



# knights of st. irene

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**Council 6710  
Warrenville, IL**

**Happy New Year 2023!  
May Your Year be Prosperous!**



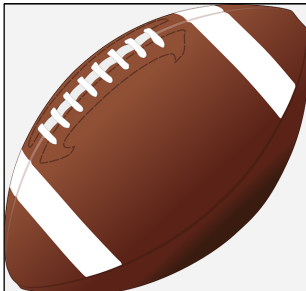
### Newman Apostolate Charity Fund Drive

The fund helps Newman Centers at colleges and universi-

ties in Illinois provide a Catholic faith-based environment for college students. Your support means that Newman Centers around the state can do spiritual and social programming to help students remain as one with their faith while they are away from their home parish.

For over 100 years, the Brother Knights in Illinois have joined "Together as One" with strong support for our college-age family members and I hope that you will continue to do so this year and help us reach our goal of \$345,000, or just \$5.00 per active member.

Please consider a gift this year. Donate online, quickly and securely by scanning the QR Code above, visit [www.illinoisknights.org/charity/newman](http://www.illinoisknights.org/charity/newman), or send a check. Simply indicate your level of giving from \$5 up to \$100. Consider becoming a \$100 Century donor and receive a commemorative pin. Use the postcard that you recently received to mail in your donation. Address to Illinois State Council KofC Charities, Inc., P.O. Box 681, Kankakee, IL 60901 along with your check or money order. Please write Newman Fund, Council number (6710 for St. Irene's) and your Membership number on the memo section of your check.



### Feb. 12, 2023—27<sup>th</sup> KC Super Bowl Raffle & Party

You are once again invited to participate in the annual Knights of Columbus Super Bowl Raffle to be held on Feb. 12, 2023 during the Super Bowl game. The Raffle is a major fundraiser for the St. Irene Knights of Columbus Council. It is a 50-50 cash raffle with half of the proceeds awarded to participants, and the other half re-

tained by the Council to be used for programs that benefit the St. Irene's Parish, school scholarships, and community outreach programs.

Buy your raffle tickets (see Page 5) early to take advantage of two early drawings. Early Bird drawings that cover the cost of a ticket will be held on Jan. 29 and Feb. 5. Early bird raffle winners remain eligible for drawings on Super Bowl Sunday.

**Your help is needed to sell raffle tickets. Just use the ticket order on Page 5, or download it from our web site: [link: 2023 Super Bowl Raffle Tickets.](#)**

**You may sell shares of a single raffle ticket.**

Download the ticket order form from this link: [2023 Super Bowl Raffle Tickets](#) or print the form on Page 5. Follow the directions on how to return your payment and tickets. Hard copies of the ticket order form will be made available separately by Council members. You may also contact **PGK James Halama** at [jshalama@comcast.net](mailto:jshalama@comcast.net) or at 630-433-6240.

As in previous years, the raffle is based on purchasing squares in three separate football pools. For the Faith and Hope Pools the tickets are \$25 per square, and for the Charity pool the tickets are \$50 ticket per square. The squares and numbers for each ticket are assigned randomly. Multiple cash prizes ranging from \$25 to \$500 will be awarded throughout the Super Bowl game.



### Jan. 14—Council to Take Down Outside Christmas Decorations at St. Irene

We need a team of volunteers to help take down the outdoor Christmas decorations around St. Irene Church on Saturday, Jan. 14, starting at 8:00 AM. I will get an early start and have the coffee hot by 8:00 AM. The weather will determine how much can be done that day. I will bring poles and ladders.

Please call **PGK Bob Rauko** for information (630-337-1568), or email to: [rauko@comcast.net](mailto:rauko@comcast.net).

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### Council Business Meeting Jan. 12 at 7:00 PM

The meeting will return to the St. Irene Activities Center. See you there!



### St. Irene Women of Faith

Jan. 9—We are having an open meeting to all women of the parish on Jan. 9 at 5:00 PM in the St. Irene Activities Center.

