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Remember Valentines Day!

St. Irene Grade School to Close

On Jan. 8, Fr. Clive announced that the St. Irene Grade school will close at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. He stated "This is a letter that no pastor wants to write. As you are aware, St. Irene School has struggled for years. Low enrollment numbers have forced a greater reliance on the parish subsidy to support the school. The challenges of COVID have only intensified the enrollment concerns.

After consultation with the Diocesan Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer, the recommendation to suspend operations was made. **Bishop Hicks** has accepted that recommendation."

Feb. 7, 2021—Virtual KC Super Bowl Raffle & Party



If you have not yet, consider participating in the 25th Annual Knights of Columbus Super Bowl Raffle to be on Feb. 7, 2021 during the Super Bowl game. The Raffle is a major fundraiser for the St. Irene Knights of Columbus Council. It is a 50-50 cash raffle with half of the proceeds awarded to participants, and the other half retained by the local Council to be used for programs that benefit the St. Irene's Parish and community outreach programs.

The raffle and the ticket sales continue to be conducted virtually. Multimedia will be used to communicate event including the church bulletin, email, St. Irene Knights of Columbus web site and Facebook page.

Buy your raffle tickets early to take advantage of two early drawings. PGK Marc Alleruzzo won the first drawing held on Jan. 24. The second drawing will be held at Noon on Jan. 31 ([join by Zoom](#)). Early bird raffle winners remain eligible for drawings on Super Bowl Sunday.

As in previous years, the raffle is based on purchasing squares in three separate football pools. For the Faith and Hope Pools the tickets are \$25 per square, and for the Charity pool the tickets are \$50 ticket per square. Download the ticket order form this link: [ticket form](#). Follow the directions on how to return your payment and tickets. You may also contact PGK **James Halama** at jrhama@comcast.net or at 630-433-6240.

The squares and numbers for each ticket are assigned randomly. Cash prizes ranging from \$25 to \$500 will be awarded throughout the football game on Super Bowl Sunday.

**Marc Alleruzzo
wins Jan. 24
early drawing.
Click on [video](#) to
see the drawing.**

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



Feb. 11—Virtual Council Business Meeting

We have scheduled a **Virtual Council Business Meeting** to occur at the regular time of 7:30 PM on Thursday Feb. 11

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 Feb. 8.

FMSC—Feed the Need! 2021



Traditionally, the Knights of Columbus at St. Irene's has participated each year in February in food-packing sessions at the Aurora facility of Feed My Starving Children (FMSC). Due to the ongoing pandemic, the in-person events are limited in scope and, considering safety first, we cannot participate in that manner now.

However, the need is greater than ever before to feed the hungry around the world. Therefore, this year, we are co-sponsoring an online fundraising drive with Feed the Need! and FMSC to help meet the organization's ongoing mission.

To donate, please go to give.fmssc.org/KofC6710. Complete the form with your preferred donation and it will automatically be contributed on behalf of St. Irene Knights of Columbus. If you prefer to write a check, simply add 2103-026SC KofC6710 in the memo line and mail it to: Feed

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Council Business Meeting Feb. 11 at 7:30 PM

GK Mike Bates is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. This is a virtual meeting. Join as follows:

Time: Feb. 11, 2021 07:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://luc.zoom.us/j/82068732503>
 Meeting ID: 820 6873 2503

Dial by your location
 +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
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 +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
 Meeting ID: 820 6873 2503



Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

Happy Valentines Day Everyone!

Yea! **PGK Wayne Decker** was a \$500 winner in the 2020-2021 Vocation Support Raffle conducted by the Illinois State Council. The Ladies Auxiliary participates in the raffle each year. The grand prize was \$10,000. The raffle drawings were held Jan. 16 during the State District Deputies meeting.

The Ladies of Columbus will have their next meeting on Monday, February 8 at 4:30 PM. Please let me know if you wish to attend so I can send you an invitation to the zoom meeting.

