



# knights of st. irene

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Council 6710  
Warrenville, IL



## Dec. 4—KC/VFW Blood Drive

The next blood drive will be held from 7:30 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.

## We Remember!

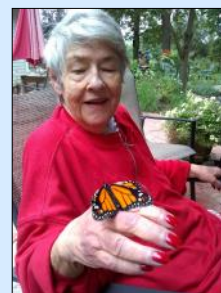
### Mary Hughes

(beloved wife of Brother Knight Bill Hughes) who passes to eternal life on Nov. 7. Bill and Mary were very active parishioners at St. Irene's and in the community of Warrenville. Remember "Mr. & Mrs. Santa Clause!"



### Alta Halama

(beloved wife of Brother Knight James Halama) who passed to eternal life on Nov. 8. Jim and Alta were very active parishioners at St. Irene's and in the community of Warrenville.



### Joan Berning

(beloved Mother of Brother Knight Steve Berning) who passed to eternal life on Nov. 25. Joan was a member of St. Mary's church for 92 years, and St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society.



Read tributes to these beloved women on Page 4.



## Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans December Household and Personal Item Drive

The Army Capt. Kevin C. Landeck Freedom Commissary is located in downtown Wheaton. Freedom Commissary is a program designed to meet the clothing, household, and basic needs of veterans and their families. The Freedom Commissary serves veterans of all eras and branches, and eligibility is based on need. Veterans are able to access the Commissary for items such as: household goods, hygiene products, cleaning products, paper goods, small scale furniture, and small kitchen appliances.

The [Freedom Commissary program](#) operates almost entirely through the generous contributions of our volunteers and donors. Please always check out our most recent list of items needed here: [Download the list and feel free to share](#).

PGK Kevin Looby and PGK Ken DiIulio are asking Brother Knights and others to consider making a donation to this worthwhile program, by purchasing listed items and delivering them to their respective residences. They will then take them to the Wheaton Commissary. Contact Kevin by

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## Feb. 13, 2022—Virtual KC Super Bowl Raffle & Party

The annual fundraiser will be held once again on Super Bowl Sunday. Like in 2021, the Raffle and Party will be a virtual event at St. Irene's.

As in previous years for the raffle, \$25 tickets are being sold for two separate pools (**Faith** and **Hope**) of 100 tickets each. A \$50 ticket may be purchased for the **Charity Pool**. Prizes for the \$25 pools are 2-\$250, 2-\$125, 6-\$50, and 7-\$25 cash. Cash prize amounts for the \$50 ticket are doubled.

Buy your tickets early. **Early bird drawings will be held Jan. 30 & Feb. 6 2022.** The winner of early bird drawings remains eligible for cash prizes on Super Bowl Sunday.

**This is the major fundraiser for the Council this fraternal year.** We need your help in selling tickets. Ticket sales will take place virtually by email and other media. We will sell tickets in person.

Use the ticket forms on Page 5 to order your raffle tickets now. Additional ticket forms may be obtained from the St-IreneKofC.org web site using this link: [SuperBowlRaffleTickets2022.pdf](#). You may also contact **PGK James Halama** by calling 630-433-6240, or by email at [jrhala-ma@comcast.net](mailto:jrhala-ma@comcast.net).

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## Council Business Meeting Dec. 9 at 7:00 PM

**We are meeting in person at the Cupertino Home. See you there!**



## Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

Once again the LOC along with the KOC and a few generous LOC members helped provide 48 winter jackets for children in the Warrenville area. The cost of \$1150 was shared between LOC and KOC. The money raised by our members who sold or bought vocational raffle books helped. Thank you to **Missy Kemp** for being our top seller (62 books).



The LOC with the CCW are buying Christmas presents for the children in the LINKS program. Hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas.

**Pat Kemp  
President**



## Fourth Degree News

Date and location of the December Assembly meeting TBA. You should receive notice by email.

### 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

### Saturday Vigil Mass: 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/UCmMels6vdHJTJD98ZZb\\_VcA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmMels6vdHJTJD98ZZb_VcA)

### NOTICES:

- **No Saturday 8:00am Daily Mass until further notice.**
- **For reconciliations, approach priest after any Mass.**
- **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.

