



# knights of st. irene

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Council 6710  
Warrenville, IL



## Mar. 2—KC/VFW Blood Drive

The next blood drive will be held from 7:00 AM—11:30 AM at the St. Irene Activities Center. You may register in advance at the [Versiti of Illinois web page](#). Walk-ins are also accepted.



## Mar. 22— Council Hosts Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross

### the Cross

Each Friday in Lent St. Irene Parish hosts a soup supper followed by praying the Stations of the Cross in Church at 7:00 PM. Our Council will serve as host on Friday Mar. 22. If you would like to offer a vegetarian soup, please contact **PGK Ken DiIulio** at 630-747-3673.



## 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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## 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. 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**



## Mar. 23—Special Camps Easter Party

Special Camps and Knights of Columbus Councils of Warrenville, Winfield and West Chicago will be hosting the annual Easter Party for Special Citizens at the DuPage County Fair Grounds on Saturday Mar. 23 starting at 12:00 Noon.

The Knights will cook and provide a nice luncheon with burgers, brats and a taco bar. There will also be the Easter Bunny, Easter egg hunt, crafts, hayrides, face painting, games, and a petting zoo.

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## April—2024 Knights of Co- lumbus Eyeglass Drive

In part, Mark 8:25 reads, "Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly." This neatly sums up for what the Knights of Columbus are striving in the 2024 St. Irene Eyeglass Drive.

Please bring and donate your old or unwanted eyeglasses and drop them off in the collection box in the back of the church. Eyeglasses will be forwarded to the Lions Club International local chapter for renovation and reuse by those in need. The collection box will be available on two, as yet unannounced, weekend dates in the month of April. Please stay tuned for additional information.

Email Joe at [jdrk4715@aol.com](mailto:jdrk4715@aol.com) if you have questions.

Thank you for your support

**Joe Kubal**

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**Council Business Meeting**  
**Mar. 14 7:00 PM**  
 We meet at the St. Irene Activities Center.



**St. Irene Women of Faith**

The annual Easter egg hunt will be on March 30 at 11:45 AM on **Father Clive's** front lawn. Women of Faith are looking for donations of candy and/or monies to help fill about 600 eggs. We also will need some helping hands to make the Easter project that will be passed out at all Easter Masses. Please come March 21 from 6-8 PM in the ACL. Come and help and socialize with your fellow ladies.

We are also looking for some new friends to come and join our ministry. If you would like to just head a committee come join us.

Additional items:

- Nominations for St. Irene Woman for the Year are being received until Mar. 10. Download [application form](#) and send to **Bonnie DiIulio**.
- The WOF was proud to be a Chili Cook-off sponsor this year.
- Joliet Diocese CCW combined board meeting is Sat. Mar. 9 at 9:00 AM at Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Rd., Crest Hill 60403. Each parish that comes is asked to bring one item to be raffled in a silent auction. Let **Bonnie DiIulio** if you are interested in attending.

**Bonnie DiIulio**  
 WOF President



**Fourth Degree News**

Mar. 13—The next meeting will be held at St Margaret Mary, Naperville. Fellowship and dinner is at 7:00 PM and the meeting starts at 7:45 PM.

**Holy Thursday Mar. 28**—4th Degree Sir Knights are invited to participate in Holy Thursday Mass and Adoration. Knights will process at the Mass and stand at guard during adoration. To participate dress in a dark suit and have your social baldric on. Meet 1/2 hour prior to the Mass in the Church.



**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.



**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**

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

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### Grand Knight's Corner

After 4 years of not doing a basketball free throw, this year's turned out to be a great event! I would like to thank our **Chairman Tom Nemo**. Also I would like to thank **Sandy Decker** at the event (our Basketball Queen). On March 5, four 4 of the St. Irene winners will be moving up to the Regional challenge at St. Benedictine University, Lisle.

The next event that we should start getting ready for, which is the 4th of July. We need to start organizing for it. I will be working on the new officers for this coming year 2024-2025. I'm looking forward to see how the blood drive goes this weekend.

As of today we have three new members, we need to get five more by June 30. I'm asking for your help to get new members, please ask around. Lets all get ready for Easter at the end of the month. Lastly lets not forget our meeting March 14 at 7:00 PM.