On Dec. 10 we honored

Our Lady of Guadalupe with a Mass and Mexican fiesta afterwards in the ACL. The food was prepared by **Sylvia and Pam Rivera.**



On Dec. 16 we donated a Christmas tree, decorations, Gingerbread Village kits, and gift cards for the Outreach Quest children. Pictured is **Becky Hatfield & Terri Kussman** representing St. Irene Women of Faith, and **Gloria Pinedo** representing the Warrenville Outreach Program  
God Bless



**Bonnie DiIulio**  
**St Irene Women of Faith**

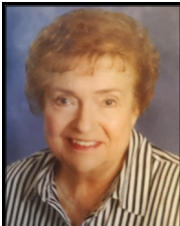


### Fourth Degree News

The next Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting will take place **Jan. 11** at Robert Connelly, St. Scholastica Parish, Woodridge with Fraternity beginning at 7:00 PM.

### Feb. 11 Fourth Degree Exemplification

An Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be held on Sat, Feb 11, 2023 at the Sheraton-Lisle, 3000 Warrenville Road Lisle, IL 60532. Third degree members in good standing who wish to participate must submit a Form 4 application by Jan. 28. The initiation fee is \$70 for candidates, \$50 for Sir Knights, ladies and guests. The exemplification package with application is located [here](#). Obtain the Form 4 from the Financial Secretary, **James Halama** (630-433-6240).



### Dec. 14—Jeanne Kleinwachter Passes to Eternal Life

“Jeanne L. Kleinwachter, beloved wife of the late G.J. ‘Joe’; loving mother of Jerry (Carole), Patricia (Jeff) Aiken, Chris, Pam, James Kleinwachter and Anne (Peter) Storm; cherished grandmother of twelve and great grandmother of 10.”

Joe was an Honorary Life Member and Jerry is a Life member of the Knights of Columbus.

Jeanne was very active in the St. Irene Parish music ministry playing piano for many years.



### Pray for Our Loved Ones

Pray for the health & recovery of **Sandy Decker, Sharon Booth, Mary Ann True, Deacon Bob True, Shirley Cosgrove, Beverly Scott, Pat Wehner, Tina Pittman, Rich Planek, Gary Dyas, Sue Cirock, and Rachel Jarasius.**

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

Council Officers 2022-2023	
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District Deputy	<b>Kevin Callahan (630-235-6456)</b>

**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)
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Church Director	James Bartz (630-229-8311)
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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.

The Knights' News is published monthly by Council 6710. For contributions and corrections contact James Halama at 630-433-6240. Please make submissions by email at [jrhalama@comcast.net](mailto:jrhalama@comcast.net) prior to the 21th day of each month.





### Grand Knight's Corner

Hello everyone! It's me writing this letter. It means that the new year's started. I hope you all enjoyed the holidays. I hope that you got time to spend with loved ones, and that Santa was good to you. I also hope that the holidays have opened up your hearts to become more involved with the church and with our Brother Knights. Let's all work together to invite anyone who could benefit our council.

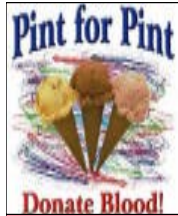
fit our council.

Now that the new year has begun we need to all work together as a council and work on **membership, membership, membership!** Let's begin now to talk to friends, family and neighbors. Anybody you think may want to, who may benefit to be a Brother Knight. Have your wives talk to their family friends and neighbors too! They are a big part in what we do! Some time in February, we will hold a recruitment day.

Don't forget about the Super Bowl Raffle. We need your help to sell tickets. This is one of our big incomes.

The second Thursday of every month is our meeting. I would love to see more of you all there. With more involvement we can grow as a council and benefit our church too. Thank you all for all you do!!!

