



# knights of st. irene

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Council 6710  
Warrenville, IL



## Council Knights to Conduct the Intellectual Disabilities “Tootsie Roll” Fund Drive September-October—Goal is \$7800

**In-Person Street Collection September 17-19**—Call **Nick Battaglia** at 773-820-1752 to sign up, or sign up in person at the next Council Business meeting on Sept. 9.

**Virtual GoFundMe Intellectual Disabilities Fund Drive September-October**—To contribute choose this [GoFundMe link](#) (Fundraiser for John Ernst by James Halama : St. Irene Intellectual Disabilities Fund Drive (gofundme.com). The virtual drive is targeted to be conducted within the Warrenville Community.

People with Intellectual Disabilities (ID) have limitations in intellectual functions like communicating, taking care of themselves, and impaired social skills. Depending on the level of impairment, many with ID live in special facilities and group homes. Although they are state supported, funding is limited.

The St. Irene Knights of Columbus has conducted the ID fund drive every year since its founding in 1975. Prior to 2020, we conducted a street solicitation for funds by selling Tootsie Rolls. It was suspended in 2020 due to the COVID pandemic. This year, Knights will resume a street solicitation on Sept. 17-19, but in a limited basis.

Half the money raised will be donated to the Cupertino Group Home located in Warrenville (a [Clare Woods Academy](#) operated facility, Carol Stream). The remaining half will be split between [Western DuPage Special Recreation Association](#) , [Special Camps for Special People](#) of Winfield, and [Illinois Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.](#) All 100% of the funds we receive from this GoFundMe drive go to support these organizations. Except for the cost of the candy, 100% of the money raised from the street solicitation is donated to the designated organizations.



## Sept. 4-5—Bread Tag Collection Drive Continues

The St. Irene Knights of Columbus is partnering with SCARCE, a local environmental education group, to collect bread tags for the “[Danielle Cares for Chairs](#)” charity. Started by a 17-year-old high schooler, this non-profit collects and recycles bread tags to acquire wheelchairs and mobility assistance devices for those in need. Tags can be dropped off at the St. Irene ACL on the weekend September 4-5. Please contact **Joe Kubal** at 630-983-6159 or [jdrk4715@aol.com](mailto:jdrk4715@aol.com).

**Thank you for your support!**  
**Joe Kubal**



## Sept. 10—St. Irene Annual Golf Classic

Proceeds benefit St. Irene Parish Friday, September 10 – Shotgun start 1:00 PM Scramble at Bliss Creek Golf Club – Sugar

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Special Olympics  
Illinois

## Flag Football Tournament Sept. 11

Special Olympics of Illinois is hosting the tournament on Saturday, Sept. 11 8:00 AM—6:00 PM at the Nike Park off of Deihl and Mill St in Naperville. St. Irene Council is partnering with Batavia Council to prepare and serve lunch for the event for the athletes and volunteers.

Batavia Council will bring the grill and food (hotdogs and chips). St. Irene will contribute to defray the costs and to provide volunteer help. To volunteer and information on times, please contact **GK Mike Bates** at 630-836-0223 or by email at [pammy720@att.net](mailto:pammy720@att.net).



## Sept. 25—KC/VFW Blood Drive

The next blood drive will be held from 7:00 AM—Noon at the St. Irene Activities Center. You may register in advance at the [Versiti of Illinois web page](#). Walk-ins are also accepted. Let Blood Drive Chairman **PGK Ken Dilulio** at 630-747-3673 if you plan to volunteer.

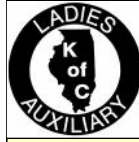
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**Council Business Meeting Sept. 9  
at 7:00 PM**

**We are meeting in person at the St. Irene Activities Center. See you there!**

Final plans for the ID Tootsie Roll drive will be presented. We are conducting both a virtual GoFundMe a street solicitations.



**Ladies of Columbus (LOC)**

The LOC will have a Board Meeting, Monday, September 13 at 4:30 PM. We are still selling vocational raffle chances. The money we raise will help the LOC buy winter coats for girls in Warrenville, who are in need of a coat. If you would like to purchase a chance, please contact **Missy Kemp** - 630-414-0499.

