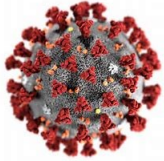




# knights of st. irene

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Council 6710  
Warrenville, IL



## COVID-19 Coronavirus Outbreak Continues to force 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.** New cases are still on the rise. 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.

### Affected Scheduled Events:

- May 14 Council Business meeting cancelled
- St. Irene grade School Graduation-Plans are in place to award a \$1000 scholarship to a student to go to Catholic High School—see next month KC newsletter.
- June 11 Council Business meeting—look for announcement for a Zoom meeting; officer elections will take place; see Page 2 for proposed officer slate.
- Warrenville July 3-4 festivities cancelled—received notification of parade and events at Cerny Park are cancelled; No Food Booth!

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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. Since ordination, he has worked as a parochial vicar at both St. Isadore Parish in Bloomingdale and at St. Walter Parish in Roselle. 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 June 15.

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.](#)



## Knights of Columbus Eyeglass and DME Drive Temporarily Suspended

Have you been cleaning out closets and cabinets during the pandemic? Save those unwanted eyeglasses, canes, crutches, wheelchairs, etc. to donate to the Knights 2020 Eyeglass/Durable Medical Equipment Drive (DME). The drive will start up again as soon as our parish church is open.

**Joe Kubal  
Drive Chairman**

## Looking After Your Spiritual Needs

### Sunday Mass at Home

Are you missing Sunday (and daily) services? If so, there are a wide variety of options for you over the Internet and on television to “attend” mass.

- [St. Irene Facebook Page](#) – Fr. Jim offers Sunday services weekly at 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday Mass at Mercy Home weekly at 9:30 a.m. on WGN-TV Channel 9
- Sunday Mass from Holy Name Cathedral at 9:30 a.m. on ABC-TV Channel 7



### Daily Mass:

- ♦ [Knights of Columbus Compendium](#) – A listing of daily services around the country
- ♦ [Mass Online](#) – Another directory of daily services in English from around the country
- ♦ [Diocese of Joliet](#) – Daily mass offered from St. Raymond Cathedral in Joliet, IL
- ♦ [EWTN Daily Mass](#) – Catholic Television Network daily mass offered online and through cable television
- ♦ [Word on Fire](#) – Daily mass from Bishop Barron’s Chapel in Santa Barbara, CA

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### Council Business Meeting May 14 Meeting Cancelled

Officer Elections to be held in June, some how, some way. We will keep you posted.

Our slate of officers is (note no change, except for Chaplain):

- Chaplain—TBD, awaiting arrival of **Fr. Otieno**
- Grand Knight—**Mike Bates**
- Deputy Grand Knight—**Doug Dillmann**
- Financial Secretary—**James Halama**
- Treasurer—**John Ernst**
- Chancellor—**James Bartz**
- Recorder—**Bob Rauko**
- Advocate—**Joshua Bates**
- Warden—**Wayne Decker**
- Lecturer—**Bill Lintner**
- Inside Guard—**Patrick O'Connor**
- Outside Guard—**Dave Abhalter**
- Trustees - **Glen Kussman, Ken DiIulio, Tom Perez**

As always, anyone may request to place their name or others in nomination. Please contact **GK Mike Bates** (630-836-0223) if you wish to added to the officer slate for election.



### Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

The Ladies of Columbus annual meeting on May 11 has been canceled due to the continued lockdown. May is when we hold our elections.

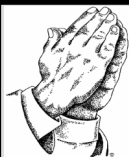
**Pat Kemp**, as a member of the nominating committee, came up with the following slate of officers:

- President - **Pat Kemp**
- Vice President - **Terri Kussman**
- Treasurer - **Mary Wombold**
- Secretary - **Bonnie DiIulio**
- Trustees - **Sandy Decker, Becky Hatfield, Cathy Kott**
- Chancellor - **Anita Masters**
- Chaplain - **Loreta Janasius**

If anyone would like to run for one of these offices, other than who is listed, please contact me before May 8. You can email me at [cakott1210@att.net](mailto:cakott1210@att.net) or call me at 630-393-9543.

Stay safe and healthy,  
**Cathy Kott**  
LOC President

### Membership Recruitment 24x7 by You



### 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.**



### Fourth Degree News

Our May 13 Assembly Meeting will be held via Zoom Video Conference starting at 6:30 PM to pray the Rosary. With no dinner planned, the meeting will start at 7:00 PM. Officer elections will be held. [The proposed slate of officers is available by clicking this link.](#)

#### Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85809987601>.  
Meeting ID: 858 0998 7601  
Dial: 312-626-6799  
Meeting ID: 858 0998 7601

### 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 DiIulio (630-747-3673)
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)
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.

