



knights of st. irene

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**Council 6710
Warrenville, IL**



Oct. 5—Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

It's time to clean up the trash along the stretch of Butterfield Rd. between Batavia Rd. to Hwy 59, and west to the City boundary.

Plan to meet in the parking lot of the old MB Bank at 9:00 AM. Bring a sturdy pair of shoes and work gloves. For information please contact **Ralph Dieter** at 630-885-5578.



Oct. 5—Warrenville American Legion Hosts Ruck-The-Ville

The “Ruck” is a military style walk/run while carrying a weighted rucksack. It is filled with non-perishable food or items to donate. The items will benefit the Immanuel Presbyterian Church Food Pantry and Edward Hines VA.

Sign-in begins at 8:30 AM at the VFW Hall, Warrenville. Download the [Ruck-the-Ville flyer](#) to register and see a list of suggested items to donate.



Oct. 5 - St. Irene Women of Faith BUNCO

Let's play Bunco on Sat., Oct. 5 at St. Irene's Activity Center at 6:30 – 9:00 PM. Funds earned will support the Warrenville Food Pantry with much needed holiday dinners for approximately 130 dinners.

There is no need to know how to play. Men, women, and children (12 and up) will be able to join in the FUN! Admission paid prior to the event is \$20.00, and at the door is \$25.00 (if seats are available). Ticket price includes finger foods, dessert, soft drinks, water, coffee and our famous punch. You can bring your own alcoholic beverage.

A 50/50 split the pot raffle will also be available. Half to the sinner and half to the Warrenville food pantry.



Oct. 12—Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Rally

2024 marks the 8th year St. Irene and St. Thomas are coming together to pray in the Fatima Public Rosary Prayer Rally. The rally starts at 12:00 Noon. Sign-up via email: FatimaPosaryRally@gmail.com or call Jeannette at 630-292-934. Include your name, phone#, station choice (below), and # people in your group. Bring rosary, prayer packet, and chair. Prayer packet received by email.

6. NEC—Ferry Rd. at Raymond Dr.	9. NWC—Curtis & Warrenville Rd.
7. NWC—Ferry Rd at Curtis (espaniol)	10. St. Irene front of Activity Center
8. NWC—Curtis & Townline Rd	11. Monarch Landing (residents only)

Stations 1-5 are St. Thomas locations (see Sept. 22 bulletin)



Oct. 13 Recognition of Deacon Joe Urso

Council 6710 will recognize Deacon Joe Urso on Oct. 13 at the 10:00 AM Mass for his many years of service to St. Irene Parish and Warrenville community. Please join us at the Mass and for fellowship following in the St. Irene ACL

Let's show Deacon Joe how much we appreciate all that he has done.



Council Online ID GoFundMe Drive Continues through Oct,

To contribute choose this [GoFundMe link](#), or go to gofundme.com and search for the St. Irene Intellectual Disabilities Fund Drive. The virtual drive is targeted to be conducted within the Warrenville Community.

Half the money raised will be donated to the [Cupertino Group Home in Warrenville](#) (a Clare Woods Academy operated facility, Carol Stream). The remaining half will be split between [Western DuPage Special Recreation Association](#), [Special Camps for Special People of Winfield](#), and [Illinois Knights of Columbus Charities](#). All 100% of the funds we receive from this GoFundMe drive support these organizations.

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**Dominic Lynch
ID Drive Chairman**

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**Council Business Meeting
October 10 7:00 PM**

We meet at the St. Irene Activities Center.

Presentation of Coats for Kids program



Nov. 9-10—KC Membership Drive

On the weekend of Nov. 9-10 our Council will be conducting a membership drive at St. Irene's at each Mass. A pulpit announcement inviting Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus will be made. The announcement will describe who we are and what we do. Those who are interested along with their families will be invited to the Activities Center immediately after the Mass for hospitality. We will explain further the benefits of membership. Download [Member Benefits publication](#) to read more about the benefits offered.