## 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".



## Pray for Our Loved Ones

Pray for the repose of the souls of **Mary Hughes** (Nov. 7), **Alta Halama** (Nov. 8), and **Joan Berning** (Nov. 25)

Pray for the health & recovery of **Jean DeLuco**, **Beverly Scott**, **Marcello Alleruzzo**, **Karen Ernst**, **Pat Wehner**, **Tina Pittman**, and **Charlie Fahren-**

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

Council Officers 2021-2022	
Chaplain	Fr. Jim Antiporek (630-393-2400 x 13)
Grand Knight	Michael Bates (630-836-0223)
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1st Yr. Trustee	Kevin Looby (630-329-1316)
<b>Insurance Agent</b>	<b>Matthew Kling (630-485-8705)</b>

**Business Meetings:** 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM  
**Meeting Location:** St. Irene Activities Center

Committee Directors	
Program Director	Doug Dillmann (630-415-5258)
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Community Director	Bob Rauko (630-337-1568)
Church Director	James Bartz (630-229-8311)
Family Director	Michael Bates (630-836-0223)
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Public Relations Director	Richard Kostner (630-310-9642)
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Life Director	Jack Gorski (630-393-4742)
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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 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 [jrhalama@comcast.net](mailto:jrhalama@comcast.net) prior to the 21th day of each month.





## Grand Knight's Corner

Hello all, and welcome to December and the start of winter. Yes, December is the official start of winter regardless of what the last month told you.

Now, I'm sure as we are all aware, and have been aware since October, we have a holiday coming up. That holiday is Christmas. If I'm being brutally honest, Christmas has lost the last semblance of religion it had. It has become a secular holiday all about presents, and, for the especially crazy ones in our society, cars. But...what does Christmas even mean? I'm not sure if anyone knows anymore. Sure, it's the birth of Jesus, even an atheist could answer that, but where is the importance of that now? And that's the problem.

Even for Christians, the religious aspect has taken the backseat, more so than any other holiday. Halloween had a meaning. It still does, we just added costumes and candy. Easter too, we just added a sentient rabbit and more candy. Christmas has candy, but, while Easter remained a religious holiday, Christmas didn't. I'm sure that some of you are Christmas nuts and have been listening to Christmas music on the radio since November 1st, and that's fine, but how many of those songs mention Jesus? I used to be a Christmas nut, and most songs don't. Granted, I stop after hearing that one song 50 times in one day. You all know exactly what song I mean. Anyways, Christmas needs to become more than going to Church at 10:00 on December 25, or more than what it's been because it's important.

Before I sign off for the month, I need to call to mind those that we lost recently. We have lost **Alta Halama**, **Joan Berning** (Steve Berning's mother), and **Mary Hughes**, all were very active in their parishes and will be missed this year. All of this at once gives a new feel to Christmas. It's not a feel that we get often. If we got it often, it wouldn't be a special feeling anymore. It's a feeling of rawness. Of joy. As I'm writing this, I'm downstate in a tent, but that feeling of something so raw and special is there. We need that feeling, that feeling of genuine, unadulterated happiness, not the artificial happiness that we usually feel. But the only way to get there is to keep God at the center of our lives and move Christmas out of the backseat.

Merry Christmas, everyone, and have a happy new year. Pray for me and know I'm praying for you, God bless.

Vivat Jesus!

Adv. Josh Bates/aka, GK Mike Bates

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calling or texting to 630-329-1316, or calling Ken DiIulio at 630-747-3673.

The Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans is a not-for-profit transitional living facility that provides assistance to U.S. veterans of any era for the opportunity to return to useful and productive lives by providing them with the skills for independent living.

## ProLife

### Roe v Wade—Supreme Court Watch

The Mississippi Attorney General along with other states' officials filed a Supreme Court Brief on October 13, 2021. Oral arguments in the case of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* are scheduled for December 1, 2021. This could mean that the Supreme Court may re-examine its rulings on legalized nationwide abortion, which could lead to the repeal of *Roe v. Wade*.

While *Dobbs* already had drawn interest as the first abortion-related case following the death of Ruth Bader Ginsburg and appointment of Amy Coney Barrett in her place, placing six conservative justices on the bench, the case drew even more attention following the enactment of the [Texas Heartbeat Act](#) on September 1, 2021 along with the Supreme Court's denial to move to block enforcement of the law while it was undergoing a legal challenge via [Whole Woman's Health v. Jackson](#) and [United States v. Texas](#).

