



knights of st. irene

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**Council 6710
Warrenville, IL**



Mar. 12—Special Camps Easter Party

Special Camps and Knights of Columbus Councils of Warrenville, Winfield and West Chicago will be hosting the annual Easter Party for Special Citizens at the DuPage County Fair Grounds on Sunday Mar. 12 starting at 12:00 Noon.

The Knights will cook and provide a nice luncheon with burgers, brats and a taco bar. There will also be the Easter Bunny, Easter egg hunt, crafts, hayrides, face painting, games, and a petting zoo.

Our Council, thanks to **Chuck Ingram**, will be offering the hayrides. We also have been asked to provide pop and water We encourage as many as our Brother Knights to participate with the events. Certainly bring your family. Arrive at least a half-hour early. The events are scheduled to run until 3:00 PM. There will be two different events held that day. Please look for the Easter party signs to guide you into the correct parking lot. Volunteers encouraged to park at Monroe School.



Mar. 4—KC/VFW/ Lions Club Blood Drive

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

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



Mar. 18-19—Food Drive at St. Irene's

In the spirit of Lent, St. Irene Women of Faith are having a food drive

the weekend of March 18-19. Please bring non-perishable foods to church that weekend. A truck will be parked in the lot for all donations. Monetary donations are also welcome. Please come and help out our community with donations.



Mar. 17—Council Hosts Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross

Each Friday in Lent St. Irene Parish hosts a soup supper followed by praying the Stations of the Cross in Church at 7:00 PM. Our Council will serve as host on Friday Mar. 17. If you

would like to offer a vegetarian soup, please contact **PGK Ken DiIulio** at 630-747-3673.



Mar. 11-12 & 18-19: Bread Tag and Key Collection Drive

The St. Irene Knights of Columbus are again partnering with [SCARCE](#), a local environmental education group in Addison, to collect bread tags for the "[Danielle Cares for Chairs](#)" charity. Started by a 17-year-old high schooler, this non-profit

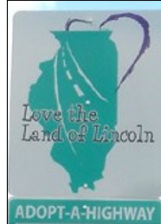
collects and recycles bread tags to raise money to acquire wheelchairs and mobility assistance devices for those in need.

Additionally, we will be collecting old, unused keys of all types for recycling by SCARCE. Their program is "[Keys for Conservation](#)" which asks you to donate your old, unused keys to support SCARCE's environmental education and rescue projects.



Tags can be dropped off at the church entrance collection boxes on the two weekends of March 11-12 and 18-19 only. Tags and keys can be put in the same collection receptacle. If you need further information, contact Joe at 630-983-6159 or jdrk4715@aol.com. Thank you for your support!

Joe Kubal



Apr. 15—Adopt-A -Highway Cleanup

Mark Your Calendar! It's time to 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.

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Council Business Meeting Mar. 9 at 7:00 PM

The meeting will be at the St. Irene Activities Center. See you there!



St. Irene Women of Faith

The St Irene Women of Faith are having their next meeting on March 13 in the St. Irene ACL at 5:00 PM. All women all welcome to join in. Come catch the spirit!!

We are having a food drive the weekend of March 18 -19. Please bring non-perishable foods to church that weekend. A truck will be parked in the lot for all donations. Monetary donations are also welcome.

We will be hosting the Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross at St. Irene on Mar. 24. Soup's on at 6:00 PM. We need soup masters. Please contact Bonnie or Dana.

Thank you
Bonnie Di Iulio
Dana Wolze
Co-Presidents



Fourth Degree News

The next Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting will take place **Mar. 8** at St. Margaret Parish, Lisle, with Fraternity beginning at 7:00

PM.



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).

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



Pray for Our Loved Ones

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

Lent Mission 2023



COME GIVE YOUR BURDENS TO JESUS AND REST IN HIS PRESENCE IN THE EUCHARIST.

March 21-23 7 PM

St. Irene Church, Warrenville, IL

Presenter:
Katie Choudhary

More information on st-irene.org

(Reconciliation will be offered on March 23. Several priests will be available.)



