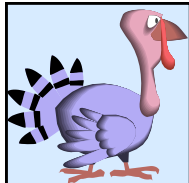




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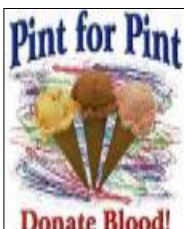
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Annual Turkey Shoot & Card Party— Cancelled

The annual event held the Third Friday of Each November will not occur due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

I am looking forward to 2021 for the event to re-occur. Let's all hope!



Dec. 5—KC/VFW Blood Drive

The next blood drive will be held from 7:00 AM—Noon at VFW Hall, Warrenville. As with blood drives this ongoing year, please register in advance at the [Versiti of Illinois web page](#). Walk-ins are also accepted.



Schedule of St. Irene Masses & Events

Daily Masses

Daily Masses will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00 AM. Also, Wednesdays at 12:00 PM. No registration is required at this time. Masses will be live streamed and recorded. See below for links.

Holy Hour of Adoration

Join us for a holy hour and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday at 3:00 PM. No registration is required at this time. The holy hour will be live streamed.

Saturday Reconciliation

Fr. Clive will be doing “drive-thru” reconciliations on Saturdays from 3:30-4:30 PM. He will be seated outside in front of church. Simply drive-up, follow directions from traffic monitors, stay in your car, and wear your mask. There will be no direct contact.

Saturday Mass

Saturday Masses will be held at 5:00 PM. Registration is required. Mass will be live streamed and recorded. See below for links.

Sunday Mass

Sunday Masses will continue to be live streamed at 10:00 AM and a recording will be available afterwards on:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StIreneChurch/>
- Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmMeIs6ydHjTJD98ZZb_VcA

The link to register for Mass at St. Irene is https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmMeIs6ydHjTJD98ZZb_VcA. If you have any questions, please contact us at the Parish Office 630-393-2400.



Council Virtual Tootsie Roll Drive Raises \$5105

The first “ever” virtual drive using the GoFundMe platform was a resounding success. The drive was conducted over a two month period through September and October. We thank everyone who contributed to the virtual drive.

The total donations from the platform was \$4,665 from 62 donors (38 were non-Council members. In addition \$440 was donated directly to the Council by cash and checks. The only cost for the drive was associated with the GoFundMe platform fees of \$154.87 (3.3% of gross donations).

Katie Kostner (daughter of **Brother Knight Richard Kostner**) performed a special LIVE concert on Fa-

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Virtual Council Business Meeting Nov. 12

We have scheduled a **Virtual Council Business Meeting** to occur at the regular time of 7:30 PM on Thursday Nov. 12

The virtual meeting will be by Zoom (See Page 2). A computer is NOT necessary. You may join by phone.

An email will be sent as a reminder to all KC members on Monday Nov. 9.

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Council Business Meeting Nov. 12 at 7:30 PM

This is a virtual meeting. Join as follows:
 Topic: K of C Council Meeting
 Time: Nov. 12, 2020 07:30 PM Central Time

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://luc.zoom.us/j/89604060054>

Meeting ID: 896 0406 0054

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Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

The LOC and KOC once again joined forces to supply winter coats to children in need. Since the St Irene's food pantry is still closed, coats were distributed at Johnson School by **Cathy Kott and Glen & Terri Kussman**. A huge thank you to Glen & Terri for taking a giant step forward in finding the extra coats we needed for this year's winter coat donation. Their effort is greatly appreciated.

If you haven't had a chance to buy your Vocational Raffle tickets as yet, please contact **Missy Kemp at 630-460-3704** or **Bonnie Diluilo at 630-808-5565**. This fundraiser helps us buy the winter coats needed by children in our community.

The LOC welcomes a new member, **Bertha Smith**. We are very happy to have you as a member.

Pat Kemp
 LA President



Fourth Degree News

Our Next Bishop Blanchette meeting is Nov.11 by Zoom. Watch for future email for Zoom link.



Council 6710 Web Site!

Check out our site 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.



