



# knights of st. irene

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Council 6710  
Warrenville, IL



## Sat. Oct. 1—Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

It's time for the Fall clean-up the trash in the stretch of Butterfield Rd. between Batavia Rd. to Hwy 59, and west to the City boundary. Plan to meet in the parking lot of the old MB Bank at 9:00 AM. Bring a sturdy pair of shoes and work gloves.

If the clean-up is not done on Oct. 1, the alternate date is the following Sat. Oct. 8. For information and signup please contact PGK Bob Rauko 630-337-1568 or rauko@comcast.net.

## ST. IRENE CATHOLIC CHURCH



## Saturday, October 15

• **Rosary Rally - Noon**  
Rosary prayers around our community - see Page 4 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, Become a sponsor

## 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.

Knights will be serving the breakfast!

## Oct. 8-9 & Oct. 15-16— “Share Your Soles” 2022 Fall Shoe Drive



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

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## Oct. 23—Special Camps Halloween Party at St. Johns, Winfield at 3:00 PM

Set up begins at 1:30 PM at St. John's in Winfield, (behind and alongside St John's church).

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.

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ID Drive held Sept. 16-18 Raises \$7022. See Page 5 for details.

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### Council Business Meeting Oct. 13 at 7:00 PM

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



### Fourth Degree News

The next Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting will take place Oct. 12 Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Eola Rd. Aurora with Fraternity beginning at 7:00 PM

### 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/UCmMels6vdHJTJD98ZzB\\_VcA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmMels6vdHJTJD98ZzB_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:



### Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

Bunco was back and everyone had a great time! There were over 55 men and women enjoying food, drinks desserts and of course Bunco. Ladies of Columbus brought back Bunco since before COVID hit. It was a great time for all and **Father Clive** even came by to see what all the fun was about! Money raised was for Support of Stigma and the Ladies will be presenting check at our next meeting October 10. Look around Spring time for the next Bunco night!



Raffle tickets are still available for purchase. Money raised from raffle will go to purchase coats for boys and girls in need in Warrenville.

Our group is going through some changes and was hoping all would be settled. It looks like it will have to wait until the November newsletter. Hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful fall weather.

**Bonnie DiIulio, President**  
Ladies of Columbus Auxiliary



### 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

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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

Let's start out about the Tootsie Roll Drive! For as many people that were out there, we had a successful drive! I am starting to make notes for next year's drive. I will start in May pushing for the drive. As a Council we will need as many people as possible out on every corner. Even if it's only an hour as long as everybody is out as much as possible.

The more people means more money for the Tootsie Roll Drive! The bulk of the money is donated to the Curpertino Home here in Warrenville. The rest is donated to other local organizations that work with people with intellectual disabilities. I would like to thank all who did participate to this year's drive! I greatly appreciate it! It means a lot to me!

We are trying to recruit new members. If you know anyone please let me know. Ask your friends and family. Also as members, try to bring people who are Catholic to come back to the church. Let's bring out the best of us to support our church family and friends.

Remember that the holidays are right around the corner. Jesus is the Reason for the season! Let's not forget that.

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

### ProLife

## Mother Teresa & KofC "Aid and Support After Pregnancy" Program

You ask, what is the relationship? An article published by **Brother Knight Jim Towey** of Hugon Council, FL links them. Jim served as advisor to Mother Teresa for 12 years and author of the book "To Love and Be Loved: A Personal Portrait of Mother Teresa" (Simon and Schuster, Sep. 2022 ). His article follows:

"I WAS AT THE National Prayer Breakfast in 1994 when Mother Teresa told the thousands in attendance — including the president and first lady, Bill and Hillary Clinton — that abortion was the greatest destroyer of peace in the world. Echoing her Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech 15 years earlier, she asked, 'If we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?'

Some attendees at the breakfast in Washington, D.C., sat in frozen silence as she delivered her speech, only a few feet from the Clintons. Others interrupted her remarks with prolonged applause. The ballroom was as divided on the subject of abortion that morning as the country is today.

