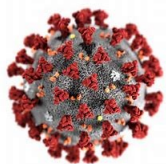




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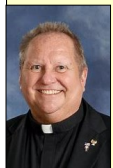
## **COVID-19 Coronavirus Outbreak forces Closure and Cancellation of all Church and KC Council functions for the foreseeable future**

**Stay at home! Stay safe!** This is the common message being heard from **Supreme Knight Carl Anderson**, **Joliet Diocese Bishop Richard Pates**, our **Pastor Fr. Jim Antiporek**, and our **Governor J.B. Pritzker**. At the time of this writing, new cases are still on the rise. It is not yet known how virulent the disease truly is, but we do know that hospitals are becoming overrun by cases and have insufficient numbers of masks, ventilators, and personal protective equipment. Please pray for those who are afflicted with the virus, and especially pray for the health and safety of all our hospital personnel on the front lines.

**All Masses are  
Suspended!**

**All Easter Functions  
suspended!**

**All Knights of Colum-  
bus functions are  
Suspended!**



**Statement from Fr. Jim (3/20/2020):** My dear family of St Irene, this is a difficult time for all of us. You are in my prayers daily. Each day take care of yourself and your family. Check on neighbors and friends. Make time each day to pray for a solution to this crisis, for all those healing, and for those who have died from this virus. With God's help, we will get through this. Let us be united in prayer and a positive spirit. May God bless us all.

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## **Deacon Bill Murphy Passes to Eternal Life Mar. 19**



"Praying with joy for the repose of the soul of a good friend who died March 19, **Deacon Bill**

**Murphy**, former deacon of Saint Elizabeth Seton and Saint Irene's Parishes, and his surviving family — his wife, **Beverly** and two adult children, **Kevin** and **Lorna**." from Face Book Post

Deacon Bill has been a Knight since 1977, and a Sir Knight for 25 years. Beverly served as principal for St. Irene Grade School for many years. Deacon Bill, you will be missed.

He will be cremated, and his funeral Mass will be sometime in the future when large gatherings at church are possible again. When the funeral mass is scheduled, an email will be issued announcing the date.



## **Fr. Jim Antiporek Announces His Retirement**

**Fr. Jim**, Pastor since 1999, on Sunday, Mar. 8, announced that he will retire as Pastor of St. Irene as of June 15.

He will be moving to serve as Chaplain at Rosary Hill Retirement Home in Justice, IL. The Home is owned and operated by the Dominican Sisters

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## **Fr. Clive Otieno Next Pastor of St. Irene**

**Fr. Clive Otieno** is a priest of the Diocese of Joliet who was ordained in May, 2015. He was born in Nairobi, Kenya, where he grew up in a large family on the Eastland of Nairobi. Since ordination, he has worked as a parochial vicar at both St. Isidore Parish in Bloomingdale and at St. Walter

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## **Apr. 4—KC/VFW Blood Drive at VFW Hall Knights Urged to Give Blood at this Time**

The Mar. 28 VFW/KC Drive has been rescheduled for Sat. April 4. The blood drive will be held at the VFW Hall, Warrenville. The hours are extended from 7:00 AM-1:00 PM.

To give blood you are urged to make an appointment. If you have made an appointment for Mar. 28, you will need to do so again. To make an appointment, go to <https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/city>, enter Warrenville and select the start date of April 4. Please note, the web site may not yet be updated of the change. Please try again later. Walk-ins are welcome, but there may be delays in handling your request.

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### A Message From Father Jim

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Until further notice:

- No Saturday or Sunday Masses.
- No 7:00 AM daily Masses.
- All buildings on campus are closed including the Church, the school, the Activity Center and the Parish Center Office.
- All Holy Week Liturgies are cancelled through Easter.
- Eucharistic Adoration is cancelled.
- The Food Pantry is closed. Immanuel Presbyterian Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays 11:00 AM-1:00 PM and Sundays 1:00-3:00pm. **Don Bauer** is their coordinator 630-386-5711.
- Sunday contributions may be mailed in or made electronically at <https://st-irene.churchgiving.com>.
- No Bulletins will be produced. Please continue to check <https://www.st-irene.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/StIreneChurch/> for updates.

