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Council 6710
Warrenville, IL



Dec. 2—KC/VFW/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 [Ver-siti of Illinois web page](#). Walk-ins are also accepted.

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



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 the state goal of \$345,000. Our Council goal is \$5.00 per active member, or \$675.

Please consider a gift this year. Donate online at www.illinoisknights.org/charity/newman (or scan the QR Code) above, or send a check. Consider becoming a \$100 Century donor and receive a commemorative pin. With a check, you must send it along with the Donation Card (print from the online screen). You may also look for the donation card to be sent to you from the state. Indicate your level of giving from \$5 up to \$100. Mail in your donation to Illinois State Council KofC Charities, Inc., P.O. Box 681, Kankakee, IL 60901. Please write Newman Fund, Council number (6710 for St. Irene’s) and your Membership number on the memo section of your check.



Dec. 10—St. Irene Pancake Breakfast

Knights are to serve as hosts, serving breakfast to all who come from 9:00 AM until Noon. Call **PGK Mike Bates** at 630-447-5740 to say that you can help.

A free will offering is accepted. Bring a non-perishable food item for the Neighborhood Food Pantry.



SHRINE OF
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
SANTUARIO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

Dec. 16—Shrine of Our Guadalupe Pilgrimage

Plans have been finalized for a church-wide pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Des Plaines on December 16, hosted by our Knights Council. See below for event schedule. A Mass led by **Fr. Clive**, a walk around the Shrine grounds including free time at the religious gift shop, and a short presentation about the story behind the Shrine and lunch afterwards at a local Mexican restaurant.

There is no cost to attend the service or the Shrine. Monetary donations will be accepted to benefit the Shrine. Also, candle and flower devotions to Our Lady are encouraged. The Knights have graciously provided funding as hosts of this parish-based event.

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Feb. 11, 2024—28th 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. 11, 2024 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 retained by the Council to be used for programs that benefit the St. Irene’s Parish, school scholarships, and community outreach programs. **Let’s do it again! All three pools were sold out last year, netting \$5,400 for our programs.**

Buy your raffle tickets early to take advantage of three early drawings. Early Bird drawings that cover the cost of a ticket will be held on Jan. 14, Jan. 28 and Feb. 4. Early bird raffle winners remain eligible for drawings on Super Bowl Sunday.

Download the ticket order form from this link: [2024 Super Bowl Raffle Tickets](#) or print the form on Page 5. Follow the directions on how to return

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Council Business Meeting Dec. 14 7:00 PM

The meeting will be held at the Cupertino Home on Warren Ave. across the street from the St. Irene School building. We have annually held our December meeting at the home.



St. Irene Women of Faith

Thank you and good luck to all who purchased vocations raffle tickets. This year we were able to purchase 3 boxes of winter coats for girls in need at Johnson School. This is such a blessing since the weather is getting colder now.

St. Irene Women of Faith have been busy making plans for Our Lady of Guadalupe feast December 9 at the St. Irene Activities Center after the 5:00 PM Mass. Hope to see everyone attend Mass and come join in a light meal and fellowship afterwards.

Our Bunco fundraiser raised \$1,200 for Focus which we sponsored offered by **Taila Zelle**. We want to thank everyone who helped plan, donate, and of course attend the event and had a great time. We are looking forward to our next Bunco night which is April 27, 2024. Watch for more information as we get closer.

Our next board meeting is December 11 at 5:00 PM in the ACL. We are always looking for new people to come and help us in our new ministry. New ideas and new friendships.

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Many blessings
Bonnie DiIulio, President



Fourth Degree News

Dec. 13—The next meeting will be held at St. Raphael at the St. Peter & Paul Council Hall on Ogden Ave., Naperville. Fellowship and dinner is at 7:00 PM and the meeting starts at 7:45 PM.



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.

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

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 **Fr. Jim Antiporek, Rosemary Maher, Mary Ann True, Deacon Bob True, Beverly Scott, Ken DiIulio, 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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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)
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Youth Director	
Public Relations Director	Joe Kubal (630-983-6159)
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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 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 cannot believe that it's the last month the year. I hope that you all enjoyed your Thanksgiving meal. I hope it was spent with good food, friends and family.

My trip to Malaysia was great time. I am glad to be back though. Back to the USA! In Malaysia the weather is only one

type of weather humid and hot all year long. My kind of weather!

The agenda for this month is starting with Sunday Dec. 10 which the Pancake Breakfast is served at both masses. I will not be there, I will be at the Bears game. So if you can, please go to represent the Knights.

PGK Michael Bates will be in charge that day. We will need as many Knights as possible to help out. Any questions call **Michael Bates at 630-447-5740**. The next business meeting will be held at the Cupertino Home on Dec. 14. We annually hold our meeting at the home.