Pray for Our Loved Ones

Pray for the health & recovery
Anita Masters, Mary Kosmach, Marcello Alleruzzo, Erich Pavel, Karen Ernst, Pat Wehner, Beverly Scott, Rachel Jaraisus, Tina Pittman, and Charlie Fahrenwald.

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. Select Directory Tab. Password is "mcgivney5".

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Insurance Agent	Glen Kussman (630-393-6545)
	Matthew Kling (630-485-8705)

Business Meetings: 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM
Meeting Location: Meetings are virtual by Zoom until further notice

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Membership Director	Ray Scott (630-393-0868)
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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

Hey, y'all. This is Josh, and I did this month too. Hope you enjoy!

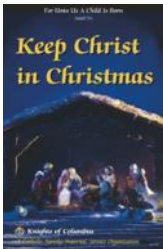
As this month draws to a close and another begins, we must take time to acknowledge the saints, known and forgotten, and, in turn, prepare ourselves for Advent and Jesus' birth, also known as Christmas. Yes, we will be setting up for Christmas. No set day yet, but probably the Saturday before Advent starts, which is the 21st of November. (And we can finally get that angel out of the kitchen that Dad's been working on, Hallelujah!) The GoFundMe has ended, thank you to all who donated and a huge thank you to **PGK Jim Halama**, and all who assisted in setting up and maintaining the page. Our virtual Tootsie Roll Drive would have been impossible without you.

Some news from the Vatican, **Father McGivney** is set to be formally beatified on October 31st by **Pope Francis**. Hopefully we will soon be able to call him a saint.

As far as I know, nothing else is happening, the virus is still here (just go away already, geez!). Veteran's day is coming up too, on November 11. Remember all who served and those who have gone before us. Thanksgiving is also a thing, I guess. No Turkey Shoot this year, but, God-willing, we can still get together with family and enjoy the regular Thanksgiving activities.

Signing off for now,

Vivat Jesus!
Josh Bates,
aka, GK Mike Bates



Nov. 21—Council to Decorate for Christmas

The Council will decorate the grounds around St. Irene Church on Saturday, November 21. Decorating starts at 8:00 AM. On the front of the church, we will put up wreaths and garland with lights on them.

Other areas of the grounds will get garlands, wreaths, lights, manger, etc. There will be coffee, donuts, and juice. The following Saturday Nov. 28 will be a backup date if the weather is bad.

Please come at any time and for any length of time that you are available. The more help we have, the faster we finish! We need to finish by 3:00 pm before the start of the "drive-thru" reconciliations at 3:30 pm. I will bring ladders and poles to put up lights. Please bring anything that might help with the decorating.

This would be a great starter activity for any member who is new or has not participated in any of our council's activities.

If you are planning to volunteer, please call **PGK Bob Rauko** (630) 337-1568 or email to rauko@comcast.net.

ProLife Culture of Life

From this month's Columbia Magazine

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS has played a leading roll in the Pro-Life movement for over 50 years. Brother Knights were there in 1974 to help organize the first March for Life in Washington DC. The next year, we provided a grant of \$50,000 to the US Bishops to support their pastoral pro-life efforts. And we have been supporting both efforts ever since.

Since the Supreme Court's decision in Roe v Wade, we have called for that "exercise in raw judicial power" to be overturned. And we have urged Congress and the states to enact pro-life legislation.

In 1976, Supreme Knight John McDevitt said this in his report to the Supreme Convention: "We must not be taken in by candidates who state that they are personally opposed to abortion but assert it would be wrong to impose their conviction on others.... Killing innocent human life is so monumental an injustice that [w]e must disagree with the contention made in the platform of a major American political party that it is 'undesirable ... to overturn the Supreme Court decision' in Roe v Wade."

From the earliest days of the pro-life movement, the Knights of Columbus has had a three-part strategy to defend unborn children: mobilizing nationwide support through the annual March for Life; supporting the pastoral ministry of our nation's bishops; and working to restore legal protection to unborn children in our courts and legislatures.

