



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

South Wilmington, IL



MASS INTENTIONS:

12/07/19 Sat. 4:00pm +Bret Male (Rodney & Sharon Ford)
 12/08/19 Sun. 10:00am Parishioners

12/09/19 Mon. No Mass
 12/10/19 Tues. 6:15pm Rosary
 12/10/19 Tues. 6:30pm +Merrill Harvey (Harvey Family)
 12/11/19 Wed. 7:30am +Tom Perkins (Mary Lou & Jim Smolik)
 12/12/19 Thurs. 7:30am +Delores Austin (Donna Horrie)
 12/13/19 Fri. 7:30am No Mass
 12/14/19 Sat. 4:00pm +Deceased Members of McElroy Family (Family)

12/15/19 Sun. 10:00am +Albert Doglio Jr. (Family)

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
12/07 Sat. 4pm	T. Peterson	F. Phillips	R. & M. Cacello
12/08 Sun. 10am	C. Male	L. Himes	A. Himes & O. Siano
12/14 Sat. 4pm	D. Wollgast	R. Chase	K. & L. Scheuber
12/15 Sun. 10am	Special	R. Hollmeyer	T. & J. Wilkey

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 \$ 2059.00
Children's Envelopes \$ 1.00

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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 St. Lawrence Fax (815) 237-2201
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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

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 Thank you!

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.

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.

Support aging religious. Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.



The Rectory will be closed on Friday, December 13th.

Join us for the St. Lawrence Religious Education Christmas Program on Sunday, December 15th after 10:00 AM Mass. Our children have been preparing a wonderful celebration for the birth of Christ Our Savior!

Christmas Mass Schedule

Dec. 24th 2pm-Sacred Heart, Kinsman
 4pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
 5:30pm-St. Mary's, Reddick
 10pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
 Dec. 25th 8am-Sacred Heart, Kinsman
 10am-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington

"Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset."
 -St. Francis de Sales

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 or at the door.

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

Since December 8 falls on a Sunday this year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to December 9. (It is normally a holyday of obligation, but it is not obligatory this year).

Be a Good Steward of the Advent Season- Celebrate the season of Advent and light the Advent wreath candles each night before dinner. If you have children, let them offer their own prayers to the Christ child for whom we are waiting.

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?