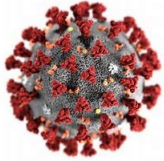




# knights of st. irene

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Warrenville, IL



## COVID-19 Coronavirus Outbreak Continues to force Closure and Cancellation of all Church and KC Council functions yet for the foreseeable future

Re-opening is the main topic of discussion, including our Church. The Joliet Diocese has published guidelines for re-opening of the parishes. St. Irene's has published its re-opening plan on the parish web site ([link](#)). This plan is preliminary, only, and is asking for parishioners to help further develop the plan. There are no additional plans put forward by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus at this time.

**All Masses are  
Suspended!**

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## St. Irene Staff Letter Excerpts (6/1/2020)

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As you all know, after 21 years, Father Jim will be retiring in June. While we will not be able to celebrate Father Jim in the way we had hoped at this time, we wanted to reassure you that our original plans of a Mass and picnic celebration will take place sometime when our restrictions have been lifted. Several of you have been asking how we will celebrate Father during this pandemic. There are a few things we have planned to honor his departure.

Important Dates:

- June 9 - Fr. Jim is scheduled to move out of the rectory.
- June 14 at 10 AM - Fr. Jim's last live streamed Mass.
- (Although he may pre-record the Masses of June 21 and 28)
- July 1 - Fr. Clive Otieno officially joins us.

Here are some ways you can help us celebrate Fr. Jim and his retirement from our community:

- Flood Fr. Jim's Yard with Messages - We invite you to make a sign, poster, balloons, however creative you want to be, and stake

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## Council Business Meeting June 11 to be a Virtual Meeting

We are scheduling a **Virtual Council Meeting** to occur at the regular time of 7:30 PM on June 11. The main business is officer elections. The slate of officers is listed on page 2.

The virtual meeting will be by Zoom (See Page 5). A computer is NOT necessary. You may join by phone.

You must request in advance to receive access instructions for the meeting. Contact **FS James Halama** by email, or call 630-433-6240.



## There is Still Time to 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.

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Our slate of officers is:

- 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 his name or others in nomination. Please contact **GK Mike Bates** (630-836-0223) if you wish to added to the officer



### Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

Greetings from the Auxiliary. Hope all are well and enjoying this beautiful weather. With the many changes in our lives because of the new norm, all the activities we had planned for this year are on hold. Hopefully, in the next few months we will be able to resume some of the activities. Until then we will be having our monthly meetings via Zoom. If anyone is interested in joining the Auxiliary Board for these meetings please contact me, [patkemp2004@yahoo.com](mailto:patkemp2004@yahoo.com).

#### New Officers are

- 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**

**Pat Kemp**  
LA President



### Fourth Degree News

The next Bishop Blanchett Assembly meeting on June 10, formerly scheduled for St. Joan of Arc, will be a Zoom Meeting. Access information will be sent to members by email.

### 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".



### Pray for Our Loved Ones

Pray for the health & recovery **Marc Alleruzzo, Erich Pavel, Fr. Jim, Sam Vitale, Pat Wehner, Beverly Scott, Rachel Jaraisus, and Charlie Fahrenwald.**

**Membership Recruitment**  
24x7 by You

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

<b>Council Officers 2019-2020</b>	
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)
<b>Insurance Agent</b>	<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

<b>Committee Directors</b>	
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

We had our first and hopefully last Virtual State Convention May 16 and 23. In a few short hours we selected delegates for the Supreme Convention, listened to speeches

from the State Chaplain, Supreme, State Deputy, Membership and Program Directors, remembered departed Brother Knights and passed 29 Resolutions. Awards were also presented for Knight, Family and Insurance Agent of the Year. Congratulations to **Matt Kling** who won this year's Insurance Agent award.

A common theme from many of our speakers was a call to serve. As **Supreme Knight Carl Anderson** said, "As we mark our Order's 138th anniversary amid the Covid-19 pandemic, the need for the Knights of Columbus is greater than ever before...Our world needs Knights who will step out of the breach as sterling examples of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, offering a helping hand where one may be needed during this challenging moment in history." Let's see what we can do.

I am pleased to announce that **PGK Glen Kussman** has accepted the position of Charity Ambassador for our Council. His duties will involve keeping track of council charity goals and encouraging participation in state charity programs. Congratulations Glen, I'm sure you'll do a fine job.

After 22 years as our Pastor and Brother Knight at St. Irene's **Father Jim** will be retiring this month. Thank you for leading our faith community with such devotion and enthusiasm for so many years. Although we can't be together to celebrate at this time, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and we wish you the best.