Prospects are urged to join electronically. The QR code above 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.

A degree ceremony video will be presented at a later date, after which e-members will become full members of the Knights of Columbus. Candidates are urged to have their family members present during the degree ceremony and video presentation.

The membership drive does not need to be restricted to those attending Mass on this designated weekend. Prior to this weekend, You (KC member, ladies, or anyone reading this article) can recruit prospects. Actually, all that is needed is to invite the prospect to join electronically by scanning the QR code above.



**Fourth Degree
Assembly 3044 News**

Oct. 9—The next meeting will be held at the Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Eola Rd, Aurora. The Rosary begins at 6:30 PM. Fraternity begins at 7:00 PM, with the meeting beginning promptly at 7:45 PM.



**Help Our
Neighborhood Pantry**

Our Neighborhood Pantry serves all of Warrenville.

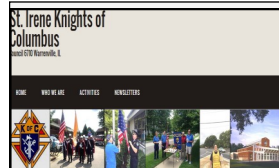
Drop donations off at 29W260 Batavia Road, on Tuesdays 11:00-1:00pm or Sundays 1:00-3:00pm.

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



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, Rich Planek, Andrea Olson Martin, and Tyler O'Malley**



Council 6710 Web Site

Check out our Council website at: <https://st-irenekofc.org>.

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

<p>Council Officers 2024-2025</p> <p>Chaplain Fr. Clive Otieno (815-726-4031) 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 (847-980-2461) 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) Insurance Agent Matthew Kling (630-485-8705) District Deputy Bruce Klecker (630-995-0764)</p>	<p>Business Meetings: 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM Meeting Location: St. Irene Activities Center</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 Patrick McGowan at 630-863-8708.</p>	<p>Committee Directors</p> <p>Program Director Paul Burgermeister (630-877-1574) Membership Director Jeffrey Schmitz (630-917-2002) Community Director Bob Rauko (630-337-1568) Church Director Joe Urso (630-853-2070) Family Director Michael Bates (630-836-0223) Youth Director Tom Nemo (630-808-1900) Public Relations Director Joe Kubal (630-983-6159) Blood Drive Director Ken Dilulio (630-747-3673) Life Director Jack Gorski (630-393-4742) Vocations Support our Troops Kevin Looby (630-329-1316)</p>

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Grand Knight's Corner

I had a medical situation this summer that resulted in some issues with my short-term memory – just temporary, I'm told. While it's extremely frustrating to realize that I have trouble recalling some conversations, names, or things that happened over the summer (how did I forget an entire Def Leppard concert?), there are some things I always remember:

- I love my family, and they love me.
- I take great pride and satisfaction in my work.
- My faith is still core to who I am.

While it can be awkward and embarrassing to forget things, it's also a gift. We can all benefit from forgetting grudges, releasing slights, and letting go of grievances. As long as we remember the important things, we hold onto joy and love. In Psalm 25, we even ask God to be a bit forgetful: "Remember no more the sins of my youth; remember me according to your mercy, because of your goodness, LORD."

So maybe forget something today that brings you pain, and keep remembering the goodness.

**Vivat Jesus,
Patrick McGowan**



Oct. 27—Special Camps Halloween Party at St. Johns, Winfield at 2:00-4:30 PM

Set up begins at 1:30 PM at St. John's in Winfield, (behind and alongside St John's church).

Activities to include: Trunk-Or-Treating (trick or treating by decorated trunks of cars), games, painting mini pumpkins, handicap accessible hayride, face painting, costume contest, games, picnic for families (giving them opportunity to socialize with other families similar to themselves), food, and Halloween music with DJ.

The St. Irene Knights are set to provide a wheelchair accessible hayride. I was amazed at how easily those with wheelchairs (most were able to walk), were able to get on and off of the hayride. Also an assortment of desserts like individual bags of chips, Halloween cookies, cupcakes, pie and volunteers to run the hayride and serve those special treats. One or two packages of sugar-free puddings always seem to be appreciated as well.

