



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

South Wilmington, IL



MASS INTENTIONS:

2/17/18 Sat. 4:00pm +Tulio & Annie Residori (Tom Residori)
 2/18/18 Sun. 10:00am +Kate & Harry Joyce (Family)

2/19/18 Mon. 10:00am-No Mass
 2/20/18 Tues. 7:30am +Mary Maher (Dan & Marsha Ford)
 2/21/18 Wed. 7:30am +Helen Griglione (Michael & Elaine Joyce)
Wed. 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
 2/22/18 Thurs. 7:30am +Joseph & +Genevieve Residori (Family)
 2/23/18 Fri. 7:30am-No Mass
 2/24/18 Sat. 4:00pm +Tom Granger (M/M Terry Hampson)
 2/25/18 Sun. 10:00am 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
2/17 Sat. 4pm	T. Peterson	F. Phillips	M. Phillips/M. Kelly
2/18 Sun. 10am	C. Mathison	L. Himes	W.C.T. Brooks
2/24 Sat. 4pm	C. Frobish	R. Chase	N. Siano/O. Siano
2/25 Sun. 10am	Special	D. Pfeifer	A. Himes/A. Meredith

Holy Father's Intention for the month of February:
General Intention: Say "No" to Corruption. That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

Weekly Income:
Budget (Needed) \$ 3200.00

Sunday Collection \$ 2200.00
Children's Envelopes \$ 4.00

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 February
 Thalia Wilson 237-8595
 Janet Anderson 237-8545

FROM AROUND THE PARISH

The Rectory will be closed on Monday, February 20th and Thursday, February 22nd this week.

Wednesday, February 21st, Stations of the Cross at 7:00PM. By praying the Stations of the Cross, we spiritually retrace the steps that Jesus took in accomplishing our salvation. We enter into the mystery of His suffering and death so that we can also enter more fully into the mystery of His life-giving Resurrection. The Stations of the Cross are prayed every Wednesday at 7pm during Lent. Please make a special effort to come and pray this beautiful Lenten Devotion. Stations of the Cross in Kinsman will be at 5pm on Wednesdays during Lent.

Thank you to all our volunteers who gave their time to help out in the cold at the Mobile Food truck last Monday. We assisted **80** families with food. Once again, St. Lawrence is fortunate to have parishioners helping the less fortunate. Thank you to Amy's Fresh Market for the use of the shopping carts.

This weekend we will have a Second Collection for our monthly Improvements. Thank you for your generosity.

Family Mass is next Sunday, February 25th. 5th Grade & 2nd Grade will be lectors, collecting offertory and bringing up the gifts. Don't forget about bringing a non-perishable food item for the local food pantry. Items needed boxed meals, pasta, soups, cereal and canned fruits, and vegetables.

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!

LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

"The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness."
 Pope Benedict XVI

News & Upcoming Events

The Annual Chili Supper Sponsored by South Wilmington United Methodist will be held on February 24th from 4 PM to 7 PM at St. Lawrence Parish Hall. All-U-Can-Eat chili, hot dogs, chips, dessert, lemonade & coffee. South Wilmington Home Bound Residents Call 815-237-2766 for delivery to your home.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

First Sunday of Lent – 18 February 2018

It is all about Baptism. The story of Noah and the flood is all about being saved in the water. Saint Peter is absolutely clear in saying that it points to Baptism. In these Christian waters, we repented and believed. In these Forty Days, we cherish the elect awaiting Baptism. Throughout this Lent, we recall our own being made new in the font and urgent desire to be new again.

- What will I do this Lent to repent and believe in Good News?
- How can my behavior imitate baptismal purity?
- How will I keep in thought and prayer the elect who will plunge into the font this Easter Vigil and enter the fullness of our sacramental life with the Dead and Risen Christ?