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Oct. 7—Warrenville American Legion Hosts Ruck-The-Ville

Sign-in begins at 8:30 AM at the VFW Hall, Warrenville. The Ruck starts at 9:00 AM.

What is the “Ruck”? It’s a military style walk while carrying a weighted rucksack. At this event it will be filled with non-perishable food or items to donate. Fill it with what you wish. The items will benefit the Immanuel Presbyterian Church Food Pantry and Edward Hines VA.

Download the [Ruck-the-Ville flyer](#) to register and see a list of suggested items to donate. Entry fees are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. A T-shirt is included. The flyer can also be downloaded by following the links on the Warrenville American Legion web site.



Oct. 21—St. Irene Women of Faith BUNCO

The next Bunco event is Sat., Oct. 21 at the St. Irene's Activity Center (Lower Level) at 6:00 – 9:00 PM. Funds earned will support FOCUS. There is no need to know how to play. Everyone will be able to join in the FUN!

Admission paid prior to the event \$20.00, and at the door is \$25.00 (if seats are available). The ticket price includes finger foods, dessert, soft drinks, water, coffee and our famous punch. You can bring your own alcoholic beverage. Download [Bunco Flyer](#) to register.

A 50/50 split the pot raffle will also be available. Funds earned will support FOCUS.



Sat. Oct. 14—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.

For information and signup, please contact **Ralph Dieter** (630-885-5578) or **PGK Bob Rauko** 630-337-1568 or rauko@comcast.net.



Oct. 28—St. Irene Trunk or Treat!

Bring your young ones to St. Irene’s from 12:00 -2 PM for trunk or treating! This year it is part of a community event. We will be joining Baptist Church, Trinity Lutheran, Warrenville Bible Church and Johnson Elementary School.

Families, organizations, and businesses are needed to decorated trunks and hand out candy. [Click](#) to register your vehicle. **Knights, let’s consider sponsoring a vehicle!**



Oct. 29—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, face painting, costume contest, games, picnic for families (giving them opportunity to socialize with other families similar to themselves), and the King Cobras drumline will again offer free drumline lessons with slightly muted drums and optional headphones. Any new idea our special guests would enjoy? Please let me know.

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!

The St. Irene Knights are set to 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

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Council Business Meeting Oct. 12 7:00 PM

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



Fourth Degree News

Oct. 11—The first meeting of the fraternal year will be held at Our Lady of Mercy, Aurora. Fellowship and dinner is at 7:00 PM and the meeting starts at 7:45PM.



Oct. 14—Fatima Public Rosary

At 12:00 PM St. Irene and St. Thomas are coming together to join with over 20,000 other Prayer Chains across the country to honor our Lady's appearance. There are 11 prayer stations. For details and to receive the prayer packet sign up via email fatimarosary@gmail.com or call **Jeannette Clark** at 630-292-9349.

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.



St. Irene Women of Faith

The Women of Faith Ladies Night Out at Markito's was a huge success and we look forward to more in the future. Thanks to all who joined in the fun! Please let us know your ideas and how you can help with the next one. We'd love to include all interested women of the parish.

We are getting ready for a busy year ahead. Starting with our fundraiser Bunco October 21 after the 5:00 PM Mass. Grab a friend or two and come down and have a good time for a good cause and meet many new friends! Food, fun and friends await you. The annual craft fair is coming up and if you or anybody else had a craft to sell have them contact Lorraine and get your spot!

Our next board meeting is on October 9 at 5:00 PM. The West Dupage Deanery fall coffee will be hosted in the ACL at 6:15 PM. If you are able to attend please RSVP to Dana by October 5 at dana@wolze.com.

Please like us on Facebook.

Many blessings
Bonnie DiIulio, President

Oct. 9—West DuPage Deanery Fall Coffee at St. Irene ACL 6:15 PM

All women of Faith and friends are welcomed to gather to share events and service projects with other parishes and to hear highlights from the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) convention and more. To register send an email to **Dana Wolze** at dana@wolze.com



Pray for Our Loved Ones

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

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

Chaplain	Council Officers 2022-2023
Grand Knight	Fr. Clive Otieno (630-393-2400)
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District Deputy	Matthew Kling (630-485-8705)
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Business Meetings: 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM
Meeting Location: St. Irene Activities Center

Program Director	Committee Directors
Membership Director	Pat McGowan (630-863-8708)
Community Director	Michael Bates (630-836-0223)
Church Director	Bob Rauko (630-337-1568)
Family Director	James Bartz (630-229-8311)
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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 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 would like to thank everyone who participated on the tootsie roll drive. It was a great event. We met our goal. Our **Financial secretary Jim Halama** will fill you all in on it.

I had a meeting with all of my officers this past week; it went well. I will be on the lookout for new officers. If any body would like to step up let me know! Otherwise I will be asking around for the year of June 2024 to June 2025. We have a good Council and I would like to keep it that way. So if you would like to step up to officer or directors let me know.