Pat Kemp
 LA President



Fourth Degree News

Our Next Bishop Blanchette meeting is Feb. 10 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

Please say a special prayer for **Ray Scott**, who has been hospitalized with COVID-19.

Pray for the health & recovery of **Beverly Scott, Ken DiIulio, Bonnie DiIulio, Glen Kussman, Marcello Alleruzzo, Karen Ernst, Pat Wehner, Rachel Jaraisus, Tina Pittman, and Charlie Fahrenwald.**

Council and LA Directory Available

A new directory for Council and Ladies Auxiliary members is now available on the Council web site: st-irenekofc.org. Select Directory Tab. Password is "mcgivney5".

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

<p>Council Officers 2020-2021</p> <p>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 Matthew Kling (630-485-8705)</p>	<p>Business Meetings: 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM Meeting Location: Meetings are virtual by Zoom until further notice</p>
<p>Committee Directors</p> <p>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)</p>	

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

Happy February everyone! Hopefully your team won the Superbowl or will win depending on whether you're reading this before or after the Super Bowl. But I'm not here to talk about a sport I know next to nothing

about.

I'm here for a different reason. You see, we're getting close to that time of year that we have a rather bittersweet relationship with. For those of you who haven't gotten my drift yet, I'm talking about Lent, more specifically, Ash Wednesday, which occurs on the 17th. Lent, as a whole, is regarded as a time of repentance and sorrow. I agree with that to a point. Repentance, yes, absolutely, Lent is a time for that. But sorrow? Sure, it can be if you make it like that. If Lent was meant for sorrow, then why is there a humor week? That being said, some people view Lent as a second chance to fulfill the New Year's Resolution that we've all already broken. For me, Lent is a way to change myself in an effort to grow closer to God. So, when you are trying to decide what to do or give up for Lent, ask yourself, is giving up candy or chocolate really going to help you get closer to God? Overall, that's what Lent is really all about; growing closer to God.

Lent, I believe is also a time of loss. Last year, I personally dealt with some loss before Lent. I lost my grandmother. In a way, it put everything into perspective. Nothing else in the world quite compares with losing a life, but in a way, it brought me closer to God. Last year, I chose to do something rather than give something up. I'd already lost something too precious for words anyways.

Sorry, getting ahead of myself. Onto other things. The virtual Super Bowl Raffle was a success! Special thanks to **PGK Jim Halama** and all the coordinators for making this work. Thank you as well to all those who donated; this wouldn't be a success without your contributions.

I can't say for sure if there will be a Free Throw Challenge. It all depends on if we get enough participants and volunteers. Otherwise, there's a whole lot of nothing going on for council and parish activities. Hopefully, that won't be the case for much longer.

Before I sign off for the month, I have one other thing to mention. As many of you already know, **PGK Ray and Beverly Scott** as well as **PGK Ken and Bonnie DiIulio** have contracted Covid. I would like to ask you to pray for Ray, seeing as he was admitted to the ICU last month. Please continue to pray for **PGK Glen Kussman** as well. Signing off for now!

Vivat Jesus!
Adv. Josh Bates,
aka, GK Mike Bates

Check these web sites for more Information:

Supreme Council Knights of Columbus: www.kofc.org

Illinois State Council Knights of Columbus:
www.illinoisknights.org

ProLife Faith in Action—Life



While the March for Life in Washington, D.C. has been curtailed, there are still opportunities for virtual participation.

Below is a list of nation-wide virtual activities councils and individual members can participate in:

- **NOVENA FOR LIFE**—Lead your community in the spiritual fight to establish a culture of life.
- **SPECIAL OLYMPICS**—Celebrate the intrinsic worth and dignity of every single human being. The Knights of Columbus has a unique partnership with Special Olympics and has helped athletes with physical and/or intellectual disabilities train for and compete in games around the world.
- **ULTRASOUND**—Provide much-needed spiritual and material support for mothers, fathers, and their children before and after birth.
- **CHRISTIAN REFUGEE RELIEF**—Help save persecuted and at-risk Christians facing genocide all over the world, particularly in the Middle East.
- **MASS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**—Welcome individuals or families who might not normally feel comfortable participating in a regularly scheduled Mass.
- **PREGNANCY CENTER SUPPORT**—Build faithful families and communities through rosary prayer.
- **SILVER ROSE**—Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life through this pilgrimage.

