



# ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

South Wilmington, IL



### MASS INTENTIONS:

2/02/19 Sat. 4:00pm +Brad Wepprecht (Bruce & Deb Tjelle)  
 2/03/19 Sun. 10:00am +Pete Schultz (Cindy, Kailyn & Chelsea)

2/04/19 Mon. No Mass  
 2/05/19 Tues. 7:30am +George Maxard (Family)  
 2/06/19 Wed. 7:30am +Betty Opyd (Duane & Donna Lewis)  
 2/07/19 Thurs. 7:30am +John Austin (Carl & Sherry Pohl)  
 2/08/19 Fri. No Mass  
 2/09/19 Sat. 4:00pm +Joseph & Genevieve Residori (Family)  
 2/10/19 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
2/2 Sat. 4pm	D. Wollgast	R. Chase	C. & T. Brooks
2/3 Sun. 10am	J. Naretto	P. Holohan	A. Meredith/L. & A. Staab
2/9 Sat. 4pm	T. Peterson	S. Myrick	N. & O. Siano
2/10 Sun. 10am	C. Male	D. Pfeifer	L. Byers/T. & J. Wilkey

**Holy Father's Intention for the month of February:**  
*General Intention:* Human Trafficking. For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.



**Weekly Income:**  
**Budget (Needed) \$ 3200.00**  
**Sunday Collection \$ 1520.00**  
**Childrens Envelopes \$ 1.25**  
**Improvement \$ 70.00**  
**Latin America Collection \$ 315.00**

**Thank you for supporting our parish!**

### Parish Staff:

Father Stanley Drewniak, *Pastor*  
 Linette Hopwood, *Secretary*  
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 Web Page: [swkr Catholics.org](http://swkr Catholics.org)  
 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 February**  
 Thalia Wilson 237-8595  
 Janet Anderson 237-8545

### FROM AROUND THE PARISH

**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 [swkr Catholics.org](http://swkr Catholics.org) Thank you!

Thank you for your generous support last week of the Collection for the **Church in Latin America**. As a parish, we collected \$315, which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean so they in turn can share it with others. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) and click "How to Give" on the left. Your gift makes a difference!

**Thank you-**to all the volunteers who braved the nasty cold weather on Monday and volunteered at the Mobile Food Truck. We really appreciate each and every one of our volunteers.

The Rectory office will be closed on Wednesday, February 6th. Lin will be attending a meeting at the Diocese.

The **Blessing of the Throats** is a sacramental of the Roman Catholic Church, celebrated on February 3, the feast day of Saint Blaise of Sebaste. St. Blaise enjoyed widespread veneration in the Eastern and Western Churches due to many cures attributed to him. According to tradition, he was a physician and Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia and was martyred under Licinius. On February 3rd the Church gives a "Blessing of the Throats" in honor of St. Blaise. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat. Many cures were attributed to him notably that of a child who was suffocating through a fish bone being caught in his throat. It is customary in many places to bless the throats of the faithful with two candles tied together with a red ribbon to form a cross. The rite of the blessing of throats may take place before or after Mass. The priest or deacon places the candles around the throat of whoever seeks the blessing, using the formula: "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat, and from every other disease. In the name of the Father and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. R. Amen."

Fr. Stanley will be blessing throats after all Masses.

"A single act of pure love pleases me more than a thousand imperfect prayers."  
*Jesus (According to St. Faustina)*

### News & Upcoming Events

**The Gardner Lions** will be serving breakfast at the Gardner Legion Hall on Sunday, **February 10th**, 7am-noon. Menu: Pancakes, French toast, eggs, sausage or bacon, biscuits and gravy, toast, coffee, juice and milk. The cost for Adults, \$7.00 Children ages 5-10, \$3.00. Children 4 and under eat free. A donation of canned goods for the local food pantry would be appreciated.

**The Shroud Encounter** experience will be coming to Immaculate Conception Church in Braidwood on Sunday March 17, 2019 at 2:00 PM. Russ Breault, an internationally known speaker from Georgia, will present the latest scientific research on the Shroud of Turin. It will be a fast moving, big screen experience using over 200 images covering all aspects of the Shroud research. Anita Scheer from Immaculate Conception Parish will be selling tickets after our Masses next weekend.

**The Annual Chili Supper** Sponsored by South Wilmington United Methodist will be held on February 9th from 4 PM to 7 PM at St. Lawrence Parish Hall. All-U-Can-Eat chili, hot dogs, chips, dessert, lemonade & coffee. Adults \$7.00 Ages 5-13 \$3.50 Under 5 Free. South Wilmington Home Bound Residents Call 815-237-2766 for delivery to your home.

**P.A.D.S. Public Action to Deliver Shelter** - Runs October through April. This is an overnight homeless shelter that requires adult volunteers. St. Lawrence serves the third Monday of each month. Please call Tom Perkins if you are interested to help out at 815-237-8172 or cell 815-823-4902.

**Word of Life**- "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you" (Jeremiah 1:5). NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 2/3, 2019

In today's second reading we find one of the most beautiful and familiar passages in the Bible; a recitation of fifteen characteristics of Christian love typically read at weddings and anniversary celebrations. Of course, this was not what Saint Paul had in mind when he was chastising the Christian community at Corinth for its lack of love. He admonished the members of the community to exercise better stewardship of Christian love. The practice of patience, humility, joy, truth, peace, affirmation, and hope are ways good stewards put love into action. Might there be one or two of these attributes we can work on in order to grow in our love for God and others?