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Warrenville, IL



Mar. 12-13 & 19-20: Bread Tag and Key Collection Drive

The St. Irene Knights of Columbus are again partnering with [SCARCE](#), a local environmental education group in Addison, 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 raise money to acquire wheelchairs and mobility assistance devices for those in need.



Additionally, we will be collecting old, unused keys of all types for recycling by SCARCE. Their program is “[Keys for Conservation](#)” which asks you to donate your old, unused keys to support SCARCE’s environmental education and rescue projects.

Tags can be dropped off at the church entrance collection boxes on the two weekends of March 12-13 and 19-20 only. Tags and keys can be put in the same collection receptacle. If you need further information, contact Joe at 630-983-6159 or jdrk4715@aol.com. Thank you for your support!

Joe Kubal

March 10 at 6:30 PM—KofC Fraternal Benefits Seminar

Worthy Brother Knights,

We are scheduled to host a Multi-State Virtual Fraternal Benefits Seminar with World Renowned Speaker & Brother Knight – **Joe Jordan**. This event will take place on March 10 at 6:30 PM.

Successful participation in this event will earn your council Seminar Credit for the 2021-22 Fraternal Year. See Joe Jordan promotion on Page 4. Scan the QR code to register in advance.

Matthew Kling, FSCP
Field Agent, Knights of Columbus



The Need Continues!

I continue to collect shoes from folks from the Warrenville Recreation Center. I took a load of shoes into Share Your Soles last week.

The organization is in desperate need of resources. In particular, Share Your Soles is hurting for gently worn shoes, volunteers, and funds to help ship shoes to those in need. If you can provide any of these resources, please contact Mona Purdy, Founder, Share Your Soles Foundation, 11201 S Cottage Grove, Chicago, Illinois 60628, (708) 448-4469, info@shareyoursoles.org. Thank you!

Joe Kubal



Mar. 23 — 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.



Mar. 26—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 accepted.

Easter Season is Upon us A Little Bit Later Than Sooner

Ash Wednesday—March 2
Easter—April 17



Message from Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly —Pray for People of Ukraine

Brother Knights,

The situation in Ukraine is dire and worsening. The people of Ukraine, and our brother Knights and their families in that nation, need our help.

I call upon all Knights to join me in praying for peace in Ukraine, and especially for the safety of our more than 1,800 brother Knights and their families who suddenly face the danger of war. Please also join me in responding to the recent appeal of Pope Francis to join him in prayer and fasting for Ukraine on Ash Wednesday, March 2.

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Council Business Meeting Mar. 10 at 7:00 PM

We plan to meet in person at the St. Irene Activities Center. We plan to select deceased Brother Knight honorees for the high school scholarship.



Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

The Ladies of Columbus Axillary has temporarily suspended activities at this point. Please know that if you have a need, we are there to try to help. Have a happy St. Patrick's Day, and God bless.

Theresa Kussman
Ladies of Columbus Auxiliary



Fourth Degree News

Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting is Mar. 9 at 7:45 PM at St. Margaret Mary, 1450 Green Trails Drive, Naperville.

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



Eucharistic Adoration—Each Thursday at St. Irene Church

Beginning on Thursday Mar. 17 and continuing on the 3rd Thursday of each month, Eucharistic Adoration will be offered after morning Mass and continuing through 8:00 PM. (This is in addition to weekly Adoration on Thursday until Noon.) The Rosary group will pray the Rosary at 7:00 PM.

Please prayerfully discern getting involved in the devotion of Eucharistic Adoration. We need adorers committed to spend one hour each month with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Please sign up at the back of Church, or by calling the parish office. Make a monthly appointment with Jesus; spend time with the one who loves you unconditionally.

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/UCmMels6ydhJTJD98Z7b_VcA



Pray for Our Loved Ones

Pray for the health & recovery of **Beverly Scott, Marcello Alleruzzo, Erich Pavel, Pat Wehner, Tina Pittman, Jeffrey Wombold, Rich Planek, Charlie Fahrenwald, Erich Pavel, and Rachel Jarasius.**

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

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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.

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Grand Knight's Corner

Hello everyone, and welcome to March! We're finally to spring...or at least what should be spring. We still have a few months of cold yet, even if the groundhog was right. But that groundhog stuff is just superstition. So is luck.