Thank you all who helped put up the Christmas lights. I found out that many people showed up, thank you all! To all of you and your families I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Any volunteers for officers please let me know for any position. Thank you!



Vivat Jesus!

GK Marcello Alleruzzo

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Transportation is on your own. Carpooling is urged leaving from St. Irene church to and back from the Shrine. For more information, please contact **Joe Kubal** at jdrk4715@aol.com.

Itinerary is as follows:

- 10:00 AM—Meet in Marian Chapel at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, 1170 North River Road, Des Plaines, IL 60016
- 10:05 AM—Mass in Marian Chapel **Presider: Fr. Clive**
- 11:00 AM—Presentation on Heather House Ministry and Reason Behind the Shrine
- 11:30 AM—Procession to Shrine; Presentation of Roses recitation of the Rosary. Leaders Maggie Nagode and Jeannette Clark
- 12:15 PM—Free time to explore Grounds and gift shop & time for reflection & adoration
- 1:00 PM—Dine at restaurant (on your own) La Autentica Donita Oaxaquea, 1590 Rand Road, Des Plaines, IL 60016.

ProLife



The Knights of Columbus encourages others to choose life through public support of the pro-life cause. Knights can organize and participate in local/state/province/regional Marches for Life and/or organize participation of Knights/parishioners/students/etc., in bus trips to the national Marches in Washington, D.C., Ottawa, Mexico City, throughout the Philippines, or in other countries: [March for Life 2023 Dates and Times](#)

Join the National March for Life Washington DC January 19, 2024. [Register](#)

Join the Illinois March for Life Springfield, April 17, 2024. [Register](#)

Ushers Needed

Ushers are needed for all Masses at St. Irene's. Contact any of the ushers at any of the St. Irene Masses.

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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 jrhalama@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.



American Legion Family Supper Club

American Legion Supper Club Dinner will not be held in December. The dinners will resume Jan. 8.

American Legion Burger Night

The Burger night has been suspended because of the holidays for the next two months. It will return Jan. 24.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

**Successful FMSC Food Packing Event Held Nov. 4
"A Sincere Thank You!"**

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the 14 fellow Knights, parishioners, and other organizations and church members that participated as part of the Feed My Starving Children food packing event held Saturday, November 4 at the Aurora facility. Thanks to the dedication and hard work of 147 total volunteers, 216 boxes of food (6 pallets) were packed - a total of 46,656 meals worth \$13,530. This is the equivalent of feeding 128 children for a year. The food was being shipped to the countries of Somalia, Guyana, and Haiti in the very near future, The Knights graciously donated funds to help defray some of the cost of the food and shipping for this charitable purpose this year. Again, thank you!



Joe Kubal



Program Award for November 2023

David Cappa November Knight of the Month—
The Knights of Columbus Council #6710 would like to acknowledge the work and efforts of David Cappa as the Knight of the Month for November 2023. David is a Knight who thinks outside of the box. He not only serves our council in a variety of ways, but he also serves our church in other ministries most notably as a lector. David doesn't just read to us, he puts emphasis on the words in which he speaks, and all the while maintaining eye contact and captivating our congregation. It is readily apparent that David puts a lot of time and preparation before he enters the pulpit.

David is also actively involved in our Bridge Communities Ministry with his wife Karen. This organization partners with other local faith-based organizations which uses vitally skilled volunteer mentors whose goal is to transition homeless families into affordable housing. They do this by teaching necessary life skills which leads them to self-sufficiency. As the saying goes, "If you give a man a fish you have fed him for a day, but if you teach him to fish, you have fed him for a life time". If you are interested in donating your time, or monetarily to this ministry please check them out at:

bridgecommunities.org.

David is always ready to become involved when asked, even during the cold months when our council puts up the Christmas lights. Thank you, David, for all your time and effort to our council and our church.

Denisa & Daniel Gilligan November Family of the Month—

The Knights of Columbus Council #6710 would like to honor the Gilligan family as the St. Irene's Family of the Month for November 2023. Recently at the 10:00 AM Mass they delivered a very powerful and compelling presentation as to how their lives have been changed when they turned everything over to God, and surrendered to His Will rather than their own. Their presentation was delivered straight from their hearts and they displayed an uncanny ability to directly relate to members in our congregation on a variety of levels and struggles that they may be facing in their own lives. Speaking from a public forum is never an easy task, and it had to be even more difficult to talk about their personal struggles with their family in attendance at the mass. Their presentation came full circle when they related how after attending mass at several churches in the area, they settled on St. Irene's because of the open and welcoming feeling they received. They also related how Father Clive's smile and openness with them put them at ease which made them feel, we are at home.

The Knights would like to thank the Gilligan's for their courage to tell their story. Congratulations to the Gilligan family for being the St. Irene's Family of the Month!