**Pat Kemp  
President**



**Fourth Degree News**

Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting Sept. 8 at 7:00 PM. Hosted by St. Raphael Council at St. Peter & Paul Council Hall, 615 E Ogden Ave., Naperville

**Daily Masses:**

- Tuesdays and Fridays at **7:00am**
- Wednesdays at **12:00pm**
- Thursdays at **7:00am** with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to follow Mass until 12:00pm
- Saturdays at 8:00am with reconciliations available after Mass; this Mass will **not** be live streamed

**Saturday Mass** will be held at **5:00pm**

**Sunday Masses:**

- **8:00am**; this Mass will **not** be live streamed
- **10:00am**

All Masses will be live streamed except where noted. Links to the live stream and recordings are available on:

- **Facebook** at - <https://www.facebook.com/StIreneChurch/>
- **YouTube** channel at - [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmMels6ydHjTJD98ZzB\\_VcA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmMels6ydHjTJD98ZzB_VcA)

**MASKS ARE STILL REQUIRED FOR INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE NOT VACCINATED. We have a section for people who prefer to continue to social distance.**

**Maintenance of City Welcome Signs**

Despite utility work digging in, under, and around the welcome signs we remain committed in maintaining the planting there.

The remaining date is Sept. 11. You do not necessarily need to follow the schedule precisely. Send photos to [jrhalama@comcast.net](mailto:jrhalama@comcast.net)

**Membership Recruitment  
24x7 by You**



**Pray for Our Loved Ones**

Pray for **Glen Kussman**, Teri and Family as Glen enters hospice care after a 18 long battle with pancreatic cancer.

Pray for the health & recovery of **Jean DeLuco, Mary Hughes, Beverly Scott, Glen Kussman, Marcello Alleruzzo, Karen Ernst, Pat Wehner, Rachel Jaraisus, Tina Pittman, and Charlie Fahrenwald.**

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

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Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to all Catholic gentleman over 18 years of age. To join or obtain further information, contact GK Michael Bates at 630-836-0223).		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 <a href="mailto:jrhalama@comcast.net">jrhalama@comcast.net</a> prior to the 21th day of each month.



## Grand Knight's Corner

Hello everyone, and welcome to September! It's been quite the eventful past month with a lot of birthdays, mine included. Before we get into the article, I should warn you that this one will be a bit different

than the others. With that out of the way, let's begin.

At the time of writing this, I have just finished watching the Mass for the Assumption of Mary, the vigil mass, on August 14. I would be there in person, but sickness has prevented me from doing so (it's not COVID, I promise). As I was watching the Homily, Fr. Clive said some things that really resonated with me and the overall topic that I wanted to write about this month.

See, this month, I wanted to write about what it really means to be a Knight. Sure, we get a cool sword and we used to get some awesome regalia, but over the years, I really think that people forgot what it means, what it really means to be a Knight. For those of you who don't know, Mary is a very prominent figure among the Knights, highly respected and regarded. She is a model for all Catholics and us Knights to follow.

I'm not going to reiterate everything that Fr. Clive said, but the one thing that I will repeat is his statement that Mary is one of the most hated people in all history. A controversial statement, I know, but true nonetheless. Mary is hated because she is close to divinity, about as close as a human can get, and, as odd as it seems, most of the hatred towards Mary in my experience comes from the Protestant sects of Christianity. The Knights are much the same. Hated in the Protestant sects as well. But what does it mean to be a Knight, that's really the question of the hour, isn't it?

The Knight's have four core tenants, and there is one for each degree. Those are as follows: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism, in that order. The first and foremost among those is charity. Charity often has a negative connotation in today's world, often seen as a bad thing, a form of pity when someone is down on their luck, but it shouldn't be.

What charity is, really truly is, is helping others regardless of their status. Helping the elderly, disabled, poor, not out of pity or want of praise, but because that is what Jesus has called us to do. Remember the sheep and the goats. Charity is accepting others regardless of status, race, gender, any of that, because that's what Jesus would do. We all know the old moniker, "what would Jesus do?" and we need to ask ourselves that more than ever. Remember the sheep and the goats. Charity goes beyond just giving money reluctantly and making a show out of it because of one reason or another.

We give money for the others involved, not because we want to, but because we know it's the right thing to do. Remember the sheep and the goats. And always ask yourself the age old question, what would Jesus do? Pray for me, and know I'm praying for you, God bless.

