



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

South Wilmington, IL



MASS INTENTIONS:

12/14/19 Sat. 4:00pm +Deceased Members of McElroy Family (Family)

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

12/16/19 Mon. No Mass

12/17/19 Tues. 6:15pm Rosary

12/17/19 Tues. 6:30pm +Cecilia Maxard (Rick & Donna Marketti) AND Tom Perkins (May Lou & Jim Smolik)

12/18/19 Wed. 7:30am +Gary Morris (Duane & Donna Lewis)

12/19/19 Thurs. 7:30am +Tina Turner (Family)

12/20/19 Fri. No Mass

12/21/19 Sat. 4:00pm +Mike Monferdini (David & Sherry Parks) AND Lou Naretto (Family)

12/22/19 Sun. 10:00am +Lois Residori (Tom Residori)

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
12/14 Sat. 4pm	D. Wollgast	R. Chase	K. & L. Scheuber
12/15 Sun. 10am	Special	R. Hollmeyer	T. & J. Wilkey
12/21 Sat. 4pm	C. Frobish	F. Phillips	C. Hampson/E. Simms
12/22 Sun. 10am	A. Simms	D. Pfeifer	M. Simms/N. 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 \$ 1908.00
Children's Envelopes \$ 5.00
Immaculate Conception \$ 330.00
Retired Religious \$ 327.00

Thank you for supporting our parish!

Parish Staff:

Father Stanley Drewniak, *Pastor*
 Linette Hopwood, *Secretary*
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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!

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

Religious give thanks. "Thank you' hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us," says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week's second collection.

Thank you to all who decorated our Church for Christmas last Sunday. It looks beautiful! Thankyou!

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!

No Religious Education classes on December 22nd, December 29th, and January 5th. Our next session will be January 12th. Enjoy your Christmas vacation with family and friends, but remember don't vacation from God.

The **Volunteer Schedule** for January can be found on our website swkr Catholics.org under the ministry tab. If you would like a printed copy, please call the Rectory. Thank you for volunteering.

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.

LIFE takes you to unexpected places,
 LOVE brings you home!

News & Upcoming Events

Catholic Charities Mobile Food Pantry

On **Monday, December 16** at **4pm** Catholic Charities' Mobile Food Pantry will be distributing food in the church parking lot (rain or shine). Catholic Charities and the Northern Illinois Food Bank have partnered to deliver nutritious food (meat, produce and nonperishable items) to people in need. **This Mobile Food Pantry is sponsored by St. Lawrence Giving Tree Donors.** Participants are asked to bring bags, laundry baskets, or boxes to transport food and grocery products to their vehicles. There will also be shopping carts available. A representative from Catholic Charities will be available at this event to explain additional services provided by the agency. You do not have to be Catholic to participate. Catholic Charities helps people of all faiths and beliefs. If you know anyone in need, please inform them. Volunteers please arrive by 3:15pm. Thank you!

Be a Good Steward of the Advent Season- Set aside a special time to read the Christmas Story in the Gospel of Saint Luke 1:5-56 through 2:1-20. Consider reading this account with your family and discussing it together..

Take a group Christmas Caroling to a nursing home or a children's hospital.

Attend Christmas Mass together with your family. December 25 falls on Wednesday this year so make sure you are present at the Table of the Lord. If you are alone this Christmas or don't have family living near you, invite a friend or neighbor to join you.

Third Sunday of Advent - 16 December 2018

God comes. What shall we do? God, indeed, is coming. Near at hand. At the door. Be busy! Be lovingly-kind, like God. Do mercy work. Being merciful does not require extraordinary behavior. It simply means, be human. That is, be holy. Prove that God is here by wrestling with conversion to Christ in ongoing ways - be genuine, be just, be fair. The gospel offers some suggestions: clean out the closet, share from the pantry, do not take what others need. Do mercy. Be mercy.

- Read Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate* of 2018 on the call to holiness in today's world. Here is a link: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html
- How will I be holy, be the "saint next door"?
- What mercy work will I do to share with those in need?