And this month, we have St. Patrick's Day, a holiday that pretty much is associated only with luck. Now, you know as well as I that St. Patrick had nothing to do with luck. I don't know much about him except that he used clovers to teach about the Trinity. It kind of makes me wonder what happened when he found four-leaf clovers.

Anyways, it raises the question, what is luck if luck even exists? Sure, there are some times in life where it seems like luck exists. I play games with friends and always get the best roll, but that's not necessarily luck. Sometimes we're driving and we avoid a car crash by a few seconds. Again, not necessarily luck. Luck is, as far as I can tell, 100% superstition. I do want to stress as well that chance occurrences are not luck. They just kind of happen that way. The more compelling argument for luck is known as Divine Intervention, but I'm not going to get into that now, seeing as I have something more pressing to talk about this month.

Now, while the feast day of St. Patrick is important, there is something else happening this month. Something that I have an odd relationship with. That's Ash Wednesday. First Wednesday of the month, mark your calendars. When I was younger, all that Ash Wednesday was for me was just 6 weeks where I couldn't eat meat on Fridays (I didn't know the rule until I was 12) and I had to give up something or do something, and alleluia (according to some people) became the equivalent of a swear word in that time period. I've since changed from that mindset.

Some of you I'm sure remember what I said last month about not keeping your New Year's resolutions and are thinking that this is a chance to redeem yourself. And yeah, it might be that for a little while, but what about when those 6 weeks are over? My guess is that you're not going to keep it up. When you make a Lenten promise though, it should be like some of the New Year's resolution ideas that I gave you about putting God back to center stage. A Lenten promise should be about God. Like saying a Rosary a day, or praying the Divine Mercy chaplet everyday, spending an hour praying a day, things that will bring you closer to God.

Those things aren't easy, I know, but if you're anything like me, then Easter is your favorite holiday. And those Lenten promises you made makes Easter all that much sweeter. So this Ash Wednesday, pray, fast assuming that you're old enough and not too old, spend the day reflecting and think about what you'll do this lent. Just make sure that whatever you do, it puts God at the center of your life. After all, He doesn't belong anywhere else.

That's all for this month. Pray for me and know I'm praying for you, God bless.

Vivat Jesus!

Adv. Josh Bates/aka, GK Mike Bates

ProLife

The End of Roe?

Clarke D. Forsythe, senior counsel for Americans United for Life, KofC Website

The U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments Dec. 1 in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, the most consequential challenge to *Roe v. Wade* in a generation. The Jan. 22, 1973, the Supreme Court in *Roe v. Wade* created a right to abortion until fetal viability and even after viability if any health concerns on the part of the mother, even anxiety, are identified. In 1992, the Supreme Court in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* reaffirmed *Roe* but created and imposed a new "undue burden" standard for assessing abortion regulations.

At issue in *Dobbs* is a 2018 Mississippi state law that bans abortions, with some exceptions, after 15 weeks' gestation — well before the current understanding of viability. An unborn baby is generally considered viable at 24 weeks, though some have survived after being born at 22 weeks or even earlier. A toddler in Alabama was recently recognized as the most premature baby ever to survive, having been born at 21 weeks and one day.

In effect, the court is being asked whether a ban on abortion before an unborn child is viable is constitutional. But answering this is not simply a matter of evaluating a line after which an unborn baby can be legally considered a person with rights to be protected. Instead, it requires that the court reevaluate the much-criticized reasoning behind the *Roe* and *Casey* decisions. This was made clear in the questions posed by several Supreme Court justices during the Dec. 1 oral arguments in *Dobbs*, observed Clarke D. Forsythe, senior counsel for Americans United for Life.

For the entire interview, please refer to the article at *Columbia Magazine* by clicking the following link:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/columbia/2022/january/the-end-of-ro.html>.

Jack Gorski
Pro-Life Chair Council 6710



Invitation to Join Council Community Outreach Club

Each year Brother Knights at St. Irene's volunteer in the community to clean-up the roadside and maintain flower beds at Wrenville Welcome Signs. We help to build planter boxes, plant perennials and flowers for War-

renville in Bloom. We are out soliciting funds for the Tootsie Roll Drive. We sponsor blood drives.

