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Warrenville, IL



## Council Knights to Conduct the Intellectual Disabilities “Tootsie Roll” Fund Drive September-October—Goal is \$7500

People with Intellectual Disabilities (ID) have limitations in intellectual functions like communicating, taking care of themselves, and impaired social skills. Depending on the level of impairment, many with ID live in special facilities and group homes. Although they are state-supported, funding is limited. Annually, the Knights of Columbus conduct a fund drive to help support organizations that offer service to people with ID.

**In-Person Street Collection September 16-18—Call Nick Battaglia at 773-820-1752 to sign up, or sign up in person at the next Council Business meeting on Sept. 8.**

### Council Virtual Online Fund Drives September-October

- **GoFundMe Intellectual Disabilities:** To contribute choose this [GoFundMe link](#) (Fundraiser for John Ernst by James Halama : St. Irene Intellectual Disabilities Fund Drive (gofundme.com). The virtual drive is targeted to be conducted within the Warrenville Community.
- **Illinois State Council:** A second Council online page is provided by the Illinois Knights of Columbus. Follow this [Illinois State Council link](#). We were requested to participate in the Illinois State Council fund drive as well.
- For both online fund drives, a 3% transaction fee is assessed.

The St. Irene Knights of Columbus in Warrenville, Illinois ID Fund drive will be conducted September through October, 2022. Half the money raised will be donated to the Cupertino Group Home 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](#). All 100% of the funds we receive from this GoFundMe drive support these organizations.

The St. Irene Knights of Columbus has conducted this fund drive every year since its founding in 1975. Before 2020, we exclusively conducted a street solicitation by selling Tootsie Rolls. Unfortunately, it was suspended in 2020 due to the COVID pandemic. Knights will again conduct a street solicitation this year from Sept. 16-18, but in a limited basis. We urge you to also support this effort by donating generously. Except for the candy cost, 100% of the money raised is donated to the designated organizations.



## Sept. 24—KC/VFW Blood Drive

The next blood drive will be held from 7:00 AM—Noon at the St. Irene Activities Center. You may register in advance at the [Versiti of Illinois web page](#). Walk-ins are also accepted.

Let Blood Drive Chairman PGK Ken DiIulio at 630-747-3673 if you plan to volunteer.



## Sept. 10 & Sept. 18 Bread Tag and Key Collection Drive

The St. Irene Knights of Columbus are again partnering with SCARCE, a local environmental education group, 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 acquire wheelchairs and mobility assistance devices for those in need. Tags can be dropped off at the church entrance collection box on the two weekends of September 10-11 and 17-18 only.

Additionally, we will be collecting old, unused keys of all types for recycling. Tags and keys can be put in the same collection receptacle.

Thank you for your support!

Joe Kubal



## Sept. 24—Ladies of Columbus Bunco Party

Play Bunco in the ACL starting at 6:00 PM. The cost is \$20 advance, or \$25 at the door. Ticket price includes finger foods, dessert, soft drinks, water & coffee. You can bring your own beverage of choice. There will also be 50/50 Split-the-Pot raffles. Contact **Missy Kemp** at 630-460-3704 or [missyree2004@yahoo.com](mailto:missyree2004@yahoo.com). Get [Pre-registration form here](#).

Proceeds of event will be used to support STIGMA.

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### Council Business Meeting Sept 8 at 7:00 PM

We will meet in person at the St. Irene Activities Center. See you there!

Details of the upcoming Tootsie Roll drive will be discussed. Sign-up in advance for your favorite street corner.



### Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

The LOC has been going through some growing pains. Keep your eyes and ears open. September 24 is Bunco!! It has been a while since we all got together and had some fun eating, laughing, and rolling the dice. There will be food, desserts, and our special punch!! There will be a 50/50 raffle and prizes as the night goes on. Let us all come together both women and men, yes men are welcome too! Come help our fundraiser for Support over Stigma. Let's make this a great comeback! Also the ladies are selling the Vocation raffle tickets, funds raised go towards buying the winter coats for the girls.

