



knights of st. irene

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**Council 6710
Warrenville, IL**

**Happy New Year 2024!
May Your Year be Prosperous!**



Feb. 11, 2024—28th KC Super Bowl Raffle & Party

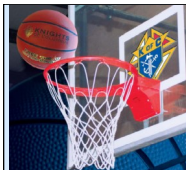
You are once again invited to participate in the annual Knights of Columbus Super Bowl Raffle to be held on Feb. 11, 2024 during the Super Bowl game. The Raffle is a major fundraiser for the St. Irene Knights of Columbus Council. It is a 50-50 cash raffle with half of the proceeds awarded to participants, 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 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 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.

- **Your help is needed to sell raffle tickets.**
- **Last year we sold all 300 tickets over three boards.**
- **You may sell shares of a single raffle ticket.**



Feb. 3—Knights of Columbus Youth Free Throw Challenge

All boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate in the 2024 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition to be held at the St. Irene Activity Center Gym on Saturday, February 3, at 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Awards will be presented to the winners of each age group for girls, and for boys. Winners will have the opportunity to progress to the District and then to larger area competitions.

A parent or guardian needs to sign an entry form before their child can compete. Entry forms will be available at the Activity Center Gym during the competition hours.

To ensure a great turnout, please inform others about this worthwhile event.

**Tom Nemo
Free Throw Chairman**



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 program-

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Jan. 13—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. 13 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.


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Council Business Meeting
Jan. 11 7:00 PM

The meeting returns to the St. Irene Activities Center.



Fourth Degree News

Jan. 10—The next meeting will be held at St. Scholastica Parish, Woodridge. Fellowship and dinner is at 7:00 PM and the meeting starts at 7:45 PM.

Jan. 13—St. Irene Trivia Night

Trivia Night is open all parishioners on Sat., Jan 13 in the ACL at 6:00 PM. Trivia begins at 6:30 PM. There will be raffles, games and plenty of music.

Reserve your table today! Email: kevin.druley@gmail.com, or call/text: 314.973.8670 Trivia proceeds night benefits our parish.


Jan. 8—Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration
Flames of Faith Intentions

Flames of Faith are burning next to the Blessed Sacrament this month for:

<i>Gladys Aranda</i>	<i>Connie Mazur</i>
<i>Lou Aranda, Healing</i>	<i>Timothy Nelson</i>
<i>Pete Aranda</i>	<i>Pedro Ruiz, RIP</i>
<i>Bernard Cassiere</i>	<i>Naney Seida</i>
<i>Laura Gilligan</i>	<i>Vincent Templin</i>
<i>Sean Majeski</i>	

Healing of Ken DiIulio, Beverly Scott, Bonnie DiIulio
Special Intention of the Jarosz Family
Peace in our world, our families, and out hearts




St. Irene Women of Faith

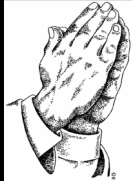
Our Lady of Guadalupe was celebrated at the Dec. 9 Mass, and a traditional meal served afterwards in the Activities Center. The food was prepared by **Silvia and Pam Rivera**. After delicious food and some amazing hot chocolate and desserts, kids and adults went upstairs to celebrate with a piñata and song. We believe that the adults had just as much fun as the kids. Many thanks to all who helped out in the planning and execution of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

This Christmas, Women of Faith provided 30 gifts from the giving tree. It was a great feeling to know that this year all tags were bought. So much joy comes in knowing that our parish made many people happy this Christmas.

The ministry is still going through some growing pains, and we are hoping to have many more events planned and meetings that all can come and be a part of all to enjoy. Please watch for announcements and flock notes for opportunities.

I am you hoping all have a safe and blessed new year. Let's make 2024 a time of coming together.

Many blessings
Bonnie DiIulio, President

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

<p>Chaplain Grand Knight Dep. Grand Knight Financial Sec. Treasurer Chancellor Recorder Advocate Warden Inside Guard Outside Guard Lecturer 3rd Yr. Trustee 2nd Yr. Trustee 1st Yr. Trustee Insurance Agent District Deputy</p>	<p>Council Officers 2022-2023 Fr. Clive Otieno (630-393-2400) Marc Alleruzzo (630-269-2754) Pat McGowan (630-863-8708) James Halama (630-433-6240) John Ernst (630-606-2671) Paul Burgermeister (630-877-1574) Bob Rauko (630-337-1568) Joshua Bates (630-836-0223) Patrick O'Connor Dave Abhalter (630-857-0972) Joe Kubal (630-470-3807) William Lintner (630-841-6155) Michael Bates (630-836-0223) Kevin Looby (630-329-1316) Ken DiIulio (630-747-3673) Matthew Kling (630-485-8705) Kevin Callahan (630-235-6456)</p>	<p>Business Meetings: 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM Meeting Location: St. Irene Activities Center</p>	<p>Committee Directors</p> <p>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)</p>
<p>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.</p>		<p>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.</p>	



Grand Knight's Corner

The year has come to an end. I hope that everyone has had a good Christmas and New Year!!! I would like everybody who helped out with decorating of the outside of the church. Thank you **John Ernest** and **PGK Erich Pavel** for taking charge with changing all of the fixture lighting in the church. Also thank you to every other knights that was there to help. We got through some complications with the lift, but we got it all done! Thank you all!!