Please consider joining a Community Outreach Club and say that I am

To join contact
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Book Discussion, Lenten Soup Supper, and Stations of the Cross



Join us in the ACL every Friday (except Good Friday) during Lent at 6:00pm for a Lenten Soup Supper with a book discussion of the "Life Is Messy" book from Matthew Kelly that you received at Christmas. This book is about putting our lives back together, and allowing ourselves to be put back together, when life doesn't turn out as we expected it to. A set of questions will be discussed each week based on the book. One does not have to have read the book to be part of the discussion. March 4 will be used to explain what we are doing and pass out any books if needed. First discussion will take place on March 11.

After soup and discussion, we will have Stations of the Cross beginning at 7:00pm in the Church. We will be exploring new ways to pray this Lenten tradition:

- ♦ March 4 - Way of the Cross according to Luke
- ♦ March 11- Mary's Way of the Cross
- ♦ March 18 - Shadow Stations by Religious Education
- ♦ March 25 - John Paul II's Biblical way of the Cross
- ♦ April 1 - A Sinner's Stations of the Cross
- ♦ April 8 - TBD



All are welcome!

(Pray for People of Ukraine, Continued from page 1)

In addition to our prayers, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has committed \$1.5 million for immediate distribution to support Ukrainian refugees, including Ukrainian Knights and their families. We will be working with our councils in Poland as well as the Latin and Greek Catholic Churches in Ukraine to provide humanitarian assistance.

Knights of Columbus Charities has launched the Ukraine Solidarity Fund for this purpose, and the Supreme Council will match all funds up to \$500,000. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this effort. For additional information about the Knights of Columbus Ukraine Solidarity Fund and how to donate, please visit [here](#).

Joe Jordan Presents

Stress Free Retirement Planning



Join us for an informative online presentation by inspirational speaker, behavioral finance expert and brother Knight, Joe Jordan.

Joe will discuss "Stress Free Retirement Planning," including how to plan for your financial future and a secure retirement. His talk will give you new insights into your financial affairs without losing sight of your faith and values.

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus & Field Agent - Matthew Kling

DATE: March 10, 2022

TIME: 6:30PM

ADVANCED REGISTRATION:

Scan QR Code or Email matthew.kling@kofc.org



Save the Date—
April Eye Glass 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.



Feb. 13 Super Bowl Raffle Raises \$4925 for Council Programs

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2022 Virtual Super Bowl Raffle. Your purchase of 266 tickets by 83 individuals over three boards brought a total of \$8775.

As in past years 1/2 of the ticket sales are awarded as cash prizes. The remainder plus donations by winners gave us a net of \$4925. Donations by winners totaled \$675.

The raffle was conducted in the St. Irene Activities Center during the football game. There were no raffle party expenses. Attendees brought their own food & drink.

Ticket sales were conducted entirely virtual by email in the sense that there was no physical contact. Publicity was conducted through the newsletter, parish bulletin, and council web site. We exceeded last year's ticket sales of 254. The complete list of winners:

Pool	Raffle Winners	Prize Amount	Donation
Early Bird	Joe Kubal	\$50	High School Scholarship
	Andrew White	\$50	
Charity	Mark Hodges	\$500	
	Loyola	\$500	
	Dana Berning	\$250	
	Terri Kussman	\$250	
	Pat McGowan	\$100	High School Scholarship
	Mike Hitchcock	\$100	
	Kelly & Tim Carolan	\$100	
	James Halama	\$50	High School Scholarship
	Tim & Kelly McMahan	\$50	
	Sandy Kelly	\$50	
	Mike Duquette	\$50	
	Ken Intihar	\$50	
	Sandy Kelly	\$50	
Hope & Faith	Memory of Alta Halama	\$250	High School Scholarship
	Mike Hitchcock	\$250	
	Kevin Murphy	\$250	
	Reed Callahan	\$250	
	Vicki Smith	\$125	
	Jeffrey Schmitz	\$125	
	James Halama	\$125	High School Scholarship
	Alison Gosewehr	\$50	
	Pamela Keating	\$50	
	Sharyn Sather	\$50	
	Kevin Colgan	\$50	
	Diane Lichtenberg	\$50	High School Scholarship
	Kelly & Mackenzie Carolan	\$50	
	Brendan McGowan	\$50	
	Reed Callahan	\$50	
	Cathy Kott	\$50	
	Katherine McGowan	\$50	
	Kevin Murphy	\$50	
	Erich & Sue	\$25	
	Karen Ernst	\$25	High School Scholarship
	Terri Kussman	\$25	
	Pamela Keating	\$25	
	Clare Barry	\$25	High School Scholarship
	Kevin Callahan	\$25	
	Jeffrey Schmitz	\$25	
	Leah Berning	\$25	
Steve Berning	\$25	High School Scholarship	
Memory of Alta Halama	\$25	High School Scholarship	
Sue & Erich	\$25		
Carol Rasmussen	\$25	St. Irene Parish	



Jan-Feb Virtual Drive Raises \$1143

With deepest appreciation the St. Irene Knights of Columbus and the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) organization wish to thank financial contributors to this year's virtual FMSC fundraiser "Feed the Need." A total of \$1,143 was collected to support the mission of FMSC in providing food to those in need within underprivileged countries around the world.