St. John's Knights are set to provide grill and a combo of cheeseburgers and hotdogs, buns and condiments. Families who would have special dietary needs will be encouraged to bring their own picnic.

St Mary West Chicago Knights are set to provide drinks for 200 of us, paper plates (for burgers and small ones for desserts), heavy duty forks, spoons for desserts, napkins.

**Colleen McDonald
President of Special Camps**

ProLife

The details of Illinois Right to Life Action's 51st Banquet have been announced! This year's event features Melissa Ohden and will be held at The Carlisle Banquets on Thursday, November 7, at 6:00 PM.



Melissa is the survivor of a failed saline infused abortion and the author of *You Carried Me: A Daughter's Memoir* and *Abortion Survivors Break Their Silence*. She is the founder and director of The Abortion Survivors Network, the sole global healing and advocacy organization dedicated to abortion survivors and The Education and Policy Center which influences policy matters concerning abortion and those who have survived it. Melissa is a frequent contributor to pro-life and conservative news outlets and a regular guest on radio and television programs around the world including Fox News, Focus on the Family, Hannity, The Eric Metaxas Show, Huckabee and more. She has lobbied and testified before Congressional committee's numerous times.

**PGK Jack Gorski
ProLife Chairman**

Eucharistic Adoration—Each Thursday at St. Irene Church

Eucharistic Adoration is available every Thursday after the 7:00 AM Mass until Noon. On the 3rd Thursday of each month, Adoration will continue until 8:00 PM.



Oct. 23—American Legion Burger Night

Support our American Legion. Burgers are served from Oct. 23 from 5-8 PM at the Warrenville VFW Hall, Warrenville.



October 12-13 & 19-20—Bob Geary “Share Your Soles” 2024 Fall Shoe Drive

The Knights of Columbus are asking you again to donate gently worn shoes to the Share Your Soles® charity on the weekends (only) of October 12-13 and 19-20 during the Knight's annual fall shoe drive. We will be accepting shoes of any type and size, for any type of weather or sport. This includes athletic shoes, sandals, school shoes, boots, dress shoes, work shoes, slippers, etc. Collection bins will be located at the basement entry-way of the church activity center nearest the church.

Share Your Soles® is a non-profit 501(c)(3) tax exempt charitable organization dedicated to sharing gently worn/new shoes to those in greatest need. They provide shoes both worldwide, as well as right here in the United States. Be sure that the shoes you donate are gently worn or new, are clean, and can withstand heavy wear. Please no holes or worn off bottoms. Monetary donations also are appreciated and are used by the charity primarily for shipping and handling expenses.

The ongoing drive is being conducted in memory of the late **Robert Geary**, founder of the Knight's annual shoe drive. Please direct any questions to Joseph D. Kubal at jdrk4715@aol.com.

Joe Kubal

Oct. 12-13—St. Irene Women of Faith Selling Vocations Raffle tickets

The tickets will be sold during hospitality following the Masses at St. Irene's this weekend. Raffle tickets are \$1 each, or a book of 15 for \$15.

This is a fundraiser for both the Women of Faith and the Knights of Columbus. For every book of 15 tickets sold, the Women of Faith retains \$9 and . The money raised by the Women of Faith will be used to purchase winter coats for the girls in the Warrenville schools.

Terese Wombold



Nov. 2—K of C Annal FMSC Food-Packing Event

Come join fellow parishioners at the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) facility at 555 Exchange Ct. in Aurora on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 9:00-10:45 AM. 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.

To participate, register on the FMSC website at fmsc.org/get-involved/volunteer. At the bottom of the page entitled "Looking for a Specific Group," type in "St. Irene Knights of Columbus" and complete the requested registration information. If you have questions, please feel free to contact **Joe Kubal** at jdrk4715@aol.com. If you cannot attend, please consider a monetary donation to this worthwhile organization.



