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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
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ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

South Wilmington, IL



MASS INTENTIONS:
12/15/18 Sat. 4:00pm+Albert Doglio Jr. (Family)
12/16/18 Sun. 10:00am +Cecilia Maxard (Mark & Bobbi King) and Parishioners

12/17/18 Mon. No Mass
12/18/18 Tues. 7:30am +Carl Testa (Elaine & Family)
Tues. Rosary following Mass
12/19/18 Wed. 7:30am +Betty & Chippy Dinelli (Pat & Jim Dinelli)
12/20/18 Thurs. 7:30m +Tom Granger (Family)
12/21/18 Fri. No Mass
12/22/18 Sat. 4:00pm+Esther Sorensen (Jeanne Harvey)
12/23/18 Sun. 10:00am +Lois Residori (Tom Residori)

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
12/15 Sat. 4pm	C. Mathison	M. Noeth	C. & T. Brooks/M. Kelly
12/16 Sun. 10am	Special	L. Himes	G. Scardina/L. & L. Scheuber
12/22 Sat. 4pm	A. Wargo	F. Phillips	N. & O. Siano
12/23 Sun. 10am	A. Simms	P. Holohan	R. & M. Cacello

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	\$ 2095.14
Children’s Envelopes	\$ 7.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 430.00
Retired Religious	\$ 751.00
Thank you for supporting our parish!	

FROM AROUND THE PARISH

Thank you to everyone who decorated our Church and made it beautiful for Christmas.

Thank You to all our volunteers who gave their time to help out at the Mobile Food Truck on Monday. We assisted **89** families with food. A big thank you to the South Wilmington Fire Department for providing lighting. That was very much appreciated.

Religious give thanks. “This money is pure gift,” writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. “It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters.” Your gift to last week’s collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!

Advent Confession Schedule
Tues., Dec. 18 7:00pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
Wed., Dec. 19 7:00pm-Sacred Heart, Kinsman
Sat., Dec. 22 after 5:30pm Mass-St. Mary’s, Reddick

A visiting Priest is coming to South Wilmington to help Fr. Stanley hear confessions on December 18th.

Christmas Mass Schedule
Dec. 24th 2pm-Sacred Heart, Kinsman
4pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
5:30pm-St. Mary’s, Reddick
Midnight-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
Dec. 25th 8am-Sacred Heart, Kinsman
10am-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington

Improvement Collection -there will be a second collection for our monthly improvements today. Thank you for your generosity.

No Religious Education classes on December 23rd, December 30th, and January 6th. Our next session and Children's Mass will be January 14th. Enjoy your Christmas vacation with family and friends, but remember don't vacation from God.

The Giving Tree – is designated to raise funds for future mobile food trucks. Please remove a plate from the Giving Tree and use the attached envelopes to place your donation for the food truck and return in the Sunday collection basket. Any contribution is appreciated. Please make checks payable to St. Lawrence Church. Thank you for your continued generosity in helping others improve their lives.

News & Upcoming Events

Micro Pantry– will continue to remain open through the winter, but because the weather is starting to get colder, please avoid leaving glass jars or cans. Dry goods would be the best for the winter, such as Mac and cheese, cereal, boxed meals, dry soups, anything that will not freeze. The Micro Pantry is located on the corner by our Church. “Take what you need” and “Leave what you can”. Free to those in need. Thank you to everyone in our community for keeping it stocked and helping share a little to those in need.

Short meditation for ADVENT-Cultivating SOUL
The grass in meadowlands has to be mown every year, and some cases even at every recurring season. The ground needs to be ploughed up, fertilized, and freed from weeds. And just so must work be carried on in our souls; evil tendencies must be carefully corrected. Do not imagine that it is always a serious fault that leads to the worst sins. The greatest faults are often the result of neglect of little things:
a small satisfaction indulged in,
a moment of weakness yielded to,
a consent to do a thing which is in itself lawful but immortalized,
a pleasure, not sinful, but ill-advised here and now...
All these things recur unheeded, and, little by little, the soul is blinded, grace loses its power, passion increases and finally triumphs.

Third Sunday of Advent – 16 December 2018
God comes. What shall we do? God, indeed, is coming. Near at hand. At the door. Be busy! Be lovingly-kind, like God. Do mercy work. Being merciful does not require extraordinary behavior. It simply means, be human. That is, be holy. Prove that God is here by wrestling with conversion to Christ in ongoing ways – be genuine, be just, be fair. The gospel offers some suggestions: clean out the closet, share from the pantry, do not take what others need. Do mercy. Be mercy.
♦ Read Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate* of 2018 on the call to holiness in today’s world. Here is a link: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html
♦ How will I be holy, be the “saint next door”?
♦ What mercy work will I do to share with those in need?

It’s hard to get in shape spiritually if you only work out on Sunday