Just one more announcement, **District Deputy Ed Szeftc** would like us to find one new member to join our Council. If you know anyone, please ask.

Vivat Jesus!  
GK Mike Bates



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

All the signs were visited in May. Thank you to who ventured on their own to weed! The next dates are June 13, July 11, August 8, Sept. 12. You do not necessarily need to follow the schedule precisely.



Also **GK Mike Bates** weeded the Ferry Rd sign, and **PGK Bob Rauko** weeded the Hwy 59 sign.

### ProLife

Statement of U.S. Bishop Chairmen in Wake of Death of George Floyd and National Protests, May 29, 2020

WASHINGTON – Seven U.S. bishop chairmen of committees within the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops have issued a statement in the wake of the death of Mr. George Floyd and the protests which have broken out in Minneapolis and in other cities in the United States....

We are broken-hearted, sickened, and outraged to watch another video of an African American man being killed before our very eyes. What's more astounding is that this is happening within mere weeks of several other such occurrences. This is the latest wake-up call that needs to be answered by each of us in a spirit of determined conversion.

Racism is not a thing of the past or simply a throwaway political issue to be bandied about when convenient. It is a real and present danger that must be met head on. As members of the Church, we must stand for the more difficult right and just actions instead of the easy wrongs of indifference. We cannot turn a blind eye to these atrocities and yet still try to profess to respect every human life. We serve a God of love, mercy, and justice.

While it is expected that we will plead for peaceful non-violent protests, and we certainly do, we also stand in passionate support of communities that are understandably outraged. Too many communities around this country feel their voices are not being heard, their complaints about racist treatment are unheeded, and we are not doing enough to point out that this deadly treatment is antithetical to the Gospel of Life.

As we said eighteen months ago in our most recent pastoral letter against racism, Open Wide Our Hearts, for people of color some interactions with police can be fraught with fear and even danger. People of good con-

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### June 15—Virtual Fraternal Benefits Night hosted by Matthew Kling K of C Insurance Agent

You are invited to participate. On Monday evening June 15 at 7:00 PM, Matt Kling will be hosting a virtual Knights of Columbus - Fraternal Benefits Evening via Zoom. The meeting will be open to all KC Members as an opportunity for both new and prospective members to learn more about who we are, in addition to membership and fraternal benefits with The Order. Topics life insurance, disability income, long-term care, retirement, and other.

If you are interested, please return your request by replying to **PGK James Halama** by Friday, June 5. The corresponding flyer to the program can be downloaded here. The Zoom link will be sent to all who have responded.

James Halama  
Financial Secretary  
Council 6710



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# SUMMER OF LOVE

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**Saturday June 27**  
7:00 AM – 11:30 AM

**WARRENVILLE BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. IRENE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
28W441 WARRENVILLE RD., WARRENVILLE  
Drive will be in the Lower Level Activity Center  
7:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Blood Drive is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus 6710, VFW Post 8081, Lions Club and American Legion Post 589.

To sign up to donate, please visit [www.versiti.org/IL](http://www.versiti.org/IL) or call/text Camille from Versiti at 847-305-9998. Appointments are encouraged. Photo ID required.

Safe social distancing measures will be in place to ensure donor safety. Keeping in compliance with our state's ordinance, donors will be required to bring and wear face masks during the donation process.

Helpful tip: Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

**HELP US SECURE A HEALTHY BLOOD SUPPLY!**

Call 847-305-9998 for more information.



### News About \$1000 St Irene School Scholarship Award

The Council has yet to award its annual \$1000 High School scholarship. This delay is because of the pandemic. Applications have been sent to St. Irene Grade School eighth graders, they have been returned and judged. The Council has yet to identify a Council member who is to be recognized.

The Eighth grade graduation ceremony has not occurred as of yet. The hope is to have a ceremony later in the summer, but no firm plans have been made yet.

We plan to wait on the school's ceremony to make the announcement of the winner. If the graduation ceremony does not occur before the end of June, we plan to inform the winner's parents in July, and make the official announcement at School's ceremony (Date TDB) or at our monthly meeting.

**Justin Wagner**

### 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 AM 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



### 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.



### Miracle Approved! Father McGivney to be Beatified!

ROME – The Vatican today (May 27) announced that Pope Francis approved the promulgation of a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, a Connecticut priest who served his flock during the pandemic of 1890, before himself becoming ill and dying of pneumonia.

The pope's action means that Father McGivney can be declared "Blessed," the step just prior to sainthood. An additional miracle attributed to Father McGivney's intercession will be required for his canonization as a saint.

