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Warrenville, IL

Special Camps



"This is the best week of my whole life"

Special Camps to Host Three Camp Weeks in June—Teen Volunteers are needed

We need your help! Special Camps needs to find 30 teenagers to serve as camp counselors! Volun-

teers serve as a best friend, counselor and coach to people with intellectual disabilities; participate in horseback riding, grooming and paint, crafts, archery, field games, wood working, drumming, yoga, music, talent shows, swimming and so much more alongside of the campers you come to serve. Returning camp counselors have called this a "life changing opportunity" to live, play and learn from the amazing campers they come to serve, that they look forward to returning to all year long.

We are so grateful for everyone's support of Special Camps, the all volunteer, week long overnight camps for kids and adults with intellectual disabilities. With the help of Knights and their family members have served as board members, volunteer staff, nurses, teen camp counselors and special needs campers. With your support, we are eagerly looking forward to serving another 200 campers this June.

Weeks are June 5 - 10, June 12 - 17, and June 19 - 24. The location is White Pines Ranch in Oregon, IL (1/2 hour West of DeKalb). You would stay there for the week. The cost is free. A great way to earn 100 service hours.

Go to SpecialCamps.org to sign-up and to learn more about the camp.



May 7— Maintenance at City Signs

The Council will again take on the task of

maintaining perennial plantings surrounding the "Welcome to Warrenville" signs. This year we can resume visiting the signs collectively. The number of signs is dwindling, but nevertheless those that remain need maintenance.

Please consider participating in this community program during the summer. Subsequent scheduled dates are as follows (all Saturdays at 9:00 AM): **June 4, July 9, Aug. 13, and Sept. 24.** Bring a spade, hoe, shears or other piece of gardening equipment you find useful. Contact **Bob Rauko** at 330-337-1568 for more information.

WALK TO MARY

United in Step from Shrine to Shrine

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



Annual High School Scholarship Update

In April we announced that two \$1000 scholarships are available to benefit two graduating eighth graders from St. Irene's Parish who will be continuing his or her education at a Catholic high school or academy.

The \$1000 is to be used to help defray first year tuition costs.

The requirement is that the eighth grader will be attending a Catholic high school or academy in the Fall. The application is available online following this [link](#) (this is Microsoft Word document - download it; fill it in, and save). Please encourage your child to apply for this award. Applications must be completed and received by **Friday, May 13, 2022**. Send by email to jwagner7@gmail.com to be considered.

Winners and families will be invited to attend the June 12 10:00 AM Mass at St. Irene's where winners will be announced. If you have any questions, you can contact me at 847-558-9166 or jwagner7@gmail.com.

Scholarships will be awarded in honor of deceased **Brother Knights Wayne Decker and Glen Kussman.**

Justin Wagner
KC Scholarship Committee

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Council Business Meeting May 12 at 7:00 PM

We will meet in person at the St. Irene Activities Center. The slate of officers will be read in preparation for elections in June:

- Chaplain—**Fr. James Antiporek**
- Grand Knight—**Marcello Alleruzzo**
- Deputy Grand Knight—**Pat McGowan**
- Financial Secretary—**James Halama**
- Treasurer—**John Ernst**
- Chancellor—**Paul Burgermeister**
- Recorder—**Bob Rauko**
- Advocate—
- Warden—**Patrick O'Connor**
- Inside Guard—**Dave Abhalter**
- Outside Guard—**Joshua Bates**
- Lector—**William Lintner**
- Trustees—**Mike Bates, Tom Perez, Ken DiIulio**



Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

I Hope everyone is enjoying our wonderful spring weather?! The LOC Board turned in dates to **Yvonne** and awaiting word for all of our activities like Bunco and Ladies Night Out. As soon as we hear back we will let you know about the LOC's plans for this year.

If you haven't paid your dues for this year, please contact **Terri Kussman** at terrikussman@gmail.com. Your support is appreciated. Our next board meeting is May 9 at 4:30. Come join us and meet the new board, who will be installed in June.

Pat Kemp
Ladies of Columbus Auxiliary



Fourth Degree News

Council 6710 hosts May 11 Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting. The meeting will be held in the St. Irene Activities Center at 7:00 PM. We need help to set up and to clean up later.

- May 7 First Communion—10:00 AM, please arrive 1/2 hour prior to the Mass.



