



knights of st. irene

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**Council 6710
Warrenville, IL**



Dec. 8—St. Irene Breakfast with Santa

Knights are to serve as hosts, serving breakfast to all who come from 9:00 AM until Noon. Call PGK Kevin Looby at 630-329-

1316 to say that you can help.



Newman Apostolate Charity Fund Drive

The fund helps Newman Centers at colleges and universities in Illinois provide a Catholic faith-based environment for college students. Your support means that Newman Centers around the state can do spiritual and social programming to help students remain as one with their faith while they are away from their home parish.

For over 100 years, the Brother Knights in Illinois have joined "Together as One" with strong support for our college-age family members and I hope that you will continue to do so this year and help us reach the state goal of 210,145. Our Council goal is \$5.00 per active member, or \$675.

Please consider a gift this year. Donate online at www.illinoisknights.org/charity/newman (or scan the QR Code) above, or send a check. Consider becoming a \$100 Century donor and receive a commemorative pin. With a check, you must send it along with the Donation Card (print from the online screen). You may also look for the donation card to be sent to you from the state. Indicate your level of giving from \$5 up to \$100. Mail in your donation to Illinois State Council KofC Charities, Inc., P.O. Box 681, Kankakee, IL 60901. Please write Newman Fund, Council number (6710 for St. Irene's) and your Membership number on the memo section of your check.



Dec. 14—KC/VFW/Blood Drive

This is a corrected date was Dec. 7. The next blood drive will be held from 7:00 AM—Noon at the Warrenville VFW.

You may register in advance at the [Versiti of Illinois web page](#).

Walk-ins are also accepted.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Sat. Dec. 14

All are welcome to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, Dec. 4:30 PM Mass. A traditional Mexican feast will be served in the St. Irene Activities Center after the Mass. Free-will donations will be taken at the door. The event is sponsored by the St. Irene Women of Faith.



Feb. 9, 2025—29th KC Super Bowl Raffle & Party

You are once again invited to participate in the annual Knights of Columbus Super Bowl Raffle to be held on Feb. 9, 2025 during the Super Bowl game. The Raffle is a major fundraiser for the St. Irene Knights of Columbus

Council It is a 50-50 cash raffle with half of the proceeds awarded to participants, and the other half retained by the Council to be used for programs that benefit the St. Irene's Parish, school scholarships, and community outreach programs. **Let's do it again! All three pools were sold out last year, netting \$5,505 for our programs.**

Buy your raffle tickets early to take advantage of three early drawings. Early Bird drawings that cover the cost of a ticket will be held on Jan. 12, Jan. 26 and Feb. 2. Early bird raffle winners remain eligible for drawings on Super Bowl Sunday.

Download the ticket order form from this link: [2025 Super Bowl Raffle Tickets](#) or print the form on Page 5. Follow the directions on how to return your payment and tickets. Hard copies of the ticket order form will be made available separately by Council members. You may also contact **PGK James Halama** at jrhalama@comcast.net or at 630-433-6240.

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.

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Council Business Meeting Dec. 12, 7:00 PM

We meet at the Cupertino Home for the month of December

We congratulate **Membership Director Jeff Schmitz** for organizing and conducting a successful St. Irene Church KC Membership Drive on Nov 15-16. At this time we have four new prospects. Arrangements are being made to complete their membership applications.

New St. Irene Mass Schedule Starting Saturday, November 30:

- Saturday Confessions - 3:30 PM
- Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:30 PM
- Sunday Mass - 8:00 AM
- Sunday Mass - 10:00 AM
- Monday Daily Mass - 8:00 AM
- Tuesday Daily Mass - 8:00 AM
- Wednesday Daily Mass - 12:00 PM
- Thursday Daily Mass - 7:00 AM
- Friday Daily Mass - 7:00 AM



Fourth Degree Assembly 3044 News

Dec. 11—The next meeting will be held at the St. Raphael Parish, Naperville. The Rosary begins at 6:30 PM. Fraternity begins at 7:00 PM, with the meeting beginning promptly at 7:45 PM.

Dec. 9—The Musical Joyful Mysteries

In celebration of the Immaculate Conception, the Music Ministry presents a special concert at 6:30—7:30 PM at St. Irene Church. Songs, stories, prayers and meditations to celebrate Advent and our Blessed Mother's special role in salvation.

Spread the joy of the season

CHRISTMAS CAROLING FOOD DRIVE

DECEMBER 13
rain date December 20

5:45 p.m. - 6 p.m. 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.	Assemble in St. Irene ACL neighborhood and collect food for Neighborhood Food Pantry Cookies and hot cocoa
7 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	

Bring your family and friends to join our St. Irene community filling the air with the joyous news of Christ's birth.

