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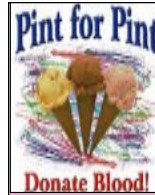
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**Council 6710
Warrenville, IL**



June 23 8:00 AM Mass—High School Scholarship Presentations

We congratulate **Emma Flowers** and **Kaelyn Rudow** as our winners of the \$1000 annual memorial scholarship. Emma Flowers is graduating from Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School and will be attending St. Francis High School, Wheaton in the Fall. Kaelyn Rudow is graduating from Holy Angels Catholic School, Aurora and will be attending Rosary High School, Aurora in the Fall. Their scholarship applications and essays are published on page 5.



June 22—Blood Drive 7:00 AM

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



Council Celebrates Independence Day in Warrenville—July 3-4 Council Hosts Food Stand at Cerny Park

Plan on joining your Brother Knights & Families at Cerny as we cook our famous burgers, hotdogs, and sweet corn. Grillers, cashiers, set-up crew and general helpers are needed. **Best of all!** Come gather with your family around the Knights concession area for the July 4 fireworks display.

Signup to volunteer is not necessary. Help is needed as follows:
Wednesday July 3:

- 11:00 AM—Set-up begins at St. Irene's Parish storage garage.
- 6:00 PM—July 4th Parade
- 3:00 - 11:45 PM—Concession booth operates..

Thursday July 4: 11:00 AM - Set-up begins at Cerny Park

- Noon - 9:15 PM—Concession booth operates. 2-3 hour time slots available. Fireworks at 9:15 PM
- 10:00 PM—Concession booths close and clean up begins at Cerny Park

Friday July 5:

- 9:00 AM—Cleanup at St. Irene (subject to change).

The July 4th The activities and line-up of entertainment are as follows:
Monday July 3

- 5:00-11:00 PM Concession Booths open
- 7:00 PM—9:00 PM—Live music at the Main Stage

Thursday July 4

- Noon—Children's Parade on Warren Ave.
- 2:00 PM—9:15 PM - Live music at the Main Stage
- 9:15 PM—Fireworks
- All concession, beverage and beer stands open at noon. During the day there are water fights, horseshoe contest, bingo & prizes, pickle ball, face painting, and karaoke.



July 20—Kane County Cougars Baseball

We have purchased 20 tickets for the Gary Southshore RailCats vs. Kane County Cougars game on Saturday July 20 at 6:30 PM. The special event for the night is "Christmas in July".

The tickets are available at a reduced group price of \$13 on a first-come-first served basis. For tickets call **Michael Bates** (630-836-0223). General parking is \$10.



Mark Your Calendar

The 2024 Intellectual Disability i.e.. "Tootsie Roll Drive" is scheduled for Sept. 13-15.

Participation by as many Brother Knights, your friends and family makes this drive successful. We raised nearly \$10,000 in 2023.

**Dominic Lynch
ID Drive Chairman**

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Council Business Meeting June 13 7:00 PM

We meet at the St. Irene Activities Center.

Officer elections will be held during this meeting. **The Slate for the 2024-2025 Fraternal Year.** If you wish to nominate someone else, or yourself for an office, please let GK Marc Alleruzzo know:

- Chaplain—**Fr. Clive Otieno**
- Grand Knight—**Pat McGowan**
- Deputy Grand Knight—**Paul Burgermeister**
- Financial Secretary—**James Halama**
- Treasurer—**Mark Spiotta**
- Chancellor—**Tom Nemo**
- Recorder—**Bob Rauko**
- Advocate—**Joshua Bates**
- Warden—**Patrick O'Connor**
- Inside Guard—**James McDermott**
- Outside Guard—**Joe Kubal**
- Lector—**Jeffrey Schmitz**
- Trustees—**Marc Alleruzzo, Mike Bates, Ken DiIulio**



St. Irene Women of Faith

I couldn't have done it without you all. These past few years as president has been a very special experience for me. I can't say enough about the women who have supported ideas, coming together as one, and the many emails that were sent. Together as a team we made some changes and made big differences for many. I have enjoyed meeting together, laughing together, and praying together. I can't say thank you enough to the slate of officers I had the privilege of working with. **Sandy, Becky, Connie, Cathy, Pat, Missy, Terri, Mary, Loreta, Dana, and Leslie.** Let us all support the new slate of St Irene Women of Faith in the same way as you did with me these past few years. May God bless you all and know how thankful I am for supporting me.