Pray for Our Loved Ones

Pray for the health & recovery of **Sandy Decker, Mary Ann True, Shirley Cosgrove, Beverly Scott, Pat Wehner, Tina Pittman, Rich Planek, Charlie Fahrenwald, Erich Pavel, and Rachel Jarasius.**

Schedules

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 and until 8:00pm on the third Thursday of each month with reconciliation from 6:30-7:30pm

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/UCmMels6ydHjTJD98ZZb_VcA

NOTICES:

- **Masks are RECOMMENDED but not required.** We have a section for people who prefer to continue to social distance.

The link to the bulletin will be provided weekly via our Flocknotes and on the St. Irene website at <https://st-irene.org/documents/collection/bulletin>. Contributions can be mailed to:

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)
Dep. Grand Knight	Doug Dillmann (630-415-5258)
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Chancellor	James Bartz (630-229-8311)
Recorder	Bob Rauko (630-337-1568)
Advocate	Joshua Bates (630-836-0223)
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Inside Guard	Pat McGowan (630-863-8708)
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2nd Yr. Trustee	Ken DiIulio (630-747-3673)
1st Yr. Trustee	Kevin Looby (630-329-1316)
Insurance Agent	Matthew Kling (630-485-8705)

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)
Membership Director	
Community Director	Bob Rauko (630-337-1568)
Church Director	James Bartz (630-229-8311)
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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).

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Grand Knight's Corner

Hello everyone, welcome to May! Now, I don't know about all of you, but I can say with near certainty that over the past couple of years, we've felt a lot of stress.

Some of us from the beginning of 2020, some of us later. Personally, I can say I'm in the later group. For those of you that are not aware, I'm in college, and the whole entire not trying thing is finally catching up with me faster than I want it to.

And when things stop working in a system that worked for a while, what happens? We get stressed. When anything changes, even if the change is eventually good, there is always a level of stress involved. The thing that we have to remember is that, even though we're stressed, we can turn to God and give him our problems. After all, we can't get through them alone.

In a roundabout way, stress actually brings us closer to God than we can imagine. We can also pray to Mary. This month, we have Mother's Day, and, I know I said this last year, but we have to give thanks to Mary, everyone's mother, Mother of God.

I'm going to leave it off there for this month seeing as I'm a little bit busy while writing this one.

Pray for me and know I'm praying for you, God bless!

Vivat Jesus!

Adv. Josh Bates/aka, GK Mike Bates



Eucharistic Adoration—Each Thursday at St. Irene Church

Eucharistic Adoration is available every Thursday after the 7:00 AM Mass until Noon. On the 3rd Thursday of each month, Adoration will continue until 8:00 PM.

Scheduled adorers are needed. Please call the Parish office to sign-up (630-393-2400).

Reconciliation is offered during Thursday adoration from 6:30—7:30 PM.

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

Crisis Prayer Chain

If you or a family member is in need of immediate prayers, please contact Deacon Joe Urso at joe.urso@outlook.com or 630-853-2070. The prayer request will immediately be forwarded to parishioners who have volunteered to be included in this ministry. The parish office still needs to be notified for the request to appear in the Sunday bulletin.

ProLife



Knights of Columbus Life Programs

The Supreme Council offers several [Life Programs](#). Check them out:

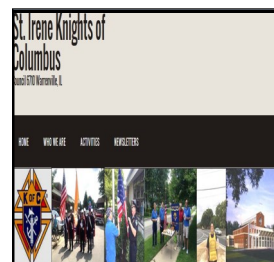
- [Novena For Life](#)—Lead your community in the spiritual fight to establish a culture of life.
- [March For Life](#)—Show public support for the right to life.
- [Ultrasound](#)—Save lives by helping women choose life by giving them the opportunity to view their unborn children on ultrasound machines at pro-life pregnancy centers.
- [Pregnancy Support Center](#)—Change hearts and minds about abortion by showing that the Knights of Columbus loves both mother and child before and after birth.
- [Silver Rose](#)—Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage.
- [Special Olympics](#)—Celebrate the worth and dignity of every human being through the Special Olympics.
- [Mass for People with Special Needs](#)—Welcome individuals and families who might not feel comfortable participating in a regularly scheduled Mass.
- [Christian Refugee Relief](#)—Help persecuted and at-risk Christians facing genocide all over the world, particularly in the Middle East.

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



May 25 —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.



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 jshalama@st-irenekofc.org.



April 30 Adopt-A-Highway Was Unfortunately a Rainout

This year's spring has been defined as cold and rainy. And so it was Saturday morning, April 30. The clean-up was cancelled.