September 19 there will be the Wine Event in the ACL at 7:00 PM. All ladies are welcome. Come meet your faith family.

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



### Fourth Degree News

The next Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting will take place September 7. Location is TBD, not yet published.

### 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/UCmMels6ydHtJD98ZZb\\_VcA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmMels6ydHtJD98ZZb_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:

### 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](mailto: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.



### 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.**

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

<b>Council Officers 2022-2023</b>	
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**Business Meetings:** 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM  
**Meeting Location:** St. Irene Activities Center

<b>Committee Directors</b>	
Program Director	Pat McGowan (630-863-8708)
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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

Hi all! As we enter into September 2022, welcome to another Grand Knight's Corner. As you all know I have been out of commission. I am getting better as the days go by. Thank you for all of your continued prayers and support. Soon you'll see me driving my scrapper truck again.

As I've been sitting at home I have been watching videos about what and how to be a Grand Knight. Let me tell you, it is so different than 25 years ago. A lot of information is coming out in emails and videos. I have been taking the time catching up on it all.

This month the Tootsie Roll drive is taking place for our Council the weekend of September 16-18. Instead of going out on the streets during COVID we used a GoFundMe page for donations. Last year, 2021 we used both the GoFundMe and going out on the streets and we doubled our sales. We will be using both again this year again. If you are available please let us know. We are waiting for the permit from the city to make sure we can still be on the streets. We will let you know.

A side note there is a documentary in the movies theaters about Mother Teresa that you may want to see. On Monday October 3 and Tuesday October 4 called Mother Teresa: No Greater Love. Visit [www.motherteresamovie.com](http://www.motherteresamovie.com).

I hope that you all have great month. I will see you soon!

**Vivat Jesus!**  
**GK Marcello Alleruzzo**  
**By Amy Reyes**

### ProLife Knightline—News for Knights of Columbus, Aug. 24, 2022

“The call to protect life takes different forms, and Knights answer it in different ways. This issue of Knightline shares just a few examples of selfless service, from supporting pregnant women and young mothers in need to helping defend one’s homeland “. See the issue at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) under News Hub Tab, and directly [here](#).

### Knights for Life



*A client of Loving Choice Pregnancy Help Center picks out a garment for her daughter from the center's clothing boutique.*

The grand knight of St. Clare of Assisi Council 9708 in Houston contacted Loving Choice Pregnancy Help Center last year with a simple question: “What can we do?” Before long the Knights were helping the center expand its space by about 50%, a project recently recognized with an International Program Award. [WATCH HERE](#)

With the Order's new ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) program, local council donations to pregnancy resource centers such as Loving Choice now receive a 20% boost. Another Texas council, Santa Rosa de Lima Council 12522 in Andice, was the very first to apply for ASAP funds after the program launched in July – a distinction in keeping with its history of strong support for PRCs and maternity homes. [READ MORE](#)

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



### Sept. 11—8th Annual Hustle Up the Hill Mt Hoy Blackwell forest Preserve

The event is sponsored by St. Irene's Bridge Communities that provides support for the homeless. There are two heats 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM. The cost is \$30/person in advance or \$35/person on race day. You may also participate virtually. Registration Form is located at [hustleupthehill.com](http://hustleupthehill.com).



### Sept. 16—St. Irene Annual Golf Outing

**Bliss Creek Golf Club: 1:00 PM**

Be part of a great tradition and St. Irene Parish. Still \$100 provides you a golf, cart, and steak dinner. Contact Bob Ladeur at [rladeur@hotmail.com](mailto:rladeur@hotmail.com). For more information. Foursome required.

[Golf Outing Registration Form](#). Sponsorship opportunities are available as well.



