



# knights of st. irene

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Council 6710  
Warrenville, IL



## 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 fireworks display at Cerny Park starting at 9:15 PM, July 4.

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 are best. Fireworks at 9:15 PM
- 10:00 PM—Concession booth closes, and clean up begins at Cerny Park

### Friday July 5:

- 9:00 AM—Clean and pack equipment in front of the St. Irene Activities Center

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

### Wednesday July 3

- 5:00-11:00 PM—Concession booths open
- 6:00 PM—Parade kicks off
- 7:00 PM—Centerfold Band at the Main Stage
- 9:00 PM—TNT Chicago at the Main Stage

### Thursday July 4

- 11:30 AM—Children's Parade on Warren Ave.
- 1:30 PM—Katie Kostner at the Main Stage
- 3:00 PM—Room to Move at the Main Stage
- 4:30 PM—Brass on Fire at the Main Stage

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## Welcome to Our New Pastor Fr. Gregory Rothfuchs

Fr. Greg begins his ministry at St. Irene's on July 1, 2024. He grew up in Darien, IL. He has been a priest for 29 years and pastor for 17 years. He has had assignments in DuPage and Will counties. He is currently the Pastor of St. Joseph in Lockport.



## Farwell to Fr. Clive Otieno

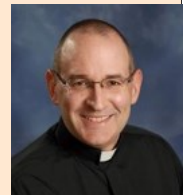
We say farewell to Fr. Clive. He will become pastor of St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross Mission, Joliet. His new address is:

St. Mary Nativity  
706 N. Broadway St.  
Joliet, IL 60435  
815-726-4031



## Farewell to Deacon Brad Hentz

We say farewell, in some sense, to Deacon Brad who has been re-assigned to St. Daniel the Prophet, Wheaton. His residence remains in Warrenville.



## July 7—St. Irene CCW Women of Faith Ice Cream Social—Welcome to Fr. Greg

Bring your kids, grandchildren, spouses and yourself! We will celebrate summer with our annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 10 after the 10:00 AM in the St. Irene Activities Center. Meet our new pastor, Fr. Gregory Rothfuchs.

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### Council Business Meeting July 11 7:00 PM

We meet at the St. Irene Activities Center.

The officers for the 2024-2025 Fraternal Year are:  
 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 Dilulio



### Membership Drive Ever Present! We cannot let up.

Ask the man next to you at Mass. You will be surprised when he responds by saying no one has asked me before!

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. The web page requests your name, contact information, parish name, and Council number: 6710. A notice will be sent to the Grand Knight and financial Secretary.

A council Trifold of our activities can be found [here](#). There are no fees or dues required to join.



### Get Your Council Shirt Today!

Use order form below or get order form [online](#). A minimum order of two shirts is required.



### Fourth Degree News

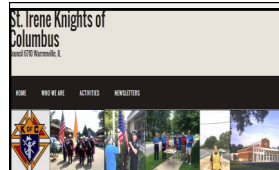
No scheduled meeting for July. Only a Captains meeting in August.

Have a great month.



### Pray for Our Loved Ones

Pray for the health & recovery of Alan Jarasius, Rachel Jarasius, Bill Hughes, Sam Vitali, Rosemary Maher, Mary Ann True, Deacon Bob True, Beverly Scott, Ken Dilulio, George LaRocco, Kathy Planek, and Tyler O'Malley



### Council 6710 Web Site

Check out our Council website at: <https://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.

