



knights of st. irene

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**Council 6710
Warrenville, IL**



August 13 After the 10:00 AM Mass—Knights to Grill the Hotdogs

Join in with other St. Irene Parishioners for food, and some fun. The event will take place in the St. Irene Activities Center and on Fr. Clive's lawn. For lawn seating, bring your own blankets and chairs.

Our Council will be providing the hotdogs and the buns (some 200 in count). Other food items will be provided by other St. Irene groups. Volunteers will be needed. Please plan to arrive at 9:00 AM. A good many of the hot dogs need to be grilled and wrapped before the end of the 10:00 AM Mass. Please wear your Knights' t-shirt.



September— Council Knights to Conduct an In- Person and a Virtual Tootsie Roll Drive

In-Person Drive September 15-17—the Knights will again solicit donations on the street corners in Warrenville. Street collections will take place September 15-16. **Mark Your Calendar NOW!** This is our biggest fundraiser to individuals with intellectual disability. Plan to take some time to help in any way you can to make the drive a success, even if it is only one or two hours on a corner. **GK Marc Alleruzzo** will be delighted!

Virtual GoFundMe Drive September-October—The Council will again set-up a GoFundMe page in order to add to our goal. The success of the virtual drive in the previous three years has prompted us to do the same this year. The virtual drive is targeted to be conducted within the Warrenville Community during the months of September and October.

Our goal is \$7500—We are seeking your input if you have ideas as to how we can get the word out, especially about the GoFundMe virtual drive. Please contact, **Nick Battaglia**, Tootsie Roll Chair at 773-820-1752 or **PGK James Halama** at 630-433-6240.



Sept. 9 & Sept. 17 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 9-10 and 16-17 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. 17 & Sept. 24—K of C "Share Your Soles" 2023 Fall Shoe Drive

The Knights of Columbus are asking you to donate gently worn shoes to the Share Your Soles® charity on the weekends (only) of September 16-17 and 23-24 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 basement 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

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Sept. 23—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.

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Council Business Meeting Aug. 10 7:00 PM

The meeting will be held in the St. Irene's Activities Center. Plan to attend.



St. Irene Women of Faith

Missy Kemp gives a heartfelt thank you to everyone who already bought some vocations raffle tickets. Proceeds help fund our Coats-for-Kids program. Also, thank you to those who are still working on getting them back. It really means a lot. Each and every one of you are so generous with helping me out with this every year. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that someone I sold tickets to wins again this year.

If you would still like to buy some tickets please let me know at Missyree2004@yahoo.com. I will get them out to you ASAP. Thank you again for your generosity.

Mark your calendar! We are also having a ladies night out at Evolet Eve on Monday, Sept. 18.

**See you at Church,
Dana Wolze, Bonnie DiIulio
Co-Presidents**



Fourth Degree News

There is no regularly scheduled meeting until September. Enjoy the summer.

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Attorney General Kwame Raoul issued a release Thursday saying crisis pregnancy centers go to great lengths to deceive people seeking abortion care.

“Patients report going to crisis pregnancy centers — sometimes even receiving exams and ultrasounds — thinking they were visiting a clinic that offers the full range of reproductive care,” he said.

Eric Scheidler, president of the Illinois based Pro-Life Action League, said in an email following Thursday's bill signing that “if you're a poor woman in Illinois facing an untimely pregnancy, J.B. Pritzker and the Democrats want you to have only one option: abortion.”

“But this attack on the welfare of poor women and the civil rights of pro-life advocates will not stand,” he said. “It is patently unconstitutional, and we're going to fight it in court—and win.”

After the measure passed in May, Susan Barrett, executive director of Aid for Women, a center with several Illinois locations including one in the Loop, denied that deceptive practices are employed to steer women away from abortion.

“I mean, sometimes people make mistakes, but we're very clear even on the phone about who we are and what services we provide,” Barrett said.

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.



Pray for Our Loved Ones

Pray for the health & recovery of **Mary Ann True, Deacon Bob True, Beverly Scott, Ken DiIulio, Pat Wehner, and Gina LaRocco Goddard, and Connie Dyas.**

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

	Committee Directors
Program Director	Pat McGowan (630-863-8708)
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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 Marc Alleruzzo at 630-269-2754.