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

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My Starving Children, Attn: Carrie Wiggins, 740 Wiley Farm Court, Schaumburg, IL 60173. Nothing could be simpler to donate. Any amount of support is valued and very much appreciated. People are starving and you can make a difference.

If you need any additional information on FMSC or the Feed the Need initiative, please contact **Joseph Kubal** at 630-983-6159 by telephone or at jdrk4715@aol.com by email. Thank you for your consideration!

“FMSC believes hope starts with food. As a Christian nonprofit, FMSC is dedicated to seeing every child whole in body and spirit. FMSC works with food distribution partners that stay with communities for the long haul, empowering them to move from relief to development. FMSC meals are developed by food science and nutrition professionals to supplement nutritional needs and reduce problems with malnutrition. Nutrition allows children to grow, thrive and develop to their full potential.”

Joe Kubal



Schedule of St. Irene Masses & Events

Ash Wednesday Feb. 17:

- Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated at 8:00 AM with ash distribution, no reservations are required.
- Mass at 12:00 PM or 7:00 PM, reservations required.

Ashes will NOT be available in the church outside of these times. Note: the sprinkling of ashes on the head will be used instead of the forehead.

Stations of the Cross During Lent:

The stations of the cross will be held on Fridays at 7:00 PM starting on Feb. 19, no reservations are required. In lieu of a soup supper, a soup recipe will be shared in the bulletin. Send us your favorite recipe!

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.

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.

Reconciliations

Fr. Clive will be doing reconciliations immediately after every daily Mass and on Saturdays from 3:30-4:30 PM. Appointments can be made by calling the parish office. Please 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 channel: [St. Irene Catholic Church Warrenville - YouTube](#)

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.

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Outdoor Christmas Decorations Taken Down at St. Irene on Jan. 16.

Christmas Decorations at St. Irene were removed and packed away for another year. Predicted snow for Saturday the 16th held off allowing **Dave Abhalter**, **GK Mike Bates**, **Andrew Dina**, **PGK Glen Kussman**, **Bill Lintner**, **PGK Erich Pavel**, and **PGK Bob Rauko** to store the indoor and outdoor decorations in to the Rectory basement for use next Christmas. A giant Thank You! goes to all of these great Knights for a job well done .

St. Irene Guide Book & Directory Update

We are in the process of updating our Guide Book and Directory for the church. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church. If you have not already informed us about any changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the book is correct. Please call the Parish Office to provide any updates.

Prayer for People Infected with COVID-19 or Facing Quarantine

Jesus, during Your ministry on Earth You showed Your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses. Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them. Amen.

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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.

Super Bowl Raffle—Order Your Tickets Now!

Use the ticket forms below to order your tickets. Early bird drawings will be held Jan. 24 & 31. Please make check out to St. Irene Knights of Columbus and send to:

James Halama
27W100 Galusha Ave.
Warrenville, IL 60555



St. Irene Knights of Columbus Football Raffle

\$25 Raffle Ticket

2-\$250, 2-\$125, 6-\$50, 7-\$25 Cash Prizes

Cash prizes based on 100 tickets sold
See reverse side for details

Super Bowl Sunday
Feb. 7, 2021

Early Bird Drawings Jan. 24 & 31

St. Irene Parish
28W441 Warrenville Rd.,
Warrenville, IL

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Faith

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

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Super Bowl Raffle Feb 7, 2021



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St. Irene Parish
28W441 Warrenville Rd.,
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Hope

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

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Super Bowl Raffle Feb. 7, 2021



