



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

South Wilmington, IL



MASS INTENTIONS:

12/21/19 Sat. 4:00pm +Mike Monferdini (David & Sherry Parks)
AND M/M Lou Naretto (Family)
12/22/19 Sun. 10:00am +Lois Residori (Tom Residori)
12/23/19 Mon. No Mass
12/24/19 Tues. 4:00pm Christmas Eve-Parishioners
Tues. 10:00pm Christmas Eve-Parishioners
12/25/19 Wed. 10:00am Christmas Day-Parishioners
12/26/19 Thurs. No Mass
12/27/19 Fri. No Mass
12/28/19 Sat. 4:00pm Parishioners
12/29/19 Sun. 10:00am +Martin & Marguerite Residori (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
12/21 Sat. 4pm	C. Frobish	F. Phillips	C. Hampson/E. Simms
12/22 Sun. 10am	A. Simms	D. Pfeifer	M. Simms/N. Siano
12/24 Tues. 4pm	D. Wollgast	R. Chase	L. Byers/N. Himes/M. Simms
10pm	C. Frobish	S. Myrick	Volunteer
12/25 Wed. 10am	C. Male	R. Hollmeyer	T. & J. Wilkey
12/28 Sat. 4pm	T. Peterson	S. Myrick	L. & K. Scheuber
12/29 Sun. 10am	T. Staab	D. Pfeifer	A. & L. Staab

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	\$ 2090.10
Children's Envelopes	\$ 3.00
Improvement Collection	\$ 698.00
Retired Religious	\$ 562.00

Thank you for supporting our parish!

Parish Staff:

Father Stanley Drewniak, *Pastor*
Linette Hopwood, *Secretary*
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Web Page: swkrcatholics.org
Anne Simms & Tiffany Staab *CCD Directors*

Office Hours: 9-1 Monday -Friday

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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. 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

Our condolences to the family and friends of Pete Faletti who entered Eternal Life. Eternal Rest Grant to him O Lord. May his soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace!

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

New Years Day Mass (Solemnity of Mary) this is a Holy Day of Obligation

Dec. 31st 4pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
5:30pm-St. Mary's, Reddick
Jan. 1st 8am-Sacred Heart, Kinsman
10am-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington

No Religious Education classes on December 22nd, 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.

2020 Calendars -A Big Thank you to R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory of Braidwood for the generous donation of the 2020 calendars. Please take one!

A Big Thank you to those who made a donation from our Giving Tree towards Mobile Food Trucks, all our volunteers who gave their time to help out at the Mobile Food Truck, the GSW High School Giving Tree for donating the hats, gloves and scarves and the South Wilmington Fire Dept. for providing lights during the Mobile on Monday. We assisted **70** families with food. The next Mobile Food Truck is scheduled for Monday, January 27th.

Save the date...**March 14, 2020** for the Nite at the Races.

The true joy of Christmas is not tied to the wealth of goods under the tree, but to the abundance of love and generosity that fill our hearts and spill out to others.

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 swkrcatholics.org Thank you!

The Rectory will be closed December 24-27th.

Merry Christmas to all!

News & Upcoming Events

Christmas TV and Online Mass for the Homebound-Will someone you love be unable to join us at church this Christmas? Heart of the Nation will celebrate Christmas Mass on TV and online. [TV Mass on December 25](#) WJYS ch. 62 at 10:00 a.m. [Online Christmas Mass](#) Christmas Mass will also be online throughout the day at www.HeartoftheNation.org For those who can attend at church, TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Christmas Mass obligation.

Companionship for Homebound Seniors-Catholic Charities' Senior Companion Program (SCP) is looking for individuals age 60 and over who live in Grundy County and are in need of additional assistance. This free program is designed to help homebound seniors remain living independently in their own homes. Individuals receiving services from the Senior Companion Program are matched with volunteers who provide social visits and transportation to the grocery stores, bank, medical appointments, or other errands. This program also provides relief to caregivers. If you (or someone you know) would like to apply to receive a Senior Companion in Grundy County, call Katie at 815-724-1223! To learn more about the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.



The Candy Cane Story

A candy maker wanted to make a candy that would be a witness for his Savior, so he made the Christmas Candy Cane. He began with a stick of pure white, hard candy, which symbolizes the Virgin Birth and sinless nature of Jesus. The hardness symbolizes the Solid Rock and firmness of the promises of God. He then formed the candy into a "J" for Jesus our Savior (John 3:16-17) and the staff of our Good Shepherd. He stained it with three small, red stripes representing the scourging Jesus received prior to His crucifixion for our healing. He added one large red stripe to represent the shedding of His blood on the cross for our salvation.

Fourth Sunday of Advent - 22 December 2019

Isaiah 7:10-14. Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6. Romans 1:1-7. Matthew 1:18-24.

To Dream and to Act. The promised Second Coming of Christ is assured in the reality of the first. This birth of Jesus, promised by an angel to Mary and dreamed by Joseph, results in God-with-us, Emmanuel.

How will my life be a sign that God is indeed with us now?

How will God's grace spill this week into these mercy works: _____?

How will I trust God and exorcise from my life whatever keeps me fearful?