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Council Continues the GoFundMe Virtual Tootsie Roll Drive Through October

The Virtual GoFundMe Drive has raised \$1550 to date. If the In-Person collection was not for you, please consider contributing to this worthwhile fund drive. There is still time to contribute, chose the this [GoFundMe link](#).

The In-Person Collection raised \$2806 on September 17-19. This total includes \$425 collected after the Masses at St. Irene Church. To those who participated, congratulations on a job well done.

Direct Donations to date total \$1430 which includes \$500 from the Ladies Auxiliary and \$930 from individuals.

Total Funds raised to date are \$6386. More is yet to come! Donations to the GoFundMe and direct payments by check are welcome. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to make the drive successful. The final amount collected and volunteer list will be announced in the November newsletter. This will be the amount reported to the State for later distribution.

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Sir Knight Glen Kussman, Past Grand Knight, Council Trustee, Passed to Eternal Life Sept. 9



It is with great sadness to learn that Sir Knight Glen Kussman (aged 70) passed to eternal life September 9. Our prayers go to Glen and his Family.

Glen and his wife Terri were very active parishioners at St. Irene's and in the community of Warrenville. Glen is survived by Theresa "Terri" Kussman (nee Rucinski), loving father of Eric G. Kussman and Julie (Erik) Fredrickson, cherished grandfather of Kaylie Ann Fredrickson.

Glen received the **Victor Cardosi Award** given by the Joliet Chapter of the Knights of Columbus for recognition of his accomplishments as a Knight, Family man, and community volunteer in 2017. Glen was recognized for these accomplishments: Glen was born and raised in the Lutheran faith. His wife was born and raised in the Catholic faith. The children would ask each Sunday, "Whose church are we going today?" So after many discussions, Glen took on the Catholic teachings, where they as a family grew with the St. Irene's Community. It would be through St. Ire-

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Oct. 17 Halloween Party



Your invited to join us for our 1st ever Halloween Party for people with Intellectual Disabilities and their families on **Sunday October 17 from 3:00-6:00 PM**. This will be an outside party event at St. John the Baptist Church, Winfield. Games, trick or treating, decorate pumpkins, bingo, dancing, face painting, hay rides, Halloween costume contest, and BBQ with the Knights. Masks are encouraged and needed for inside bathroom use.

The party is sponsored by Special Camps, the Knights of Columbus of Winfield, Carol Stream, Warrenville, and West Chicago. Chuck Ingram will bring the tractor and wagon for the hay ride. Knights from all Councils are asked to work with the food and attend to special guests.

The party is open to volunteers. As a courtesy call or text to **Colleen McDonald** with a number of volunteers your are bringing to 630-212-1565 so the amount of food can be planned.



Oct 9-10 & 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**. Collection bins will be placed in the ACL. The shoes will picked and 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. Please call at 630-983-6159 or email me at jdrk4715@aol.com if you can help.

Joe Kubal

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**Council Business Meeting Oct. 14
at 7:00 PM**

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



Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

Happy October to all. Save the date, Saturday, Nov. 13, for the LOC/CCW White Elephant Auction. Come join us for a fun filled evening. Bring an item gift wrapped, be it something funny or strange. Then bid on the items to see what treasures you will receive. All the proceeds will be used to buy Christmas gifts for children in the WY&FS links program.

Our next board meeting will be Monday, Oct. 11 at 4:30 PM at 28W713 Mount St.

**Pat Kemp
President**



Fourth Degree News

Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting Oct. 13 at 7:00 PM. Hosted by St. Elizabeth Seten Council, St. Elizabeth Seten Parish, 2220 Lison Road, 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 (until October 16); 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