Hopefully, when the pandemic subsides, we again will be able to go to in-person food packing sessions at the Aurora facility to further support this worthy cause. Many blessings to those that opened their hearts and their wallets and to all those that have contributed their labor, time and/or money to this charitable ministry in the past.

**Again, thank you!
Joe Kubal**

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willing to volunteer at community events. The requirement is that you are willing to be personally contacted each time an event occurs urging your participation. The expectation is that you participate. As an organized club, member leaders and event champions are able to recruit enough volunteers to make the event successful. Sometimes it may be Tootsie Roll Drive or Blood Drive chairmen.

The club has incentives to grow its membership and to become aware of new community projects. Membership should not be limited to Brother Knights only. An opportunity to recruit new Knights of Columbus members becomes likely.

It is hoped that participation in club events becomes rewarding to each individual on many levels, especially recognition for a job well done. Leading club events provides opportunities to develop your leadership skills. Brother Knights with a common cause are able to celebrate together at fun picnics and dinners.

It is hoped that with enough participation that the club will be successful now and in the future.

PGK James Halama



Save the Date—May 7

On Saturday, May 7, there will be a pilgrimage hike - "Walk to Mary" - located near

Green Bay, Wisconsin. The hike starts at several locations to accommodate walkers of various ability and ends at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, America's only church-approved Marian apparition site. Additional information can be found at walktomary.com.

I personally am planning on attending. If interested, please call me at 630-983-6159 or email at jdrk4715@aol.com.

Joe Kubal

Knights' Calendar

Mar. 2		Ash Wednesday
Mar. 9	7:45 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting—St. Margaret Mary, Naperville
Mar. 10	6:30 PM	KofC Benefits online seminar—see Page 4
	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Mar. 12-13 & 19-20	All Masses	Bread Tag and Key Collection Drive at St. Irene Church drop boxes
Mar. 23	6:00 PM	American Legion Burger Night—Warrenville VFW Hall
Mar. 20		First Day of Spring
Mar. 26	7:30 AM	KC/VFW Blood drive—VFW Hall, Warrenville
Apr. 7	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
April 17		Easter Sunday



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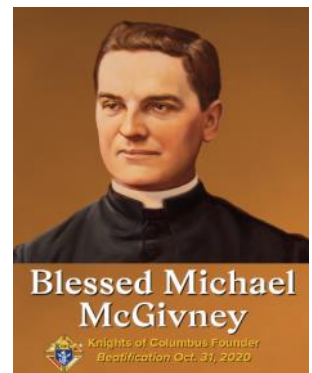
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March Birthdays

Joseph Eganhouse	Mar. 2	David Vincent	Mar. 14
Karen Menconi Cappa	Mar. 5	Maryann Bartz	Mar. 15
Jackie La Rocco	Mar. 5	Patti Eganhouse	Mar. 17
Matthew Kulzick	Mar. 7	Deborah Smithy	Mar. 18
John O'Malley	Mar. 8	David Cappa	Mar. 22
Jacqueline Huttenhoff	Mar. 8	Susan Cizek	Mar. 24
Barbara Schrage	Mar. 10	Michael Horan	Mar. 25
Dianne Drew	Mar. 11	Maryann True	Mar. 25
Diane Lichtenberg	Mar. 11	William Looby	Mar. 26
Anna Saake	Mar. 13	Robert Ladeur	Mar. 27
Pamela Kuhn	Mar. 14	Robert Rauko	Mar. 29



March Wedding Anniversaries

Andrew & Sandi Gorski	Mar. 10	Mark & Diane Spiotta	Mar. 24
Jeffrey & Pam Bollweg	Mar. 12	Michael & Gloria Fello	Mar. 28
Dwight & Janet Sherman	Mar. 16		

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