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Council 6710
Warrenville, IL



July 3-4 Council Hosts Food Stand

After a three-year hiatus, our Council will once again be hosting a food stand during the Fourth-of-July celebration at Cerny Park.. Plan on joining your Brother Knights & Families at Cerny Park as we cook our famous burgers and sweet corn. Events are as follows:

Sunday July 3

- 5:00-11:00 PM—Concession booths are open
- 6:00 PM—Superheroes & Warrenville-ans Parade; starts Warren Ave.
- 7:45-11:00 PM—Music by Centerfold; Main Stage

Monday July 4

- 12:00-9:00 PM -Concession booths are open; closes early for fireworks
- 12:00-3:00 PM—Karaoke, opening flag ceremony, water fights, horseshoe contest, bingo
- 7:30-9:00 PM—Music by Hi Infidelity; Main Stage
- 9:15—Fireworks

Grillers, cashiers, set-up crew and general helpers are needed. The schedule is as follows:

Sunday July 3

- 12:00 PM—meet at St. Irene Church parking lot/garage to load equipment and then proceed to Cerny Park for setup
- 3:00 PM—Volunteers needed to prepare foods for concessions.
- 5:00 PM—Concession booth opens - Need help to grill, shuck corn, package food items, and sales
- 11:00 PM—Concession closes, need help to close down concession for the day.

Monday July 4

- 10:00 AM—Volunteers needed to prepare foods for concessions
- 12:00 PM—Concession booth opens - Need help to grill, shuck corn, package food items, and sales
- 9:15 PM Fireworks begins. Food concession closes.
- 10:00 PM—Close down concession and begin to pack equipment back into trucks.

Tuesday July 5

- 10:30 AM - Volunteers to meet at St. Irene's church/garage to clean and store equipment.

Please contact **PGK Erich Pavel** for additional information at 630-817-2919. Thank you for volunteering.

PGK Erich Pavel

July 4th Food Concession Chairman



July 16—KC and Ladies Auxiliary Officer Installation and Family Picnic

Installation of Officers will take place immediately following the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday July 16 at St. Irene Church. Elected Offices please attend.

Family Picnic at 6:00 PM—All are invited. There is no requirement to attend the officer installation .

The picnic will be held at the Halamma Home outdoor patio (27W100 Galusha Rd., Warrenville). Hamburgers, cheeseburgers, brats, hotdogs, and beverages will be provided.

No RSVP is necessary! Invite a Friend and their Family! Main course items are being provided. Please bring a dish to pass (last names: A-G bring desserts, H-O bring appetizers, and P-Z bring sides).



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 War-

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July 17—Ladies Auxiliary Ice Cream Social

Join us for some tasty treats, fun, socializing, and support the St. Irene's Parish at the same time. Proceeds to benefit the needs of the St. Irene Parish.

The social is will be held at the St. Irene's Activity Center (Lower Level) from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. This follows the 10:00 AM Mass.

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Council Business Meeting July 14 at 7:00 PM

We will meet in person at the St. Irene Activities Center. We congratulate the officers elected at our June meeting for fraternal year 2022-2023:

- 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—**Joshua Bates**
- Warden—**Patrick O'Connor**
- Inside Guard—**Dave Abhalter**
- Outside Guard—**Joe Kubal**
- Lector—**William Lintner**
- Trustees—**Mike Bates, Tom Perez, Ken DiIulio**



Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

I would like to thank **Pat Kemp** for being our president for all these years. She has put so much of her time and talents into all she has done. We are so thankful for all she has contributed. This now begins a new term for all the officers, we ask everyone to come and join with us as we begin a new path.

All ladies are welcome to come to our meetings and see what is planned for the coming months. In July, the Ice Cream Social will be held on July 17 after the 10 o'clock Mass in the ACL. All donations will be go to St Irene Parish. Please watch the bulletin for upcoming events planned. Thank you again Pat Kemp.

Many Blessings

**Bonnie Di Iulio, President
Ladies of Columbus Auxiliary**



Fourth Degree News

The next Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting will take place September 7. There is no meeting in July and a meeting on August 10 for Council Captains, only.



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, Mary Hafertepe, Charlie Fahrenwald, Matthew Hughes, Anita Masters and Rachel Jarasius.**

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 2022-2023	
Chaplain	Fr. Jim Antiporek (630-393-2400 x 13)
Grand Knight	Marc Alleruzzo (630-269-2754)
Dep. Grand Knight	Pat McGowan (630-863-8708)
Financial Sec.	James Halama (630-433-6240)
Treasurer	John Ernst (630-606-2671)
Chancellor	Paul Burgermeister (630-877-1574)
Recorder	Bob Rauko (630-337-1568)
Advocate	Joshua Bates (630-836-0223)
Warden	Patrick O'Connor
Inside Guard	Dave Abhalter (630-857-0972)
Outside Guard	Joe Kubal (630-983-6159)
Lecturer	William Lintner (630-841-6155)
3rd Yr. Trustee	Michael Bates (630-836-0223)
2nd Yr. Trustee	Tom Perez (630-301-1481)
1st Yr. Trustee	Ken DiIulio (630-747-3673)
Insurance Agent	Matthew Kling (630-485-8705)
District Deputy	Kevin Callahan (630-879-3056)

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

Committee Directors	
Program Director	Pat McGowan (630-863-8708)
Membership Director	Michael Bates (630-836-0223)
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	
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)

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

First of all I would like to thank **PGK Mike Bates** for running our Council as our Grand Knight for three years. It has been a tough few years and he did it through COVID 19. He did such a great job! I would also like to thank all of the past Grand Knights since 1997. That is the last time I myself was Grand Knight. This will be my second time as Grand

Knight.