REGISTER BY DEC. 1
forms available at info desk



Pray for Our Loved Ones

Pray for the health & recovery of **Ken DiIulio, Bill Hughes, Alan Jarasius, Rachel Jarasius, George LaRocco, Rosemary Maher, Andrea Olson Martin, Tyler O'Malley, Rich Planek, Beverly Scott, Mary Ann True, Deacon Bob True, and Sam Vitali.**



Support our American Legion

Burger Night - Will resume in January
Spaghetti Dinner—Will resume in January

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

Chaplain	Council Officers 2024-2025
Grand Knight	Fr. Gregory Rothfuchs (630-621-6730)
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2nd Yr. Trustee	Michael Bates (630-836-0223)
1st Yr. Trustee	Ken DiIulio (630-747-3673)
Insurance Agent	Marc Alleruzzo (630-269-2754)
District Deputy	Matthew Kling (630-485-8705)
	Bruce Klecker (630-995-0764)

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

	Committee Directors
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 DiIulio (630-747-3673)
Life Director	Jack Gorski (630-393-4742)
Vocations	
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 prior to the 21st day of each month.

Grand Knight's Corner

Merry Christmas
Happy New Year
God Bless



**Vivat Jesus,
Patrick McGowan**




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.



FMSC Food Packing event Held Nov. 2

"A Sincere Thank You!" The Knights of Columbus would like to thank fellow Knights, parishioners, and other organizational and church members that participated in the Feed My Starving Children food packing event held Saturday, November 2 at the Aurora facility. As a result of the dedication and hard work of roughly 160 volunteers overall, 162 boxes of food (4.5 pallets) were packed - a total of 34,992 meals worth \$10,148.

We had 9 people participating including PGK Ken and Bonnie Dilulio, Joe Kubal, Jim McDermott, Beverly Scott, and PGK Bob Rauko.

**ProLife
IRL Files Lawsuit Against
Gov. J.B. Pritzker**

ILLINOIS RIGHT TO LIFE ANNOUNCES LAWSUIT AGAINST GOVERNOR J.B. PRITZKER, ATTORNEY GENERAL KWAME RAOUL AND OTHER STATE OFFICIALS

(CHICAGO, IL) – Illinois Right to Life executive director Jaclyn Cornell announces the filing of a lawsuit in conjunction with several prominent pro-life organizations and individuals that challenges Illinois law requiring health-insurance policies to cover elective abortions on the same terms as they cover pregnancy-related benefits. On their behalf, Jonathan F. Mitchell along with the Thomas More Society outline how current abortion-coverage laws provide no exceptions or accommodations for employers or individuals who object to abortion on religious or moral grounds.


"Illinois Right to Life exists to ensure the fundamental right to life is respected and protected from conception until natural death," says Cornell. "Being forced to pay health insurance premiums that are used to fund abortion is in direct opposition to our organization's sole purpose."

Due to the company's size, Illinois Right to Life is not able to self-insure and is required to purchase health-insurance policies from Illinois state-regulated insurance companies, who are mandated by state law to cover elective abortions. "Illinois Right to Life should not be required to compromise its moral beliefs due to the mere size of the organization," says Cornell. "Any organization who vehemently opposes abortion should be given the choice rather than being coerced to participate in ending a human life."

Read the Complaint in *Students for Life of America v. Gillespie*, filed by Jonathan F. Mitchell and Thomas More Society attorneys on November 20, 2024, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois - Eastern Division, [here](#).

[Donate to IRL Cause](#)

**PGK Jack Gorski
ProLife Chairman**

**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!



Special Camps Halloween Party Held Oct. 27 at St. Johns, Winfield

Once again nearly one hundred special guests were at the Hallow Party sponsored by Special camps.

The Council provided chips, assortment of deserts and tractor and hayride (courtesy of **Chuck Ingram** and daughters).



Coats, Hats and Gloves were distributed to Kids at Johnson School, Warrenville on Oct. 28

The St. Irene Women of Faith and the Knights joined forces to distribute coats, hats and gloves at Johnson as part of the annual Coats for Kids program.

Both organizations split the cost for purchasing 4 boxes of coats (\$989.52) and the hats and gloves (\$155.88).

We thank **Pam Mosely** of the Women of Faith for coordinating the purchase and distribution of the clothing distribution.



Council Decorates St. Irene's for Christmas on Sat. Nov. 23

Again there was plenty of help to put up decorations in front of church, bushes and trees.

Those who helped were **PGK Erich Pavel, John Ernst, PGK Mike Bates, Chuck Burchett, DGK Paul Burgermeister, Dominic Lynch, Tom Nemo, Patrick O'Connor, Jim McDermott, and PGK Bob Rauko.**

Council Makes \$135 Donation to Bishop Burst Fund

The Bishop Burst Fund is a Joliet Diocese fund for the benefit of the Bishops of the diocese.



Program Awards for November 2024

PGK Mike Bates Knight of the Month— The Knights of Columbus Council 6710 would like to acknowledge our **Family Director PGK Michael Bates** as our Knight of the Month for November 2024. Michael has served our Council as Grand Knight for three years and after stepping down from that position his feet have not stopped moving. As Family Director Michael has coordinated such successful events as our annual Kane County Cougars Family night out, he organized our most recent event being the Special Camps Halloween Party at St Johns in Winfield. He helps with decorating the church every Christmas, and he is an active member with the adopt a highway program where our Knights clean a large section of Butterfield Road. Mike shares his musical talent at ten o'clock mass where he not only sings in the choir but serves as an usher at the same time. If all of this was not enough, when mass is over, he serves as our church's botanist, in that he tends to the church plants and he waters them. This is just a small overview of all that Michael does for St. Irene's and our Council with the humblest of heart. Thank you, Michael, for all of your reliable help and contributions throughout the years.