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

<b>Council Officers 2022-2023</b>	
Chaplain	Fr. Clive Otieno (630-393-2400)
Grand Knight	Patrick McGowan (630-863-8708)
Dep. Grand Knight	Paul Burgermeister (630-877-1574)
Financial Sec.	James Halama (630-433-6240)
Treasurer	Mark Spiotta (630-980-2461)
Chancellor	Tom Nemo (630-808-1900)
Recorder	Bob Rauko (630-337-1568)
Advocate	Joshua Bates (630-836-0223)
Warden	Patrick O'Connor
Inside Guard	James McDermott
Outside Guard	Joe Kubal (630-470-3807)
Lecturer	Jeffrey Schmitz (630-917-2002)
3rd Yr. Trustee	Michael Bates (630-836-0223)
2nd Yr. Trustee	Ken Dilulio (630-747-3673)
1st Yr. Trustee	Marc Alleruzzo (630-269-2754)
<b>Insurance Agent</b>	<b>Matthew Kling (630-485-8705)</b>
<b>District Deputy</b>	

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

<b>Committee Directors</b>	
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)

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 Patrick McGowan at 630-863-8708.

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](mailto:jrhalama@comcast.net) prior to the 21th day of each month.



### Grand Knight's Corner God's Influencer. Enjoy your Summer!

A few weeks ago, **Pope Francis** announced plans to canonize the first millennial saint, **Carlos Acutis**. When Carlos died in 2006, he was only 15 years old, but had already spent hours of his life developing a website that tracked miracles. People began to refer to Carlos as "God's Influencer" – marking his use of the internet to connect people with the Catholic Faith.

Social media and new technologies have both positives and negatives, just as any tool. Carlos' website brought people closer to God, a video call can connect people around the world, and social media can bring awareness and action to a cause, like the fundraiser for **St. Irene's Santa, Bill Hughes**.

There are certainly risks that come from new technology as well -- artificial intelligence (AI), faked photos and videos, cyberbullying, etc. But God can work through us as we engage in social media and the Internet as well.

But sometimes we need to turn everything off and go outside. Enjoy your summer!

**Vivat Jesus!**  
**GK Patrick McGowan**

### ProLife

### July 26 National Pro-Life Bridges Day

Friday, July 26th, 2024 is National Pro-Life Bridges Day 2024 This summer, the Pro-Life Action League is hosting the seventh annual National Pro-Life Bridges Day in cities from coast to coast. Teams of five pro-lifers will station themselves on highway overpasses holding banners with the message "Abortion Takes a Human Life." In just a few hours we will reach over one million commuters and start countless conversations about abortion! Find out how the Pro-Life Action League can equip you to become a leader for National Pro-Life Bridges Day here.



- View more at: <https://prolifeaction.org/event/nplb2024/>

I'm more than willing to lead a team of 5 guys, as this is the only way we can do this! Contact me at [jggor-ski@comcast.net](mailto:jggor-ski@comcast.net) or 630-673-4742.

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

### (July 3-4 Food Concession Events, Continued from page 1)

- 7:00 PM—**Hi Infidelity** 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.



### July 13—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): **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.



### Support VFW & American Legion

**American Legion Burger Night** July 24 from 5-8 PM.



### Sept. 21 at Blackwell Forest Preserve

Consider participating in this fund raiser for Bridge Communities. There is a 1K flat route walk as well as the run up Mt. Hoy. The cost is \$30/person. To register and further information go to [hustleupthehillforthehomeless.com](http://hustleupthehillforthehomeless.com).



### 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**





### Memorial Highschool Scholarships Awarded June 23

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.



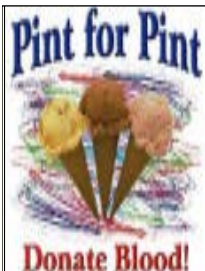
Kaelyln Rudow with Honoree Cathy Fladeland

Emma Flowers with Ralph Dieter for Honoree Fr. Tom Dieter

### Knights Cook Burgers and Hotdogs for Fr. Clive Farewell Picnic June 23

Approximately 200 people attended the farewell for Fr. At the St. Irene Activities Center after the 10:00 AM Mass.

Those who helped were **Paul Burgermeister**, **PGK Mike Bates**, **Jeffrey Schmitz**, **Pat O'Connor**, **PGK Erich Pavel**, and **PGK James Halama**. Not pictured was **Jim McDermott**.