Also a great thanks to everybody who participated with the decorating the inside of the church. Thank you to **PGK Erich Pavel** and his granddaughter, **Sue and Patrick Gosewehr**, **Tina and Brandon and Abby Lang**, and **Allan Reyes**, **Lillianna Sullivan**, and myself. We made the church ready for Christmas!

Have a Happy New Year. Lets start the new year with a bang! We do have a free throw chairman **Tom Neno**. We also have a new chairman for the Tootsie Roll Drive **Dominick Lynch**. Again, I am going to try to fill all of the positions for the year. Hopefully we can fill all positions for the 2024-2025 fraternal year. Lets not forget the Super bowl in February. It is one of our biggest money makers of the year.

Thank you for all of the work you all have put forth. Lets have a great year!

Vivat Jesus!
GK Marcello Alleruzzo

Merry Christmas to Our Clergy

Christmas cards and gifts were offered to our clergy at St. Irene's:

Fr. Clive—\$100

Fr. Paul—\$100

Deacon Joe Urso—\$50

Dean Brad Hentz—\$50

Knights Help Replace Lights Inside St. Irene Church Dec. 18

Led by **PGK Erich Pavel** and **John Ernst**, all the ceiling lights in the church were replaced with new LED bulbs. An electric scissers lift was borrowed from **PGK Steve Berning**. Due to the lift breakdown, the job was completed on Dec. 21. Those who also helped were: **PGK Marc Alleruzzo**, **Paul Burgermeister**, **PGK Jim Halama**, **PGK Kevin Looby**, and **Tom Nemo**.



ProLife

Examples of Life Activities that the Knights support:

- **Christian Refuge Relief:** The Knights of Columbus has responded to the needs of Christians at risk with the Christian Refugee Relief Fund, which provides humanitarian assistance, primarily in Iraq, Syria and the surrounding region.
- **March for Life (Featured):** The Knights of Columbus encourages others to choose life through public support of the pro-life cause.
- **Mass for people with Special Needs:** Celebrating a Mass for People with Special Needs can be the first of many steps toward integrating them into regular weekly or even daily Mass – and more deeply into all the sacraments and other aspects of parish life.
- **Novena for Life (Required):** The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and of the Knights of Columbus.
- **Pregnancy Center Support:** ASAP, with aid from the Knights, pregnancy centers can offer support to help women choose life.
- **Silver Rose:** Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life.
- **Special Olympics (Featured):** - The Knights of Columbus has a unique partnership with the Special Olympics and has helped disabled athletes train for and compete in games around the world.
- **Ultrasound (Featured):** The Knights of Columbus works together as an organization to purchase ultrasound machines for qualifying pregnancy centers.
- **Knights on Bridges for Life:** Displaying pro-life banners on a busy highway overpass or roadway intersection is an effective way to reach tens of thousands of people with the pro-life message in a relatively short time with only a small group of volunteers.

PGK Jack Gorski
ProLife Chairman

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ming 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.



Support American Legion

- **American Legion Supper Club Dinner** resumes Jan. 8.
- **American Legion Burger** resumes Jan. 24.



Twenty-One Pints of Blood Collected Dec. 2

The KC/American Legion/VFW Blood Drive was held Sat. Dec. 2 at the VFW Hall, Warrenville. This was a good turnout. Those who helped were: **Bill Lintner, PGK Ken DiIulio, and PGK Bob Rauko.**

Knights Help at Parish Pancake Breakfast Dec. 10

Knights helped to cook and serve breakfast at St. Irene Activities Center on Sunday Dec. 10. The help was wonderful and included: **PGK Mike Bates, Joshua Bates, David Cappa, Tom Nemo, Pat O'Connor, Jeff Schmitz, Jeff Wombold, and myself PGK Jack Gorski.**
PGK Jack Gorski

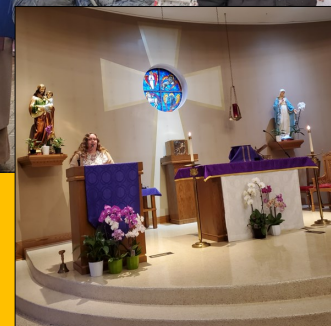
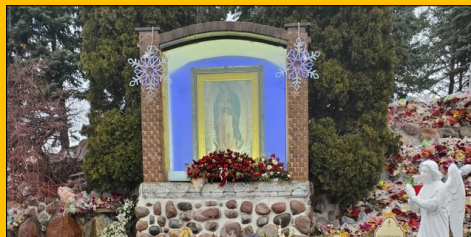


SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
SANTUARIO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

Knights Host Pilgrimage Dec. 16

Even though he was under the weather, **Fr. Clive** led a special Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Des Plaines, IL on Dec. 16 for St. Irene pilgrims to honor our Blessed Mother. Although it was a bit rainy that day, about 30 people showed up to participate. After Mass there was a presentation of roses followed by an indoor recitation of the Rosary. The pilgrimage hosted by the St. Irene Knights of Columbus concluded with a meal at a local Mexican eatery. Special thanks goes out to **Fr. Clive, Deacon Joe, Ellen Coman** and choir members, **Maggie Nagode, and Jeanette Clark** for their assistance in making the event a success.