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

Chaplain	Council Officers 2022-2023
Grand Knight	Fr. Jim Antiporek (630-308-2404)
Dep. Grand Knight	Marc Alleruzzo (630-269-2754)
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Chancellor	John Ernst (630-606-2671)
Recorder	Paul Burgermeister (630-877-1574)
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2nd Yr. Trustee	Michael Bates (630-836-0223)
1st Yr. Trustee	Tom Perez (630-301-1481)
Insurance Agent	Ken DiIulio (630-747-3673)
District Deputy	Matthew Kling (630-485-8705)
	Kevin Callahan (630-235-6456)

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	Joe Kubal (630-983-6159)
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.

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 prior to the 21th day of each month.



Grand Knight's Corner

Hello everyone, this past weekend at church was wonderful. We did a great job at the membership drive! Thank you all!

The best part was when **Father Clive** asked the Knights to stand up there was so many at all three Masses. I am also so happy that **Father Clive is joining us as a Brother Knight**. In addition we had five new brother knights join too.

Once again I would like to thank everyone that showed up in church and the activity center for the membership drive. I would also like to thank our **Insurance Agent Matt Kling** for being there.

As **Father Clive** is helping us recruit members, we should be helping him to spread the word about getting more attendance in church. We can talk to family members, coworkers, and neighbors.

June marks our Fraternal year end! I cannot believe that it is only four months away! I will be beginning to start the roster for 2023-2024 of the new officers.

Super Bowl Sunday was a hit!!! **PGK Jim Halama** will give the results. Let's not forget the Fourth of July and the Tootsie Roll drive falls after that. I will be getting the dates so we can have guys on the streets and at the fourth. That way you can takes dates off of work.

I will be attending the state convention on Apr. 21-23. **DGK Pat McGowan** will be joining me.

Vivat Jesus!
GK Marcello Alleruzzo



Newman Apostolate Charity Fund Drive

The fund helps Newman Centers at colleges and universities 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 thome 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, 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.

ProLife



Chicago March For Life is now Illinois March for Life

A rally and march will be held **Tuesday Mar. 21 in Springfield, IL**. The Rally starts at Noon at the Capital followed by a march around the Capital. "Since 2013, the rally and march has served as a unifying event for the pro-life movement that grew through the Midwest. The 2023 move continues that unity as it is supported by weDignify, Illinois Right to Life, Lutheran Church Missouri—Synod, Wisconsin Right to Life, Illinois Knights of Columbus, and more!" [Illinois March for Life web site](#).

Prior to the Rally a Catholic Mass, Diocese of Springfield, will be held at 10:00 AM at the Sangamon Auditorium, 1 University Plaza, Springfield, 62703

Jack Gorski
Pro-Life Chair Council 6710



Save the Date—May 6

The 10th Anniversary Walk to Mary pilgrimage will take place on Saturday, May 6, near Green Bay, Wisconsin. The hike starts at several locations in the area to accommodate walkers of various abilities and ends at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, Wisconsin, America's only church-approved Marian apparition site,

On Friday, May 5, join a pre-walk celebration sponsored by Relevant Radio. On Sunday, May 7, the Shrine will host a May Crowning of Mary ceremony. Information and registration can be found at <https://walktomary.com>.

Joe Kubal



Mar. 22—American Legion Burger Night

Join us at the VFW Hall, Warrenville at the VFW Hall, Warrenville for burgers, French fries and cole-slaw starting at 5:00 PM.



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Check out www.fathersforgood



Share Your Soles Update

Our Council supports the Share Your Soles charity by providing gently worn donated shoes from St. Irene parishioners and from those in the greater Warrenville community as well as through financial donations. We recently have obtained another collection location for our ongoing efforts - this being located in Rosie's Home Cookin' located at 1567 North Aurora Road in Naperville. Other ongoing collection sites are located at the Warrenville American Legion Post and the Warrenville Community Center. If you can, please support our sponsors.



2023 Eyeglass Drive This April

During the month of April, our Council will be collecting old eyeglasses at St. Irene Church in affiliation with the local Lions Clubs International Foundation. This annual effort assists many that are visually impaired and who are many times financially impoverished. Additional information including dates of the April drive are forthcoming. Start looking for those used and forgotten glasses now!

