



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

South Wilmington, IL



MASS INTENTIONS:

2/24/18 Sat. 4:00pm +Tom Granger (M/M Terry Hampson)
 2/25/18 Sun. 10:00am Parishioners

2/26/18 Mon. 10:00am-No Mass
 2/27/18 Tues. 7:30am +Joe & +Mary Bacigalupo (Bill Bacigalupo)
 2/28/18 Wed. 7:30am +Constantine Family
Wed. 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

3/01/18 Thurs. 7:30am +Kate Doglio (Family)
 3/02/18 Fri. 7:30am-No Mass
 3/03/18 Sat. 4:00pm +Pete & +June Vota (Family)
 3/04/18 Sun. 10:00am +Merrill Harvey (Allen & Dawn Cotton)

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
2/24 Sat. 4pm	C. Frobish	R. Chase	N. Siano/O. Siano
2/25 Sun. 10am	Special	D. Pfeifer	A. Himes/A. Meredith
3/03 Sat. 4pm	C. Frobish	M. Schmidberger	N. Siano/O. Siano
3/04 Sun. 10am	A. Simms	P. Holohan	L. Staab/L. Byers

Holy Father's Intention for the month of March:
General Intention: Formation in Spiritual Discernment. That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.



Weekly Income:
Budget (Needed) \$ 3200.00

Sunday Collection \$ 1634.00
Children's Envelopes \$ 19.00
Eastern Europe \$ 334.00
Improvement Collection \$ 565.00

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 March
 Donna Hampson 237-2374
 Mary Pfeifer 237-8164

FROM AROUND THE PARISH

Stations of the Cross are every Wednesday during Lent. The Way of the Cross is not only a great testimony to an inner depth and maturity, but it is in fact a school for interiority and consolation. It is also a school for the examination of conscience, for conversation, for inner transformation and compassion – not as sentimentality, as a mere feeling, but as a disturbing experience that knocks on the door of my heart, that obliges me to know myself and to become a better person. (Pope Benedict XVI) The pious exercise of the Way of the Cross represents the sorrowful journey that Jesus made with the Cross on His shoulders, to die on Calvary for the love of us. Won't you join us on the Wednesdays during Lent for 45 minutes of your time at 7 PM?

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 2nd is World Day of Prayer 2018. World Day of Prayer is an ecumenical celebration of informed prayer and prayerful action. Join in the prayer service written by the women of Suriname, South America, which invites us to explore universal issues of climate change, natural disasters and pollution both in the Suriname context and around the world, and our response in light of God's generosity.

St. Lawrence and area churches are participating in the program to be held at Church of Hope in Gardner on Friday, March 2nd at 2:00 p.m. Please consider joining us.

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!

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.

News & Upcoming Events

St. Patrick's and the Dwight Knights of Columbus are again having their annual Lenten Fish Fries at the St Patrick Parish Hall in Dwight. This year they have scheduled 6 Fridays, all except Good Friday. (February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16 and the 23) They will be serving from 5 till 7. The price includes your choice of baked or fried fish, breaded shrimp or a grilled cheese sandwich, baked potato or french fries, coleslaw or apple sauce with a roll, beverage and desert also included. Take outs orders are available at the same price. Prices are Adults - \$9.00 Grade schoolers - \$4.50 Pre-schooler - Free.

The Difference...I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day; I had so much to accomplish that I didn't have time to pray. Problems just tumbled about me, and heavier came each task. "Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered He answered, "You didn't ask." I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on, gray and bleak; I wondered why God didn't show me He said, "But you didn't seek." I tried to come into God's presence, I used all my keys at the lock God gently and lovingly chided, "My child, you didn't knock." I woke up early this morning, and paused before entering the day; I had so much to accomplish that I had to take time to pray. *Author Unknown*

Second Sunday of Lent – 25 February 2018

Surprising and mysterious. Who is this Jesus shining before us in dazzling white clothes? The gospel tells us this: law-giver like Moses, prophet like Elijah, beloved Son like no other! He is the one who intercedes for us, who prays for us, who desires beyond hope for us an obediently devoted life now and a final heavenly life to come.

- In listening to the Beloved Son, what do I need to hear?
- How will this hearing change or better my behaviors?
- How will I walk before the Lord these Lenten days doing mercy work?