Pictured: President Bonnie DiIulio receiving flowers and gift from Vice President Sandy Decker. Thank you again to Women of Faith group.

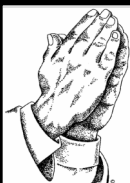
Bonnie DiIulio
WOF President

The St. Irene Women of Faith Bunco raised **\$2,400.00** for the St. Irene Bridge Communities. This was able to take care of 1 month of rent for the two and a half families that St. Irene sponsors!



Fourth Degree News

June 12—The next Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting is at Corpus Christi, Carol Stream at 7:00 PM.



Pray for Our Loved Ones

Pray for the health & recovery of **Alan Jarasius, Bill Hughes, Sam Vitali, Rosemary Maher, Mary Ann True, Deacon Bob True, Beverly Scott, Ken DiIulio, George LaRocco, and Kathy**

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

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| Council Officers 2022-2023 | |
| Chaplain | Fr. Clive Otieno (630-393-2400) |
| Grand Knight | Marc Alleruzzo (630-269-2754) |
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| Recorder | Bob Rauko (630-337-1568) |
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| 1st Yr. Trustee | Ken DiIulio (630-747-3673) |
| Insurance Agent | Matthew Kling (630-485-8705) |
| District Deputy | Kevin Callahan (630-235-6456) |

Business Meetings: 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM
Meeting Location: St. Irene Activities Center

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| Committee Directors | |
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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

This is my last news letter that I will be writing for you guys. It has been a pleasure being the Grand Knight for the last two years. As you know, **DGK Patrick McGowan** and myself went to the State Knights of Columbus Convention last week. Patrick was so impressed with all he learned. He understands now the purpose of the paperwork and all of the tings that we have to report.

We did win trophies at the convention like 5-Star Council, also got the Bronze Programming Award for Illinois In Action! Its always nice to go to a convention and receive recognition for our work. I feel that the St. Irene has a great group of men who we call Brothers. I hope that they can work together to receive awards in the future.

Also you guys need to remember that recruitment is the goal. You have to look around at church each week. Just this Sunday I talked to someone and they took my number. If you don't ask we don't get.

We are going to nominate all of the new slate for the officers for the next year at our next meeting.

For those of you who do not know my house is for sale. Sooner or later the house will sell, and I will be moving. I will miss Council 6710. I will wish **Father Clive** the best in his future. We will be having a new priest soon, if he is not a member of the Knights we can have him come aboard. Thank you all of you for all of the participation in everything. Thank you all, I will miss you all!

Vivat Jesus!
GK Marcello Alleruzzo

Council Donates \$250 to Waterleaf Women's Center

In response to the Supreme Council Knights of Columbus ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) program, the Council is donating \$250 to Waterleaf Women's Center, Aurora. The Center provides medical information and provide counseling, community resource assistance, and adoption information and referral.

Council Receives Awards at the Annual Illinois State KofC Convention Held May 18-19

The convention, held in Schaumburg, was attended by **DGK Pat McGowan** and **GK Marc Alleruzzo**.

The Illinois in Action Award recognizes that we had met all program activity goals and reports for the fraternal year.

The 5-Star Council award recognizes that we had met all our charity goals: ID Drive, Respect Life, General Assistance Fund, Newman fund, and Vocations.

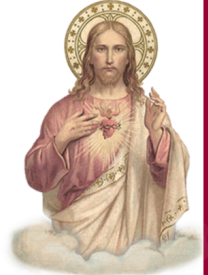


ProLife

Eucharistic Encounter Night—June 20

This month we direct our attention to the Eucharist Revival. Join St. Irene parishioners in the St. Irene Monthly Encounter Night. For more information go to the [Eucharistic Revival Website](#).

