



knights of st. irene

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**Council 6710
Warrenville, IL**



Feb. 11—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 Feb. 11, during the Super Bowl game. Ticket sales continue. To date we have sold 225 of the allotted 300 tickets. Last year we sold all 300. Let's do it again! We have been approved to sell the tickets at

St. Irene Church Narthex after all the weekend Masses leading up to Super Bowl Sunday. You may also 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 ticket orders. You may also contact **PGK James Halama** at jrhalama@comcast.net or at 630-433-6240.

Two Early Bird have been held. One more is scheduled for Sunday Feb. 4. Early bird raffle winners remain eligible for drawings on Super Bowl Sunday.

The raffle will be conducted during the Super Bowl game at the St. Irene Activity Center. You are invited to attend the gathering and party starting at 4:00 PM. There is no entrance fee. Bring your own food and beverage. Maybe a dish to share.

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.

Early Bird Winners

- **Jan 14—Tom Nemo**
- **Jan. 28—Julie Fredrickson**



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 Sat., Feb. 3, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. **Parents and contestants may arrive at any time during this period.** Free throw competition will be conducted continuously as contestants arrive.

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 district competition on Feb. 17 at St. Johns, Winfield.

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.

**Tom Nemo
Free Throw Chairman**



Feb. 17—St. Irene Chili Cook-Off

You are urged to participate in the annual fun fundraiser event to be held Sat. Feb. 17 at the St. Irene Activities Center starting after the 5:00 PM Mass. The event, as noted has a long history, being sponsored by the grade school athletic association for many years. Council 6710 is a \$250 sponsor of the event.

For an entrance fee of \$10, you can enjoy and vote on 15 chili entries. Music, beverages, raffle tickets, silent auction, and wine & liquor revolving loop contest will be available.

Mar. 9-10 & 16-17—Bread-Tag and Key Collection Drive

The St. Irene Knights of Columbus are again collecting bread tags for the "[Danielle Cares for Chairs](#)" charity.

Additionally, we will be collecting old, unused keys of all types for recycling for the [Keys for Conservation](#) program.

Joe Kubal



Mar. 3—Feed The Need Mobil Packing Event at Benedictine University

Come join fellow Knights and parishioners at the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) annual MobilePack event, **Feed the Need Illinois** at Benedictine University's Dan and Ada Rice Center located on campus at 5700 College Drive in Lisle on Sunday, Mar. 3

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Council Business Meeting
Feb. 8 7:00 PM
 We meet at the St. Irene Activities Center.



St. Irene Women of Faith

St Irene Women of Faith for the month of February are having the baby bottle drive collection for Caring Network. If you see empty bottles in church take one and help out a very good cause. This helps so many women in need. The collection goes until February 25. Please consider this as a part of a Lenten observance.

Save the date of April 27! Bunco is back again and look for more details as we get closer. All are welcome. Our last one had women, men and teens. What a nice way to spend an evening as a family and helping out a good cause...TBD. It was such a great time for all.



Fourth Degree News

Feb. 7—The next meeting will be held at St Elizabeth Seton, Naperville. The meeting is on the first Wed. due to Ash Wednesday.. Fellowship and dinner is at 7:00 PM and the meeting starts at 7:45 PM.

Council Wins Prestigious Star Council Award

The award, given by the Supreme Council, is for the Council's efforts in 2022-2023 fraternal year in meeting 100% membership, programming, and fraternal benefits goals. The award was presented to **PGK Marc Alleruzzo** by **DD Kevin Callahan** during the Jan. 11 Council business meeting.



Heavenly Handmade Craft Fair 2023 Summary

- 23 crafters—3 double booths, 1 booth woodburning art donated by parishioner with no booth fee charged, 2 crafters canceled day before (no refund issued)
- 240 attendees
- Income: Admissions \$240, Dining raffle \$345, Quilt raffle \$145, Woodburning sale \$110, Booth/table rental \$1080.
- Expenses: 10 signs updated to replace CCW w/ WOF \$100 (covered by donation) .
- Profit \$1919.