For assistance call **Fr. Jim** at the Rectory, 630-393-4772, or leave a message at 630-393-2400 x110.



### Get Your Council Shirt Today!

Use order form below or get order form [online](#). A minimum order of two shirts is required.



### Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, our next board meeting on April 13 has been canceled. Also, our Bunco Night that was to be held on April 18 has been postponed. Once we are back to normal, we will advertise when it will be held. I pray that all are staying healthy.

**Cathy Kott**  
LOC President



### Council Business Meeting April 9 Meeting Cancelled

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



### Fourth Degree News

Blanchette Assembly meeting scheduled for April 8 at St, Thomas The Apostle is cancelled due to the corona virus.

### New Council and LA Directory Available

A new membership directory for Council and Ladies Auxiliary members is now available on the Council web site: [st-irenekofo.org](http://st-irenekofo.org). Select Directory Tab. Password is "mcgivney5".



### Pray for Our Loved Ones

Pray for the health & recovery **Marc Alleruzzo, Erich Pavel, Fr. Jim, Sam Vitale, Pat Wehner, Mary Hughes, Beverly Scott, Rachel Jaraisus, 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)
Grand Knight	Michael Bates (630-836-0223)
Dep. Grand Knight	Doug Dillmann (630-415-5258)
Financial Sec.	James Halama (630-433-6240)
Treasurer	John Ernst (630-606-2671)
Chancellor	James Bartz (630-229-8311)
Recorder	Bob Rauko (630-337-1568)
Advocate	Joshua Bates (630-836-0223)
Warden	Wayne Decker (630-393-1891)
Inside Guard	Patrick O'Connor
Outside Guard	Dave Abhalter (630-857-0972)
Lecturer	William Lintner (630-841-6155)
3rd Yr. Trustee	Tom Perez (630-301-1481)
2nd Yr. Trustee	Ken Dilulio (630-747-3673)
1st Yr. Trustee	Glen Kussman (630-393-6545)
Insurance Agent	<b>Matthew Kling (630-485-8705)</b>

<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

Committee Directors	
Program Director	Doug Dillmann (630-415-5258)
Membership Director	Ray Scott (630-393-0868)
Community Director	Bob Rauko (630-337-1568)
Church Director	James Bartz (630-229-8311)
Family Director	Michael Bates (630-836-0223)
Youth Director	
Public Relations Director	Richard Kostner (630-310-9642)
Blood Drive Director	Ray Scott (630-393-0868)
Life Director	Jack Gorski (630-393-4742)
Vocations	Brad Hentz (630-836-0332)
Support our Troops	Kevin Looby (630-329-1316)

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 [jralama@comcast.net](mailto:jralama@comcast.net) prior to the 21th day of each month.



## Grand Knight's Corner

Life has suddenly changed. We're in the midst of a pandemic, something only a few people in the world have experienced before. Though it has been less devastating than the "Spanish" Flu over a century ago,

COVID-19 has caused great concern worldwide. What more can be done to stop its spread and save lives? Can a cure be found? How long before life returns as we once knew it? We'll have to wait for answers. For now uncertainty prevails.

There are two signs posted outside our church. On each is written, "Be Not Afraid"- a timely message. Scripture has much to tell us about fear. One particular story that comes to mind is from Luke 5:22-25. The disciples are out at sea when a sudden squall threatens to capsize the boat. They frantically wake Jesus who quickly then calms the wind and waves after rebuking the storm. It seems that God doesn't want us to be overcome by despair but instead have greater faith, come to Him in prayer, and trust in His mercy. He will calm the storm. Please pray for victims of this illness, those who are caring for the afflicted and searching for a cure, and for the health of our Brother Knights and their families. Also, remember in your prayers Sir Knight and **Deacon Bill Murphy** who passed away March 19. A funeral mass will be held at a later time to be announced. I look forward to the day when this crisis is behind us and we can open the doors to the church and celebrate.