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/UCmMels6ydHJTJD98ZZb_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>



Program Award for February 2022

PGK Jack Gorski named February Knight of the Month—The Knights of Columbus Council #6710 would like to recognize the on-going commitment, and staunch dedication of our **Past Grand Knight Jack Gorski** as our Pro-Life Chairman, and as our Knight of the Month for February 2023. Jack has been committed to this position for several years, and has supported this endeavor in countless ways. Even though the fifty-year-old monumental case of Roe v Wade has been overturned on June 24, 2022, Jack continues to point out that there is a lot of work still ahead to be done. Jack outlines this continuing work in progress in our monthly newsletter in great detail.

One of the most notable newsletters is the annual pilgrimage to Washington D.C for the March For Life, complete with detailed information on how to become an active participant. Jack is well respected in the Pro-Life Community, and our council would like to thank him for his years of standing up for the rights of the unborn, and his unwavering support of expectant mothers in crisis



Membership Drive Held Feb. 25-26 Brings in 6 new members Including Fr. Clive

Thanks to everyone who helped make this drive successful. Especially we thank **GK Marc Alleruzzo** and **Fr. Clive** for their leadership in promoting the drive. Thanks to **PGK Mike Bates** and **PGK Ken DiIulio** for setting up the Activities Center to host prospective candidates after the masses. Of special note, there were 15 Brother Knights who came to the Activities Center after the 5:00 PM Mass. That was impressive to prospects that also were there. Our **Insurance agent Matt Kling** was present assisting with the drive on Sunday.

Next, we must formally induct these men as full members of the Knight of Columbus by inviting them to participate in a degree ceremony. The ceremony should take about one-half hour to complete. Candidate's families will also be invited to attend. Watch for a future announcement regarding the date and time.

In the mean time, continue to recruit. Urge prospects to join electronically. A council Trifold of our activities can be found [here](#). The QR code shown here with the KC insignia at its center can be used. Use your cell phone to scan the code and select the web address shown. The web page requests your name, contact information, parish name, and Council number: 6710. There is no membership charge for the first year.



2023 Super Bowl Raffle was a sell out— All 300 tickets across 3 boards were sold!

The raffle was a tremendous success! The gross receipts from the 3 pools was \$10,000 of which \$5,000 was awarded as cash prizes leaving the Council to retain \$5,000 for its programs. In addition, thank you to winners who donated their win back to the Council totaling \$400.

The raffle was conducted in the St. Irene Activities Center during the football game. There were no raffle party expenses. Attendees brought their own food & drink.

Thank you to all who helped sell raffle tickets. Thank you to **Gerry Gosewehr** who brought a large TV and internet connection for the game. During the setup we learned that the existing TV was not useable.

PGK James Halama

Early Bird Winners		Amount
	Julie Fredrickson	\$50
	Patrick McGowan	\$50
	Total	\$100

Raffle Winners		Amount
	Berining Family	\$825
	Terry Kussman	\$550
	Daba Wolze	\$500
	James Bartz	\$300
	Kevin Colgan	\$250
	Kim Gartlan	\$250
	Mike Bates	\$250
	Patrick Gosewehr	\$250
	Sandi & Andrew Gorski	\$175
	Teri Lindeman	\$175
	Ken Intihar	\$150
	Kevin Looby	\$125
	Council 6710	\$100
	Gerry Gosewehr	\$100
	Kathy Planek	\$100
	Dave Abhalter	\$75
	Eric Kussman	\$75
	Fr. Clive	\$75
	Tim & Theresa Field	\$75
	Chuck Burchett	\$50
	Jeff Schmitz	\$50
	Kevin Murphy	\$50
	Mary Ann Palma	\$50
	Shanon Ryson	\$50
	Tom LaRocco	\$50
	Winston Rasmussen	\$50
	Fred Schlick	\$25
	Fred Smith	\$25
	Joe Urso	\$25
	Kevin Callahan	\$25
	Tim Cosgrove	\$25
	Vicki Smith	\$25

Successful 2023 Feed the Need Campaign Held on Feb. 18-19

The Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) charity recently completed its "Feed the Need" annual food-packing drive to aid hungry children worldwide. Overall, 800,928 meals were packed (i.e., 103 pallets or 3,708 boxes of food) which translates into feeding 2,194 children for a year. 3,201 individuals helped in the 2023 drive to make it a success.