June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in recognition of his apparitions starting in 1673 to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690), a member of the Visitation Sisters, through whom He asked for devotion to His Sacred Heart. Christ told St. Margaret that He wanted to reveal His wounded Heart because He could not abide watching as countless people turned away from Him. He wanted all to experience His love, mercy, and grace, and to attain salvation. Spend some time with Jesus in Adoration this month.



Eucharistic Adoration

- ◆ **Every Thursday:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 7 AM Mass; Adoration continuing through Noon.
- ◆ Church open for personal prayer throughout the day.

Encounter Night



Come to a special evening of Eucharistic Adoration which will include a Holy Hour of intermittent Praise and Worship songs and instrumental meditations along with silent time to draw our hearts deeper into prayer.

Music will be performed by St. Irene Music Ministry.

Thursday, June 20, 6 PM—8 PM

- ◆ 6 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour
- ◆ 6:30 PM The Sacrament of Reconciliation available.
- ◆ 7 PM The Holy Rosary

PGK Jack Gorski
ProLife Chairman



Support VFW & American Legion

American Legion Burger Night June 26 from 5-8 PM.



June 8—Maintenance of City Signs

Please consider participating in this community program during the summer. Subsequent scheduled dates are as follows (all Saturdays at 9:00 AM): **July 13 Aug. 10, and Sept. 14.** Bring a spade, shoe, shears or other piece of gardening equipment you find useful. Contact **PGK James Halama** at 630-433-6240 for more information.



Farewell Dinner with Fr Clive Held May 21—Gift of \$1600 Raised

As you all know, Fr. Clive is leaving our parish after having been reassigned as pastor of St. Nativity parish in Joliet. As a result, our annual get together with Father turned into a farewell gala.

A group of 17 Knights came out on Tuesday, May 21 at the Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery in Warrenville to honor and celebrate Father's work and life. **GK Marc Alleruzzo** thanked Father for being a stout supporter of the Knights and our Council, and **PGK James Halama** presented Father Clive with a gift of \$1600 to be deposited in his name in Knights of Columbus retirement annuity.

The celebration continued after supper with camaraderie and laughter while wishing Father all the best. Hopefully, the event will stay a tradition as we welcome our new incoming pastor.



2024 Eyeglass Drive Results

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus and Lions International, we wish to thank those that participated in the 2024 Eyeglass Drive. Over fifty pairs of eyeglasses were donated by the St. Irene Church community to help those that experience visual acuity problems. Thank you for assisting us in this worthy cause!

Joe Kubal



Spring 2024 Bread Tag/Key Collection Drive Results

We wish to thank all those that participated in the Spring 2024 Bread Tag/Key Collection Drive. As a result of your efforts, several hundred tags were collected to help obtain wheelchairs and mobility assistance equipment for those in need through the Danielle Cares for Chairs

charity.

In addition, an assortment 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 September, 2024. God bless!

Joe Kubal



Program Award for May 2024

Fr. Clive Knight of the Month—The Knights of Columbus Council #6710 would like to recognize **Fr. Clive Otieno** as our Knight of the Month for May, 2024. Father Clive joined the Knights of Columbus a year ago as our Chaplain. During his tenure, Father has led us in prayer, lead us on our Spiritual journey, and inspired all of us to become better witnesses of our faith. Father showed us that our work is important, and he never let us forget what an impact we make on our church and community. Father Clive is an extra ordinary priest, pastor, and friend, one in which is literally ready to go into battle for all of us and his Country. Very few parishioners are able to say that about their pastor. Although Father Clive has to leave us, he has left an indubitable memory on our organization, and he will be sorely missed. We wish you Father all the best on your new endeavor and please come by and visit when you are able. Thank you for your service to our church and our Country!