Program Awards for September 2024

Dominic Lynch Knight of the Month— The Knights of Columbus Council #6710 would like to recognize **Dominic Lynch** as our **Knight of the Month for September 2024**. When Dominic asked to be the new chairman of our annual tootsie roll drive, he has since tapped every resource, he could find to get the word out about the upcoming tootsie roll fund raiser, including but not limited to, our city marquee sign located at Route 56 and Batavia Road. On the days of the fundraiser Dominic allocated his man power to the streets at key intersections and made arrangements with other volunteers to ensure that no one ran out of tootsie rolls to distribute at their posts. Dominic put an extreme amount of time and effort into this endeavor, and he and his volunteers made this another successful year. Our hats go off to Dominic for jumping into one of the most notable Knights of Columbus fund raising positions and absolutely nailing it.

Fr. Greg Rothfuchs and his Family as the Family of the Month—The Knights of Columbus Council #6710 would like to recognize **Father Greg Rothfuchs** and his Family as our Family of the Month for September 2024. Change is never easy, and the moving process is physically demanding and frustrating. You look around and ask yourself, where did all this stuff come from? Once you weed through everything and you are all packed up and ready to go, then you arrive at a totally new environment not knowing what to expect. Fortunately, Father Greg has the support of his mother and other family and friends to support him, as they share him with us, at his new home. In a short period of time Father Greg has shown himself to be an outgoing energetic person who has a persona about him that puts us at ease. This content feeling of understanding is reflected in his homily where he not only clarifies what the Gospel is saying, but he goes much further to relate to us the hidden nuances that most of us miss. Father Greg then relates all of this together as to how it relates to our lives, and situations that we may be facing. We are very blessed to have Father Greg leading our church, and we look forward to making many memorable moments as we progress forward. Thank you, Father Greg, for all the work you did for us to make the change to St. Irene's, and thank you to your mother and your family and friends who helped you make the change as well.



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Sept. 13-15 ID "Tootsie Roll" Drive Raises \$9588

Congratulations to all who participated. The annual drive is truly a multi-faceted drive. The drive is not only a street corner solicitation! It encompasses solicitation after Masses at Church, individual donations, direct candy sales and online GoFundMe drive. The effort has so far raised \$9588 and there is more to come from direct candy sales and online GoFundMe fundraising through October.

The street solicitation still contributes the most at \$5574 (see chart). Those who helped at command center and count collections were **PGK Marc Alleruzzo, Sandy Decker, Connie Dyas, Colette Giacobelli, PGK Jim Halama, Cathy Kott, Rick Nagode**, Mass collections were \$971 over two weekends. Thanks to all who helped at the Masses.

Street Volunteer	Street Collection
Tom Nemo	\$982.69
Bob Rauko	\$800.21
Ken DiIulio	\$597.54
Mark Spiotta	\$483.40
Erich Pavel	\$460.66
Mike Bates	\$435.15
Dominic Lynch	\$391.69
Doug True	\$331.98
John O'Malley	\$281.63
Pat McGowan	\$249.44
Vince Morello & Leo	\$135.86
Andrew & Angresico Yusi	\$124.50
John Muhlenfeld	\$102.06
Danny Lynch	\$69.33
John Markendorff	\$67.39
Bill Lintner	\$60.00

Candy sales so far are \$59. Direct donations total \$1685. Donations from Vogtle's Auto Service, Warrenville Grove Animal Hospital, NuMark Credit Union, Accounting Associates (Larry Chaon), and Daniel Associates Real Estates.

The GoFundMe drive at this time has received \$1300. There is still time to contribute [here](#).



Final City Sign Maintenance completed Sept. 7

Sept. 7 was the last sign maintenance of the season of perennial flowers in front of the Warrenville City signs was completed for the season. Those who helped were **PGK Mike Bates, PGK James Halama, John O'Malley, PGK Bob Rauko, and Doug True**.