### Sept. 24—Final Maintenance at City Signs

The Council continues maintaining perennial plantings surrounding the “Welcome to Warrenville” signs. Please consider participating in this community program during the summer. **PGK James** and **GK Mike Bates** instead helped to remove plants from the city gazebo on Aug. 20. The last scheduled date is **Sept. 24**. Bring a spade, hoe, shears or other piece of gardening equipment you find useful.



**From Parish Bulletin— Support St. Irene Parish**

**Saturday, October 15**

- **Rosary Rally - Noon**  
Rosary prayers around our community - watch the bulletin for details!
- **Trunk or Treat - 2-4 p.m. -- NEW!**  
A FREE family fall festival, where individuals and businesses decorate their vehicles to be a "treat stop" in the St. Irene school parking lot. Kids will come in costume to "trick or treat" in a safe environment. We'll have games, treats and prizes for best decorated trunk and best costumes.  
Trunk-or-Treat Vehicle Guidelines & Application
- **Chili Cook-Off - 6-10 PM in the Activity Center**  
The 32nd annual Chili Cook-Off is BACK! Join us for a night of the best chilis that the Warrenville area has to offer. Sample up to 15 chili recipes as chefs compete for the title of Best Chili, People's Choice and more. Silent auction, raffles and the famous "liquor loop" will be in full swing. Soft drinks and adult beverages are available for purchase. Tickets go on sale September 16. Purchase your tickets (\$10/person) before October 9 to be entered to win a reserved VIP table for the night for you and your friends.
  - ⇒ Become a Chili Contestant (limited to 15 contestants)
  - ⇒ Donate to the Silent Auction
  - ⇒ Volunteer to help
  - ⇒ Purchase advance tickets (September 16-October 9)
  - ⇒ Become a sponsor

**Knights will be serving the breakfast!**

**Sunday, October 16**

- **Pancake Breakfast - 9 AM - Noon**  
Always a favorite! The chefs of our Music Ministry and Knights of Columbus will be providing pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice and all the fixings for a hearty breakfast. Free will donation.
- **Bake Sale - 9 AM to 1 PM**  
Sample the baking talents of the St. Irene parish community!
- **Family Bingo - 11 AM - 1 PM**  
Be There! Hosted by the CCW, Family Bingo is fun for all ages! Get a bingo, pick a prize!
- **Service Project - 9 AM - 1 PM**  
Share letters of appreciation and comfort for military overseas.



**Program Award for August 2022**

**PGK Erich Pavel Knight of the Month:**

Erich "The Planner" Pavel is recognized as the Knight of the Month for his precise planning, and decisive decision making which made our vending booth at the Forth-of-July at Cerny Park a total success! Erich volunteered to take the lead role of this project back in May, and immediately started coordinating with the food suppliers to ensure that the food and equipment would arrive on time.

Being the lead on this two-day project is no easy task on a "regular year", but when you take into account that this was the first year back after being off for two years due to COVID, it makes the job even more difficult. Even though some key equipment had issues, under the leadership and improvisational skills of Erich the items were modified and the two-day event was not only a success but went off without a hitch.

If you talk to Erich about this event, you will soon discover that he really looks forward to the Fourth-of-July, and although it is a lot of work to lead this two-day project, for him it is a labor of love. Erich would also say that the best part of the event is watching the comradery shared between council members as they work together, as it truly is a team effort.

Shortly after the Fourth-of-July was over, Erich provided council members with an extremely detailed spread sheet which was detailed down to the last hamburger and ear of corn sold. The event was a complete sell out, and it was one of the best years in our council's history.

We thank you Erich for your hours of hard work and unwavering dedication to this two-day event.



**Sept. 28 —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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## K of C "Share Your Soles" 2022 Fall Shoe Drive Oct. 8-9 & Oct. 15-16

The Knights of Columbus are once again asking you to donate gently worn shoes to the Share Your Soles® charity on the weekends (only) of October 8-9 and October 15-16 during the Knight's annual fall shoe drive. We will be accepting shoes of any type and size, for any type of weather or sport. This includes athletic shoes, sandals, school shoes, boots, dress shoes, work shoes, slippers, etc. Collection bins will be located at the entryway of the church activity center nearest the church.