The Texas Heartbeat Act made abortions after the sign of fetal heartbeat - typically six weeks after pregnancy - illegal, but as to work around *Roe v. Wade*, the law is not enforced by the state but gives any citizen the right to sue anyone that assists or enables those that perform these pregnancies in state courts. Oral arguments for both cases were made on November 1, 2021, where observers of the Supreme Court said that the Court was focused on the aspects of [standing](#) rather than addressing the abortion issue directly.<sup>[14]</sup> The Texas law is highly controversial, and as a result, numerous additional briefs were filed to *Dobbs* most supporting the abortion clinics' position. Over 1,125 friend-of-the-court briefs had been filed in *Dobbs* by mid-September 2021.<sup>[15]</sup>

Separately, Georgia had passed [House Bill 481](#) in 2019, which banned abortions after six weeks. The law was challenged and deemed unconstitutional under *Roe v. Wade* in October 2019 by the [United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia](#). The state challenged this ruling to the [Eleventh Circuit](#), but due to *Dobbs* being scheduled for December 2021, the Circuit Court issued a stay of review until after the Supreme Court had decided *Dobbs*.<sup>[16]</sup>

Jack Gorski

Pro-Life Chair Council 6710



## Knights Decorate for Christmas —Nov. 20

As in the past, Knights annually put up the outdoor Christmas decorations at St. Irene's. Unfortunately garland purchased from the Boy Scouts had not yet arrived. They are scheduled to go up on a later date. Those who helped were: **John Ernst**, **PGK Jim Halama**, **PGK Marc Alleruzzo**, **Paul Burgermeister**, **Bill Lintner**, **PGK Jim Bartz**, **Kevin Bartz**, **Gus Bosili**, **Dave Abhalter**, **GK Mike Bates**, **PGK Ken DiIulio**, **PGK Bob Rauko**, and **Pat O'Connor**.

### Alta Halama Passes to Eternal Life Nov. 8, 2021



Alta Cools Halama, 80, of Warrenville, passed away November 8, 2021. Beloved wife of James Rufus Halama; loving sister of Joseph (Darlene) Cools; proud Aunt Rie of Julie, Elizabeth, Christopher, and Daniel; dear friend of many.

Professionally, Alta was a writer for the photography magazine Photo Business, and published a weekly inter-nationally distributed newsletter for executives in the photography industry. She got her start working for her parents in the Glen Sport and Camera shop in Glen Ellyn.

St. Irene has been a big part of Alta and my (Jim) life since we moved to the parish in 1989, just two years after our marriage. We owe it to St. Irene's for all the dear friends we have. I have always been told by other Brother Knights that as a member of the Knights of Columbus make sure your wife is at your side. Alta always was always at my side and supported whatever I would do for the Knights. I thank you Alta from the bottom of my heart.

Alta in her own right was very involved at St. Irene's whether liturgically, parish life, or with fundraising activities. Alta served as Eucharistic Minister and Lector; took charge of Lector training and scheduling for many years. Her writing skills were utilized in drafting the prayers of the faithful for Sunday Masses. Alta organized and served as the first President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus. Alta was always there to participate in fundraisers for building our new church. Alta and Claire Barry along with Fr. Tom were the instigators in starting Oktoberfest as an outdoor event. She helped carry forward the event to the big tent; it eventually becoming the annual Autumn Fest. She ended up being involved in the beer and wine tasting events and the Wheel of Meat raffle.

Alta in the last few years suffered from severe lung disease and retired from parish activities. Nevertheless, I thank, the parish thanks, and the Knights of Columbus thank Alta for all she has done. Her wit and spunk will be missed.

### Mary Hughes Passes to Eternal Life Nov. 7, 2021



Mary Margaret "Merg" Hughes (née Mordini), age 70, a resident of Warrenville, IL since 1986, formerly of Northbrook, IL, passed away on Sunday, November 7, 2021 at her home after an 18 year battle with cancer. She was born January 13, 1951 in Highland Park, IL. Beloved wife of William F. "Bill" Hughes, whom she married in 1972, loving mother of Matthew (Emily Franklin) Hughes of Chicago and Erin (Jacob) Paul of Lake Villa, IL, cherished "Nanni" to Liliana and Natalie.

