



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

South Wilmington, IL



MASS INTENTIONS:

12/22/18 Sat. 4:00pm+Esther Sorensen (Jeanne Harvey)
 12/23/18 Sun. 10:00am +Lois Residori (Tom Residori)

12/24/18 Mon. 4pm & Midnight Christmas Eve For Parishioners

12/25/18 Tues. 10am Christmas Day for Parishioners

12/26/18 Wed. No Mass

12/27/18 Thurs. No Mass

12/28/18 Fri. No Mass

12/29/18 Sat. 4:00pm+Catherine Sarti (Maria)

12/30/18 Sun. 10:00am +Perez & Himes Families (Chris & Laura)

12/31/18 Mon. No Mass

1/01/19 Tues. 10:00am Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

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
12/22 Sat. 4pm	A. Wargo	F. Phillips	N. & O. Siano
12/23 Sun. 10am	A. Simms	P. Holohan	R. & M. Cacello
12/24 Mon. 4pm	D. Wollgast	R. Chase	E. & M. Simms/M. Phillips
Midnight	T. Peterson	D. Pfeifer	C. & T. Brooks
12/25 Tues. 10am	C. Mathison	R. Hollmeyer	Volunteer
12/29 Sat. 4pm	C. Frobish	F. Phillips	C. Hampson/T. & J. Wilkey
12/30 Sun. 10am	J. Naretto	L. Himes	L. Byers/A. & N. Himes

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 \$ 2257.00
Children's Envelopes \$ 15.00
Improvement Collection \$ 963.00

Thank you for supporting our parish!

Parish Staff:

Father Stanley Drewniak, *Pastor*
 Linette Hopwood, *Secretary*
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 Anne Simms & Tiffany Staab *CCD Directors*

Office Hours: 9-1 Monday -Friday

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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

Christmas Mass Schedule & New Years Day Mass

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

January 1 10am-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington

"It is you, O Divine Child of Bethlehem, who save us, freeing us from sin. It is you who are the true and only Savior, whom humanity often searches for with uncertainty. God of peace, gift of peace for all humanity, come to live in the heart of every individual and of every family. Be our peace and our joy!" Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Fr. Stanley

The Rectory and Office will be closed December 24th—December 26th. Merry Christmas!

No Daily Mass December 26, 27, January 2 & 3rd. The Daily Mass will resume on Tuesday, January 8th.

Great job to our Religious Ed students presenting their Christmas Program on Sunday. Thank you to the teachers for doing a great job teaching our children in Religious Ed. A reminder classes resume January 13th.

The **Volunteer Schedule** for January can be found on our website swkrcatholics.org under the ministry tab. If you would like a printed copy, please call the Rectory. Thank you for volunteering.

Save the date—Friday, February 1st for the **Appreciation Dinner**.

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 swkrcatholics.org Thank you!

Word of Life—"To couples who cannot have children of their own, you are no less loved by God; your love for each other is complete and fruitful when it is open to others." Pope Saint John Paul II, February 13, 1982 Homily. © 1982 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. www.goo.gl/jLDs4e

"The magic of Christmas is not in the presents, but in His presence." - Unknown

News & Upcoming Events



The Candy Cane Story

A candy maker wanted to make a candy that would be a witness for his Savior, so he made the Christmas Candy Cane. He began with a stick of pure white, hard candy, which symbolizes the Virgin Birth and sinless nature of Jesus. The hardness symbolizes the Solid Rock and firmness of the promises of God. He then formed the candy into a "J" for Jesus our Savior (John 3:16-17) and the staff of our Good Shepherd. He stained it with three small, red stripes representing the scourging Jesus received prior to His crucifixion for our healing. He added one large red stripe to represent the shedding of His blood on the cross for our salvation.

Fourth Sunday of Advent – 23 December 2018

God came in human flesh. Mass today tells the story: no one is too small, too insignificant to bear the presence of God. The pre-born John [the one to be the Baptist] acts first in the story of visitation by jumping for joy in the womb. At what? The assurance that God comes and will be God-with-us.

- ◆ How will I let God come to me today?
- ◆ At what can I jump for joy?
- ◆ How will I enjoy the freedom of God's good grace by doing this mercy work: _____?

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

In today's Christmas Mass at dawn we hear from the Gospel reading that God has entered quietly into the world. Not into the great city of Jerusalem, but into a small village about five miles south. Not into a noble family, but to an outcast couple keeping the newborn in a manger. Not announced by royal edicts, but to common shepherds, the first human heralds of Christ's birth. As Christian stewards we simply allow Christ to live in us no matter what our circumstances happen to be. We allow Christ to share his love with us and reflect that love out to others. We now are the heralds of Christ's Incarnation. What an unimaginable gift from a generous Lord. Good stewards rejoice in this gift and give glory to God.