Rose and John Hanson Family the Month of March

The Knights of Columbus Council #6710 would like to recognize **Rose and John Hanson** as our Family of the Month for June 2024. Rose and John have been members of the St. Irene family for many years starting with their two son's attending and graduating from St. Irene's school. During their tenure, Rose coached volleyball, she was a classroom mom, and a member of the athletic board who was very active in the chilli cook off when it was in its formative years. John served as a track and cross-country coach and helped out with the annual St. Irene science fare, and market day. The Hanson's dedication to St. Irene's comes from the example set my Rose's father Mike Coyne who Rose attends 8:00AM mass with every Sunday. Mike is also an icon at early morning mass. It has been said that he has attended more week day masses than he has ever missed. That is saying a lot about Mike's strong faith, in that he is 97 years old and still driving himself to church. The Knights of Columbus would like to say thank you to the Hanson family for their strong and continued support to our parish.



Membership Drive Always! We cannot let up.

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.

Emma Flowers Wins Memorial Scholarship—To Attend St. Francis High School

Please congratulate Emma for winning \$1000 for continuing her education at St. Francis High School, Wheaton. She is graduating from the 8th grade at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School, Naperville. She listed her activities as participating the March for Life this year; does 4 sports cross-country, volleyball, basketball, and track; served as leader in the St. Irene Vacation Bible School; and participating several FMSC food packing events.

Her submitted essay on “Why you feel a Catholic education will benefit you” is as follows:

“Catholic education has always been a monumental part of my life. I have had the pleasure of being a student of both St. Irene’s and Sts. Peter and Paul for the entirety of my educational career, and I feel that I have learned so much about my faith. Consuming faith in my schooling makes me feel closer to the Lord each day. Every lesson is laced in the beauty of God and his creation. Science, math, language, and history would simply not exist without Him, so why learn them without him? In my youth group, we regularly educate ourselves on the backgrounds of various saints and have discussions on how their stories are applicable to both ourselves and modern society. When religion is introduced, I am no longer learning about disposable dates and formulas. Rather, I am learning how to appreciate God’s creation and use the world around me to bring myself closer to Him. Overall, I feel that Catholic education offers a holistic approach to learning that integrates academia, spiritual growth, and moral foundation.

In my education, religion has effectively established a tight-knit community filled to the brim with support and sense of belonging. I do not feel shunned or like an outcast, because all of those around me share an identical sense of appreciation and dedication to our faith. I also feel that it is important to question and have conversations about our beliefs and their implications; alternative perspectives on principles can open our eyes to the wonderful complexities of God’s creation. Despite our differences and uniqueness's, we all share a beautiful connection to God.

Together we, with the help of our school, are all able to see His love in every single thing. Catholic educational facilities promote the search for God’s love in academics and extracurriculars in a way that students will continue to use throughout the entirety of their lives. With this, not only am I able to absorb complex levels of learning, I am also able to truly keep Him at the center of everything I do. I never feel pressured to put school or my social life over Him.

With God, I never have to worry about popularity or peer pressure, things I know will continue to appear in high school. I understand that different pools of people will enter my life and that I need to possess the strength to say no and stay true to my values and beliefs. Having been a member of Catholic institutions for my entire life, I feel strongly that I will always be true to Him and what He asks of me. I feel that continuing my Catholic education will only strengthen my connection and willpower to stay on my path to Heaven.”

Kaelyn Rudow Wins Memorial Scholarship—To attend Holy Angels Catholic School

Please congratulate Kaelyn for winning \$1000 for continuing her education at Rosary High School, Aurora. She is graduating from the 8th grade at Holy Angels Catholic School, Aurora. She listed as her activities as participating in a Church Buddy Program; participated in 3 sports volleyball, basketball, and track; peer mentoring of younger students; participating in several FMSC food packing events; and assisted with the Marmion Craft Show.