**Vivat Jesus!**  
**GK Marcello Alleruzzo**



### Dec. 3 KC/VFW/Lions Club Blood Drive Collected 34 Pints of blood

We had an excellent turnout for the Dec. 3 drive held at the Warrenville VFW. Thirty-four pints of blood were collected. Council members who helped were **PGK Ken DiIulio, PGK Mike Bates, and PGK Bob Rauko.**



### Council Donates \$150 to American Wheel Chair Mission

The \$150 provides sufficient funds to deliver a wheelchair to a child in need of mobility.

### Council Makes Christmas Donations to Clergy at St. Irene

Fr. Clive—\$100      Deacon Joe Urso—\$50  
Fr. Juan—\$100      Deacon Brad Hentz—\$50

**Membership Recruitment**  
**24x7 by You**

### ProLife March for Life Knights Urged to March for Life in D.C.



**Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly** has called Knights of Columbus across the United States to participate in the March for Life in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 20, 2023, the first national march since the reversal of Roe v. Wade in June 2022.

"Some have asked if the March for Life in D.C. is needed anymore," the supreme knight said in a video message sent to council officers in November. "While Roe v. Wade is finally over, let me be clear: Our pro-life witness is still urgently needed in Washington. It is in our nation's capital that we must promote life-affirming legislation and resist efforts to codify abortion in federal law."

Supreme Knight Kelly urged councils to sponsor buses from their parishes and communities to the capital, even as they support state and local demonstrations closer to home.

"Make no mistake, the March for Life marches on — and so must we," the supreme knight affirmed. "That's why I am asking every Knight, if you possibly can, to come to Washington and march for life in January. ... I will be in D.C. on Jan. 20 — and I will be proud to march alongside you."

For more information, visit [March for life.org](https://marchforlife.org).

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

### St. Irene Mass 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/UCmMels6ydhHjTJD98ZZb\\_VcA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmMels6ydhHjTJD98ZZb_VcA)

#### NOTICES:

- 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 Parish  
28W441 Warrenville Road  
Warrenville, IL 60555

Or can be made on-line through our WeShare Online Giving program at <https://st-irene.churchgiving.com>



## Advocate's Corner

Hello everyone! And Happy New Year to all of you! Hope everyone had a good holiday season and fair bit of last year. I apologize for not doing these more often, but I was working on school and juggling that with a full time job, but enough about that, I'd like to get to the topic at hand.

It's January. New Year's Day and that means New Year's resolutions. Usually I'd rib you about breaking them and having those resolutions already broken about a week in. But this year, I'm deciding to do something different, and I invite you to do the same. I'd like to do a retrospective. Not too far back for sake of time. I'm choosing to do 10 years, you can choose as many as you'd like, but seeing as 10 years takes me back to 12, it seems fitting for me.

At 12, I started going to St. Irene's School. I'm not going to delve too deep into that. There's no need. I'm sure most, if not all of you, know all about my time over there and I'd rather not rehash that ever again. But for the purposes of this article, let's just say I was a trouble-maker.

I decided, based on everything there, throughout the 3 years, that if that was what God intended, then I didn't want to believe, so I became agnostic leaning atheist, and I remained that way for quite a while, believing in some ways, but not in others. I was choosing what I wanted to believe. And I was that way for years. Until one day, I had a revelation, it was through a YouTube video. I'm not going to say what the video was or what it was about, but upon watching it, I was never more sure that God did indeed exist and I was no longer choosing what to believe and once again came back to the faith, not to the same level I was before.

When I was younger, I was a lot closer and I don't have the same level I had as a child and probably never will again, but I did come back stronger than I did before I became agnostic. Coming back to the faith was my best part of 2019. That year was largely terrible. Not as terrible as what comes next, but I'll get there eventually. See, and I know I've said this before, but in 2019, my dog died. I think that, in a way, contributed to my return to religion. Things happened around that time that pointed me in the direction of religion.