Happy Easter

**Vivat Jesus!**  
**GK Mike Bates**

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of Hawthorne. The Home is committed to palliative care to those suffering with cancer.

**Fr. Jim** will be in residence at the Home where, as he states, "Polish Nuns there will be able to tend to his needs. They make the best pierogis." We wish him the best in the future. The Council will choose to remain in contact with him by sending all future communications including the monthly newsletter.

*(Fr. Clive Otieno from page 1)*



Parish in Roselle, where he is currently serving. He is excited about his new assignment and looks forward with hope in joining and sharing his life with his new community at St. Irene. May the Holy Spirit lead us to greater things!

Fr. Clive, during this period of limited access to the Church, is offering Masses by video streaming from St. Walter Catholic Church. You can view him in action at this site:

[St. Walter Video Streaming.](#)

## ProLife

### March For Life Pilgrimage Account

"I bless God, One and Triune, for allowing me to go on a pilgrimage to Washington, DC, to participate in the March for Life and for giving me so many details of life that invited me to reflect on what it means to live, love, respect and defend life.

The first was to start the trip with young people who were enthusiastic, willing to sacrifice, full of life and zeal to defend it, especially in those who are weakest and helpless. They made me think of a generous and radical dedication of a heart in love with Love, in someone who bet on life until the end, as was the case with Sister Yadi-ra (a sister of our religious community who died on January 20, 2020), who, however, suffering from a very painful disease and being hopelessly ill, lived her life with dignity until the very last moment that God allowed her, for love and for defense and respect for the dignity of children.

Also, when listening during the opening homily in the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, there was a quote from St John Paul II's Encyclical, "The Gospel of Life": "When conscience, this bright lamp of the soul (cf. Matthew 6:22-23), calls 'evil good and good evil' (Isaiah 5:20), it is already on the path to the most alarming corruption and the darkest moral blindness".

I thought of the current darkness of the state of Illinois that came to declare that abortion is "the fundamental right of a woman". This reality demands and calls me to authentically fulfill the Lord's mandate to be the light of the world (cf. Matthew 5:14-15), for darkness only duds appears with light.

During the March for Life and within the "river of people", composed of the sum of each "drop" - that is to say, of each person - to be able to contemplate the diversity of cultures, ages, languages, creeds, which were made one within the plurality of people to proclaim and

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## Maintenance at City Signs Not Until June, Maybe?

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.

Please consider participating in this community program during the summer. Look in the May newsletter for possible dates to begin this program.



## Adopt-a-Highway April 25 Cancelled

Clean-up the mess in the stretch of Butterfield Rd between Batavia Rd., Hwy 59, and west to the City boundary will have to wait until the Fall. Unfortunately, Council activities are suspended until further notice.





## Contribute to Fr. Jim's Retirement Fund

**Fr. Jim Antiporek will retire as Pastor of St. Irene's on June 15.** He has been Pastor since 1999, Chaplain of our Council for as many years, and

Chaplain of the Bishop Blanchette Assembly since its inception.

**In Recognition of his service to the Parish and the Knights of Columbus, Council 6710 wishes to offer Fr. Jim a generous parting gift.**

Please consider making a contribution towards **Fr. Jim's Retirement Fund**. Any donation of money is welcome. Please make out your check to St. Irene Knights of Columbus. Write in the memo, Fr. Jim's Retirement Fund. Send your check to:

James Halama  
27W100 Galusha Avenue  
Warrenville, IL 60555

All donations will offered as a gift in cash to **Fr. Jim** after his final Mass at St. Irene's on June 14. Contributions should be received by this date. A contribution in cash is welcome. Please be as generous as you can.



## Program Awards for February 2020

**John Ernst Knight of the Month:** Please join me in congratulating our Knight of The Month, **Sir Knight John Ernst!** John has served as our Council Treasurer for many years. In addition to his accounting & finance expertise, John shares his other gifts of being mechanically & electrically inclined as well. John is always available and present, working quietly behind the scenes, ever humble and helpful. Always ready to pitch in, John has been our top Tootsie Roll drive fundraiser for many years.