Michael and Alice Piszczek as the Family of the Month—The Knights of Columbus Council 6710 would like to recognize **Michael and Alice Piszczek** as our Family of the Month for November 2024. The Piszczeks' have been members of St. Irene's for over 30 years, and they are a community minded family. Their son Jeff is a local high school history teacher who enjoys teaching Special Education students. Their daughter Jamie is involved in bringing an awareness of homeopathic alternative health remedies to her clients, and Alice is a major league animal lover, and she runs her own business as an Animal Behavioral Specialist. Michael is very active as a Financial Consultant for our St. Irene Bridge Community where he works with families to become financially independent. The Piszczek family is a tight knit family that never quits, and they put their friends and their community first. In summation the Piszczek family mind set can be summed up with an 'altered' JFK statement: Ask not what your community can do for you, ask what you can do for your community. We thank the Piszczek family for their thoughtful years of service and loyalty to our St. Irene Community.


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


Super Bowl 2025 Raffle—Order Your Tickets Now!

Use the ticket forms below to order your tickets. Early bird drawings will be held Jan. 12, Jan. 26 & Feb. 2, 2025. Please make check out to St. Irene Knights of Columbus and send to below:

James Halama
27W100 Galusha Ave.
Warrenville, IL 60555

 <h2>St. Irene Knights of Columbus Football Raffle</h2> <h3>\$25 Raffle Ticket</h3> <p>2-\$250, 2-\$125, 6-\$50, 7-\$25 Cash Prizes Cash prizes based on 100 tickets sold See below for details</p> <p>Super Bowl Sunday Feb. 9, 2025</p> <p>St. Irene Parish 28W441 Warrenville Rd., Warrenville, IL</p>	<p>Early Bird Drawings Jan. 12, Jan. 26 & Feb. 2</p> <p>Proceeds Benefit Knights of Columbus Programs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Faith</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Name: _____</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Phone: _____</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Email: _____</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">St. Irene Knights of Columbus Super Bowl Raffle Feb 9, 2025</p>

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Early-Bird Drawings: Drawings will be held Jan. 12, Jan. 26 & Feb. 2. Each entry can only win once during the early-bird drawings, but remains eligible for the drawings on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025.

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

Dec. 1		Advent Begins
Dec. 8	All Masses	St. Irene Pancake breakfast in the ACL—volunteer knights to serve
Dec. 9	6:30 PM	The Musical Joyful Mysteries sung by Music Ministry—St. Irene Church
Dec. 11	7:00 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting—St. Raphael Parish, Naperville
Dec. 12	7:00 PM	Council business meeting—Cupertino Home, Warren Ave., Warrenville
Dec. 13	5:45 PM	Christmas Caroling food drive—starts at St. Irene Activities Center
Dec. 14	7:00 AM	KC/VFW Blood Drive—Warrenville VFW Hall
Dec. 14	4:30 PM	Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration; Mexican feast follows in the ACL
Dec. 21		Winter Solstice—First Day of Winter
Dec. 25		Merry Christmas
Jan. 1		Happy New Year
Jan. 9	7:00 PM	Council Business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Jan. 12	11:00 AM	First early draw for KC Super Bowl Raffle
Jan. 25	Noon	Youth Free Throw Contest—St. Irene Activities Center
Feb. 9	4:00 PM	KC Super Bowl Party & Raffle—St. Irene's Activities Center



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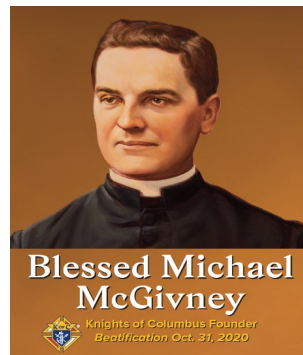
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December Birthdays			
Richard Doucette	Dec. 1	Noelle Shallcross	Dec. 20
Matthew Wiesbrock	Dec. 1	Jerry Kleinwachter	Dec. 21
Paul Burgermeister	Dec. 2	Gerald Gosewehr	Dec. 23
Michael Larue	Dec. 2	Clive Otieno	Dec. 24
Bernice Siele	Dec. 6	Suzanna Cook Standifer	Dec. 24
Mary Lambert	Dec. 11	Elaine Perez	Dec. 27
Elizabeth Battaglia	Dec. 13	Diane Spiotta	Dec. 28
Carol Rasmussen	Dec. 15	Michael Duquette	Dec. 29
Susan Gosewehr	Dec. 20	Cathy Berning	Dec. 31
Ana Maria O'Hare	Dec. 20		



December Wedding Anniversaries			
Larry & Julia Chaon	Dec. 12	Thomas & Loraine Nemo	Dec. 29
Gustavo & Jaelyn Bosoli	Dec. 20		

*** If your birthday or anniversary date is missing or incorrect, contact **PGK James Halama** at 630-433-6240 or jrhama@comcast.net to make the corrections.