Given 2020, I came back to religion at the right time. I lost my grandmother in 2020. Without God, I couldn't've gotten through that. I don't think I could've gotten through the pandemic without God. Since then, I have joined the church choir and I'm starting to approach a level I had as a child. I'm also aware

I skipped a few years there, but nothing really remarkable happened in the years I skipped. I was in a spelling bee, and I ultimately got 4th place in State (I'm still mad about this, 10 years later). High school came and went without much issue. But that's all I'm going to do a retrospective here, so I'll leave it at that. I'll see you all later, but otherwise, enjoy until I see you again! Pray for me and know I'm praying for you, God bless. Vivat Jesus!



## Program Award for December 2022

**Joe Kubal named December Knight of the Month.** Joe can be best described as a "self-starter". He is always in search of new ideas and ways to donate his time and efforts towards those in need.

Joe is the coordinator of the ongoing Bread Tag and Key Drive Programs where bread tags are collected and recycled in an effort to acquire wheel chairs and other mobility devices for those in need. Similarly old keys are collected which are also recycled to bring about awareness and support of environmental and education efforts. Both of these programs are supported by the SCARCE Organization. Per Joe's recommendation, our council voted to provide full funding, for an additional wheel chair for a child in need.

Joe has served as the long-time coordinator for the Feed My Starving Children food packing event. This year with the combined efforts of our Knights and fellow parishioners 24,192 meals were packed which will feed 66 children in Haiti for a year!

Joe actively runs the Share Your Soles shoe drive as well. This year a car load of gently worn shoes were collected and transported to a distribution center in Chicago by Joe and other Knights where they will be distributed to those in most need not only in the United States but worldwide as well. Per Joe's request our council voted to defrayed the cost of the shipping and processing of the shoes for this event.



## Jan. 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 5:00 PM.

## 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.



## 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).





# Super Bowl 2023 Raffle—Order Your Tickets Now!

Use the ticket forms below to order your tickets. Early bird drawings will be held Jan. 29 & Feb. 5, 2023. Please make check out to St. Irene Knights of Columbus and send to below:

**James Halama**  
 27W100 Galusha Ave.  
 Warrenville, IL 60555

 <h2>St. Irene Knights of Columbus Football Raffle</h2> <h3>\$25 Raffle Ticket</h3> <p>2-\$250, 2-\$125, 6-\$50, 7-\$25 Cash Prizes                  Cash prizes based on 100 tickets sold                  See below for details</p> <p><b>Super Bowl Sunday</b>  <b>Feb. 12, 2023</b></p> <p>St. Irene Parish                  28W441 Warrenville Rd.,                  Warrenville, IL</p> <p><b>Early Bird Drawings Jan. 29 &amp; Feb. 5</b></p> <p>Proceeds Benefit Knights of Columbus Programs</p> <h2>Faith</h2>	Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____	St. Irene Knights of Columbus Super Bowl Raffle Feb 12, 2023

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 <h2>St. Irene Knights of Columbus Football Raffle</h2> <h3>\$50 Raffle Ticket</h3> <p>2-\$500, 2-\$250, 6-\$100, 7-\$50 Cash Prizes                  Cash prizes based on 100 tickets sold                  See below for details</p> <p><b>Super Bowl Sunday</b>  <b>Feb. 12, 2023</b></p> <p>St. Irene Parish                  28W441 Warrenville Rd.,                  Warrenville, IL</p> <p><b>Early Bird Drawings Jan. 29 &amp; Feb. 5</b></p> <p>Proceeds Benefit Knights of Columbus Programs</p> <h2>Charity</h2>	Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____	St. Irene Knights of Columbus Super Bowl Raffle Feb. 12, 2023

**Early-Bird Drawings:** Drawings will be held Jan. 29 & Feb. 5. Each entry can only win once during the early-bird drawings, but remains eligible for the drawings on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023.