**Vivat Jesus!**  
**GK Marcello Alleruzzo**

#### *(Easter Party, Continued from page 1)*

Our Council, thanks to **Chuck Ingram**, will be offering the hayrides. We also have been asked to provide pop, water, and desserts. We encourage as many as our Brother Knights to participate with the events. Certainly bring your family. Arrive at least a half-hour early by 11:30 AM. The events are scheduled to run until 3:00 PM. Please look for the Easter party signs to guide you into the correct parking lot. Volunteers encouraged to park at Monroe School.

#### *(Feed The Need, Continued from page 1)*

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](http://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](mailto:jdrk4715@aol.com) if you have additional questions.

**Joe Kubal**  
**Chairman**

### ProLife Special Olympics

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. Knights of Columbus councils have assisted with all aspects of the program from fundraising to feeding the athletes, organizing and judging events, and providing equipment and awards. Without the support of the Knights, participants would not be able to train for the events that they love. Participating councils provide at least \$2,000 in donations or 200 service hours in a fraternal year.

#### Save the Date for these upcoming Pro-Life Events

- April 17, 2024 - Illinois March for Life Springfield - <https://marchforlife.org/illinois/>
- April 12-21, 2024 - Illinois Knights on Bridges for Life - see left column for detailed event instructions.

**PGK Jack Gorski**  
**ProLife Chairman**



### 2024 Parish Lent Mission

**"As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."**

John 13:34

**March 11-13 at 7 PM each evening in Church**

Join international Catholic speaker Maggie Craig as she invites us into a Eucharistic encounter with Jesus. She will examine how to ground our relationships with others in Christ; and how true friendship leads to deeper intimacy with God.

- **March 11: Strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ through the Eucharist.**
- **March 12: Enrich your relationships with others flowing out of faith in Jesus.**
- **March 13: Heal, restore, and strengthen your relationship with Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation** (several priests will be available for individual confessions).

Maggie will also lead an introductory talk on Theology of the Body on March 12 at 5:45 PM. This will be directed towards our Jr. High and high school students, but it is open to all parents and parishioners.

More information about Maggie and the Parish Mission talks are on [st-irene.org](http://st-irene.org)



### Support VFW & American Legion

- **American Legion Supper Club Dinner** Mar. 11 from 5-8 PM
- **American Legion Burger Night** Mar. 27 from 6-8 PM.
- **Johnson Family Fish Fry** resumes, held every Friday in Lent from 5-9 PM.

### Successful Free Throw Contest Held Feb. 3

Fourteen boys and girls aged 9-13 participated in the free throw contest held Feb. 3 at the St. Irene's Activities Center upper level. The contest was scheduled over an extended period of time from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM which made it flexible for parents and contestants to participate. Contestants arrived at 10 all the way up until 4:00 PM.

It was a very enjoyable day for the girls and boys who participated, their parents/guardians, and the volunteers who helped make it possible. Thank you to all the children who participated, and to their parents/guardians.

Thanks to all who helped including **GK Marc Alleruzzo, PGK Mike Bates, DD Kevin Callahan, Sandy Decker, Connie Dyas, PGK Ken DiIulio, Bob Heipp, James McDermott, Tom & Son Tom Nemo, Pat O'Connor, and PGK Bob Rauko.**

Winners are:

Age Bracket	
Brock Farmer	9
Sophia Hanson	9
Jack D.	10
Declan Duffy	11
Caden Synal	12
Payton Mowinski	13

Winners participated in the District Contest held at St. John's, Winfield on Feb. 17. We had four winners at the District: **Brock Farmer, Jack D., Caden Synal, and Payton Mowinski.** They will be participating in the Regional Contest to be held Mar. 5 at Benedictine University, Lisle.