Her submitted essay on “Why you feel a Catholic education will benefit you” is as follows:

“A Catholic education will benefit me by challenging me academically, growing my leadership skills and strengthening my faith. Having attended a Catholic school for the past ten years, I have learned how to push myself to be a better student. The advanced classes I am taking now move quickly and challenge me to pick up concepts quicker. Continuing to attend a school like the one I am at now will only push me to adapt new ways of learning and of mentally challenging myself. The mental challenge of attending a high academic school will present me with the perseverance and grit I will need in college. Having a dream of becoming a sports medicine doctor, the qualities of mental toughness, learned in high school, will translate to the more rigorous courses needed to fulfill my dream. As education is important, so are learning the foundations of leadership skills.

Attending an all-girls school where leadership opportunities are for only girls, I will have the chance to practice that leadership in the classroom and in extracurricular activities. Learning how to become a good leader will come from watching the upper classmen. How they act physically, their mentality, and attitude. In the classroom, watching how they lead discussion or how they help others when they struggle. On the court, how they change frustration into good decisions, they’re vocal ways of leading, and how to clean your mindset to be an example of what to do when you make a mistake. These qualities will take practice, but overtime will become habit. Leadership skills and a good education are key components to being intellectually successful, but having a belief in a higher power will give you all the benefits you need in life.

Most importantly, going to a Catholic school provides you with a place to grow in your faith. Having attended a religious school for all ten years of my education, each year I have seen growth in my faith. Learning where and when in my life I can lean on God to help carry me through. Reminding myself I am never alone because I know someone will always be there supporting me, even if not physically here. Sustaining my Catholic schooling will only help me deepen my connection with God and continue to live my life to his plan.”

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

Knights' Calendar

June 8	9:00 AM	Maintenance of City of Warrenville Welcome Sigs, meet at Batavia & Rt 59
June 12	7:00 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly Meeting—Corpus Christi, Carol Stream
June 13	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting—St. Irene ACL— Officer Elections
June 20		Summer Begins
June 20	6:00 PM	Eucharistic Encounter Night—St. Irene Church
June 22	7:00 AM	KC/VFW Blood Drive—VFW Hall, Warrenville
June 23	8:00 AM	Presentation of High School Scholarships at St. Irene Church
June 26	5:00 PM	American Legion Burger Night—VFW Hall, Warrenville
June 29	5:00 PM	Officer installation for 2024-2025—St. Irene Church
July 3-4	All Day	KC Food Concession at Cerny Park, Warrenville, volunteers needed
July 11	7:00 PM	Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
July 20	6:30 PM	Kane County Cougar Baseball game, Geneva
Sept. 13-15		Tootsie Drive—Mark your calendar



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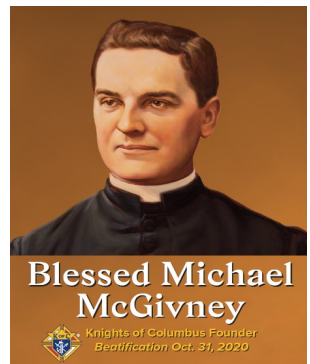
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June Birthdays

Stuart Aschauer	June 3	Laurie Schmitz	June 18
Carol Walsh	June 4	James Bartz	June 19
Anthony Parrino	June 5	William Lintner	June 20
Richard Behrens	June 6	Douglas True	June 20
Jaclyn Bosoli	June 7	Annette Hanson	June 22
Dominic Lynch	June 7	Gloria Wilger	June 23
David Abhalter	June 8	William Constable	June 24
Beverly Scott	June 11	Michelle Horan	June 24
Judy Wilkie	June 14	Loreta Jarasius	June 24
Andrew Seiberlich	June 16	Karen Graney	June 30
Nancy Markendorf	June 18		



June Wedding Anniversaries

Mark & Filomena Jarosz	June 1	John & Jacqueline Huttenhoff	June 25
Patrick & MaryAnn Lawinger	June 2	Charles & Debbie Ingram	June 25
Thomas & Elaine Perez	June 19	Gary & Connie Dyas	June 27
Mark & Karen Rurka	June 24		

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