If she were alive today, Mother Teresa would have rejoiced in the news that the U.S. Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade had been overturned. She believed all life is sacred because of the divine imprint it bears. As she said during her prayer breakfast speech in 1994, 'That unborn child has been carved in the hand of God from conception and is called by God to love and be loved.'

But Mother Teresa would have also recognized that a culture of life does not depend on human laws as much as on human hearts willing to care for those in need. She knew that if communities did not treat women facing difficult, if not unbearable, financial and social circumstances with more compassion, many of them would continue to have recourse to abortion, legal or not. Mother was emphatically pro-life, and she was equally determined to defend the poor — and most especially poor women. In fact, barely 5 miles from the Washington hotel where she spoke so forcefully, her Missionaries of Charity ran a home where they cared for pregnant women and their children. Mother knew that to protect life, it wasn't enough to oppose abortion; you had to provide a viable alternative.

The Knights of Columbus is doing just that. Its ongoing charitable work to help young mothers choose life and care for their newborns, boosted by the new ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) program, is the same "love in action" that Mother Teresa displayed throughout her life. By assisting pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes, Knights are following in Mother's footsteps.

Much of the public today does not know how to balance the rights of nascent human life with those of the anguished mother. Political battle lines have been drawn in

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### OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup> > FATIMA PUBLIC ROSARY PRAYER RALLY



2022 marks the 6<sup>th</sup> year St. Irene and St. Thomas are coming together to pray in the *Fatima Public Rosary Prayer Rally*, Saturday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> at 12pm. As we pray the Joyful Mysteries, we will join with over 20,000 other Prayer Chains created across the country to honor the 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady's Appearances. All past participants will agree this 45-minute Prayer Event is a most blessed experience. There are 11 Prayer Stations to choose from set up along a route connecting both parishes. We'll continue to pray the *Rosario en español* at Station #7 for anyone interested. Please join us in responding to the pleas of Our Lord and Blessed Mother, as we pray for World Peace, Reparation of sins, and Conversion of sinners. For details on the event and to receive the prayer packet, sign up via email [fatimarosaryrally@gmail.com](mailto:fatimarosaryrally@gmail.com) or call Jeannette Clark @ 630-292-9349.

St. Irene CCW  
*Heavenly Handmade Craft Fair*  
\$1 Admission  
Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
9 am to 3 pm  
St. Irene School  
35601 Warren Ave., Warrenville

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response to the high court's decision. However, what is needed from both sides is a comprehensive plan to spare women the agonizing decision between terminating a pregnancy or bearing a child she cannot care for.

When I ran Florida's health and human services agency in the early 1990s, I oversaw a system with 10,000 foster kids, and I saw the supports needed for at-risk mothers to thrive: stable housing, access to medical care and mental health services, affordable childcare, and education and training programs tailored to their needs. Such initiatives aren't cheap or easy to provide. Citizen involvement is critical, whether that means volunteering to mentor at after-school programs, supporting faith-based partnerships with government, promoting adoption alternatives, or campaigning for candidates, at all levels of government, who are willing to prioritize interventions that give at-risk moms a fighting chance.

Across America and around the world, there are pregnant women hungering for accompaniment, children thirsting to be fostered, childcare and after-school programs starved for volunteers, and emergency shelters for families craving capacity and funds.

At the prayer breakfast, Mother Teresa invited us all to unite in common cause. 'Let us make that one point — that no child will be unwanted, unloved, uncared for, or killed and thrown away,' she said. 'And give until it hurts — with a smile.'

Her appeal has an even greater urgency today. There is work to be done, ASAP.

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



### Nov. 12 Annal FMSC Food- Packing Event

Jesus challenged believers to perform works of charity. One of those acts is to feed the poor. Come join Brother Knights and St. Irene Parishioners at the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) facility at 555 Exchange Ct. in Aurora on Saturday, November 12 from 9:00-10:45 AM. We will be packing food for needy children overseas. No experience is necessary. Individuals over the age of 5 are welcome to participate. Get the entire family involved in this worthy cause. Students can earn service hours. Monetary donations also are welcomed.