**Vivat Jesus!**

**Adv. Josh Bates/aka, GK Mike Bates**

## ProLife

**WASHINGTON - Today, July 29, 2021,** the US House voted 219 to 208 in favor of H.R. 4502, a package of appropriations bills that currently excludes the 46-year-old Hyde Amendment and other longstanding, bipartisan provisions like the Weldon Amendment. Eliminating these provisions would force taxpayers to pay for elective abortions and would have the effect of forcing health care providers and professionals to perform and refer for abortion against their deeply-held beliefs, as well as forcing employers and insurers to cover and pay for abortion.

Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee for Religious Liberty, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, issued the following statement:

"The House has voted in a way that is completely out of step with the will of the American people who overwhelmingly oppose taxpayer-funded abortion. The Hyde Amendment has saved at least 2.4 million lives since its enactment. Without it, millions of poor women in desperate circumstances will make the irrevocable decision to take the government up on its offer to end the life of their child.

"To be certain, this bill includes provisions that help vulnerable people, including pregnant moms. As we have said before, 'being "right" in such matters can never ex-

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Grove, IL. Register before September 1! An entry fee of \$100/individual gets you Golf, Cart, Camaraderie and a great Steak Buffet Dinner! A foursome is required. Print and fill out [online registration form](#) and return it with your payment before Sept. 1.

Sponsorship Opportunities include:

- Soft Drink/Water \$400, 1 round of golf with tee box sign
- "Keg of Beer" \$250, Company/Family Tee box sign
- Hole Sponsor \$100 Tee Box Sign



## Sept. 12—7th Annual Hustle Up the Hill

Blackwell Forest Preserve--Mt. Hoy • South Parking Lot between Batavia Rd and Winfield Rd Entrance on Butterfield Rd west of Winfield Rd Warrenville, IL at 9:00 AM.

Organized by St. Irene (A Bridge Community Partner). We are raising funds for Bridge Communities program partner that is sponsoring and mentoring two homeless families in a 2 year program as they transition to self-sufficiency.

[Register Here](#)



### Oct 16-17—K of C “Share Your Soles” 2021 Fall Shoe Drive

The Share Your Soles 2021 shoe drive is scheduled for the weekends of October 9-10 and October 16-17. Church staff did not want to have it conducted around All Souls Day. Also, the collection bins will be placed in the ACL and shoes will have to be removed after Sunday Masses are finished each week. I will need help with the drive this year as we lost a couple of regulars that ordinarily help out and because of the new location and pick up times. Please call at 630-983-6159 or email me at jdrk4715@aol.com if you can help.

**Joe Kubal**

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cuse a wrong choice regarding direct attacks on innocent human life.’ In truth, ‘the failure to protect and defend life in its most vulnerable stages renders suspect any claims to the “rightness” of positions in other matters affecting the poorest and least powerful of the human community.’[i]

“The injustice in HR 4502 extends to removing conscience protections and exemptions for healthcare providers who believe abortion is wrong, or whose faith drives them to serve and heal lives, instead of taking them.

“Funding the destruction of innocent unborn human lives, and forcing people to kill in violation of their consciences, are grave abuses of human rights. We call on the Senate to redress this evil in H.R. 4502, and for Congress to ultimately pass appropriations bills that fully support and protect human dignity, and the most vulnerable among us.”

Please contact you senator and urge them to not support this travesty today!

**Jack Gorski**  
Pro-Life Chair Council 6710

**Brother Knights—Have your Family read the newsletter as well!**

**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](http://st-irenekofc.org). Select Directory Tab. Password is “mcgivney5”.



### OCTOBER 16—FATIMA PUBLIC ROSARY PRAYER RALLY 2021

This marks the 5th year St. Irene and St. Thomas are coming together to pray in the Fatima Public Rosary Prayer Rally, Saturday, Oct. 16 at 12:00 PM. As we pray the Glorious Mysteries, we’ll be joining with over 20,000 other Prayer Chains created across the country to honor the 104th Anniversary of Our Lady’s Appearances. All past participants will agree this 40-minute Prayer Event is a most blessed experience.

There are 11 Prayer Stations to choose from set up along a route connecting both parishes. We’ll continue to pray the Rosario en español at Station #7 for anyone interested. Please join us in responding to the pleas of Our Lord and Blessed Mother, as we pray for reparation of sins, conversion of sinners, and World Peace.