I am very happy to be Grand Knight again for Council 6710! I have been on the committee to nominate every Grand Knight through those years. I am also in charge of the retention committee for the Council. I would like thank all Past Grand Knights since we formed in 1975.

Now I would like to tell you a little about myself. After my term as Grand Knight, I served as District Deputy for four years. After that, I served as Diocesan Recruitment Chair. In 2006, I received the Joliet Diocesan Chapter Victor Cardosi Award. I am married to my supportive wife, **Debbie**, who's idea it was to get me into the Knights in the first place. We will have been married for 48 years in September. We have lived in Warrenville for 45 years. I have three daughters and seven grandchildren who all keep me very busy.

Welcome to the hot month of July! The 4th-of-July is approaching quickly. The Council food concession event at Cerny Park goes from Sunday July 3 to Monday July 4. I am inviting any of the Brother Knights to volunteer to set up, shuck corn, grill hamburgers and hotdogs, wrap for sale and handing them out to customers. Cashiering is also needed. This year we will be taking credit card orders. Yay! This could boost our sales. This money benefits our charities.

Lastly, help is needed to take down the tent and all of our K of C belongings after the fireworks on July 4. We need at least eight volunteers to take the tent down safely. Final clean-up will take place on Monday July 5.

Vivat Jesus!
GK Marcello Alleruzzo
By Amy Reyes



ProLife Patrick Kelly, Supreme Knight Statement on Overturn of Roe v. Wade

My Brother Knights:

After nearly 50 years, the wrong decision that was made in Roe v. Wade has been set right. The Supreme Court's historic decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization overturning both Roe and Planned Parenthood v. Casey, is a watershed moment in the movement that generations of Knights of Columbus have worked and prayed for. Indeed, it is one of the most significant advancements in human rights in our nation's history.

We are grateful and encouraged by the Court's finding that abortion is not a "constitutional right." But we must not think that today is a day to declare victory. Instead, I call upon every member of the Knights of Columbus to redouble their personal efforts to build up the Culture of Life that St. John Paul II described in his prophetic encyclical letter *Evangelium Vitae*.

With Roe reversed, federal advocacy to protect unborn life is still necessary, but the decision opens wide the doors for states to consider their own abortion laws as well. Many states have laws that immediately protect unborn human life. Others have taken regrettable steps to make themselves "sanctuaries" for abortion-on-demand. Pregnancy resources centers will become even more vital as they reach out to serve pregnant women, new mothers and their children.

In the months and years ahead, Knights should work to support — or start — marches for life in every state. Another critical action we can all take is to increase our support for pregnancy resource centers in our communities. To that end, the Supreme Council has announced a \$5 million campaign to support new mothers and their children through a new program: ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy). These pregnancy centers and maternity homes are now the front lines of the pro-life movement, and Knights should continue to stand and serve with them. You can support this effort by making a donation today.

Even before the Dobbs decision was officially released, we saw numerous instances of violence and vandalism targeted at pregnancy resource centers and Catholic churches across the country. Let us find our response in the words Pope Francis addressed to the 2021 Supreme Convention, which called on us to be men "committed to building up rather than tearing down, promoting healing and reconciliation in place of hatred and recrimination, and inviting all to undertake the 'journey of fraternity' that can lead to a world ever more in accord with God's saving plan for our human family."

Finally, we must continue to pray and fast for the end of abortion. How fitting it is that the Dobbs decision arrived on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Let us pray in thanksgiving for this decision, and continue to

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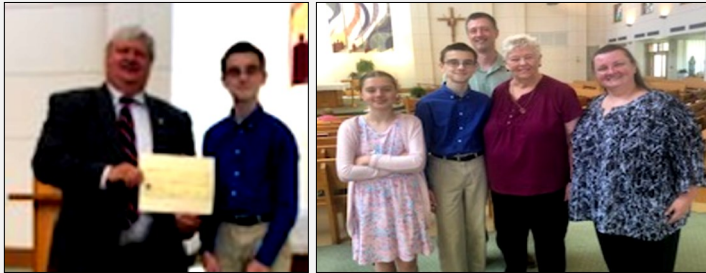


July 9—Maintenance at City Signs Continues

The Council continues take on the task of maintaining perennial plantings surrounding the "Welcome to Warrenville" signs. Please consider participating in this community program during the summer. **PGK James Halama**, **PGK Bob Rauko**, and **GK Mike Bates** weeded the signs on June 4.