To participate, just register at <http://www.fmsc.org/join-group?joincode=NL398Y>. If you have questions, please feel free to call Joe Kubal at 630-983-6159 or email at [jdrk4715@aol.com](mailto:jdrk4715@aol.com). If you cannot attend, please consider a monetary donation to this worthwhile organization.

**Joe Kubal**

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



## Program Award for September 2022

### PGK Jim Halama Knight of the Month

The Knights of Columbus Council #6710 would like to recognize **PGK Jim Halama** as the Knight of the Month for September, 2022, for all of his hard work, and on-going support to our council. Jim is a stone pillar of our council, and is the "go to guy" when our council has questions and runs into stumbling blocks. It's at these times that Jim offers his calm, quiet, charismatic leadership skills that engages council members to think outside of the box, and break away from the traditional way of doing things in order to make the task at hand less demanding.

Jim is involved, or has been involved, in every activity that our council has to offer, from creating a GoFundMe online version for our Tootsie Roll Drive to hosting the annual officer installation family picnic at his home, to serving as our council's financial secretary, to being the editor and chief of our monthly newsletter. The list of his involvement, and achievements over the years goes on and on.

Jim continues to think of new innovative ways to keep our council members active and engaged by creating new programs like partnering with Warrenville in Bloom where the Knights maintain some of the city's Welcome to Warrenville signs by weeding and planting beautiful new plants every year. Jim gathered some Knights last month to make sure that the Warrenville in Bloom had enough people to relocate some plants from the downtown gazebo area and keep the plants alive before some upcoming construction. Jim is an avid gardener and is also actively involved with the city's curb appeal program each summer.

Jim has a laid-back easy-going approach and a big jovial smile and an open willingness to volunteer for just about anything that our council asks of him, and he has sustainability to, for he has been a Knight of Columbus for over 30 years. Thank you, Jim, for all your hard work and devote dedication to our council.

### 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.



### Council 6710 Facebook Page!

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/KofC6710> Or on Facebook, search for Knights of Columbus pages; select our page and then choose to **Like** the page. on Facebook.



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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.



**Oct. 26 —American Legion  
Burger Night**

Join us at the VFW Hall, Warrenville at the VFW Hall, Warrenville for burgers, French fries and colelaw starting at 6:00 PM.

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Last year the Knights were amazing! So, I am hoping we can do the same this year. **St. Irene's Warrenville:** Provide a wheelchair accessible 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. John's Knights:** Provide / Grill a combo of cheeseburgers and hotdogs, buns + condiments.
- **St Mary's West Chicago:** Drinks for 150 of us. 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.

**For all!**

- Help needed at 1:30 PM with set up. Please try to provide at least 5 or 6 volunteers to arrive by 2:30 PM for a short prayer and instructions.
- 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.
- If anyone has Halloween decorations to share that would be great! 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

**Sept. 16-18 ID "Tootsie Roll"  
Drive Raises \$7022**



Congratulations to all who participated. The annual drive is truly a multi-faceted drive. The drive is not only a street corner solicitation! It encompasses solicitation after Masses at Church, individual donations, direct candy sales and online GoFundMe drive. The effort has so far raised \$7022 and there is more to come from direct candy sales and online fundraising through October.

The street solicitation still contributes the most at \$4400 (see chart). Those who helped at command center and count collections were **PGK Marc Alleruzzo, Sandy Decker, PGK**

Street Volunteer	Collection
Chuck Ingram	\$1,175
Bob Rauko	\$737
Ken Dilulio	\$505
Mike Bates	\$498
Mark Spiotta	\$271
Erich Pavel	\$125
Ralph Dieter	\$83

**Jim Halama, Cathy Kott, Rick Nagode, Beverly Scott, and Jeff Wombold.** Mass collections were \$999 over two weekends. Thanks to all who helped at the Masses. Candy sales so far are \$50.