**Marc & Debbie Alleruzzo Family of the Month:** Please join me in congratulating our Family of The Month, **Marc & Debbie Alleruzzo!** Marc is always promoting the KofC and our Council. Marc & Debbie are always active and volunteering. Debbie is active with the Ladies Auxiliary.

**Community Program:** ID Christmas Party was held Dec. 14. Volunteers from Council 6710 were **GK Mike Bates, PGK Wayne Decker, PGK Bob Rauko, John Ernst, Joe Kubal, Chuck Burchette, PGK Jim Bartz, PGK Glen Kussman, Patrick O'Connor, and Sandy Decker.**

**Faith Program:** Dec. 15 Mass at Mercy Home. Knights attending were **Bill Lintner, Patrick O'Connor and Joseph Kubal.** The Mass was celebrated by **Fr. Carl Morello**, brother of **Vince Morello**. Council 6710 donated \$100.00.

**Family Program:** : American Legion Family & Burger Night on Jan. 22 at the Warrenville VFW Hall. This event has been recommended by our Brother Knight & veteran, **Vince Morello.**

**Council Program:** KofC Free Throw Contest held on Jan. 18 at St. Irene's Activities Center.



## Act of Spiritual Communion

The Catholic Church encourages the faithful to make frequent, even daily, Communion. The basic elements of an Act of Spiritual Communion are an Act of Faith, an Act of Love, a desire to receive Christ, and an invitation to Him to come into your heart.

"My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the  
Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive  
You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive  
You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there,  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen."

**Peace & Blessings,  
Rev. James Antiporek  
Chaplain, Council 6710**

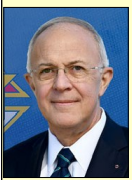
## Check These Web Sites Our For Religious Ceremonies

- [Diocese of Joliet You tube Channel](#) with daily Masses and liturgical offerings
- [Knights of Columbus Masses on Line](#) Can't get to Mass? Here's a Schedule of Internet Broadcasts You Can Choose From
- [St. Walter Video Streaming](#). Watch Fr. Clive offer daily Masses at St. Walter's in Roselle.
- [ETWN Daily Mass and Readings](#)
- [Mass-Online](#)
- [Pope Francis' Urbi et Orbi Blessing](#) The Vatican's Apostolic Penitentiary has granted a plenary indulgence for people who pray for an end to the pandemic, healing for the sick, and the eternal repose of the dead.
- [St. Faustina's STATIONS OF THE CROSS](#)

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**Statement from Most Reverend Richard Pates (3/19/2020):** "Because of the rapid spread of the virus and in accord with the actions taken by the neighboring dioceses, all Church services, beginning with weekend Masses, daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, etc., in the parishes and institutions in the Diocese of Joliet will discontinue immediately. This will remain in effect until it is prudently advisable to resume them...The ceremonies of Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday Celebration on April 4th through Easter are canceled in the parishes and institutions of the Diocese of Joliet. This radical step is most painful but is undertaken in the interests of the health of our parishioners and the broader community. I know it was ever so difficult for the Holy Father, Pope Francis, to take this same step at the Vatican."



**Statement from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson (3/11/2020):** "The Knights of Columbus is carefully monitoring the coronavirus situation and its impact on the Order. Since the virus is spread by personal contact, containment efforts stress social distancing by restricting travel, meetings and other gatherings. Accordingly, the Supreme Council most strongly recommends the following actions to protect brother Knights and others:

- Cancel all personal contact meetings, including business meetings, until further notice.
- Cancel all planned events, where people would gather, until further notice.
- Cancel all travel for Knights of Columbus business until further notice.

There are many ways to continue council operations without face to face contact. Here are some suggestions:

- Conduct meetings by conference call, Skype, Google Groups or other methods.
- Use a webinar service for large meetings like monthly business meetings.
- Allow member votes by email or text to approve bills and candidate admissions.
- Use the email feature of Officers Online for member communications.
- Set up a call tree to contact members and ascertain their wellbeing.
- Conduct degree ceremonies in homes using the combined Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity video or the First Degree video.
- Use applications like "Go fund me" to digitally raise funds for causes.