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

I had a wonderful vacation! I caught four big red snappers. I had to let two go back. I enjoyed the company of 22 others. My grandson who turned 13 while we were there, caught the biggest red snapper!

Let's enjoy the month of August. During August, we will have our meeting. After that we will have a Church Picnic. For that we are cooking hot dogs. We

will need as many helpers as possible. It will take place on August 13 after the 10:00 AM Mass.

The Tootsie Rolls are coming in this month. We have to get the word out. The drive will be held Sept. 15, 16, and 17. We need as much help as possible.

If anyone is interested on becoming an officer, please consult with me. There are openings for the next fraternal year.

Please enjoy the month of August. Spend it with friends and family. Keep cool, drink a lot of water, swim in a pool. Spray a hose over your head. Just enjoy!

Vivat Jesus!

GK Marcello Alleruzzo

ProLife

Pritzker signs law that will punish deceptive anti-abortion practices—HANK SANDERS CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Anti-abortion pregnancy centers can be penalized by the Illinois attorney general if they use deceptive practices or misinformation to interfere with patients seeking abortion care under a measure Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed into law Thursday.

"Women need access to comprehensive, fact-based health care when making critical decision(s) about their own health — not manipulation or misinformation from politically motivated, nonmedical actors," Pritzker said in a statement after he signed the bill.

Under the law, clinics are subject to injunctive action and a financial penalty of up to \$50,000 under the state's Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act if they are found to be dissuading "pregnant persons from considering abortion care through deceptive, fraudulent, and misleading information and practices."

The bill signing was quickly followed by a federal lawsuit from the conservative Chicago nonprofit law firm Thomas More Society that argued the new law infringes on individuals' First Amendment rights.

"This is a blatant attempt to chill and silence pro-life speech under the guise of consumer protections," Peter Breen, executive vice president and head of litigation for the organization, said in a news release.

"Pregnancy help ministries provide real options and assistance to women and families in need, but instead of the praise they deserve, pro-abortion-rights politicians are targeting these ministries with \$50,000 fines and injunctions solely because of their pro-life viewpoint."

The lawsuit asks for a temporary restraining order and permanent injunction against the law.

Pritzker's office did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Illinois legislators passed the measure this spring as part of efforts to shore up abortion rights in Illinois following the U.S. Supreme Court decision last year overturning Roe v. Wade which for a half-century granted abortion access nationwide with limited exceptions. Since that ruling, many Midwestern states have restricted abortion access while Illinois has maintained strong reproductive rights protections.

Abortion providers have predicted that 20,000 to 30,000 additional patients will be crossing state lines each year to terminate a pregnancy in Illinois, up two to three times the number of patients before Roe was overturned.

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Family Hayride, Cookout & Bonfire at Galusha Farm is Back!

Mark this event! The date and time is yet to be determined. You are invited to join other Council families for a cookout, hayride and bonfire at **PGK Steve & Kathy Berning's Galusha Farm**, 27W271 Galusha Rd., across from Grace Church. Stay until the last embers die out.



Sept. 15—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. For more information. Foursome required.

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



Sept. 23—9th 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.

Our Council will be a \$100 sponsor for the event.



August 23—American Legion Burger Night

Join us at the VFW Hall, Warrenville for burgers, bratwursts, french fries and coleslaw starting at 5:00 PM.



Advocate's Corner August 2023

Hey all, welcome to August. Month 8 out of 12, so not much longer to go depending on how you see time. This month, I'm going to explain to you some things to not do so you don't get banned from some places in Kentucky (I'll get to that, don't worry) and what to do instead.

Last month, I had the opportunity to take a trip to Kentucky with some friends, and the destination was the Creation Museum. I knew initially that I wasn't going to agree with much of it, but I wanted to go anyways because...well...they're my friends. What I didn't know is how much I would disagree with it. I disagreed with nearly everything that they said because it's just flat out wrong! It ignored science and attacked anything they didn't agree with, including Catholicism (which I fiercely defended). Eventually, this older man came up to me and asked what I thought. I told him that I disagreed with a lot and we went back to the beginning and I spoke about how much I disagreed with it and took apart his arguments.