Many blessings
Bonnie DiIulio, President



Membership Drive Ever Present!

Urge prospects to join electronically. 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.



Pray for Our Loved Ones

Pray for the health & recovery of **Sam Vitali, 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

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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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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.

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Grand Knight's Corner

I would like to thank everybody! Our council as a whole received a Star Council Award. It takes everybody in our council as a whole contributed to this, and I thank you all!!!

The year is starting out very well. I am also happy to say we have new members. At this point we have two members who stepped up to be directors: **Tom Nemo**, doing the free throw basketball contest coming up on Feb 3. Volunteers are needed. **Dominick Lynch** is stepping up to chair the Tootsie Roll Drive in September. He will be getting information from past Drives from **Nick Battaglia**, myself and others.

To meet our membership goal, once again we will be needing eight new members. We need to ask people and inform them of what we do. Please help by talking to men and their wives of the parish.

The Super Bowl is around the corner on Feb 11. It is a big event that helps our council make money to contribute to our Parish. There is also the Chili Cook-off coming up on Feb. 17. This is a fundraiser for the parish. We need member support for both of these events. Let's finish up January with a bang! I will see you all at the next meeting in Feb.

Vivat Jesus!
GK Marcello Alleruzzo

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from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM.

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. There is a suggested donation of \$50 per person/family to help pay for the cost of the food, but no one will be turned away.

Volunteer registration is easy and highly recommended. Registration opens February 12 on the FMSC website: fmsc.org (select MobilePack Events in Illinois, Feed the Need in Illinois, Lisle). If you are not able to volunteer at the Sunday session, just select one of the five other sessions. If you are unable to attend and still wish to donate, checks can be made out to the Knights of Columbus with Feed the Need MP-2403-055SC in the memo line. These can be placed in the collections during masses and the money will be properly forwarded to FMSC. Please contact **Joe Kubal** at jdrk4715@aol.com if you have additional questions.

Joe Kubal
Chairman



Support VFW & American Legion

- **American Legion Burger** resumes Feb. 28 from 6-8 PM.
- **Johnson Family Fish Fry** resumes, held every Friday in Lent from 5-9 PM.

ProLife

Weakest (and Strongest) Point in the Abortion Debate *(by John Horvat II)*

The case of an expectant mother in Texas who demanded an abortion for health reasons focuses on a vital point of the abortion debate. It is not the case here to enter into the medical details of the mother's claim or judge her motives for the abortion she eventually secured.

By focusing on the vulnerable state of a pregnant mother with non-life-threatening health issues, the pro-abortion movement hopes to use an extraordinary case to establish a general dispensation to kill innocent children. Pro-abortion activists think these exceptional cases are the weak point of the pro-life cause. They think the "vulnerable" point of true pro-lifers is their intransigence on abortion, no matter how emotional, sensational, or truly tragic the case might be, as can be seen in the Texas case.

Indeed, the central issue of the abortion debate revolves around the consent to the single murder of an unborn child. This position defines both sides.

Portraying Pro-lifers as Cruel—Abortion promoters think that they can win the debate by exploiting the emotional impact of these cases to showcase the "cruelty" of those defending life. They will appeal to the moderates who will tolerate abortion in these cases and turn them against pro-lifers as too radical. Finally, the abortion promoters will try to shake the convictions of the pro-lifers who might be wavering.

Considering all the harm that cases like these can inflict on the pro-life cause, it is easy to see why many might think this intransigent defense of life to be the movement's weak point. There is no weak point, as long as proliferers explain this intransigence well.

The Greatest Strength, Not Weakness—Contrary to what pro-abortionists think, this determination to defend innocent human life no matter what represents the movement's greatest strength, not its weakness. This commitment gives the pro-life movement its dynamism and supernatural character. The Christian notion of human life is that each person exists to know, love and serve God in this earth and be happy with Him in the next life. This vision is contrary to the liberal view that sees life as a means to reach personal fulfillment by gratifying the passions—even at the expense of others, especially the unborn.