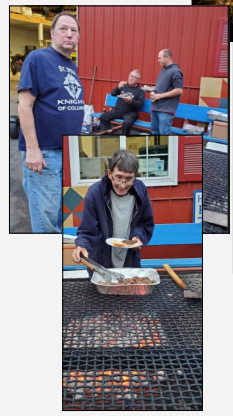


22 Pints Blood Collected Sept. 28

Thanks to all who made the blood drive held at the St. Irene Activities Center successful. Those who helped were **PGK Ken DiIulio, Bill Lintner, Patrick O'Connor, James McDermott and PGK Bob Rauko**. Thanks also to the Warrenville American Legion for preparing the food that is provided to the blood donors.

Family Hay Ride at Galusha Farm Held Sept. 28

Forty people were treated to a beautiful evening for a hayride and bonfire. Grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, many beverage, and plenty of sides and desserts were brought by attendees. A special thank to **PGK Steve and Cathy** for hosting the event, Steve's crew that setup the hay wagon and fire pit, and to **PGK Mike Bates** for organizing the event. Those who also helped were **PGK Marc Alleruzzo, PGK James Halama, James McDermott, Pat O'Connor, and PGK Erich Pavel**.



Council Polo Shirt Order Form

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- 5X = \$41.98
- 6X = \$43.98

- L Tall-XL Tall = \$32.98
- 2x Tall = \$33.98
- 3x Tall = \$37.98
- 4x Tall = \$39.98

Knights' Calendar

Oct. 5	9:00 AM	Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup—meet at Batavia & Butterfield Rds.
Oct. 5	8:30 AM	Warrenville American Legion “Ruck the Ville” - VFW Hall, Warrenville
Oct 5	6:30 PM	St. Irene Women of Faith Bunco night—St Irene Activities Center
Oct. 9	7:00 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting—Our Lady of Mercy, Aurora
Oct. 10	7:00 PM	Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Oct. 12	12:00 Noon	Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Rally—see page 1 for station locations
Oct. 13	10:00 AM	Recognition of Deacon Joe Urso for his years of service—St. Irene Church
Oct. 12-13	All Masses	Bob Geary Share Your Soles Shoe drive—St. Irene Church
Oct. 19-20	All Masses	Bob Geary Share Your Soles Shoe drive—St. Irene Church
Oct. 27	2:00 PM	Special Camps Halloween Party—St. John’s Parish, Winfield
Nov. 2	9:00 AM	FMSC Food Packing Event—555 Exchange Ct. in Aurora
Nov. 3		Daylight Savings Time ends—set clocks back one hour
Nov. 9-10	All Masses	KC Membership Drive at St. Irene Church –hospitality follows
Nov. 14	7:00 PM	Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Nov. 23	8:00 AM	Christmas decoration on church grounds. (tentative)
Nov. 18		Thanksgiving Day



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October Birthdays

Daniel Walsh	Oct. 1	Eric Kussman	Oct. 13
Fr. Thomas Corbino	Oct. 2	Jack Gorski	Oct. 17
Andrew Gorski	Oct. 2	Kathleen Kostner	Oct. 20
George Kosmach	Oct. 2	Patricia White	Oct. 20
Joseph Kubal	Oct. 3	Mary Cruse	Oct. 21
Joseph Schrage	Oct. 5	Robert Seiberlich	Oct. 21
Fr. James Antiporek	Oct. 9	James Smithy	Oct. 21
Henry Clasing	Oct. 9	Andy Yusi	Oct. 22
Erich Pavel	Oct. 9	David Schar	Oct. 23
Joan Parrino	Oct. 12	Charles Wheeler	Oct. 23
Donna Seiberlich	Oct. 12	Gregory Henry	Oct. 24



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



October Wedding Anniversaries

Paul & Peggy Burgermeister	Oct. 4	Michael & Pam Bates	Oct. 18
David & Paula Peterson	Oct. 5	William & Amber Mitchell	Oct. 18
Diane & Bob Lichtenberg	Oct. 7	Raymond & Denise Hoshell	Oct. 24
Colin & Judy Wilkie	Oct. 13	John & Pamela Muhlenfeld	Oct. 29

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