For details on the event and to receive the prayer packet, sign up via email [fatimarosaryrally@gmail.com](mailto:fatimarosaryrally@gmail.com) or call Jeannette Clark @ 630-292-9349.

This is St. Irene Parish Event. Knights, you are encouraged to participate. Should we sign up for whole station?



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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.

**Look for promotion of the GoFundme Intellectual Disability Drive. Share the Event with others!**



### Council 6710 Web Site

Needed is the capability of providing financial transactions to our web site in order to offer online membership dues payments, purchase of tickets and merchandise for council events, and for fundraising such as the ID Tootsie Roll Drive. Please contact **James Halama** at [jrhalama@st-irenekofc.org](mailto:jrhalama@st-irenekofc.org).

## Inquiry about a Special Camps + the Knights Halloween Party?!!

Colleen McDonald  
President of Special Camps

Hello Knights,

In light of COVID, and our guests with so many underlying medical and physical limitations, I would like to host an outdoor Halloween party instead of the traditional Christmas party this year. I am wondering whether the Knights of Winfield, Warrenville and (Kevin maybe you could ask the Knights in Carol Stream), would be interested in hosting an event for ghosts and goblins with intellectual disabilities, autism, and their family members.

We've been approved to host at St. John's outdoors, where there is a beautiful Knights pavilion, a fire pit for roasting s'mores (if we choose), and lots of space to do outdoor activities. The Knights have also built a brand new kitchen in Sebahar hall, so grilling outdoors, or making a meal for our families could also be possible. Or at the discretion of anyone having a better location idea, (would love to have the Halloween party at a farm).

Allowing families with intellectual disabilities to meet other unique families is something our families just do not have an opportunity to do anywhere else. This would be an event not only for our special needs guests, but also for their children and parents.

Possible activities include a variety of Halloween games, hay rides, decorating pumpkins, designing pumpkin cookies, Halloween dance party (possibly learn the movements to Thriller), Trunk-or-Treat (trick or treating from trunk of cars), non-scary costume contest, roasting s'mores, Halloween bingo, wood working, and food.

We'd need the Knights to help with parking, preparing any food (a BBQ for our guests would be awesome), providing a hayride, taking family photos, possibly building and manning a safe s'more area, interacting with our guests and their families and inviting your wives and children to assist.

The suggested date is October 16 or 17 (rain date) from 3:00 PM—7:00 PM. Questions:

- Would these dates work for your council? Should we nail the party down to one date rain or shine?
- Would your council be interested in providing manpower for the Halloween Bash?
- Would your council be interested in BBQ'ing?
- Can anyone provide the hayride? Warrenville Council's hayride for Easter (1 1/2 years ago) was so amazing. They were actually able to make it wheelchair accessible by building a ramp.
- Do you have an alternative location ideas that might be fun (maybe a farm location)?
- Extra ideas for entertainment, games
- Would you have any leads to free food?

Thank you so much for your continued support of our children and adults with special needs. Hope to get responses! Contact me at 630-690-0944, or [colleen.scamps@icloud.com](mailto:colleen.scamps@icloud.com).

## Support Your Parish Supreme Council Program Suggestions

Knights of Columbus councils are meant to serve their pastors and their parishes. The Coronavirus pandemic is a time to reinforce this to your pastor. He has lost his traditional method of charitable and evangelical outreach. Who better than the Knights of Columbus to directly and faithfully serve him? A pastor needs leaders that he can trust. By working closely with your shepherd, your council can protect your parish and ensure that no parishioner is left behind.