**Of special note, the regional Free Throw Contest will be held in honor of Wayne Decker, who served as Illinois State Chairman of the free throw contest for many years.**



**Tom Nemo  
Council  
6710 Free  
Throw**



### Program Award for February 2024

**GK Marc Alleruzzo December Knight of the Month**—The Knights of Columbus #6710 would like to recognize **GK Marcello Alleruzzo** as Knight of the Month for February 2024. Marc has been a member since 1988 and since that time he has been involved in everything. He has held every position possible. Marc's accomplishments range from being a regular Knight all the way up to District Deputy and State Membership Director. He was a Grand Knight in the past and is currently in his second term as Grand Knight. Marc took over recently as Grand Knight because he wanted our council to be like it was before COVID. With Marc's high energy and love for our Council he has brought in several new members, "just by talking to them," as he would say. Marc has brought our council out of the doldrums of COVID, to being a recognized award winner of the prestigious Star Council Award. Although Marc would say that the award is because of the efforts of our members and that he did not do it on his own; however, it is clear that Marc's charismatic leadership skills enticed new members to take up the role of the recently reinstated and very successful Free Throw Contest, and Chairman of our Tootsie Roll Drive. To say the least Marc has put us back on map and. We would like to thank Marc for putting his heart and soul into our council for so many years and making it a strong and vibrant organization. Thank you, Marc!

**Mike & Julie Duquette Family the Month**—The Knights of Columbus #6710 would like to acknowledge the **Mike and Julie Duquette Family** as the family of the month for February 2024. Mike and Julie have been long time members of St. Irene. They have raised 4 children, all of which graduated from St. Irene School, where Julie has worked as an Administrative Assistant and Parish Registrar for many years. Mike has been a Knight of Columbus since 2006 and has been actively involved in several of our Council's activities such as the bi-annual Butterfield Road Adopt-a-Highway clean-up project, and working with Julie as a volunteer at the annual St. Irene Chili Cook Off. This year Mike won First Place Best Chili this year. The Knights of Columbus Council #6710 would like to thank Mike and Julie and the whole Duquette family for their countless contributions, and efforts over the past several years to our church and our committee.

### Ushers Needed

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

## 2024 Super Bowl Raffle was a sell out—All 300 tickets across 3 boards were sold!

Below is the list of all raffle winners during the game and after the game. Those winners listed with AFC/NFC scores won during the game that had their squares match the score. Those without scores won in a straight raffle drawing of ticket stubs following the game. The \$25 early bird winners were **Tom Nemo, Julie Fredrickson, and Beverly Scott.**

The 300 tickets purchased grossed \$10,000. The raf-

file is a 50/50 split with \$5,000 awarded to the winners and \$5,000 retained by the St. Irene Knights of Columbus to fund its programs. An additional \$505 was from donations or from winners donating winnings back to the Council. There were no expenses besides the cash prizes.

We had 24 attendees at the party. All enjoyed the game and shared food and beverage that they had brought. Thanks to **Gerry Gosewehr** for setting the TV for the Super Bowl game broadcast. There were no expenses for the party.

Charity Pool Winners				Hope & Faith Pool Winners					
	Amount	Name	AFC/NFC Score		Amount	Name	AFC/NFC Score		
500's	2	\$500	Keith Stanley						
		\$500	BWD						
250's	2	\$250	Jeff Schmitz	13-16					
		\$250	Eric Pavel						
100's	6	\$100	Liz Pittman	0-10					
		\$100	Kevin Callahan	3-10					
		\$100	Monika Lefever	6-10					
		\$100	Tom LaRocco	16-16					
		\$100	Sandy Kelly	19-22					
		\$100	In Memory of Alta Halama						
50's	7	\$50	Kevin Callahan	0-3					
		\$50	VP Boys	13-10					
		\$50	Marty Kometz	16-19					
		\$50	Janet & Terry McMahon	19-19					
		\$50	John Bollweg	25-22					
		\$50	Lichtenberg						
		\$50	Sandi Gorski						
Total \$	\$2,450								
#Prizes	17								
#Tickets	100								
250's	4	\$250	Karen Menconi	0-3	25's	14	\$25	Liz Pittman	0-3
		\$250	Sandi Gorski	3-10			\$25	Irma Conley	3-10
		\$250	Tim & Kelly McMahon	13-16			\$25	Leslie LaBelle	6-10
		\$250	Patrick Gosewehr	19-22			\$25	Clare Barry	13-16
125's	4	\$125	Kevin Callahan	6-10			\$25	John O'Malley	16-16
		\$125	John Ernst	13-10			\$25	Tim Cosgrove	16-19
		\$125	John Ernst	13-10			\$25	Sandy Decker	19-19
		\$125	Leslie Labelle				\$25	Coman	19-19
50's	12	\$50	Tyler Schmitz	0-10			\$25	VP Boys	25-22
		\$50	Tim Cosgrove	0-10			\$25	Bill Lee	25-22
		\$50	Dominic Lynch	16-16			\$25	Bonnie Dilulio	
		\$50	Donna Johnston	16-19			\$25	Cindy Balyo	
		\$50	Chuck Ingram	19-22			\$25	Frankie Hanson	
		\$50	Kevin Looby				\$25	Chuck Ingram	
		\$50	Terry Ross						
		\$50	Julie Fredrickson				Total \$	\$2,450	
		\$50	Scott Pointner				#Prizes	34	
		\$50	Bill Lowendick				#Tickets	200	
		\$50	Women of Faith						
		\$50	Tom Nemo						

