



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH
South Wilmington, IL



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Hall Rentals – Call the Office

Mass Schedule:
Sat. – 4:00pm
Sun. – 10:00am
Tues. 6:30pm
Wed. & Thurs. – 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
Renee Hollmeyer 237-8313
Pam Holohan 237-2311

MASS INTENTIONS:

11/30/19 Sat. 4:00pm +Irene Gunderson (Bob, Sue & Family)
12/01/19 Sun. 10:00am +James X. Schultz (Emma & Family)

12/02/19 Mon. No Mass
12/03/19 Tues. 6:15pm Rosary
12/03/19 Tues. 6:30pm +Fr. Matthew Mazzuchelli (Tim Harvey)
12/04/19 Wed. 7:30am +Alice Jirmasek (M/M Rich Wilson)
12/05/19 Thurs. 7:30am +Betty & Chippy Dinelli (Family)
12/06/19 Fri. 7:30am No Mass
12/07/19 Sat. 4:00pm +Bret Male (Rodney & Sharon Ford)
12/08/19 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
11/30 Sat. 4pm	A. Wargo	S. Myrick	L. & K. Scheuber
12/01 Sun. 10am	T. Staab	P. Holohan	A. & L. Staab
12/07 Sat. 4pm	T. Peterson	F. Phillips	R. & M. Cacello
12/08 Sun. 10am	C. Male	L. Himes	A. Himes & O. Siano

Holy Father’s Intention for the month of December:
General Intention: The Future of the Very Young. That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.



Weekly Income:	
Budget (Needed)	\$ 3200.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 1789.00
Children’s Envelopes	\$ 4.00
Improvement	\$ 150.00
CCHD	\$ 405.00
Thank you for supporting our parish!	

FROM AROUND THE PARISH

Christmas Flowers-If you would like to make a donation towards our Christmas Poinsettias, there is a Christmas Flower envelope in your envelope box. Please complete and put into the collection basket. If you don’t have envelopes, please use a plain white envelope marked “Christmas Flowers” and include a list of whom the flowers are in memory or Honor of. Make checks payable to St. Lawrence Church. Thank you!

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish, we raised \$405 to support those who live on the margins and in poverty in the United States.

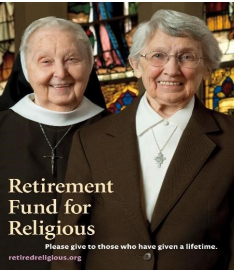
The Giving Tree – is designated to raise funds for future mobile food trucks. Please remove a plate from the Giving Tree and use the attached envelopes to place your donation for the food truck and return in the Sunday collection basket. Any contribution is appreciated. Please make checks payable to St. Lawrence Church. Thank you for your continued generosity in helping others improve their lives.

The **Volunteer Schedule** for December 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.

Advent Confession Schedule
Tues., Dec. 10 7:00pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
Wed., Dec. 11 6:00pm-Sacred Heart, Kinsman
Sat., Dec. 14 after 5:30pm Mass-St. Mary’s, Reddick

A visiting Priest is coming to South Wilmington to help Fr. Stanley hear confessions on December 10th.

Give in thanksgiving. “The nuns left lasting impressions on me,” writes a donor. “I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education.” Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next week’s second collection is for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously.



News & Upcoming Events

Join us Sunday, December 8th at Immaculate Conception in Braidwood as we welcome Fr. Allam back to visit us from India. Fr. Allam will be back in the U.S. for the month of December to visit, spread awareness and fund-raise for his mission work in India. Come find out more about his Mercy Home, Feeding the Hungry program, and school. 3:30 PM following Michael O’Brien concert in the church. Tickets for concert available by contacting Anita (815)739-9767

The Knights of Columbus Council 1574 are sponsoring a “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest for children ages 5 through 14. Participants are asked to submit originally designed posters which reflect the theme of Keeping Christ in Christmas. All artwork needs to be on 11” X 17” poster board and include an entry form on the back. (Entry forms are available from our CCD teachers.) All entries are due in by Sunday Dec. 15th

ADVENT begins anew-Advent begins the Church’s new year of grace. Advent invites us to begin anew our new journey in the grace of Christ. For that reason, spiritual writers tell us that the spiritual life is a series of new beginnings. Advent invites us to a period of meditation, of examination. It is our time of preparing for the coming of Christ. But Christ comes in many ways. He will come, to be sure, on Christmas morn. But He will also come whenever the grace of God is stirred up in our hearts. For this reason Advent should be a time of more frequent and fervent meditation and examination. Through such means we will be more concerned with spiritual than temporal matters. In such a way the grace of God will be able to work more effectively in our souls. Advent is our time of spiritual rebirth. By opening the eyes of our soul through prayer and meditation, we will be better able to see the birth of Christ on Christmas morn!

-Fr. Vincent A Yzermans

First Sunday of Advent – 01 December 2019
Isaiah 2:1-5. Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9. Romans 13:11-14. Matthew 24:37-44.

Coming That Is Certain Yet Unknown. We begin a new liturgical year today, focusing on the *parousia*, the “end time”, the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. We **know** its coming is certain. Jesus says, however, we **just do not know when**. How, then, shall we behave? As if that coming is today!

- Since Christ is light (Isaiah and Creed), how will my merciful behaviors shine with his radiance?
- Since Christ is near (Romans), how will I behave with sobriety, loving-kindness, and generosity?
- I will stay awake for the Second Coming of Christ by _____?