Share Your Soles® is a non-profit 501(c)(3) tax exempt charitable organization dedicated to sharing gently worn/new shoes to those in greatest need. They provide shoes both worldwide, as well as right here in the United States. Be sure that the shoes you donate are gently worn or new, are clean, and can withstand heavy wear. Please no holes or worn off bottoms. Monetary donations also are appreciated and are used by the charity primarily for shipping and handling expenses.

The ongoing drive is being conducted in memory of the late **Robert Geary**, founder of the Knight's annual shoe drive. Please direct questions to **Joseph D. Kubal**, telephone: 630-983-6159, email: jdrk4715@aol.com.

## Special Camps Halloween Party Oct. 23

- Date: Sunday, October 23rd
- Time: 3 - 5:30 PM (set up 1;30).
- At: St. John's in Winfield, (behind and alongside St John's church)

The Knights of Columbus and Special Camps Halloween party was a resounding success last year according to the very appreciative special needs community and the volunteers who attended. Hoping with your support, we can repeat this experience again this Fall. Due to COVID, the outdoors Halloween event will replace the indoor Christmas party. Last year due to COVID, none of the group homes were able to participate. This year, hopefully they will be a larger portion of our party. The estimated number of people in attendance is 150, with 100 special needs guests. I'll have a more exact number two weeks before the party begins.

Activities to Include: Trunk Or Treating (trick or treating by decorated trunks of cars), games, painting mini pumpkins, handicap accessible hayride, Bingo, face painting, costume contest, games, picnic for families (giving them opportunity to socialize with other families similar to themselves). New this year, King Cobras Drumline will play drumline music while providing drum lessons with slightly muted drums and headphones. It was a huge hit at camp!

Last year the Knights were amazing! So, I am hoping we can do the same this year. If you've got access to donations or wish to change the responsibilities around, or have a great activity idea you feel our special needs guests would love. Please let the group know. Thanks!

- **St. John's Knights:** Provide / Grill a combo of cheeseburgers and hotdogs, buns + condiments. Families who would have special dietary needs will be encouraged to bring their own picnic. Food to be served about 4:30 - 5 pm.
- **St. Irene's Warrenville:** Provide a wheelchair accessible hayride. I was amazed at how easily those with wheelchairs (most were able to walk), were able to get on and off of the hayride. Also an assortment of desserts like individual bags of chips, Halloween cookies, cupcakes, pie and volunteers to run the hayride and serve those special treats. One or two packages of sugar-free puddings always seem to be appreciated as well.
- **St Mary's West Chicago:** Drinks for 150 of us. My thoughts, about half should be bottled water. Heavy quality (sturdy), paper plates (for burgers and small ones for desserts), heavy duty forks, spoons for desserts, napkins.
- **Corpus Christi Knights of Carol Stream** have been asked to again provide 100 mini pumpkins and \$100 for bingo gifts.

### Responsibilities While At The Party:

- **St. John's:** Cook and serve burgers. Please double check bathrooms for safety (about every 20 - 30 minutes).
- **St. Irene's:** Run the hayride and parking lot safety, serve desserts and drinks at meal time.
- **St Mary's:** Help with serving food, walk around securing safety, assisting anyone who needs help, and clean up during / after the party.
- **Corpus Christi:** Run bingo, and assist with games.

### For all!

- Help needed at 1:30 PM with set up.
- Please try to provide at least 5 or 6 volunteers (adult or teen) to arrive by 2;30 PM for a short prayer and instructions.
- If anyone has Halloween decorations to share that would be great!
- Anyone able to serve as our photographer? Need about 10 good photos showing a wide array of activities.
- Others volunteering will be asked to help with a specific activity helping guests decorate pumpkins, check guests in and give them with a name badge and candy bag, hand out candy at one of the decorated cars or run games.
- Costumes are optional. No scary costumes allowed. Please try to wear a funny hat, shirt, or costume to make the party more festive.