We were asked, by **Father Clive**, if any of our Brother Knights would like to serve on the committee plan the chili cookoff? It is a fun event.

For our last meeting we purchased a white polo shirt, for **Father Clive**. He loved it so much!

Halloween is coming up and we will be selling Tootsie Rolls for the weekends heading up to Halloween. People can stock up an use as treats for Halloween.

I would also like to thank everyone who participated in the blood drive.

Vivat Jesus!
GK Marcello Alleruzzo

ProLife October is Respect Life Month

In October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is designated as Respect Life Sunday. To support these annual observances, the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities provides materials to help Catholics understand and value the gift of human life and help build a culture that cherishes and protects it. Visit the [Respect Life](#) web page for more information.

In Illinois Knights of Columbus Councils are requested to participate in this fall's statewide campaign by displaying pro-life banners on a busy highway overpass or roadway intersection and within their communities, as an effective way to reach tens of thousands of people with the pro-life message that "Abortion takes a human Life", in a relatively short time with only a small group of volunteers. Look for these banners being displayed Oct. 10-13 and Oct. 20-23. We are urged to display the signs again next April.



Oct. 24—Aligning Financial Decisions with your Catholic Values Webinar

This free webinar will be held Tuesday Oct. 24 at 7:00 PM. Learn more about insurance, investment and charitable solutions that align with your Catholic values. Presented by **Anthony Minopoli**, President & Chief Investment Officer, Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors.

As a Council we are required to participate in two benefits seminars each fraternal year. This webinar satisfies one of the seminars. We need at least 11 attending this online seminar. Look for a future announcement regarding us gathering at the St. Irene Activities Center on this evening.

To register (at least 11 of us) go to this [link](#) and complete the form displayed. You will receive an email providing you the link to the webinar.



Nov. 4—K of C Annual FMSC Food-Packing Event

Come join fellow parishioners at the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) facility at 555 Exchange Ct. in Aurora on Saturday, Nov. 4 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.

To participate, register on the FMSC website at fmsc.org/get-involved/volunteer. At the bottom of the page entitled "Looking for a Specific Group," type in "St. Irene Knights of Columbus" and complete the requested registration information. If you have questions, please feel free to contact **Joe Kubal** at jdrk4715@aol.com. If you cannot attend, please consider a monetary donation to this worthwhile organization.



October 9—American Legion Family Supper Club

American Legion Supper Club Dinners at the VFW Hall on the 2nd Monday of the month at 5:00 PM. All you can eat. Adults \$15, kids 11-16 \$7, under 11 free.

October 25—American Legion Burger Night

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

Brother Knights—Please ask Knights, Families, Friends Neighbors to come to Mass. Fr. Clive will greatly appreciate it.

- 18th Annual -
St. Irene
Heavenly
Handmade *Fair*
Craft 2023

Saturday, November 4th
9 am to 3 pm
St. Irene ACL
35628w4t1 Warrenville Rd., Warrenville

A variety of local crafters and artisans representing
unique and creative, hand crafted items for sale.
Come find that perfect gift and support our cause!

This event sponsored by the St. Irene Women of Faith.
Profits from this event are used to support several local and international charities.

For more information about getting a booth at this event,
Visit our Facebook Page: St. Irene Women of Faith
or email lorainequilts@yahoo.com



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

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.

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packages of sugar-free puddings always seem to be appreciated as well. They will also be requested to handle parking lot safety.

St. John's Knights are set to 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. To be served about 4:30 - 5 PM.

St Mary West Chicago Knights are set to provide drinks for 150 of us. paper plates (for burgers and small ones for desserts), heavy duty forks, spoons for desserts, napkins.

Corpus Christi Knights of Carol Stream are set to provide 100 mini pumpkins and \$100 for bingo gifts

Colleen McDonald
President of Special Camps



**Program Award for
September 2023**

**Deacon Joe Urso Awarded
September Knight of the Month**—The Knights of Columbus Council #6710 recognizes **Deacon Joe Urso** as Knight of the Month for September. Deacon Joe's service to others started back when he served our Country in the United States Air Force. After leaving the Air Force Deacon Joe helped others in several ways which lead him into his calling as a Deacon, which he entered into forty-two years ago. As a Deacon, Joe enjoys conducting the Stations of the Cross, Baptisms, the Crisis Prayer Line and any other roles that he can do to assist **Father Clive**.

Deacon Joe is known for his thoughtful homilies which are very well planned out, and which come directly from his heart. Deacon Joe has served as a Knight of Columbus for over fifty years, and he is a dedicated husband to his wife Dianne, and their children as well as a spiritual light for his grandchildren. The Knights of Columbus Council #6710 would like to thank Deacon Joe for his many years of dedicated service to our Country, our Community, our Church, and our Council!

**Jeff and Laurie Schmitz Awarded September
Family of the Month**—The Knights of Columbus #6710 honor **Jeff and Laurie Schmitz** as the Knight of Columbus Family of the Month for September.