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his yard between these times: Friday, June 5, Noon – Saturday June 6, 6pm.

- Send a Card or Note – You can either mail a card or letter to Fr. Jim Antiporek (28W441 Warrenville Road) or drop it in the bin on his side porch when you decorate his yard. (This will be brought in overnight.)

While we know this is not the way we anticipated our time with Fr. Jim coming to a close, we know that we can still honor his incredible devotion and years of service to us while we anticipate the joy of celebrating together once again as a community.

We are holding you all in our hearts during this time away. Stay well and be safe.

St. Irene Parish Staff

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science must never turn a blind eye when citizens are being deprived of their human dignity and even their lives. Indifference is not an option. “As bishops, we unequivocally state that racism is a life issue.”

We join Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda of St. Paul and Minneapolis in praying for the repose of the soul of Mr. George Floyd and all others who have lost their lives in a similar manner. We plead for an end to the violence in the wake of this tragedy and for the victims of the rioting. We pray for comfort for grieving families and friends. We pray for peace across the United States, particularly in Minnesota, while the legal process moves forward. We also anticipate a full investigation that results in rightful accountability and actual justice.

We join our brother bishops to challenge everyone to come together, particularly with those who are from different cultural backgrounds. In this encounter, let us all seek greater understanding amongst God’s people. So many people who historically have been disenfranchised continue to experience sadness and pain, yet they endeavor to persevere and remain people of great faith. We encourage our pastors to encounter and more authentically accompany them, listen to their stories, and learn from them, finding substantive ways to enact systemic change. Such encounters will start to bring about the needed transformation of our understanding of true life, charity, and justice in the United States. Hopefully, then there will be many voices speaking out and seeking healing against the evil of racism in our land.

As we anticipate the Solemnity of Pentecost this weekend, we call upon all Catholics to pray and work toward a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Let us pray for a supernatural desire to rid ourselves of the harm that bias and prejudice cause. We call upon Catholics to pray to the Holy Spirit for the Spirit of Truth to touch the hearts of all in the United States and to come down upon our criminal justice and law enforcement systems. Finally, let each and every Catholic, regardless of their ethnicity, beg God to heal our deeply broken view of each other, as well as our deeply broken society.



### 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.



### Council Polo Shirt Order Form

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- 2x-Tall = \$33.98
- 3x-Tall = \$37.98
- 4x-Tall = \$39.98

### Council 6710 Web Site!



Check out our site [www.st-irenekofc.org](http://www.st-irenekofc.org) (note the graphic has been updated). The main page has a blog of current postings, menu selections for Council Activities, directory, newsletter archive, links to Facebook pages, Bible verse of the Day, and much more.



### 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

June 10	6:30 PM	Bishop Blanchett Assembly meeting—by Zoom-instructions will be emailed
June 11	7:30 PM	Council Business meeting—likely to be Zoom meeting & officer elections
June 15	7:00 PM	Virtual Benefits by Zoom—contact PGK James Halama by June 5
June 27	7:00 AM	KC/VFW Blood Drive—St. Irene Activities Center; appointments required 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 July Newsletter***



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## June Birthdays

Stuart Aschauer	June 3	Nancy Markendorf	June 18
Carol Walsh	June 4	James Bartz	June 19
Anthony Parrino	June 5	William Lintner	June 20
Richard Behrens	June 6	Douglas True	June 20
Jaclyn Bosoli	June 7	Annette Hanson	June 22
Sue Cirock	June 7	Gloria Wilger	June 23
David Abhalter	June 8	William Constable	June 24
Beverly Scott	June 11	Michelle Horan	June 24
Daniel Cyrus	June 13	Loreta Jarasius	June 24
Judy Wilkie	June 14	Pamela Schefke	June 24
John Gorski	June 16	Dolores Dieter	June 25
Katie Polkow	June 17	Karen Graney	June 30
Andrew Seiberlich	June 16		



### The Father McGiveny 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/)

## June Wedding Anniversaries

Mark & Filomena Jarosz	June 1	Thomas & Elaine Perez	June 19
Matthew & Mary Jo Kulzick	June 2	Mark & Karen Rurka	June 24
Patrick & Mary Ann Lawinger	June 2	John & Jacqueline Huttenhoff	June 25
Eric & Cathy Fladeland	June 6	Charles & Debbie Ingram	June 25
James & Leora Mowbray	June 16	Connie & Gary Dyas	June 27
Wayne & Sandra Decker	June 17		

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