Thus, the greatest purpose and happiness in life consists in following God's law and avoiding evil—difficult though it may be.

The minute proliferers accept the death of one innocent child like that of the Texas case, the logic and coherence of their position break, and the entire cause is lost. Pro-lifers will only be strong when they recognize the value of human life and do

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Mar. 16-17—Mercy Home "March For Kids" Fundraiser

Mercy Home for Boys and Girls

"March for Kids" fundraiser is being substituted for our participating in the "Mass at Mercy Home" TV audience. The Mass no longer has live participation.

We plan to collect donations from the parish on St. Patrick's Day Weekend on March 16-17 outside the church doors. We have official green collection containers to solicit donations and in return the donor would receive a shamrock sticker.

Joe Kubal



Volunteers Help to Take Down Christmas Decorations Feb. 13

Even on a very cold morning, 11 volunteers came out to make quick work in taking down the outside Christmas decorations at St. Irene's. Thanks to the yeoman effort by **PGK Erich Pavel** by taking in most of the Christmas lights inside on Thursday Feb. 11.

Those who helped were **PGK Marc Alleruzzo, PGK Mike Bates, Paul Burgermeister, Jim McDermott, PGK James Halama, Bill Lintner, Patrick O'Connor, Dominic Lynch, Tom Nemo, PGK Erich Pavel, and PGK Bob Rauko.**

PGK Bob Rauko

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everything possible to see that the person is given the conditions to glorify God and follow His law.

Thus, this strong yet vulnerable point must be defended, come what may. The overthrow of *Roe v. Wade* was won by the pro-lifers who refused to bend before those who proposed weakness and compromise. They resisted the temptation to give in, even a little, and take the easy path. They must continue to do so now.

Making All Life Vulnerable—Pro-abortionists are weak and vulnerable against this intransigence. It forces them to take an untenable position of admitting that taking an innocent life must be permitted. Once a defenseless and innocent life is sacrificed on the altar of convenience, pleasures and “freedom,” all “inconvenient” life, born and unborn, is vulnerable.

Thus, the pro-abortion movement necessarily moves to accept abortion until birth—and even after. It necessarily supports assisted suicide and euthanasia. It is entirely consistent with its radical worldview to impose itself upon society with great cruelty, persecuting all who disagree with the most extreme excesses.

A Battle of No Exceptions—All totalitarian societies support radical abortion since such regimes can only come to power when human life has no value and can be brutally suppressed. Thus, the value of innocent human life is the central issue of the abortion debate, presenting strengths and weaknesses on both sides.

Both sides must make intransigent decisions with radical consequences follow. On the one side, the firm resolution to protect the intrinsic value of all innocent life in every circumstance keeps all life safe. Conversely, the obsession to gratify the passions over all other considerations spares no one who stands in the way.

Both sides are built upon no exceptions. For pro-lifers, all innocent human life finds protection behind allowing no exceptions for procured abortion. For pro-abortionists, the single acceptance of murder opens the floodgates of death that eventually knows no exceptions.

This is the central issue of the abortion debate. All other considerations, like the sensational Texas case, are sideshows that the pro-abortion movement uses to advance its grim cause, shamelessly raise money, and challenge abortion bans.

Such shows should be denounced for what they are: a direct attack upon innocent human life created to glorify God by following His law.

**PGK Jack Gorski
ProLife Chairman**

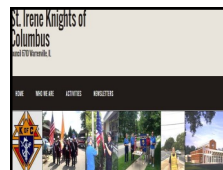
Mar. 23—Mark Your Calendar—Special Camps Easter Party at DuPage County Fairgrounds Sat. Mar. 23



Program Award for January 2024

Dominic Lynch December Knight of the Month—The Knights of Columbus Council #6710 would like to recognize **Dominic Lynch** as Knight of the Month for January 2024. Dominic became a member of our Council in March 2023. Since that time, he has become actively involved in several council activities such as the Butterfield Road clean-up project, and the installation and removal of our churches Christmas decorations. Recently Dominic volunteered to become the Chairman for our Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive. This is a huge undertaking and one that the Knights of Columbus are well known for. It is our largest fundraiser and one that requires a lot of coordination with the State Council and the City of Warrenville. Dominic is actively looking for volunteers to work at the traditional road sites as well as business donations. We applaud and support Dominic for taking on this vital role, and with everyone's support we know it will be a successful year. Congratulations Dominic!