Thank you so much for all of your support! Please let me know at your earliest convenience whether you and your council are able to participate,

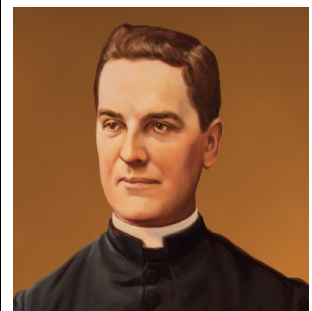
**Colleen McDonald**  
President of Special Camps

## Knights' Calendar

Sept. 8	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Sept. 10-11		Bread Tag and Key Drive at St. Irene Church
Sept. 11	9:00 AM	Hustle up the Hill Bridge Community event. See <a href="http://hustleupthehill.com">hustleupthehill.com</a> .
Sept. 16	1:00 PM	St. Irene Golf Outing at Bliss Creek. See <a href="#">Golf Outing Registration Form</a> .
Sept. 16-18		<b>ID Tootsie Roll Drive—Mark your calendar; See Page 1</b>
Sept. 17-18		Bread Tag and Key Drive at St. Irene Church
Sep. 24	7:00 AM	KC/VFW Blood Drive—St. Irene Activities Center
	6:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Bunco Night—St. Irene Activities Center
Sept. 28	6:00 PM	American Legion Burger Night
Oct. 8-9		Share Your Soles Shoe Drive—St. Irene Church
Oct. 13	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Oct. 15-16		St. Irene Parish Chili Cookoff & Autumn Fest—see page 4
Oct. 23	1:30 PM	Special Camps Halloween Party—St. John's, Winfield

## September Birthdays

Carole Kleinwachter	Sept. 2	Justin Wagner	Sept. 18
Michael Hoffman	Sept. 4	Mary Catherine Kosmach	Sept. 19
Pam Bates	Sept. 5	Gustavo Bosoli	Sept. 20
Paula Peterson	Sept. 5	Caren Burchett	Sept. 21
Chuck Dumbri	Sept. 6	Julie Hentz	Sept. 21
Irene Fograse	Sept. 8	John Sobieski	Sept. 21
Sue Kometz	Sept. 8	Debi Rossi	Sept. 22
John Augustynowicz	Sept. 10	Laura McGowan	Sept. 23
Barbara Intihar	Sept. 10	Mario Schwarts	Sept. 23
Roxanne Morello	Sept. 10	Betty Knell	Sept. 24
Kenneth Intihar	Sept. 11	Patricia Jackowiak	Sept. 27
Dwight Sherman	Sept. 11	Jennifer O'Malley	Sept. 27
Michael Fello	Sept. 12	Terry Fahrenwald	Sept. 28
Richard Nagode	Sept. 12	Andrew White	Sept. 29
James Capezio	Sept. 17	William Graney	Sept. 30
Bonnie DiIulio	Sept. 18	David Peterson	Sept. 30



**Blessed Michael McGivney**

Knights of Columbus Founder  
Beatification Oct. 31, 2020

## September Wedding Anniversaries

Truman & Yvonne Stevens	Sept. 1	Kenneth & Bonnie DiIulio	Sept. 16
Ralph & Dolores Dieter	Sept. 2	Mike & Ana Maria O'Hare	Sept. 21
John & Jennifer O'Malley	Sept. 6	Marcello & Debbie Alleruzzo	Sept. 22
Anthony & Suzanna Standifer	Sept. 6	Richard & Maggie Nagode	Sept. 22
Jack & Ellen Gorski	Sept. 8	Richard & Kathleen Kostner	Sept. 25
James & Maryann Bartz	Sept. 14	Stephen & Colleen Brummel	Sept. 26
Paul & Colette Lindsey	Sept. 14	Robert & Maryann True	Sept. 30
Michael & Julie Duquette	Sept. 15		

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