Now we have added three initiatives which I believe may be decisive in our efforts to build a new culture of life.

The first began in 2004 with the Sisters of Life. Their founder, a champion of the pro-life movement, John Cardinal O'Connor, shared these words with the Sisters in 1998: "I have said from the very beginning — before we ever had a community and before we came into existence as the Sisters of Life — that one day we would have a big retreat center: a place of peace, a place of tranquility, a place of light and refreshment, a place of love."

That place became reality in 2004, when the Knights of Columbus purchased a property in Stamford, Conn, that became Villa Maria Guadalupe, a pro-life retreat center operated by the Sisters of Life.

Villa Maria Guadalupe exists to spiritually sustain the faithful women and men who have sacrificed so much to build a culture of life. It is a source of healing for women the aftermath of abortion, and a safe place to help courageous women choose life despite all odds. Already, thousands and thousands of lives have been changed and many saved by the Sisters of Life at Villa Maria Guadalupe.

Second, in 2008, we began an annual national survey on abortion with the respected Marist Poll to better understand public attitudes on abortion and help shape the national discussion.

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In a series of groundbreaking findings, the polling revealed that, among other things, 3 out of 4 Americans — including 6 out of 10 of those who describe themselves as “pro-choice” — want significant restrictions on abortion.

Then, in 2009, we began our Ultrasound Initiative to place new ultrasound machines in pregnancy resource centers. Since that time, we have placed more than 1200 ultrasound machines with a total value of more than \$60 million.

Now, if one ultrasound machine prevents only one abortion a week, our program would save 60,000 lives this year. The Knights of Columbus has already helped save hundreds of thousands of unborn children.

As I have said before, our Ultrasound Initiative is the greatest humanitarian achievement in the history of the Knights of Columbus. It is building the culture of life on heart and one child at a time.

After this year’s March for Life in Washington DC, I welcomed a new pro-life Native American organization, Life is Sacred, to the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. The group’s mission statement is worth repeating. It reads, “In the past too few stood by to defend the lives of our people, and so we are here to stand for the lives of all people, born and unborn.”

Pope Francis has written that the “defense of the innocent unborn needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred.” (Guadete Exsultate, 101).

Encouraged by these words, we will continue to build a culture of life in all the nations in which we are active. Earlier this summer, we received disappointing news from the US Supreme Court when it struck down a pro-life law in Louisiana, with five justices insisting they had to respect the Court’s past decisions.

Now, respecting past decisions is important. But what if the earlier decisions are based on a falsehood or even numerous falsehoods? What then?

Why should the Supreme Court respect an earlier decision when it’s premise is false? This is exactly the problem with *Roe v Wade*. It is based on the falsehood that we do not know if the child before birth is a human life. Now, if you doubt that, look at any one of the thousands of ultrasound pictures taken each year in the United States. The other falsehood, of course, is that there is a right to abortion in the US Constitution.

Roe v Wade is false as to both science and law. And so, what does one do when a court’s decision is wrong?

One works to overturn it; to mobilize national protests against it; to educate the public about it; to help women heal who have been hurt by it; and to help prevent more women from being hurt by it; and of course, to rescue unborn children from its deadly consequences.

All these things, and more, the Knights of Columbus has done. And all these things, and more, the Knights of Columbus will do until that day when our nation embraces a new culture of life.

**Provided by PGK Jack Gorski
Pro-Life Chair Council 6710**



Change in our Lives

We all experience change in some form, for example, we:

- Change our clothes
- Change our minds
- Change our opinions
- Change our affiliations

We hope the change is for the good: clean clothes to replace soiled ones, or informed opinions to replace random minds.

What we hope all of you keep your affiliation with and continued intelligent work for the Knights, especial Council 6710.

In this difficult time of political turmoil, stay focused, stay alert and stay true and loyal to the ideals of the Knights of Columbus.

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Blessed Michael McGivney



**Knights of Columbus Founder
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Oct. 10—Fatima Rosary Prayer Rally Supported by Knights and Ladies Auxiliary



Pictured are **PGK Ray** and **Beverly Scott**, **Bonnie DiIulio**, and **Richard Planek** located in front of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Curtis Ave., Warrenville.