Tom & Lorraine Nemo Family the Month—The Knights of Columbus Council #6710 would like to recognize **Tom and Lorraine Nemo** as our Knight of Columbus Family of the month for January, 2024. Tom and Lorraine are extremely active in our parish. Tom recently joined our Council in March, 2023 and since that time has been actively involved in just about every council activity, from volunteering at the pancake breakfast, to the Butterfield Road clean-up project, to helping with our church's Christmas decorations and ceiling lights. Most recently Tom has volunteered to be the Chairman of our newly reinstated Basketball Free Throw Contest which is expected to be a great success. All the while, Lorraine is extremely active and passionate about her role in the Feed My Starving Children organization. Lorraine serves as a spokesperson and volunteer for the group. Recently at our January meeting Lorraine gave a very informative overview of the Feed My Starving Children organization, from its humble beginnings to where they are today. She described the use of technological advancements that ensures that the meals are going directly to those in need. Our hats are off to Tom and Lorraine for all of their time and effort to helping our 'Community' here and overseas. Well done Tom and Lorraine!



Council 6710 Web Site!

www.st-irenekofc.org

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

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Faith

Name: _____
Phone: _____
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St. Irene Knights of Columbus Football Raffle

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Hope

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

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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

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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

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. 7	7:00 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting—Elizabeth Seton, Naperville
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 start—St. Irene's ACL
Feb. 17	6:00 PM	St. Irene Chili Cook-off—St. Irene Activities Center
Feb. 28	6:00 PM	American Legion Burger Night—VFW Hall, Warrenville
Mar. 3	10:00 AM	Feed The Need Mobil Packing Event at Benedictine University, Lisle
Mar. 9-10	All Masses	Bread-Tag and Key Collection Drive— St. Irene's Church
Mar. 10		Daylight Savings Time Begins—move your clock one hour ahead
Mar. 14	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Mar. 16-17	All Masses	Bread-Tag and Key Collection Drive— St. Irene's Church
	All Masses	Mercy Home "March For Kids" Fundraiser—St. Irene's Church
Mar. 19		Spring Begins
Mar. 23	12:00 PM	Special Camp Easter Party—DuPage County Fairgrounds
Mar. 31		Easter Sunday



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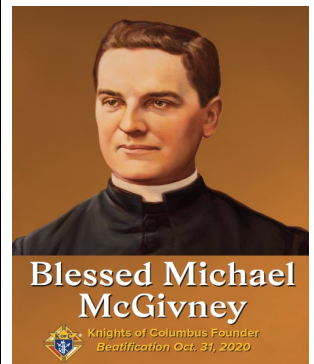
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February Birthdays

Timothy McGowan	Feb. 2	Kenneth DiIulio	Feb. 17
Thomas Nemo	Feb. 2	Mary Ann Lawinger	Feb. 17
Mark Spiotta	Feb. 7	Susan Battaglia	Feb. 18
John Huttenhoff	Feb. 8	Steve Berning	Feb. 21
Jane Egert	Feb. 9	Karen Rurka	Feb. 24
Richard Planek	Feb. 9	Richard Kostner	Feb. 25
John Dichtl	Feb. 10	Mary Wombold	Feb. 25
Christopher Hitchcock	Feb. 14	Janet Sherman	Feb. 26
William Mitchell	Feb. 14	James Aderhold	Feb. 27



February Wedding Anniversaries

William & Susan Constable	Feb. 2	Daniel & Karen Leonard	Feb. 24
Robert & Kim Ladeur	Feb. 3	Andrew & Jeannie Dina	Feb. 25
Dominic & Diane Lynch	Feb. 12		

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