Subsequent scheduled dates are as follows (all Saturdays at 9:00 AM): **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.

Jozef Follman Receives \$1000 High School Scholarship June 26



Jozef Follman was presented with the \$1000 scholarship by **PGK James Halama**. He is also pictured with his Family and **Sandy Decker**, widow of the scholarship honoree **Wayne Decker**.

Jozef graduated the 8th grade from St. Peter in Saint Charles. He had attended St. Irene Grade School the previous 7 years. He will be attending Marmion Academy in the Fall.

Josef's winning essay:

"There are many ways in which a Catholic education will benefit me. First, by continuing to attend a Catholic high school, I can strengthen my spiritual life. The theology classes that the school integrates into the curriculum will guide me in my faith. Having monks doing mass and teaching religion class is also very beneficial. Second, a Catholic education will help me find my God-given talents. One God-given talent that I have been told that I exhibit is that I am very nice. As I use this talent throughout my life, I hope this will make the world a better place.

Third, a Catholic education will help me become the best-version-of-myself. This is good for me because when I become the best-version-of-myself, I will be happier and make better choices for me and those around me. Finally, continuing in a Catholic education, I can benefit by going to mass every weekday, not just on Sunday. I will be able to receive communion daily and I will continue to be exposed to sacred scripture. This will help me because I will be open to Christ's presence. I am thankful that my parents are continuing to provide this opportunity. I believe receiving a Catholic education will positively impact the rest of my life."

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renville in Bloom. **Volunteers serve to host the Council July 4 Food Concession.** 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.

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



Catholic Church Tours

Catholic Church Tours (CCT) is a not-for-profit specializing in enjoyable, local day

trips to place where Heaven meets Earth. CCT opens up the acoustics, history, art, and architecture of over 100 different Catholic churches and related destinations, including Roman and Byzantine rite cathedrals, basilicas, churches, and shrines.

Upcoming Tours include:

- July 22 – Italy! Locally – Includes visits to the National Shrine of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, St. Peter (in the Loop), and Assumption church with a stop for lunch at a well-known Italian eatery.
- July 26 – Festival of St. Anne – Tour to St. Anne Parish and Shrine in St. Anne, IL (located near Kankakee). Visit includes Mass, procession, chicken luncheon, veneration of notable relic, etc.

For information on these and other tours, visit the website at <https://www.catholicchurchtours.com/>.

Joe Kubal



LC/VFW Blood Drive Collected 31 Pints June 25

The blood drive was held at the St. Irene Activities Center. Brother Knights who helped were **PGK Ken DiIulio**, **PGK Bob Rauko**, and **GK Mike Bates**.



July 27 —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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implore the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe as we work to build a Culture of Life in which every human life, made in the image and likeness of God, is welcomed in life and protected in law.

**Fraternally,
Patrick E. Kelly, Supreme Knight**

Knights' Calendar

July 3-4		Council Food Concession at Warrenville Cerny Park
July 9	9:00 AM	Weeding of Warrenville Welcome signs—meet at Batavia & Rt 56
July 13		Bishop Blanchette Assembly—No Meeting this month
July 14	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
July 16	5:00 PM	KC Officers Installation following the 5:00 PM Mass at St. Irene Church
	6:00 PM	KC and LOC Picnic at Halama Home-No RSVP needed; bring dish to pass
July 17	11:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Ice Cream Social—St. Irene Activities Center
July 27	6:00 PM	American Legion Burger Night—VFW Hall, Warrenville
Aug. 11	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Sept. 15-17		ID Tootsie Roll Drive—Mark your calendar



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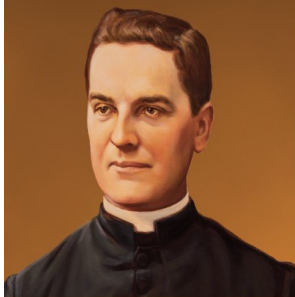
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Council and LA Directory Available

A new directory for Council and Ladies Auxiliary members is now available on the Council web site: st-irenekofo.org. Select Directory Tab. Password is “mcgivney5”.

July Birthdays

Mark Rurka	July 1	Paul Lindsey	July 19
Robert Decker	July 5	Sandra Decker	July 20
John Augustynowicz	July 6	Michael Hitchcock	July 24
Bob Lichtenberg	July 6	John Ernst	July 25
Sandy Larue	July 9	David Fahrenwald	July 25
Teresa Hoffman	July 11	Pat Wehner	July 25
Susan Kubal	July 12	David Janiec	July 27
Ralph Dieter	July 13	Dolly Pointner	July 27
Carmi Cyrus	July 17	Ellen Gorski	July 31



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

*** If your birthday or anniversary date is missing or incorrect, contact **PGK James Halama** at 630-433-6240 or jrhalama@comcast.net to make the corrections.

July Wedding Anniversaries

Sam & Carolyn Vitale	July 7	Joseph & Dianne Urso	July 23
Steve & Cathy Berning	July 13		