All fine, right? Wrong! I learned shortly after that this man was actually one of the creators and I'd spend the last hour explaining to him how he was wrong. And that is how I got banned from that museum. Now, what did I do wrong? I was too aggressive with my arguments. If I'd been more respectful, I probably wouldn't've been banned. I wasn't going to go back anyways, but now I'm not allowed, which could be worse, depending on how you look at it. If you want more details, ask me later, I'd be happy to tell you what I said.

The best thing that the weekend did was take my mind off of what had been bothering me for most of July. It got worse, but I won't go into that here. The overall purpose of my story is that if you disagree with someone on anything, specifically matters of faith, don't be afraid to speak up. Speak your mind, explain your point of view. But don't tell the others that they are flat-out wrong. And if you feel the need to, do it more respectfully than I did. You don't want to lose a potential friend over that. That's all I have for this month, and I might see you next month, we'll see how busy I am. Pray for me and know I'm praying for you, God bless.

Vivat Jesus!
Adv. JP Bates

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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 any questions to **Joseph D. Kubal** at jdrk4715@aol.com.



Program Award for July 2023

4th-of-July Volunteers named July Knights of the Month—The Knights of Columbus Council #6710 would like to recognize and name all the Knights and volunteers that helped out at our Fourth of July concession stand as Knights, and Honorary Knights of the month. Whether you helped out for five minutes or five hours or the full two days we want you to know that your efforts are greatly appreciated and not taken for granted. It has been said that once the tent and equipment is set up the event pretty much runs itself. This is true only because of the awesome support of every one of you who took time out of your busy holiday schedule to help in numerous ways, and to make this year another successful year. Thank you!



Aug. 5— Maintenance at City Signs

The Council takes on the task of maintaining perennial plantings surrounding the "Welcome to Warrentville" signs. We will meet in the parking lot at the corner of Butterfield & Batavia Rds. at 9:00 AM.

Please consider participating in this community program during the summer. The last scheduled date is **Sept. 23**. Contact **PGK James Halama** at 630-433-6240 for more information.

Membership Drive Ever Present! We cannot let up. Please be ever vigilant.

Urge prospects to join electronically. A council Tri-fold 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.



Council and LA Directory Available

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



July 4th Food Concession Nets \$2650

Thanks to our Food Concession Chair **PGK Erich Pavel** and his committee of **Justin Wagner, and Bill Lintner** to a very successful event again this year. We made just over \$2650. It was the best year ever for income \$6,110 but also our worst year for expenses \$3,460. Thank GOD the vendor who is usually next too us dropped out or we would have lost our shirts this year. The cost of sweetcorn is what killed us. Last year we paid \$12 or \$13 a case this year I paid \$42 a case this year.



Thanks to all who helped (31 in all): **PGK Marc Alleruzzo, Clare Barry, PGK Mike & Joshua Bates, Paul Burgermeister, DD Kevin & Reed Callahan, Dave Cappa, Sandy Decker, Doug Dillman, Connie Dyas, John**

Ernst, PGK Jack Gorski, Gerry & Patrick Gosewehr, PGK James Halama, Bob Heipp, Deacon Brad Hentz, Chuck Ingram, PGK Tom LaRocco, DGK Pat & Laura McGowan, Tom Nemo, Pat O'Conner, PGK Bob Rauko, Jeff Schmitz, Mark & Diane Spiotta, Deacon Joe Urso, and Ron Zoran. I tried my best to write the names of all that helped. I am sure I missed some of you. We thank you as well.

Memorial Scholarship Awarded June 8

Scholarships were awarded to our recipients after the 5:00 PM Mass on June 8 at St. Irene Church. The presentation of the scholarships were given by **PGK James Halama** and **GK March Alleruzzo**. Fr. Clive was made the event memorable to our recipients.



