$50
Kim Ladeur	\$50
Terry McMahon	\$50
Thea Armstrong	\$50



\$25 Pool Raffle Winners	\$2,300
Janet McMahon	\$250
Rosemary Meindl	\$250
Susan Goers	\$250
Tom LaRocco	\$250
Ray Geinosky	\$150
Alta Halama	\$125
Cathy Kott	\$125
John Huttenhoff	\$125
Dana Wolze	\$75
Don Opal	\$50
Dorothy Stanley	\$50
Glen Kussman	\$50
Jim Bartz	\$50
Kevin & Mary Colgan	\$50
Pam Schefke	\$50
Pat Brown	\$50
Steve Merrick	\$50
Tim Cosgrove	\$50
Andrew White	\$25
Bill Hughes	\$25
Bryan Farbisz	\$25
Clare & Bill	\$25
Dave Abhalter	\$25
John Bivins	\$25
John Ernst	\$25
Mary Ann Palma	\$25
Thomas Carver	\$25
Twerry McMahon	\$25

Council Contributes \$500 Towards Purchase of ACL New Tables

The contribution is part of \$2500 total raised to purchase and replace the round table in the St. Irene Activities Center Lower Level. The St. Irene LA and CCW made contributions as well. Private donations added to the total.



Feed My Starving Children Food Packing Event Held on Feb. 15

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank 10 fellow Knights, parishioners, and other organization and church members who participated as part of

the Feed My Starving Children food packing event held Saturday, February 15 at the Aurora facility.

Thanks to the dedication and hard work of 160 total volunteers, 268 boxes of food (7.44 pallets) were packed for a total of 57,888 meals worth \$13,893. This is the equivalent of feeding 158 children for a year. The food was being shipped to Uganda and Haiti or Venezuela this week. The Knights graciously donated \$100 to help defray the cost of the food. Again, a sincere "thank you!"



Joe Kubal

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members "threatens the future of our order." Anderson said the crisis facing the Church is fundamentally "a failure to evangelize."

"Such a crisis cannot be adequately responded to without the action of Catholic husbands and fathers," he said.

Anderson placed the order's longtime rituals in the context of the 19th century, when the Knights of Columbus competed with many other fraternal societies. Men of the time "wanted secrecy and the sense of progression that came with multiple degrees," he said.

These fraternal ceremonies presented a "journey through knighthood" to encourage greater participation in the order and to inspire men to seek leadership roles in local councils. Anderson said these ceremonies worked well for such purposes in the past, but do not work today. He professed a "special fondness" for the old ceremonies, but he noted that Fr. McGivney himself needed to make changes in the 1880s to help the order grow.

Citing Pope Benedict XVI's description of McGivney as representing "the secret of the impressive growth" of the Catholic Church in America, Anderson said McGivney is still an inspiring example for millions and the Knights of Columbus continue to pray for his canonization.

"For Father McGivney, the path of charity, unity and fraternity was to be an enduring path of Christian discipleship," said Anderson, who said this was entrusted to laymen under the guidance of clergy "to direct and carry out their own part in the mission of the Church."

Anderson prayed that McGivney's intercession "guide, sustain and enable us to fulfill our vocation as leaders of this great Order for the welfare of our brother Knights and the renewal of our Church."

Knights' Calendar

Mar-May		Knights of Columbus Eye Glass and DME Drive
Mar. 8	11:30 AM	Taping of Easter Season Mass at Mercy Home. RSVP by Mar. 1
Mar. 9	6:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Board meeting and Easter Project at St. Irene ACL
Mar. 11	6:30 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting at St. Margaret Mary.
	6:30 PM	Dr. Thomas Dooley Assembly meeting at St. Philip the Apostle, Addison
Mar. 12	7:30 PM	St. Irene Council Business Meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Mar. 13	5:00 PM	Knights host Soup Supper at St. Irene's ACL after Stations of Cross
Mar. 14-15	All Masses	St. Vincent DePaul Clotting Drive at St. Irene's
Mar. 20		Spring Begins!
Mar. 25	6:00 PM	American Legion Burger Night at VFW Hall, Warrenville
Mar. 28	7:30 AM	Blood Drive—VFW Hall, Warrenville
Mar. 29	11:00 AM	Parish Easter Egg hunt at Parish Rectory Lawn
Apr. 9	7:30 PM	KC Council Business meeting at St. Irene Activities Center
Apr. 10		Good Friday
Apr. 12		Easter Sunday
April 18	6:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Bunco Night at St. Irene Activities Center
April 25	9:00 AM	Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup along Buterfield Rdt



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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

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.

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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		