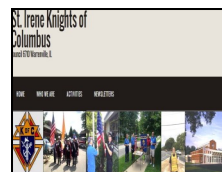


### Council Helps at the St. Irene

#### Chili Cook-Off on Feb. 17

The annual parish fundraiser was a great success. There were 10 chili's to sample, including our own **Mike Duquette** and **Bob Heipp**. Mike's chili was awarded people's choice first place. The Council was a \$250 sponsor of the event.

Thanks to **Jeff & Laurie Schmitz** and **Pat & Laura McGowan** were members of the organizing committee. Thanks also to many council volunteers during the event including **Paul Burgermeister, Patrick O'Connor, James McDermott, and Dan & Virginia Humann.**



### Council 6710 Web Site!

[www.st-irenekofc.org](http://www.st-irenekofc.org)



### Council Has A Facebook Page!

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.

## Knights' Calendar

Mar. 2	7:00 AM	KC/VFW Blood Drive—St. Irene Activities Center
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		<b>Daylight Savings Time Begins—move your clock one hour ahead</b>
Mar. 13	7:00 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting—St Margaret Mary, Naperville
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		<b>Spring Begins</b>
Mar. 22	6:00 PM	Council hosts Lenten Friday Soup Supper
Mar. 23	12:00 PM	Special Camp Easter Party—DuPage County Fairgrounds
Mar. 28	7:00 PM	<b>Holy Thursday</b> —4th Degree Knights to process
Mar. 31		<b>Easter Sunday</b>
Apr. 11	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Apr. 17		Illinois March for Life—Springfield, IL



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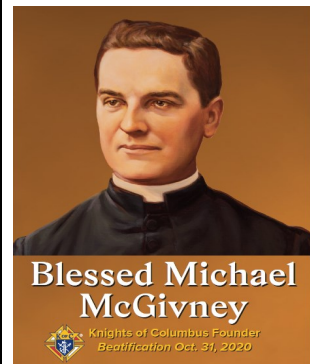
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## March Birthdays

Joseph Eganhouse	Mar. 2	Maryann Bartz	Mar. 15
Karen Menconi Cappa	Mar. 5	Patti Eganhouse	Mar. 17
Jackie La Rocco	Mar. 5	Deborah Smithy	Mar. 18
Jacqueline Huttenhoff	Mar. 8	David Cappa	Mar. 22
John O'Malley	Mar. 8	Diane Lynch	Mar. 24
Barbara Schrage	Mar. 10	Michael Horan	Mar. 25
Diane Lichtenberg	Mar. 11	Maryann True	Mar. 25
Anna Saake	Mar. 13	William Looby	Mar. 26
David Vincent	Mar. 14	Robert Ladeur	Mar. 27
Bob Heipp	Mar. 17	Robert Rauko	Mar. 29



## March Wedding Anniversaries

Andrew & Sandi Gorski	Mar. 10	Mark & Diane Spiotta	Mar. 24
Jeffrey & Pam Bollweg	Mar. 12	John & Joan Ernst	Mar. 25
Dwight & Janet Sherman	Mar. 16	Michael & Gloria Fello	Mar. 28

\*\*\* 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.