Pictured are **Deacon Joe Urso** holding a photo of honoree **Deacon Bill Murphy, PGK James Halama**



Julie Duquette with Beverly Murphy



Son Eric and Terri Kussman

holding a photo of **PGK Glenn Kussman**, recipient **Ainsley Callaghan**, recipient **Katie Kostner, GK Marc Alleruzzo, and Fr. Clive**

Council Officer Installation Held July 13

Council officers were installed by **District Deputy Keven Callahan** following the monthly business meeting on July 13. Pizza was provided.



Knights and Families attend Kane County Cougar Games Saturday July 15

What a great evening for baseball! All 20 tickets were sold. The Cougars even won by a score of 20-1. A bit lopsided but on our Team's side. Thanks to **PGK Mike Bates** for organizing the event.



Knights' Calendar

Aug. 5	9:00 AM	Weeding of Warrenville Welcome signs—Meet at Butterfield & Batavia
Aug. 10	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting at St. Irene ACL
Aug. 13	11:00 AM	Parish picnic at St. Irene Activities Center—Knights to grill hotdogs
Aug. 23	5:00 PM	American Legion Burger Night—Warrenville VFW Hall
Sept. 10 & 17	All Masses	Bread Tag & Key Pass Collection on these weekends at St. Irene Church
Sept. 14	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting at St. Irene ACL
Sept. 15	1:00 PM	Annual St. Irene Golf Outing—Bless Creek Country Club
Sept. 15-17		Annual Tootsie Roll Drive—Headquarters at St. Irene Activities Center
Sept. 17 & 24	All Masses	Share Your Soles Shoe Drive Collection on these weekends at St. Irene
Sept. 23	7:00 AM	KC/VFW Blood Drive—St. Irene Activities Center
Sept. 23	9:00 AM	Bridge Community Hustle up the Hill —Blackwell Forest Preserve
TBA		Council Family Picnic and Hayride hosted by PGK Steve Berning



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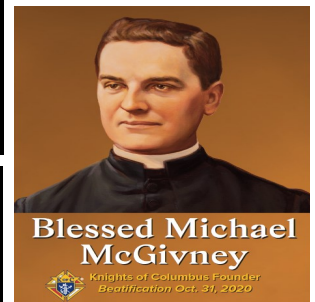
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August Birthdays

Edward Leahy	Aug. 2	Debbie Alleruzzo	Aug. 14
Pam Bollweg	Aug. 3	Larry Chaon	Aug. 15
Vincent Morello	Aug. 3	Jeannie Dina	Aug. 15
Rosemary Maher	Aug. 4	Judy Minor	Aug. 15
Jeffrey Wombold	Aug. 4	Martin Kometz	Aug. 16
Brendan McGowan	Aug. 5	Bobbi Aschauer	Aug. 19
James Halama	Aug. 7	Dianne Taylor	Aug. 25
Colette Lindsey	Aug. 7	Joseph Urso	Aug. 25
Thomas Bucki	Aug. 9	Joshua Bates	Aug. 29
Kim Ladeur	Aug. 9	Julia Chaon	Aug. 30
Terry Neigel	Aug. 11	William Hughes	Aug. 31
Michael Bates	Aug. 13		

August Wedding Anniversaries

Winston & Carol Rasmussen	Aug. 1	James & Rita Aderhold	Aug. 21
Daniel & Carol Walsh	Aug. 4	Mario & Yolanda Schwarts	Aug. 22
William & Karen Graney	Aug. 5	William & Kelley Higgins	Aug. 23
Scott & Dolly Pointner	Aug. 6	Noelle & Paul Shallcross	Aug. 23
David & Donna Janiec	Aug. 7	Richard & Kathleen Planek	Aug. 25
Andrew & Patricia White	Aug. 8	Ronald & Cathi Zoran	Aug. 25
David&Karen Menconi Cappa	Aug. 13	Michael & Lois Hitchcock	Aug. 29
Christopher &Annette Hanson	Aug. 14	David & Terry Fahrenwald	Aug. 30
Kevin & Marian Dunn	Aug. 16		



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