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## Grand Knight's Corner

Hope you're all staying healthy and haven't gone too crazy cooped up at home. While COVID-19 has curtailed group events. There is some activity to report in our Council. A slate of prospective officers has been made for the coming fraternal year. Everyone is set to remain in their current positions. Our new pastor, Fr. Clive will be invited to become our Chaplain when he arrives. We will once again be offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating student at St. Irene School in our annual essay contest. Perhaps we can arrange an award presentation for the recipient when COVID-19 restrictions have eased. There has been discussion of having a virtual council meeting soon. Since I'm electronically challenged I will leave technical details in more capable hands. You don't want me in charge-trust me.

It's become very clear that the COVID crisis is going to be with us for some time to come, but don't lose hope. As the signs in front of the church say, "Be not afraid." Let's keep praying, have faith, be patient and kind.

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



## 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.

## ProLife Special Olympics

Celebrate the worth and dignity of every human being through the Special Olympics. Knights of Columbus councils can work with Special Olympics affiliates to determine how best to fund, sponsor or volunteer for events in the local community. The Knights of Columbus has a unique partnership with the Special Olympics and has helped disabled athletes train for and compete in games around the world.



Knights of Columbus councils have assisted with all aspects of the program from fundraising to feeding the athletes, organizing and judging events, and providing equipment and awards. Without the support of the Knights, participants would not be able to train for the events that they love. Participating councils provide at least \$2,000 in donations or 200 service hours in a fraternal year.

**PGK Jack Gorski**

## 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-irenekofc.org](http://st-irenekofc.org). Select Directory Tab. Password is "mcgivney5".



## Maintenance at City Signs Adopt-A-Sign!

The Council's task of maintaining perennial plantings surrounding the "Welcome to Warrenville" signs to remove weeds is now difficult. Must do social distancing.

I suggest for this season we adopt-a-sign and maintain that sign individually. The signs to adopt are:

- Warrenville Rd & Herrick
- Diehl Rd (no need here, maintained by Cantera)
- River Rd & Raymond:
- Route 59 & Willow-front of sign
- Route 59 & Willow-back of sign

Please let me know which sign you wish to adopt. Since the Hwy 59 sign is usually a large job, I split it in two.

I suggest we use a similar schedule as in previous years. I propose the following dates: May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, Sept. 12. You do not necessarily need to follow the schedule precisely.

Whenever, you visit your sign, take a selfie and send it to me so I can document and include you in the KC newsletter.



## A Letter of Support from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson



March 11, 2020

Dear Fraternal Leader,

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.

Carl A. Anderson  
Supreme Knight

tenure as its shepherd. We assure the bishop of our continuing prayer especially for his good health. May his retirement be a blessed time. We feel fortunate that he intends to remain with us in the diocese. We look forward to celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving and reception in his honor soon." Bishop Pates said.

Bishop Conlon was appointed to his current post on May 17, 2011 and installed on July 14, 2011. On December 27, 2019, Pope Francis granted Bishop Conlon a medical leave of absence.

Statement from Bishop R. Daniel Conlon

Joliet, IL (May 4, 2020) – What a great privilege and blessing to serve as the Bishop of Joliet for the past nine years. Now I am grateful to Pope Francis for accepting my request to resign from that office and move into a new phase of life.

2019 was a challenging year for me. I experienced a lot of stress and fatigue, which I did not always handle well, along with some serious medical issues, plus the death of my best friend. I knew I needed a break. The leave of absence the Holy Father granted me at the beginning of this year was a huge blessing. I experienced personal healing and was able to recognize that, at 71, I am no longer able to carry the burden of leadership of a large diocese.

I am very grateful to the people of this diocese, for their faith and the generosity with which they use their gifts for the sake of the Gospel. We are blessed with wonderful priests and deacons, men and women religious and, of course, beautiful lay men and women, young and old. My hope is to continue to live

and minister among you and even reside in one of our rectories.

Finally, I want to thank the members of the diocesan curia who have worked closely with me to provide leadership and service. They are talented and dedicated people. More recently on the scene is Bishop Richard Pates, who came out of retirement to serve as Apostolic Administrator during my leave of absence and is staying until the Pope appoints a new bishop for the diocese. Thank you, Bishop Pates.

Confident in the love, mercy and power of God, we are always able to "Take Courage."