Joe Kubal
Pilgrimage
Chair



Program Award for December 2023

Steve Berning December Knight of the Month—The Knights of Columbus Council #6710 would like to acknowledge the never-failing efforts of **PGK Steve Berning** as Knight of the Month for December, 2023. Steve and his wife Cathy have donated their time, the use of their farm, and farm equipment for our annual hayride and bonfires for as long as most of us can remember. Over the years their farm has served as a relaxing memory maker for our knights and their families, especially for the children.

Steve is always ready to lend a hand when ever our Council asks for his assistance. Most recently Steve allowed our Council to use a piece of equipment which allowed us to change the church lighting over to modern LED lighting for a brighter out put of light for the Christmas masses. Steve was instrumental in coordinating this effort with our Council even through an equipment glitch. It is Steve's calming well get it done no matter what it takes personality. Steve would be the first to say that farming means working through adversity just about every day. Steve always manages to find the time to be accessible to our Council all while running a farm which most of us don't understand how busy and time-consuming farming is. Thank you, Steve, for your never-failing efforts to our Council.

Holy Family December Family the Month—The Knights of Columbus Council #6710 would like to honor The **Holy Family** as our Family of the Month for December 2023. When we look at a picture of the Holy Family, we receive a sense of calmness and reassurance that everything is alright, or even perfect. Holy, yes, but their lives were far from perfect. From the beginning of their relationship there were thoughts of betrayal and divorce let alone poverty and homeless with a child on the way. Their child had to be born in a dirty stable in the middle of nowhere with no assistance of any kind. Just when they began to get settled down as a family, they had to move urgently to escape Herod's declaration. This forced them to start a new life in a new country to find work and learn to adapt to this new country's culture and way of living. Then with the passing of Herod they returned to Nazareth with all their worldly possessions that they could carry. This round-trip endeavor was approximately 1200 miles. They made it through all of this and then they experience the anxiety, guilt and sheer terror of a missing child. However, through all of this adversity in their lives they worked through it and never gave up knowing that God would always help them and provide for them as He does for our families. This is why we have a sense of calmness when we look at the Holy Family picture because we can relate to what they went through knowing that peace is forth coming in our own trials and tribulations in our family life.

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

Proceeds Benefit Knights of Columbus Programs

Faith

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

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



St. Irene Knights of Columbus Football Raffle

\$25 Raffle Ticket

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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

Jan. 1		Happy New Year!
Jan. 8	6:00 PM	Monthly Encounter Night Eucharistic Adoration—St. Irene Church
Jan. 11	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Jan. 10	7:00 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly Meeting—St. Scholastic Parish, Woodridge
Jan. 13	8:00 AM	Takedown Christmas decorations at St. Irene's— Parish outdoor grounds
	6:00 PM	St. Irene Trivia Night—St. Irene Activities Center—see page 2
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. 3	10:00 AM	KC Youth Free Throw Contest—St. Irene Activities Center
Feb. 4	11:00 AM	Super Bowl Raffle early draw—St. Irene Church
Feb. 8	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Feb. 11	4:00 PM	Super Bowl Party—St. Irene Activities Center
Feb. 14		Ash Wednesday
		Valentines Day
Feb. 16	6:00 PM	Lenten Friday Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross—St. Irene's ACL
Feb. 19	6:00 PM	St. Irene Chili Cookoff—St. Activities Center

January Birthdays

Cathy Kott	Jan. 3	Mike O'Hare	Jan. 13
Katie Augustynowicz	Jan. 3	Liz Pittman	Jan. 13
Marian Dunn	Jan. 4	Filomena Jarosz	Jan. 15
Teri Lindeman	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	Susan Constable	Jan. 20
Terri Kussman	Jan. 7	Cathy Fladeland	Jan. 20
Truman Stevens	Jan. 8	Tom La Rocco	Jan. 22
Jeffrey Bollweg	Jan. 9	Clare Barry	Jan. 23
Gary Dyas	Jan. 9	Andrew Dina	Jan. 24
Karen Leonard	Jan. 9	Connie Dyas	Jan. 26
Kenneth Ulanowski	Jan. 9	Dianne Urso	Jan. 26
Yolanda Schwarts	Jan. 11	Kathleen Planek	Jan. 27
William Higgins	Jan. 12	Nick Battaglia	Jan. 30



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January Wedding Anniversaries

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

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