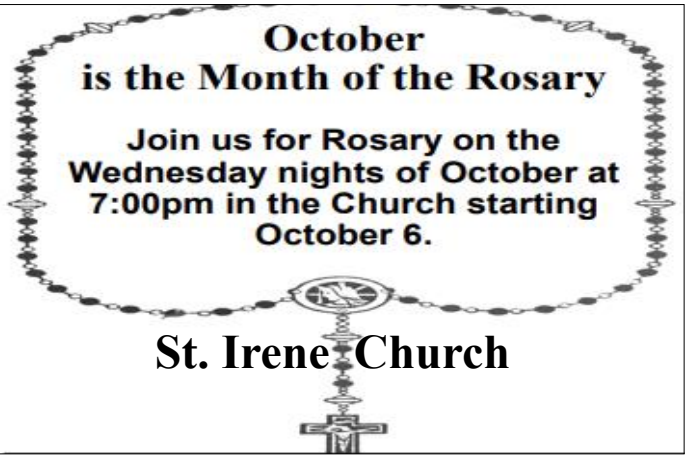
NOTICES:

- **Saturday 8:00am Masses and reconciliations will be cancelled for the rest of the year starting October 16.**
- **MASKS ARE REQUIRED** for anyone age 2 and up regardless of vaccination status. We have a section for people who prefer to continue to social distance.
- Due to new directives from the Diocese of Joliet, we are **POSTPONING** Hospitality until further notice.

**October
is the Month of the Rosary**

**Join us for Rosary on the
Wednesday nights of October at
7:00pm in the Church starting
October 6.**

St. Irene Church




Pray for Our Loved Ones

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

<p>Council Officers 2021-2022</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 Patrick O'Connor Inside Guard Pat McGowan (630-863-8708) 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 7:00 PM Meeting Location: St. Irene Activities Center</p>
<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 GK Michael Bates at 630-836-0223.</p>	<p>Committee Directors</p> <p>Program Director Doug Dillmann (630-415-5258) Membership Director 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 Ken DiIulio (630-747-3673) Life Director Jack Gorski (630-393-4742) Vocations Brad Hentz (630-836-0332) Support our Troops Kevin Looby (630-329-1316)</p>

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Grand Knight's Corner

I was really hoping that I wouldn't have to write another one of these types of articles. Before you stop there and think that I'm a spoiled brat, I don't mean the articles themselves.

I mean that I wish I didn't have to cover the topic of death again. What I mean to say is that **Glen Kussman**, our dear friend and Brother Knight passed into eternal life. The thing is, we've had so many deaths in the Council this year alone, and I really don't know how else to handle it.

We are in the middle of fall now, and that does bear some relevance. By the time autumn rolls around, the trees change color and it is honestly the prettiest season in my opinion. And it leads to winter when everything is barren, and cold, and overall just bleh. In autumn, the leaves fall and die, and I think that I can say that Glen is akin to the leaves. His earthly presence has passed, yes, but, just like leaves, he spread beauty, happiness, and color wherever he was.

I can say with full conviction that he is bringing all of that and more into heaven. What we often don't realize is that entering heaven is like the part of spring where it actually warms up and everything comes back to life. We have life on earth, and it's extremely short, but we are reborn in heaven and have an eternal rebirth.

This year, our Council has lost many core members; **Ray, Wayne, and now Glen**. What's more, our Council is now out of a charity ambassador, that was Glen's position. It was a fairly new position. He was the first to hold it, and he did a fantastic job in that position. So fantastic in fact that we got a Star Council award.

Glen was also a recipient of the Victor Cardosi award, is a very prestigious award in the Knights of Columbus. Though I wasn't in the Council yet when Glen was Grand Knight, I understand that he did a great job. One of the best since my dad joined, that's for sure. It's a long way in the future for me, but, when I'm Grand Knight, if I'm even a fraction as good as Glen was, I'll consider it a job well done.

And with that, I think I'm going to call this month's article here. Pray for me and know I'm praying for you, God Bless.

Vivat Jesus!

Adv. Josh Bates/aka, GK Mike Bates



Oct. 16—Rosary Prayer Rally

This marks the 5th year St. Irene and St. Thomas are coming together to pray in the Fatima Public Rosary Prayer Rally, Sat., Oct. 16 at 12:00 PM. We will be joining with over 20,000 other Prayer Chains across the country to honor the 104th Anniversary of Our Lady's Appearances.

This is a St. Irene Parish Event. Knights, you are encouraged to participate.