Our Council has supported FMSC efforts with volunteers and donations in the past and we hope to continue these efforts in the future. No one should go hungry and, hopefully, our efforts have helped at least a few have a better life.

Joe Kubal

Supreme Council Program Building the Domestic Church Check it Out

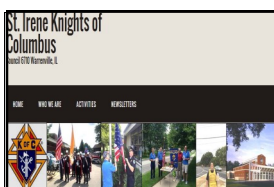
The phrase "domestic church" has been used to describe families since the beginning of Christianity. In his Letter to Families, Pope St. John Paul II explained, "The Fathers of the Church, in the Christian tradition, have spoken of the family as a 'domestic church,' a 'little church.'"

The domestic church is believing that how you live your faith in your councils, families, parishes and community has a ripple effect that changes the world.

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.

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 jrhalama@st-irenekofc.org.

Knights' Calendar

Mar. 4	7:00 AM	KC/VFW/Lions Club Blood Drive—Warrenville VFW Hall
Mar. 8	7:00 PM	Bishop Blanchette 4th degree meeting—St. Margaret Parish, Lisle
Mar. 9	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Mar. 11-12	All Masses	Bread Tag & Key Drive-Collection boxes at St. Irene church entrances
Mar. 12		Daylight Savings Time Begins—move clock one hour ahead
Mar. 12	Noon	Special Camps Easter Party—DuPage County Fair Grounds
Mar. 13	5:00 PM	St. Irene Women of Faith general meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Mar. 20		Spring Begins!
Mar. 17	6:00 PM	Council hosts Soup Supper ant Stations of the Cross—St. Irene's
Mar. 18-19	All Masses	St. Irene Women of Faith Food Drive—St. Irene Church
	All Masses	Bread Tag & Key Drive-Collection boxes at St. Irene church entrances
Mar. 21-23	7:00 PM	Lenten Mission Come to Me—St. Irene Church
Mar. 21	Noon	Illinois March for Life—Springfield, IL
Mar. 22	6:00 PM	American Legion Burger Night—VFW Hall, Warrenville
Apr. 13	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Apr. 15	9:00 AM	Adopt-a-Highway cleanup—Butterflied Rd, Warrenville



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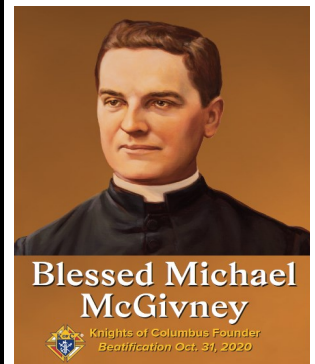
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March Birthdays

Joseph Eganhouse	Mar. 2	Maryann Bartz	Mar. 15
Karen Menconi Cappa	Mar. 5	Patti Eganhouse	Mar. 17
Jackie La Rocco	Mar. 5	Deborah Smithy	Mar. 18
Jacqueline Huttenhoff	Mar. 8	David Cappa	Mar. 22
John O'Malley	Mar. 8	Susan Cizek	Mar. 24
Barbara Schrage	Mar. 10	Michael Horan	Mar. 25
Dianne Drew	Mar. 11	Maryann True	Mar. 25
Diane Lichtenberg	Mar. 11	William Looby	Mar. 26
Anna Saake	Mar. 13	Robert Ladeur	Mar. 27
David Vincent	Mar. 14	Robert Rauko	Mar. 29



March Wedding Anniversaries

Andrew & Sandi Gorski	Mar. 10	Mark & Diane Spiotta	Mar. 24
Jeffrey & Pam Bollweg	Mar. 12	Michael & Gloria Fello	Mar. 28
Dwight & Janet Sherman	Mar. 16		

*** 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.