### Action Steps:

1. Council officers should request to speak with their pastor as soon as possible. (Given the nature of the ongoing Coronavirus, in-person meetings are strongly discouraged.)
  - Arrange a phone call or video conference call.
  - Let him know that you want to discuss using the full arsenal of his Knights of Columbus council to support the parish in any way possible.
2. During the conversation, the council should ask about – and be prepared to deliver on – the requests of the pastor and the needs of the parish community, as well as offer creative ideas for support.
  - Consider the health and availability of membership, and the financial state of your council when agreeing to assist your pastor in specific ways.
  - Be prepared to address needs, both charitable and spiritual, ranging from reduced access to the sacraments to support for vulnerable parishioners.
  - Creative ideas can include but are not limited to: Moving Mass and devotions online.
  - Hosting a video or conference call rosary or daily devotional.
  - Setting up online parish giving.
  - Assessing and providing resources for parishioners in need.
  - Using parish and council phone trees to check on the elderly of the parish.
  - Making Knights of Columbus content and activities available to parishioners, including the Into the Breach video series.
3. After the call, map out a strategy to deliver on the pastor's requests.
  - Assign committees and committee leaders to gather resources and execute tasks.
  - Council leadership should be communicating in lockstep with the pastor – ensuring all actions of the council are inline with his desires, and that he is kept up to date on all support measures to his parish.
4. Report your activities with the Leave No Neighbor Behind Survey at [www.kofc.org/neighbor](http://www.kofc.org/neighbor).

## Knights' Calendar

Sept. 4-5	All Masses	KC Bread Tag Collection Drive—St. Irene Activities Center
Sept. 8	7:00 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting—St. Peter & Paul Council Hall
Sept. 9	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting— <b>St. Irene Activities Center</b>
Sept. 10	1:00 PM	St. Irene Annual Golf Classic—Bliss Creek Golf Club; <a href="#">register</a> by Sept. 1
Sept. 11	9:00 AM	Maintenance and weeding at Warrenville City Welcome Signs
Sept. 11	Lunch time	Special Olympics Flag Football tournament, Nike Park, Naperville
Sept. 12	9:00 AM	Bridge Community Hustle Up the Hill—Blackwell Forest Preserve
Sept. 17-19	All Day	Intellectual Disabilities Street solicitation Tootsie Roll Drive
Sept. 25	7:00 AM	KC/VFW Blood Drive—St. Irene Activities Center
Oct. 8	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting
Oct. 16	Noon	Fatima Rosary Rally
Oct. 16-17	All Masses	Share Your Souls Shoe drive—St. Irene Activities Center



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## September Birthdays

Carole Kleinwachter	Sept. 2	Justin Wagner	Sept. 18
Michael Hoffman	Sept. 4	Mary Catherine Kosmach	Sept. 19
Pam Bates	Sept. 5	Gustavo Bosoli	Sept. 20
Paula Peterson	Sept. 5	Caren Burchett	Sept. 21
Chuck Dumbris	Sept. 6	Julie Hentz	Sept. 21
Irene Fograse	Sept. 8	John Sobieski	Sept. 21
Sue Kometz	Sept. 8	Debi Rossi	Sept. 22
John P Augustynowicz	Sept. 10	Laura McGowan	Sept. 23
Barbara Intihar	Sept. 10	Mario Schwarts	Sept. 23
Roxanne Morello	Sept. 10	Betty Knell	Sept. 24
Kenneth Intihar	Sept. 11	Patricia Jackowiak	Sept. 27
Dwight Sherman	Sept. 11	Jennifer O'Malley	Sept. 27
Michael Fello	Sept. 12	Terry Fahrenwald	Sept. 28
Richard Nagode	Sept. 12	Andrew White	Sept. 29
James Capezio	Sept. 17	William Graney	Sept. 30
Bonnie DiIulio	Sept. 18	David Peterson	Sept. 30

**Sept. 22 —  
American  
Legion  
Burger  
Night**



Join us at the VFW Hall, Warrenville at the VFW Hall, Warrenville for burgers, French fries and coleslaw starting at 6:00 PM



**Blessed Michael McGivney**  
Knights of Columbus Founder  
Beatification Oct. 31, 2020

## September Wedding Anniversaries

Truman & Yvonne Stevens	Sept. 1	Michael & Julie Duquette	Sept. 15
Ralph & Dolores Dieter	Sept. 2	Kenneth & Bonnie DiIulio	Sept. 16
John & Jennifer O'Malley	Sept. 6	Mike & Ana Maria O'Hare	Sept. 21
Anthony & Suzanna L. Cook	Sept. 6	Marcello & Debbie Alleruzzo	Sept. 22
Jack & Ellen Gorski	Sept. 8	Richard & Maggie Nagode	Sept. 22
James & Maryann Bartz	Sept. 14	Richard & Kathleen Kostner	Sept. 25
Paul & Colette Lindsey	Sept. 14	Stephen & Colleen Brummel	Sept. 26
		Robert & Maryann True	Sept. 30

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