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cebook and Instagram supporting our St. Irene Intellectual Disabilities Fund Drive on Oct. 28. Katie is a Junior at Wheaton Warrenville South High School and is well known throughout the Warrenville area having performed for several events and businesses including the Warrenville Park District and the Warrenville Fourth of July Celebration! During the Stay at Home orders that started this past March, Katie started doing "Live" shows on Facebook/Instagram that lasted about 30 minutes or so with a different theme each week.



Her followers have grown. Her live concert yielded 8 donations for a total of \$160. Congratulations Katie!



Knights and Ladies Auxiliary Conduct Coats-For-Kids Drive

Again this year, the Ladies Auxiliary and our Council participated in the Coats-For-Kids drive. On Oct. 28, four boxes of 12 coats each were distributed at the Johnson School by **Cathy Kott** and **PGK Glen and Terri Kussman**. The total cost for the coats was \$1023.63 which will be shared between the Council and Ladies Auxiliary.



St. Irene School Corner

Naperville Meats Fundraiser



We are continuing to partner with Naperville Meats as an ongoing monthly fundraiser to raise funds toward the purchase of Chrome books and additional technology and supplies to continue to support our students, staff and faculty. Stay tuned for the next opportunity to order next month

If you have any questions please contact Maggie Callaghan: (630) 689-7494 or callaghanmj@yahoo.com.



2020 Knights of Columbus Eyeglass Drive

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus and Lions International, we wish to thank those that participated in the 2020 Eyeglass Drive. Even though the pandemic cut our drive short this year, nearly 150 pairs of eyeglasses were donated by the St. Irene Church community to help the underprivileged that experience visual acuity problems. Thank you for your generosity to this worthy cause! "



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.

Membership Recruitment
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Knights' Calendar

Nov. 11	7:30 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting by Zoom. Check email for Zoom link.
Nov. 12	7:30 PM	Virtual Council business meeting—see page 2 for detail
Nov. 21	8:00 AM	Council decorates St. Irene grounds for Christmas
Nov. 26		Happy Thanksgiving—Stay Safe
Dec. 5	7:00 AM	KC VFW Blood Drive—VFW Hall, Warrenville
Dec. 10	7:30 PM	Virtual Council business meeting
Dec. 21		Winter Begins
Dec. 25		Merry Christmas—Stay Safe



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November Birthdays

Scott Pointner	Nov. 1	Gary Polkow	Nov. 15
Kathy Limp	Nov. 3	Burton Minor	Nov. 19
Leora Mowbray	Nov. 5	Christopher Neigel	Nov. 20
Jennifer Yuen	Nov. 5	Cathi Zoran	Nov. 20
Jean DeLuco	Nov. 6	Sandi Gorski	Nov. 22
Christopher Hanson	Nov. 8	Eric Fladeland	Nov. 23
John Markendorf	Nov. 9	Denise Kenealy	Nov. 23
Beverly Murphy	Nov. 9	Patrick Lawinger	Nov. 23
Helen McQuaid	Nov. 13	David Cirock	Nov. 24
Charles Burchett	Nov. 14	Carole Tadavich	Nov. 26
Angelita (Lita) Yusi	Nov. 14	Patrick O'Connor	Nov. 27
Thomas Perez	Nov. 15	Carolyn Vitale	Nov. 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/

November Wedding Anniversaries

Butch & Pamela Kuhn	Nov. 2	James & Denise Allen	Nov. 25
Joseph & Patti Eganhouse	Nov. 10	George & Mary Kosmach	Nov. 25
James & Deborah Smithy	Nov. 17	Nick & Elizabeth Battaglia	Nov. 26
Michael & Denise Kenealy	Nov. 24	Stuart & Bobbi Aschauer	Nov. 29

*** If your birthday or anniversary date is missing or incorrect, contact **PGK James Halama** (630-433-6240) or jrhalama@comcast.net to make the corrections.