



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

South Wilmington, IL



MASS INTENTIONS:

12/08/18 Sat. 4:00pm+Frank & Alice Jirmasek (M/M John Wilson)
 12/09/18 Sun. 10:00am +Mike Monferdini (Shane Wepprecht)

12/10/18 Mon. No Mass
 12/11/18 Tues. 7:30am +Merrill Harvey (Shirley Farland)
 Tues. Rosary following Mass
 12/12/18 Wed. 7:30am +Lucille Phelan (Paul & Regina Chase)
 12/13/18 Thurs. 7:30m +Delores Austin (Family)
 12/14/18 Fri. No Mass
 12/15/18 Sat. 4:00pm+Albert Doglio Jr. (Family)
 12/16/18 Sun. 10:00am +Cecilia Maxard (Mark & Bobbi King) and Parishioners

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
12/08 Sat. 4pm	D. Wollgast	S. Myrick	E. & M. Simms/C. Hampson
12/09 Sun. 10am	C. Male	D. Pfeifer	L. Byers/T. & J. Wilkey
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

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 \$ 1845.00
Children's Envelopes \$ 6.00

Thank you for supporting our parish!

Parish Staff:

Father Stanley Drewniak, *Pastor*
 Linette Hopwood, *Secretary*
 Email: stlawrenceswilm@yahoo.com
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 Anne Simms & Tiffany Staab *CCD Directors*

Office Hours: 9-1 Monday -Friday
 St. Lawrence Rectory (815) 237-2230
 St. Lawrence Fax (815) 237-2201
 Maria Hakey, *Bulletin* (815) 237-8268

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

Our Condolences to the family and friends of Elizabeth (Betty) Opyd and to Craig Male and family on the passing of his brother, Brett Male. Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord. May their souls and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace.

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.

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

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

Rectory office closed on Friday, December 14th

Reminder 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 anyone needing service hours.

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.

Improvement Collection—will be next weekend Dec. 15/16. Thank you for your generosity.

News & Upcoming Events

Catholic Charities Mobile Food Pantry

On **Monday, December 10** at **4pm** Catholic Charities' Mobile Food Pantry will be distributing food in the church parking lot (rain or shine). Catholic Charities and the Northern Illinois Food Bank have partnered to deliver nutritious food (meat, produce and nonperishable items) to people in need. **This Mobile Food Pantry is sponsored by GGS PTG, Janis Winchell Memorial, and St. Lawrence Garage Sale Donations.** Participants are asked to bring bags, laundry baskets, or boxes to transport food and grocery products to their vehicles. There will also be shopping carts available. A representative from Catholic Charities will be available at this event to explain additional services provided by the agency. You do not have to be Catholic to participate. Catholic Charities helps people of all faiths and beliefs. For more information about Catholic Charities, please visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org. If you know anyone in need, please inform them. Volunteers please arrive by 3pm and dress warm. Thank you!

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!

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Saturday, 08 December 2018

God comes to favor us. From the beginning days in Eden, the man was assured by God not to hide. Clothing helped. From the beginning new days, God's angel tells Mary: Do not fear - God favors you - the Spirit will do holy things in you - nothing is impossible! How can this be? By God's grace and mercy.

◆ What favor has God found in me?

Second Sunday of Advent - 09 December 2018

God knows where we are - and comes. This is divine revelation: God coming, God showing, God being with us. Always! Let us, therefore, wear the cloak of justice and the hat of God's glorious splendor. That is, let us still dress like Christ - just as we were first clothed in him at Baptism - and radiate his presence - just as we were first illumined by him in that sacramental bath.

- ◆ John the Baptist calls us, today, to conversion. What will I do?
- ◆ How can I wear mercy like a comfortable cloak, a well-worn hat?
- ◆ How can my daily life shine in more merciful ways?

“Family is a treasure chest worth more than a mountain of gold.”