Direct donations total \$1325 (nice!). The GoFundMe drive at this time has received \$1150. There is still time to contribute [here](#). A second trial online web page provide by the Illinois State KofC Council has collected \$103.



**21 Pints Blood Collected Sept. 24**

Thank to all who made the blood drive held at the St. Irene Activities Center successful. Now also participating are volunteers from the Warrenville Lions Club who cooked breakfast. Thanks again to the Warrenville VFW.



**Fall Bread Tag/Key Collection**

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank all those that participated in the Fall 2022 Bread Tag/Key Collection Drive.

As a result of your efforts, several hundred tags were collected to help obtain wheelchairs and mobility assistance equipment for those in need. In addition, about 5 lbs of old keys were donated to assist SCARCE in their recycling and education efforts. Please continue to save bread tags and keys for another drive tentatively to be scheduled in March, 2023. God bless!

## Knights' Calendar

Oct. 1	9:00 AM	Adopt-a-Highway cleanup at Butterfield Rd.
Oct. 8-9, 15-16		Share Your Soles Shoe Drive—St. Irene Church
Oct. 12	7:00 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting—Our Lady of Mercy, Aurora
Oct. 13	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Oct. 15	Noon	Fatima Public Rosary Rally, signup at <a href="mailto:fatimarosaryrally@gmail.com">fatimarosaryrally@gmail.com</a>
Oct. 15-16		St. Irene Chili Cookoff & Autumn Fest— Knights Cook breakfast Oct. 16
Oct. 23	1:30 PM	Special Camps Halloween Party—St. John's, Winfield
Nov. 5	9:00 AM	CCW Heavenly Handmade Craft Fair—St. Irene School building
Nov. 10	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Nov. 12	9:00 AM	Feed My Starving Children Packing event—Register <a href="#">here</a> .
Nov. 24		<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>
Nov. 25	8:00 AM	Decorate St. Irene's outside grounds for Christmas



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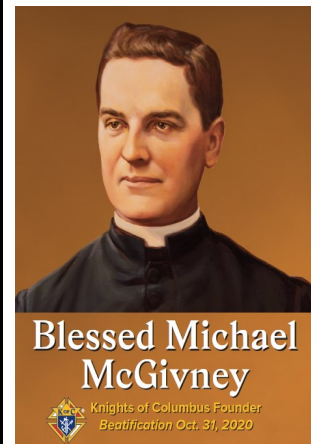
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## October Birthdays

Daniel Walsh	Oct. 1	Jack Gorski	Oct. 17
Thomas Corbino	Oct. 2	Kathleen Kostner	Oct. 20
Andrew Gorski	Oct. 2	Patricia White	Oct. 20
George Kosmach	Oct. 2	Mary Cruse	Oct. 21
Joseph Kubal	Oct. 3	Robert Seiberlich	Oct. 21
Joseph Schrage	Oct. 5	James Smithy	Oct. 21
James Antiporek	Oct. 9	Andy Yusi	Oct. 22
Henry Clasing	Oct. 9	David Schar	Oct. 23
Erich Pavel	Oct. 9	Charles Wheeler	Oct. 23
Joan Parrino	Oct. 12	Gregory Henry	Oct. 24
Donna Seiberlich	Oct. 12	Patricia Kemp	Oct. 28
Eric Kussman	Oct. 13		



## October Wedding Anniversaries

Paul & Peggy Burgermeister	Oct. 4	Michael & Pam Bates	Oct. 18
David & Paula Peterson	Oct. 5	William & Amber Mitchell	Oct. 18
Diane & Bob Lichtenberg	Oct. 7	David & Katie Polkow	Oct. 23
Colin & Judy Wilkie	Oct. 13	Raymond & Denise Hoshell	Oct. 24
Daniel & Carmi Cyrus	Oct. 17		

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