Let's recognize those who nevertheless showed-up: **Paul Burgermeister, Mike Duquette, Pat McGowan, Ralph Dieter, GK Mike Bates, Bill Lintner, and PGK Bob Rauko.**

**Ralph Dieter
PGK Bob Rauko
Adopt-A-Highway Co-Chairs**

Council Fourth Degree Honor Guard

Apr. 14 Holy Thursday Mass: Sir Knights who participated were **Erich Pavel, James Halama, Ken Dilulio, Bill Lintner, Marc Alleruzzo, Patrick O'Connor, and Bob Rauko.**



Apr. 16 Easter Vigil: **Erich Pavel, James Halama, Ken Dilulio, Bill Lintner, James Bartz, Mark Spiotta, and Bob Rauko.**

Apr. 23 Confirmation: **Ken Dilulio and Bill Lintner**



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 Warrenville Welcome Signs. We help to build planter boxes, plant perennials and flowers for Warrenville 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 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.

Congratulations!
14 Brother Knights have chosen to join. 7 showed for the Apr. 30 Adopt-A-Highway cleanup (see Page 5).

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



March 2022 Bread Tag/Key Collection Drive

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank all those that participated in the March 2022 Bread Tag/Key Collection Drive. As a result of your efforts, several hundreds of tags were collected to help obtain mobility equipment for those in need. In addition, an astounding 50 lbs. of old keys were donated to assist SCARCE in their recycling and education efforts. Please continue to save bread tags for another drive tentatively to be scheduled in September, 2022. God bless!

**Joe Kubal
Collection Drive Chair**



April 2022 Knights of Columbus Eyeglass Drive

A Sincere Thank You! 77 Pairs

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus and Lions International, we wish to thank those that participated in the 2022 Eyeglass Drive. Seventy-seven pairs of eyeglasses were donated by the St. Irene Church community to help the underprivileged that experience visual acuity problems. Thank you for your generosity to this worthy cause!

**Joe Kubal
Eyeglass Drive Chair**

Knights' Calendar

May 7	9:00 AM	Welcome to Warrenville sign weeding—meet at Batavia & Butterfield
	10:00 AM	First Communion at At. St. Irene's—4th degree honor guard requested
		Walk to Mary Pilgrimage—contact Joe Kubal at 630-983-6159
May 9	4:30 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting—home of Pat Kemp
May 11	7:00	Bishop Blanchette Assembly Meeting— St. Irene Activity Center
May 12	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
May 13		Application for High School Scholarship deadline
May 25	6:00 PM	American Legion Burger Night—VFW Hall, Warrenville
June 9	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
June 12	10:00 AM	High Scholarship Presentation—St. Irene Church
June 25	7:00 AM	KC/VFW Blood Drive—St. Irene Activities Center
June 25		Council Officers Installation—Time and location TBA
July 3-4		Council Food Concession at Warrenville Cerny Park



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May Birthdays

Colleen Brummel	May 2	Peggy Burgermeister	May 17
Charles Ingram	May 2	Steven Pyszka	May 19
Mary Geary	May 3	Julie Duquette	May 20
Robert True	May 4	Karen Ernst	May 20
Amber Mitchell	May 6	Daniel Leonard	May 21
Yvonne Stevens	May 7	Margaret Doucette	May 23
Jeanne Kleinwachter	May 9	Jennifer Kempiak	May 26
Barbara Olson	May 12	Lois Hitchcock	May 27
Alan Jarasius	May 14	Colin Wilkie	May 28
Marcello Alleruzzo	May 15	Matthew Kilroy	May 29
Kelley Higgins	May 16	Maggie Nagode	May 29
Allison Looby	May 16	Donna Janiec	May 31
Stephen Brummel	May 17		





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

May Wedding Anniversaries

Martin & Sue Kometz	May 1	Thomas & Dianne Taylor	May 17
Barbara & Bruce Olson	May 3	Joseph & Barbara Schrage	May 20
Michael & Teresa Hoffman	May 6	Andrew & Donna Seiberlich	May 21
John & Nancy Markendorf	May 8	Kenneth & Barbara Intihar	May 24
Anthony & Joan Parrino	May 11	Alan & Loreta Jarasius	May 24
Jeffrey & Mary Wombold	May 11	Joseph & Susan Kubal	May 26
John & Katie Augustynowicz	May 12	Christopher & Terry Neigel	May 28
David & Sue Cirock	May 17		

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