Mary was an educator for over 30 years and taught fourth grade at St. Irene School in Warrenville where she was a dedicated member of her faith community. An avid reader, gardener, seamstress, and magical Mrs. Claus, she chose love with every breath and will be missed beyond words.

In recognition of Mary's work and volunteerism at St. Irene's Mary was awarded CCW Woman of Year in 2015.



### Joan Berning Passes to Eternal Life Nov. 25, 2021



Joan "Joanne" (Peacock) Berning, age 92, of Galena, IL passed into the Lord's presence with loving family by her side, on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 2021.

Joan was born on August 18, 1929. She was a graduate of Galena High School and worked at Kemptner's bookstore in downtown Galena. In 1950, Joan married her love, Harry Berning, of Galena, becoming the wife of a farmer and the wonderful mother of a large family. Joan was a member of St. Mary's church for 92 years, and St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society. She enjoyed using her creative talents through painting and card making. In the last 30 years, Joan was a member of the "Busy Fingers" quilt club, where her passion was to design handmade, hand quilted, beautiful quilts.

Survivors include one daughter, Mary (Andy) Cross of Missoula, MT, and five sons, Steve (Cathy) Berning of Warrenville, IL, Robert (Mary) Berning, Joseph (Chris) Berning, and Ron (Janine) Berning all of Galena, and Daniel Berning of Gardena, CA, and sister, Colleen Stovall, of Villa Grove, IL. She is also survived by her great legacy of 18 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren. Joan was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Harry Berning, her son, James Berning, and his son.

*From Furlong Chapel Joan Berning Obituary page*



### 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).

### Super Bowl Raffle—Order Your Tickets Now!

Use the ticket forms below to order your tickets. Early bird drawings will be held Jan. 30 & Feb. 6. 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 below for details

**Super Bowl Sunday**  
**Feb. 13, 2022**

**Early Bird Drawings Jan. 30 & Feb. 6**

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

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## Faith

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Hope

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Super Bowl Raffle Feb.13, 2022



## 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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## Charity

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

St. Irene Knights of Columbus  
Super Bowl Raffle Feb. 13, 2022

**Early-Bird Drawings:** Drawings will be held virtually Jan. 30 & Feb. 6. Each entry can only win once during the early-bird drawings, but remains eligible for the drawings on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022.

**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

Dec. 4	7:30 AM	KC/VFW Blood Drive at VFW Hall, Warrenville
Dec. 8	7:30 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting—TBA
Dec. 9	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting—Cupertino Home
Dec. 21		<b>First Day of Winter</b>
Dec. 25		<b>Merry Christmas</b>
Jan. 1		<b>Happy New Year</b>
Jan 13	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Jan. 30	Noon	Early Bird drawing for Super Bowl Raffle
Feb. 6	Noon	Early Bird drawing for Super Bowl Raffle
Feb. 13	4:00 PM	Super Bowl Party and Raffle—location TBA



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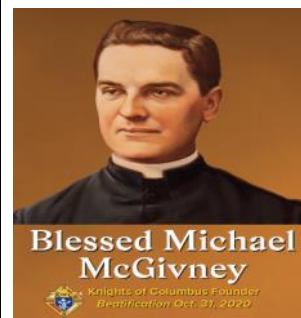
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## December Birthdays

Richard Doucette	Dec. 1	Susan Gosewehr	Dec. 20
Matthew Wiesbrock	Dec. 1	Ana Maria O'Hare	Dec. 20
Paul Burgermeister	Dec. 2	Noelle Shallcross	Dec. 20
Michael Larue	Dec. 2	Jerry Kleinwachter	Dec. 21
David Polkow	Dec. 4	Gerald Gosewehr	Dec. 23
Denise Perez	Dec. 5	Suzanna Cook Standifer	Dec. 24
Bernice Siele	Dec. 6	Elaine Perez	Dec. 27
Mary Lambert	Dec. 11	Mary Harfetepe	Dec. 28
Elizabeth Battaglia	Dec. 13	Diane Spiotta	Dec. 28
Frederick Smith	Dec. 13	Michael Duquette	Dec. 29
Mary Jo Kulzick	Dec. 15	Cathy Berning	Dec. 31
Carol Rasmussen	Dec. 15		



## December Wedding Anniversaries

Larry & Julia Chaon	Dec. 12	Patrick & Diana Banigan	Dec. 26
Gustavo & Jaclyn Bosoli	Dec. 20		

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