Additional information is available for members and their families on the websites of the [CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL](#) and [WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION](#). Be aware that the elderly and sick are highly vulnerable to this disease.

This is a moment to deepen our commitment to the very principles which define us: charity, unity and fraternity. There will likely be many opportunities in coming weeks to live out these principles in service to our brother Knights, our families and our communities. May this time of difficulty also be a moment when we as Knights step into the breach and show ourselves to be disciples of Jesus Christ and men at the service of others."



## Knights of Columbus Eyeglass and DME Drive Temporarily Suspended

People were solicited to bring old or unwanted eyeglasses and durable medical equipment and drop them off in the collection box in the back of the church. To this date approximately 50 eyeglasses have been collected. Also arm splints and a blood pressure cuff have collected.

Hopefully we can re-start the collection in May. I will keep you informed.

**Joe Kubal**  
Drive Chairman



## Do You Zoom?

Do you need to get together staying-at-home during the Coronavirus outbreak? Then try using [Zoom Video Conferencing](#). If there is a company whose stock is rising right now, it is Zoom.

This is the most widely used software for video conferencing with multiple participants from your home. It is simple and FREE to use. The best use is with a laptop computer with web camera and microphone. An app is also available for your smartphones. Lacking this, you can also join in a conference by telephone as well.

Try it today [Zoom Video Conferencing](#). I will be testing conferences with Council officers and program directors so that we can continue the business of the Council. Look for an invitation soon.

**PGK James Halama**

Officers—watch for an invitation to join a Zoom meeting in the very near future.

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pray for the same cause: the respect for the dignity of the most vulnerable, of human beings who have not yet been born, was a great light of hope that strengthened and encouraged the heart, not only of those who participated in the March for Life, but of those, who by their clarity, managed to receive the blessings given from there. Faced with a society that seems indifferent, the truth of solidarity and commitment for the other, for the weakest and helpless shone!

We are called to live life in fullness and from our being, to prepare ourselves to do without reservation everything that the Spirit provokes to love both the baby and his mother, because it is love that can touch and transform the hearts of so many women who surely do not yet know their dignity or that of their babies.

"Forward and onward, small caravan of pilgrims, sowers of love, forward and onward, as those who go to victory already returns with the triumph."

Story by **Sister Yolanda Forero**, a member of the Daughters of the Mother of God, who serve at St. Mary's Church, West Chicago published in Christ is Our Hope, Mar. issue.

**PGK Jack Gorski**

## Knights' Calendar

April-May		Knights of Columbus Eye Glass and DME Drive— <b><i>Suspended</i></b>
Apr. 4	7:00 AM	KC/VFW Blood Drive is still ON. Consider giving blood
Apr. 8	6:30 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting at St. Thomas the Apostle— <b><i>Cancelled</i></b>
	6:30 PM	Dr. Thomas Dooley Assembly meeting at Damen Hildebrand— <b><i>Cancelled</i></b>
Apr. 9	7:30 PM	KC Council Business meeting at St. Irene Activities Center— <b><i>Cancelled</i></b>
Apr. 10		<b>Good Friday—Holy Week services—<i>Cancelled</i></b>
Apr. 12		<b>Easter Sunday—Vigil and Sunday services—<i>Cancelled</i></b>
Apr. 13	7:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting at St. Irene ACL— <b><i>Cancelled</i></b>
April 18	6:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Bunco Night at St. Irene Activities Center— <b><i>Postponed</i></b>
April 25	9:00 AM	Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup along Butterfield Rd— <b><i>Cancelled</i></b>

*Calendar of Events for May is too uncertain. Will provide scheduled events in the May Newsletter*



**FATHERS FOR GOOD**  
AN INITIATIVE FOR MEN BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

**Brother Knights—  
Have your  
Family read the news-  
letter as well!**



## 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	Bradley Hentz	April 30
Scott Hurley	April 13		

**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/)

## 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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