Jeff and Laurie have taken it upon themselves to be very involved in our local food pantry. They can be seen in several venues and locations drumming up support for their cause including participating in the Fourth-of-July Parade. They also work hand in hand with local area Catholic High Schools to elicit food donations during school events.

Laurie serves as a lector at morning mass during the week as well as on Sundays, and she is also active in our St. Irene's Women of Faith Organization, which recently hosted a 'Girl's Night Out' at Markito's restaurant. This event brought women together for not only a great time, but also presented them with new ways to become more actively involved in our church and community.

Jeff uses his work place to mentor young college students via an internship program to encourage them to enter into the engineering field by providing them with hands on experience so that they can see first-hand what the career entails rather than just by text book study.

The Schmitz's do all of this, and more while being actively involved in their three children's lives. The Knights would like to thank the Schmitz's for all that they do for our church and our community.

Membership Recruitment
24x7 by You



Sept. 15-187 ID “Tootsie Roll” Drive Raises \$8791

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 \$8791 and there is more to come from direct candy sales and online fundraising through October.

The street solicitation still contributes the most at \$6052 (see chart). Those who helped at command center and count collections were **PGK Marc Alleruzzo, Sandy Decker, Connie Dyas, PGK Jim Halama, Cathy Kott, Rick Nagode**, Mass collections were \$869 over two weekends. Thanks to all who helped at the Masses. Candy sales so far are \$154. Direct donations total \$1400. Donations from Vogtle's Auto Service, Warrenville Grove Animal Hospital, and NuMark Credit Union totaled \$200.

The GoFundMe drive at this time has received \$875. There is still time to contribute [here](#).

Street Volunteer	Street Collection
Bob Heipp	\$1,002.29
Tom Nemo	\$922.19
Bob Rauko	\$870.10
Masses - Fr. Clive	\$869.51
Mike Bates	\$659.09
Mark Spiotta	\$457.02
Erich Pavel	\$342.86
Dominic Lynch	\$305.18
Jeff Schmitz	\$194.78
Judi Lukas	\$192.55
Joe Kubal	\$93.85
Pat McGowan	\$81.74
Bill Lintner	\$61.14

Donations	\$1,400.00
John Ernst	\$250.00
Mark Spiotta	\$200.00
Erich Pavel	\$500.00
Dominic Lynch	\$100.00
Sandy Decker	\$100.00
Ralph Dieter	\$250.00

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.



39 Pints Blood Collected Sept. 23

Wow! This is a record collection! Four of the pints were collected offsite at an earlier date. Thanks to all who made the blood drive held at the St. Irene Activities Center successful. Those who helped were **Bill Lintner** and **PGK Bob Rauko**. Thanks also to the Warrenville American Legion.



Fall Bread Tag/Key Drive

The drive was held on two weekends in September. 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 6.5 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, 2024.

Joe Kubal

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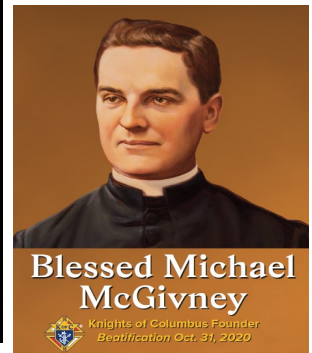
Illinois State Council Knights of Columbus: www.illinoisknights.org

Knights' Calendar

Oct. 7	8:30 AM	Ruck-the-Ville competition—VFW Hall Warrenville
Oct. 9	5:00 PM	American Legion Supper Club dinner –VFW Hall, Warrenville
	6:15 PM	West DuPage Deanery Fall Coffee at St. Irene ACL
Oct. 11	7:00 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting—Our Lady of Mercy, Aurora
Oct. 12	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting at St. Irene ACL
Oct. 14	9:00 AM	Adopt-a-Highway Fall Cleanup—meet at Batavia & Butterfield
	Noon	Fatima Public Rosary—contact Jeannette Clark for locations (page 2)
Oct. 21	6:00 PM	St. Irene Women of Faith BUNCO night—St. Irene Activities Center
Oct. 24	7:00 PM	Aligning Financial Decisions with your Catholic Values Webinar (Page 3)
Oct. 25	5:00 PM	American Legion Burger Night—VFW Hall, Warrenville
Oct. 28	Noon	St. Irene Trunk or Treat (see page 1)
Oct. 29	3:00 PM	Special Camps Halloween Party at St. Johns, Winfield
Nov. 1		All Saint's Day—Holy Day of Obligation
Nov. 2	7:00 PM	All Soul's Day—Memorial Mass the for deceased—St. Irene Church
Nov. 4	9:00 AM	K of C Annual FMSC Food-Packing Event, Aurora (see page 3 to register)
	9:00 AM	Heavenly Handmade Craft Fair—St. Irene Activities Center
Nov. 5		Daylight Savings Time ends—move clocks back by one hour
Nov. 9	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting at St. Irene ACL
Nov. 18	8:00 AM	Decorate St. Irene Grounds for Christmas
Nov. 24		Thanksgiving Day

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

*** 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.