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ProLife



UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF
CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Call to Action

Last Friday, September 24, was a very dark day as the House of Representatives voted to pass the most radical abortion bill ever. The so-called Women's Health Protection Act, H.R. 3755, would:

- Allow abortion on demand nationwide throughout EVERY STAGE of pregnancy
- BAN pro-life laws in every state and local government
- Force Americans to support abortions with their tax dollars
- Likely eliminate conscience protections for doctors—among other extreme actions

Of those present, all but one House Democrat voted for the bill and all House Republicans voted against. The single House Democrat to vote against the bill was Rep. Henry Cuellar of Texas. You can see how your representative voted [here](#).

In his [statement](#) responding to this vote, **Archbishop Joseph Naumann**, Chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities, called this bill "the most extreme pro-abortion bill our nation has ever seen."

Please contact your Representative today either to thank him/her for voting against H.R. 3755 or to express strong, but respectful, disagreement with their vote for the bill while urging him/her to reconsider support for this radical bill.

In addition, we believe it is likely that the Senate will also vote on this bill in the very near future. So, please also contact your two Senators to strongly urge their opposition to the Senate version of this bill (S. 1975) when it comes up for a vote.

TAKE ACTION NOW!

As always, we are grateful for any action you can take on this matter and for all you do to proclaim the Gospel of Life. Please also join us in praying that our nation and its leaders will fully embrace this Gospel.

Jack Gorski
Pro-Life Chair Council 6710



Oct. 2—Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

It's time to clean up the trash in the stretch of Butterfield Rd. between Batavia Rd. to Hwy 59, and west to the City boundary.

Plan to meet in the parking lot of the old MB Bank at 9:00 AM. Bring a sturdy pair of shoes and work gloves.



Sept. 4-5—Bread Tag Drive Gets Hundreds of Tags

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank all those that participated in the 2021 Bread Tag Collection Drive. As a result of your efforts, several hundreds of tags were collected to help obtain mobility equipment for those in need. Please continue to save bread tags for another drive tentatively to be scheduled in March, 2022. God bless!

Joe Kubal

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There are 11 Prayer Stations to choose from set up along a route connecting both parishes. We pray the Rosario en español at Station #7.

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



Council Participates in Flag Football Tournament Held Sept. 11

Special Olympics of Illinois hosted the tournament held Saturday, Sept. 11 at the Nike Park off of Deihl and Mill St in Naperville. St. Irene Council is partnered with Batavia Council to prepare and serve lunch for the athletes and volunteers. Those who helped were **GK Mike Bates, Bill Lintner, and PGK Bob Rauko.**



23 Pints Blood Collected at Sept. 25 KC/VFW Blood Drive



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.

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".



Anointing for Healing

Receive the healing touch of Jesus

Fr. Clive will be anointing for healing at all weekend Masses October 9-10

Blessed comfort items will be available for those in need



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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!



Oct. 20 —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

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ne's that he joined the Knights of Columbus organization. He has been very involved in every aspect from becoming Grand Knight, becoming 4th Degree, and helping with many fundraisings projects they have.

A few bulletin points submitted in the award application are:

- Glen was born and raised in the Lutheran faith. Converted to Catholicism in 1993.
- Contributed and continues to contribute to all the Council functions and fundraiser events, even more so as Past Grand Knight.
- Always volunteers for fundraisers, maintenance projects, disaster cleanup and decorating for the parish and school.
- Member of the St. Irene Autumfest committee.
- Member of the St. Irene Wheel of Meat committee.
- Member of Super Bowl Raffle fundraiser committee Coached soccer and softball for several years in the Warrenville city leagues.
- Served 6 years in the National Guard.
- Donor and volunteer in Council and VFW blood drives.
- Participated in the Council Adopt-a-Highway cleanup drives.
- Glen and his wife Terri participate each year in the ID Tootsie Roll drive, making sure that they are at the top of the list of solicitors each year.
- Glen and his wife Terri participated in the Feed My Starving Children food packing event multiple times.
- After retirement he now donates his time to help with the St. Irene's food pantry.

Glen was very involved with his family. He got the children involved in family projects. He would help install the hard work ethic in the children, and help raise them into the great adults that they are.

Glen, you will be missed tremendously!