St. Irene Knights of Columbus Football Raffle

\$50 Raffle Ticket

2-\$500, 2-\$250, 6-\$100, 7-\$50 Cash Prizes

Cash prizes based on 100 tickets sold
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Super Bowl Sunday
Feb. 7, 2021

Early Bird Drawings Jan. 24 & 31

St. Irene Parish
28W441 Warrenville Rd.,
Warrenville, IL

Proceeds Benefit Knights of Columbus Programs

Charity

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

St. Irene Knights of Columbus
Super Bowl Raffle Feb. 7, 2021

Early-Bird Drawings: Drawings will be held virtually Jan. 24 & 31 at St. Irene's. Each entry can only win once during the early-bird drawings, but remains eligible for the drawings on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021.

Raffle on Super Bowl Sunday: Prior to the start of the football game, for each respective pool 100 number pairs will be randomly assigned to each raffle ticket holder, from (0,0) through (9,9). During the football game, one cash prize will be awarded to the person holding the winning number pair each time a team scores; a touchdown plus points after constitutes one score. The winning number pair is comprised as follows: the least significant digit (right most digit) in the NFC team score constitutes the first number, and the least significant digit of the AFC team constitutes the second number in the pair. The cash prize amount is determined by a random drawing from the available cash prize pool. The remainder, if any, at the game's end will be awarded by random drawing of those raffle tickets not having a winning combination during the football game.

The pool of 17 cash prizes are based on 100 tickets sold for each pool. The number of cash prizes and the total cash amount awarded may be reduced to maintain the same winning odds (0.17) and 50% payout of ticket receipts. In the event of multiple raffles being conducted, cash prizes may be pooled. Fifty percent of the raffle ticket receipts will be used to support St. Irene Knights of Columbus programs.

Knights' Calendar

Jan. 24		Second Super Bowl Raffle Early drawing
Feb. 7		Super Bowl Party and Raffle. Location to be determined.
Feb. 8	4:30 PM	Ladies Auxiliary General Meeting— by Zoom (request invite, see page 2)
Feb. 10	7:30 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting by Zoom (link TBA)
	7:30 PM	Thomas Dooley Assembly meeting by Zoom (link TBA)
Feb. 11	7:30 PM	KC Council Business Meeting by Zoom (see page 2 for link)
Feb. 14		Valentines Day
Feb. 17		Ash Wednesday—see page 4 for St. Irene Schedule
Mar. 30	7:30 AM	KC/VFW Blood Drive—VFW Hall, Warrenville



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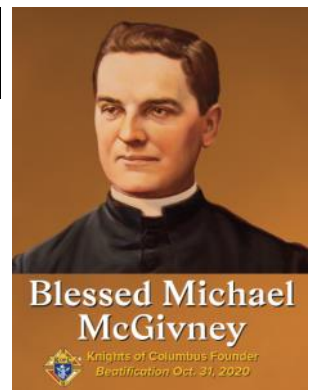
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The Knights of Columbus offers a complete portfolio of top-quality products to our members and their eligible family members.

February Birthdays

Julia Perez	Feb. 7	Susan Battaglia	Feb. 18
Mark Spiotta	Feb. 7	Brian Zdenek	Feb. 19
John Huttenhoff	Feb. 8	Steve Berning	Feb. 21
Richard Planek	Feb. 9	Karen Rurka	Feb. 24
Jane Egert	Feb. 9	Richard Kostner	Feb. 25
John Dichtl	Feb. 10	Mary Wombold	Feb. 25
Christopher Hitchcock	Feb. 14	Janet Sherman	Feb. 26
William Mitchell	Feb. 14	James Aderhold	Feb. 27
Kenneth DiIulio	Feb. 17	Butch Kuhn	Feb. 29
Mary Ann Lawinger	Feb. 17		



February Wedding Anniversaries

William & Susan Constable	Feb. 2	Daniel & Karen Leonard	Feb. 24
Robert & Kim Ladeur	Feb. 3	Andrew & Jeannie Dina	Feb. 25

*** 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.