**Raffle on Super Bowl Sunday:** Prior to the start of the football game, for each respective pool 100 number pairs will be randomly assigned to each raffle ticket holder, from (0,0) through (9,9). During the football game, one cash prize will be awarded to the person holding the winning number pair each time a team scores; a touchdown plus points after constitutes one score. The winning number pair is comprised as follows: the least significant digit (right most digit) in the NFC team score constitutes the first number, and the least significant digit of the AFC team constitutes the second number in the pair. The cash prize amount is determined by a random drawing from the available cash prize pool. The remainder, if any, at the game's end will be awarded by random drawing of those raffle tickets not having a winning combination during the football game.

The pool of 17 cash prizes are based on 100 tickets sold for each pool. The number of cash prizes and the total cash amount awarded may be reduced to maintain the same winning odds (0.17) and 50% payout of ticket receipts. In the event of multiple raffles being conducted, cash prizes may be pooled. Fifty percent of the raffle ticket receipts will be used to support St. Irene Knights of Columbus programs.

## Knights' Calendar

Jan. 1		<b>Happy New Year</b>
Jan. 9	5:00 PM	St. Irene Women of Faith open meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Jan. 11	7:00 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting—St. Scholastica Parish, Woodridge
Jan. 12	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Jan. 14	8:00 AM	Take down Christmas decorations at St. Irene
Jan. 29	11:00 AM	Super Bowl Raffle early drawing—St. Irene Church
Feb. 5	11:00 AM	Super Bowl Raffle early drawing—St. Irene Church
Feb. 9	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Feb. 11	12:00 PM	4th Degree Exemplification, Sheraton, Lisle
Feb. 12	4:00 PM	Super Bowl Raffle and Party—St. Irene Activities Center
Feb. 14		<b>Valentines Day!</b>
Feb. 22		<b>Ash Wednesday. Lent Begins!</b>



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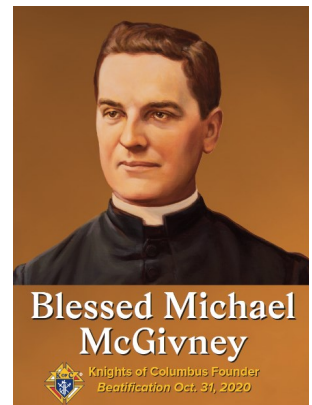
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## January Birthdays

Katie Augustynowicz	Jan. 3	Mike O'Hare	Jan. 13
Cathy Kott	Jan. 3	Liz Pittman	Jan. 13
Teri Lindeman	Jan. 4	Filomena Jarosz	Jan. 15
Marian Dunn	Jan. 4	Mark Jarosz	Jan. 16
Shirley Cosgrove	Jan. 5	Paula Polkow	Jan. 17
Kevin Dunn	Jan. 6	Denise Hoshell	Jan. 19
Sam Vitale	Jan. 6	Tom La Rocco	Jan. 22
Terri Kussman	Jan. 7	Susan Constable	Jan. 20
Cindy Naberhaus	Jan. 8	Cathy Fladeland	Jan. 20
Truman Stevens	Jan. 8	Clare Barry	Jan. 23
Jeffrey Bollweg	Jan. 9	Andrew Dina	Jan. 24
Gary Dyas	Jan. 9	Connie Dyas	Jan. 26
Karen Leonard	Jan. 9	Dianne Urso	Jan. 26
Kenneth Ulanowski	Jan. 9	Kathleen Planek	Jan. 27
Yolanda Schwarts	Jan. 11	Nick Battaglia	Jan. 30
William Higgins	Jan. 12		



## January Wedding Anniversaries

Patrick & Laura McGowan	Jan. 11	Tom & Jackie La Rocco	Jan. 18
Richard & Margaret Doucette	Jan. 12	Andy & Angelita (Lita) Yusi	Jan. 28
Charles & Caren Burchett	Jan. 16	Gary & Paula Polkow	Jan. 30

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