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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 and direct payments go to support these organizations. Except for the cost of the candy, 100% of the money raised from the in-person collection is donated to the designated organizations.



2021 Annual Report of the Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly

As I present my first annual report as supreme knight, I am filled with gratitude. It is a privilege to serve my brother Knights and the entire Order of the Knights of Columbus.

I am only here because of those who came before me. I am a third-generation Knight. My grandfather joined in 1915 before he left for World War I. My father, a naval officer, was a faithful member of our parish's council. It was their example of fidelity and service that inspired me to become a college Knight in 1983.

After years of military and public service, I became increasingly involved at the local and state council level. I was inspired by my brother Knights in the District of Columbia and was honored to serve as their state deputy.

On the day I was elected supreme knight, I said that for the sake of the Order, I have given my all, and for the future of the Order, I will give still more. Like you, I draw on my love for Jesus Christ, his Church and the Knights of Columbus — and I am honored to serve with you.

Today, I will highlight our recent achievements in charity, unity and fraternity. And I will offer a vision of our continued rise, in courage and faith.

Read the full report on the [Supreme Knights of Columbus Website](#).

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Knights' Calendar

October		Virtual GoFundMe ID Drive continues
Oct. 2	9:00 AM	Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up along Butterfield Rd, Warrenville
Oct. 9-10	All Masses	Anointing for Healing by Fr. Clive at St. Irene Church
Oct. 9-10	All Masses	Share Your Souls Shoe drive—St. Irene Activities Center
Oct. 11	4:30 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Board meeting—28W713 Mount St.
Oct. 13	7:00 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting Elizabeth Seton Parish, Naperville
Oct. 14	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Oct. 16	Noon	Fatima Rosary Rally
Oct. 16-17	All Masses	Share Your Souls Shoe drive—St. Irene Activities Center
Oct. 17	3:00 PM	Intellectual Disabilities Halloween Party—St. Johns, Winfield
Nov. 2		All Saints Day—Holy Day
Nov. 7		Daylight Saving Time Ends! Move clock one hour back
Nov. 11	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Nov. 13	7:00 PM	LOC/CCW White Elephant Auction—St. Irene Activities Center
Nov. 19	7:00 PM	Annual Turkey Shoot—Tentative—save the date



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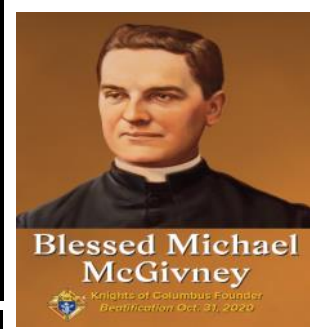
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<h2 style="margin: 0;">October Birthdays</h2>			
Daniel Walsh	Oct. 1	James Allen	Oct. 14
Thomas Corbino	Oct. 2	Jack Gorski	Oct. 17
Andrew Gorski	Oct. 2	Kathleen Kostner	Oct. 20
George Kosmach	Oct. 2	Patricia White	Oct. 20
Joseph Kubal	Oct. 3	Mary Cruse	Oct. 21
Joseph Schrage	Oct. 5	Robert Seiberlich	Oct. 21
James Antiporek	Oct. 9	James Smithy	Oct. 21
Henry Clasing	Oct. 9	Andy Yusi	Oct. 22
Erich Pavel	Oct. 9	David Schar	Oct. 23
Joan Parrino	Oct. 12	Charles Wheeler	Oct. 23
Donna Seiberlich	Oct. 12	Gregory Henry	Oct. 24
Eric Kussman	Oct. 13	Patricia Kemp	Oct. 28



<h2 style="margin: 0;">October Wedding Anniversaries</h2>			
Paul & Peggy Burgermeister	Oct. 4	Daniel & Carmi Cyrus	Oct. 17
David & Paula Peterson	Oct. 5	Michael & Pam Bates	Oct. 18
Diane & Bob Lichtenberg	Oct. 7	William & Amber Mitchell	Oct. 18
James & Alta Halama	Oct. 10	David & Katie Polkow	Oct. 23
Colin & Judy Wilkie	Oct. 13	Raymond & Denise Hoshell	Oct. 24

*** 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.