



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

South Wilmington, IL



MASS INTENTIONS:

12/01/18 Sat. 4:00pm+Denise Passini (Jenny Kilmer)
 12/02/18 Sun. 10:00am +Mike & Chris Christensen (Family)

12/03/18 Mon. No Mass
 12/04/18 Tues. 7:30am +Michael Joyce (Lou & Jean Naretto)
 Tues. Rosary following Mass
 12/05/18 Wed. 7:30am +Mildred Dinelli (Terry & Donna Hampson)
 12/06/18 Thurs. 7:30m +Lena & Spirit Savant (Fair Family)
 12/07/18 Fri. No Mass
 12/08/18 Sat. 4:00pm+Frank & Alice Jirmasek (M/M John Wilson)
 12/09/18 Sun. 10:00am +Mike Monferdini (Shane Weprecht)

If you would like a Mass Intention said please contact the Rectory.
 Suggested donation is \$10.

REMEMBER in PRAYER our deceased relatives and friends, the ill of our parish and community, nursing home residents, the homeless, hungry and unemployed, those living alone and our own special intentions we hold deep in our hearts. Keep in prayer all men and women serving our country, the injured and those being held prisoners. Let us not forget all men and women who gave up their lives so we may live in freedom and in peace!

Liturgical Schedule	Lector	E. Minister	Servers
12/01 Sat. 4pm	C. Frobish	M. Schmidberger	N. & O. Siano
12/02 Sun. 10am	T. Peterson	P. Holohan	A. Meredith/A. & L. Staab
12/08 Sat. 4pm	D. Wollgast	S. Myrick	E. & M. Simms/C. Hampson
12/09 Sun. 10am	C. Male	D. Pfeifer	L. Byers/T. & J. Wilkey

Holy Father's Intention for the month of December:
General Intention: In the Service of the Transmission of Faith. That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.



Weekly Income:
Budget (Needed) \$ 3200.00
Sunday Collection \$ 1984.00
Children's Envelopes \$ 12.00
Improvements \$ 125.00

Thank you for supporting our parish!

Parish Staff:

Father Stanley Drewniak, *Pastor*
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Hall Rentals - Call the Office

Mass Schedule:

Sat. - 4:00pm
 Sun. - 10:00am
 Tues, Wed. & Thurs. - Mass at 7:30am

Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:30pm - 4:00pm.

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM - Baptisms are celebrated during the 10:00 am Mass. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

MARRIAGES -Diocesan policy require at least a six month preparation process. Couples who are planning to marry should speak directly with the pastor before setting a date. No weddings are scheduled on Sundays.

HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS - Due to a change in the privacy law, Father cannot go to the hospital and ask for a list of parishioners for him to visit. As a patient, you must ask the hospital to notify the Rectory that you are requesting a visit. For our homebound parishioners, if you would like Father to visit, please call the Rectory and Father will be more than happy to come and visit you. Thank you!

Funeral Dinner Co-Chairs for December

Carol Frobish 584-1012
 Renee Hollmeyer 237-8313
 Carole Mathison 252-0087

FROM AROUND THE PARISH

Welcome! We welcome all new individuals, couples and families to St. Lawrence Parish. If you haven't already done so, please register with the rectory office. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board or on our website swkr Catholics.org Thank you!

A Big Thank you to R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory of Braidwood for the generous donation of the 2019 calendars. Please take one!

Church Decorating - we will be decorating the Church on Sunday, December 9th after 10:00 am Mass. Please join us. This would be an opportunity for service hours for our confirmation candidates.

The Giving Tree - This year's Giving Tree is designated to raise funds for future mobile food trucks. Please help us raise funds to keep mobile food trucks coming to South Wilmington. Please remove a plate from the Giving Tree with the matching amount you would like to contribute to this cause. Use the attached envelopes to place your donation for the food truck and return in the Sunday collection basket. Please make checks payable to St. Lawrence Church. If you are able to do so, please feel free to increase your donation. Thank you for your continued generosity in helping others improve their lives.

Support the Retirement Fund for Religious. A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to the Retirement Fund for the Religious next week.

The Religious Education Christmas Program will be held on December 16th after the Children's Mass. Classes will meet at the Church on this day. Please have all Religious Ed students to the Church at 8:30am on December 16th. Thank you!

The flowers on each side of the tabernacle are in memory of Mike and Chris Christensen. Thank you for the beautiful flowers.

"Prayer is like a pathway between God and man. The wise man keeps the path constantly open through use. If the path becomes cluttered and overgrown through disuse, man may get lost when his need is great, and be unable to find God."

News & Upcoming Events

In this **new liturgical year**, the Gospel of Luke urges us to be mindful of the poor and suffering among us. There are many things we can do during the Advent and Christmas seasons to assist efforts to alleviate hunger in our communities. Whether you volunteer individually, as a family or as part of a group or parish, the possibilities for serving the poor are almost limitless.

Stewardship Prayer for December

Lord, As we journey through this Advent season, give us the wisdom to be good stewards of this time of grace, a time to be more prayerful, to listen more intently to Your Word; a time to allow our faith to grow and mature. Show us how to give witness to your Good News more fervently among our families, friends and those with whom we worship. Help us be more aware of those who are poor, lonely or suffering; and to serve them as if we were serving You. And fill our hearts with hope, so that we may make straight Your path with confidence and zeal, and prepare for the joy of Your coming! We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen

Word of Life-“Every life is a good and perfect gift. Many know this on an intellectual level, but those who love someone with a disability see it in their loved one's face in a particular way. Our love for our children has nothing to do with their abilities. We love them simply because of who they *are*, and understanding this teaches us how to truly love everyone.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “A Perfect Gift,” www.usccb.org/perfect-gift

Preamble to Advent and the New Liturgical Year. With these same biblical texts, we began the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy three years ago. Since we still have merciful acts to do, let us look with new eyes at old and cherished texts.

First Sunday of Advent – 02 December 2018
God comes. Even when scary signs and frightful things abound, God comes. Even when we hear of unmerciful acts and unjust behaviors, God comes. We know God came once in human flesh, we experience God-is-with-us still, we believe God will come again at world's end. This God, overflowing with mercy, gives us confidence to stand erect and, unafraid, raise our heads to all things good and just and right.

- ◆ How can God's grace free me from the slavery, from the trap of being afraid?
- ◆ How can God's loving mercy help me be even more merciful this year?
- ◆ What work of mercy will I do this week with new intensity?