**Diocese of Joliet**



### Pope Francis Accepts the Resignation of Bishop Conlon

Joliet, IL (May 4, 2020) – Pope Francis today announced that he has accepted the resignation of the Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon as the Bishop of Joliet and appointed Bishop Richard E. Pates,

Bishop Emeritus of Des Moines, as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese. Bishop Pates has been serving in this capacity while Bishop Conlon has been on medical leave. "On behalf of the entire diocese, I extend to Bishop Conlon heartfelt thanks for the dedicated and effective ministry that he has rendered the Diocese of Joliet during his



## 29 Pints Collected at April 4 Blood Drive

Turnout was much lighter at the drive, but nevertheless, 29 pints of needed blood were collected. Thanks to all who came out to contribute and help with the drive.

Six-foot social distancing was practiced.



## Mary Berg St. Irene 2020 Woman of the Year

Without any fanfare, Mary Berg was honored May 3 as St. Irene Woman of the Year. Please extend your congratulations. The KofC 4th degree Honor Guard misses the Crowning of the Blessed Virgin statue outside of the St. Irene School.



### 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.



## 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**

## 2020 Illinois State K of C Convention Will be a Virtual Convention

The Face to Face State Convention of 2020 at the Westin Hotel in Lombard is cancelled and a Virtual State Convention will be how we will do the State Organization Meeting this Year.

This year’s convention will be held via interactive tele-link to your computer, both on May 16 to present Resolution, and on May 23 for awards presentations and election of officers. Both sessions are expected to last 3 hours. Convention delegates only will receive instructions for the tele-link.

**GK Mike Bates  
and  
DGK Doug Dillmann**  
will serve as Council Delegates.



### Council Polo Shirt Order Form

Turn Orders in by: \_\_\_\_\_

- Make your selections and attach a check payable to: Action Screen Print
- No refunds or exchanges since these items are customized.
- For more info, please contact Ray Scott at: Captainscott@aol.com

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

Below, Print the Name as you want it to appear on the garment.	Size	Qty	Total

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- Side vents

- XS-XL = \$32.95
- 2X = \$34.98
- 3X = \$36.45
- 4X = \$37.98
- 5X = \$41.98
- 6X = \$43.98

- LTall-XLTall = \$32.98
- 2xTall = \$33.98
- 3xTall = \$37.98
- 4xTall = \$39.98

Polo Color: Strong Blue



## Council Has Facebook Page!

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/KofC6710> Or on Facebook, search for Knights of Columbus pages; select our page and then choose to **Like** the page. on Facebook.

## Knights' Calendar

May		Knights of Columbus Eye Glass and DME Drive— <i>Suspended</i>
May 11	7:-00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Business Meeting cancelled
May 13	6:30 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly Zoom meeting
May 14	7:30 PM	Council Business meeting—cancelled
June 11	7:30 PM	Council Business meeting—likely to be Zoom meeting & officer elections
June 27		Council Officer installation—Event TBD; date may change
July 3-4		Warrenville Fourth-of-July Events cancelled—Council food booth cancelled

*Calendar of Events for June is too uncertain. Will provide scheduled events in the June 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!**

## May Birthdays

Colleen Brummel	May 2	Stephen Brummel	May 17
Charles Ingram	May 2	Peggy Burgermeister	May 17
Mary Geary	May 3	Steven Pyszka	May 19
Robert True	May 4	Julie Duquette	May 20
Amber Mitchell	May 6	Karen Ernst	May 20
Yvonne Stevens	May 7	Daniel Leonard	May 21
Jeanne Kleinwachter	May 9	Margaret Doucette	May 23
Diana Banigan	May 12	Alta Halama	May 25
Barbara Olson	May 12	Jennifer Kempiak	May 26
Alan Jarsius	May 14	Lois Hitchcock	May 27
Denise Allen	May 15	Colin Wilkie	May 28
Marcello Alleruzzo	May 15	Matthew Kilroy	May 29
Wayne Decker	May 16	Maggie Nagode	May 29
Kelley Higgins	May 16	Donna Janiec	May 31
Allison Looby	May 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/](http://www.fathermcgivney.org/)

## May Wedding Anniversaries

Martin & Sue Kometz	May 1	David & Sue Cirock	May 17
Barbara & Bruce Olson	May 3	Thomas & Dianne Taylor	May 17
Michael & Teresa Hoffman	May 6	Joseph & Barbara Schrage	May 20
John & Nancy Markendorf	May 8	Andrew & Donna Seiberlich	May 21
Anthony & Joan Parrino	May 11	Kenneth & Barbara Intihar	May 24
Jeffrey & Mary Wombold	May 11	Joseph & Susan Kubal	May 26
John & Katie Augustynowicz	May 12	Christopher & Terry Neigel	May 28

\*\*\* 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.