Christmas Decorations were put up at St. Irene on Saturday Nov. 18

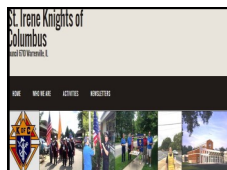
We installed wreaths and garland on the church, manger on the island, and other lights around the activity center and lights on the priest house.

Those who helped were: **John Ernst, Patrick O'Connor, David Cappa, Dominic Lynch, Jeff Schmitz, Paul Burgermeister, PGK Erich Pavel, PGK Bob Rauko, PGK Ken DiIulio, Bill Lintner, PGK Mike Bates, and DGK Pat McGowan.**

**Thank you who helped
Bob Rauko**

Council 6710 Web Site!

www.st-irenekofc.org



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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.

Super Bowl 2024 Raffle—Order Your Tickets Now!

Use the ticket forms below to order your tickets. Early bird drawings will be held Jan. 14, Jan. 28 & Feb. 4, 2024. Please make check out to St. Irene Knights of Columbus and send to below:

James Halama
27W100 Galusha Ave.
Warrenville, IL 60555



St. Irene Knights of Columbus Football Raffle

\$25 Raffle Ticket

2-\$250, 2-\$125, 6-\$50, 7-\$25 Cash Prizes

Cash prizes based on 100 tickets sold
See below for details

Super Bowl Sunday
Feb. 11, 2024

Early Bird Drawings Jan. 14, Jan. 28 & Feb. 4

St. Irene Parish
28W441 Warrenville Rd.,
Warrenville, IL

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Faith

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

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St. Irene Parish
28W441 Warrenville Rd.,
Warrenville, IL

Proceeds Benefit Knights of Columbus Programs

Hope

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

St. Irene Knights of Columbus
Super Bowl Raffle Feb.11, 2024



St. Irene Knights of Columbus Football Raffle

\$50 Raffle Ticket

2-\$500, 2-\$250, 6-\$100, 7-\$50 Cash Prizes

Cash prizes based on 100 tickets sold
See below for details

Super Bowl Sunday
Feb. 11, 2024

Early Bird Drawings Jan. 14, Jan. 28 & Feb. 4

St. Irene Parish
28W441 Warrenville Rd.,
Warrenville, IL

Proceeds Benefit Knights of Columbus Programs

Charity

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

St. Irene Knights of Columbus
Super Bowl Raffle Feb. 11, 2024

Early-Bird Drawings: Drawings will be held Jan. 14, Jan. 28 & Feb. 4. Each entry can only win once during the early-bird drawings, but remains eligible for the drawings on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 11, 2024.

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

Dec. 2	7:00 AM	KC/VFW/Lions Club Blood Drive—VFW Hall, Warrenville
Dec. 9	6:00 PM	Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast following Mass—St. Irene Activities Center
Dec. 10	All AM	St. Irene Pancake Breakfast—Activities Center; Knights to serve the meal
Dec. 13	7:00 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting—St. Peter & Paul Council Hall, Naperville
Dec. 14	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting—Cupertino Home
Dec. 16	10:00 AM	Pilgrimage to Shrine of Our Guadalupe—Des Plaines, IL
Dec. 25		Merry Christmas
Jan. 1		Happy New Year!
Jan. 11	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Jan. 14	11:00 AM	Super Bowl Raffle early draw—St. Irene Church
Jan. 28	11:00 AM	Super Bowl Raffle early draw—St. Irene Church
Feb. 4	11:00 AM	Super Bowl Raffle early draw—St. Irene Church
Feb. 11	4:00 PM	Super Bowl Party—St. Irene Activities Center



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December Birthdays

Richard Doucette	Dec. 1	Ana Maria O'Hare	Dec. 20
Matthew Wiesbrock	Dec. 1	Noelle Shallcross	Dec. 20
Paul Burgermeister	Dec. 2	Jerry Kleinwachter	Dec. 21
Michael Larue	Dec. 2	Gerald Gosewehr	Dec. 23
David Polkow	Dec. 4	Clive Otieno	Dec. 24
Bernice Siele	Dec. 6	SuzannaL.Cook Standifer	Dec. 24
Mary Lambert	Dec. 11	Elaine Perez	Dec. 27
Elizabeth Battaglia	Dec. 13	Diane Spiotta	Dec. 28
Frederick Smith	Dec. 13	Michael Duquette	Dec. 29
Carol Rasmussen	Dec. 15	Cathy Berning	Dec. 31
Susan Gosewehr	Dec. 20		



Blessed Michael McGivney

Knights of Columbus Founder
Beatification Oct. 31, 2020

December Wedding Anniversaries

Larry & Julia Chaon	Dec. 12	Thomas & Loraine Nemo	Dec. 29
Gustavo & Jaclyn Bosoli	Dec. 20		

*** 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.