### 29 Pints Blood collected June 22 at the VFW Hall

Those who helped were **Jim McDermott**, **PGK Bob Rauko**, **Partick O'Connor**, and **PGK Ken DiIulio**.



### Program Awards for June 2024

**John Ernst Knight of the Month**—The Knights of Columbus Council #6710 honors **John Ernst** as the Knight of the Month for June, 2024. John is stepping down as our Treasure after 30 years of incredible service to our Council. During this time John has kept track of our financial accounts down to the penny, which is no easy task given all the activities our Council is involved in. We want to thank John for his many years of holding a trusted position with our Council, as well as all the many other activities that he was actively involved in over the years such as the Tootsie Roll drive, and being our 4th-of-July set up setup leader. Also, John has always served as our Council's handyman and is responsible for the design and manufacture of our barbeque on wheels which was built over thirty years ago and it is still going strong. John does exceptional work and is very patient man who explains how we as a group are going to tackle a task much like a teacher. John is a man of unwavering integrity and a guy we can always rely on.

**St. Irene Parish Community Family the Month of March**—The Knights of Columbus Council #6710 would like to recognize the efforts of the whole St. Irene Parish Community who came together on June 23 to put together a beautiful sendoff barbeque luncheon for **Father Clive** after the 10:00 AM Mass. The turnout was fantastic and it was refreshing to see different ministries in our parish all working together to make the day a special day for **Father Clive** as he leaves our parish. From the food to the decorations to the photo memories displayed on the television everything was perfect because of so many people's selfless efforts. Our parish is not only strong in its faith but also in its hard-core work ethic, which together we can accomplish anything. Life is about change that is for sure. We remember the good times we had with **Father Clive** and we appreciate everything he has done for us as we usher in Father Greg and look optimistically into the future.



### Help Our Neighborhood Pantry

Our Neighborhood Pantry serves all of Warrenville.

Drop donations off at 29W260 Batavia Road, on Tuesdays 11:00-1:00pm or Sundays 1:00-3:00pm.

If you would like to volunteer for 2 hours on a regular basis, please contact Bill France at [france74usma@yahoo.com](mailto:france74usma@yahoo.com). Thank you!

## Knights' Calendar

July 3-4	All Day	KC Food Concession at Cerny Park, Warrenville—volunteers needed
July 11	11:00 AM	CCW Ice Cream Social to welcome Fr. Gerg—St. Irene Activities Center
July 11	7:00 PM	Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
July 13	9:00 AM	Maintenance of City Welcome sign flower beds—meet at Batavia & Rt. 59
July 20	6:30 PM	Kane County Cougar Baseball game, Geneva
July 24	5:00 PM	American Legion Burger Night—Warrenville VFW Hall
Aug. 8	7:00 PM	Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Sept. 13-15		Tootsie Roll Drive—Mark your calendar
Sept. 21		Hustle Up the Hill Bridge Communities fundraiser



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### Ushers Needed

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

July Birthdays			
Mark Rurka	July 1	Carmi Cyrus	July 17
Robert Decker	July 5	Paul Lindsey	July 19
John Augustynowicz	July 6	Sandra Decker	July 20
Bob Lichtenberg	July 6	John Ernst	July 25
James McDermott	July 7	David Fahrenwald	July 25
Jeffrey Schmitz	July 7	Pat Wehner	July 25
Sandy Larue	July 9	David Janiec	July 27
Teresa Hoffman	July 11	Dolly Pointner	July 27
Susan Kubal	July 12	Ellen Gorski	July 31
Ralph Dieter	July 13		



**Blessed Michael McGivney**  
Knights of Columbus Founder  
 Beatification Oct. 31, 2020

July Wedding Anniversaries			
Sam & Carolyn Vitale	July 7	Joseph & Dianne Urso	July 23
Steve & Cathy Berning	July 13		

\*\*\* 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.