



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
South Wilmington, IL



**MASS INTENTIONS:**

2/23/19 Sat. 4:00pm +Bret Male (Denny & Cindy Christensen)  
2/24/19 Sun. 10:00am Parishioners

2/25/19 Mon. No Mass  
2/26/19 Tues. 7:30am +Art Donnelly Sr. (Duane & Donna Lewis)  
2/27/19 Wed. 7:30am +Robert Ufnal (The Zarzycki Family)  
2/28/19 Thurs. 7:30am +Joe & Mary Bacigalupo (Bill Bacigalupo)  
3/1/19 Fri. No Mass  
3/2/19 Sat. 4:00pm +Kate Doglio (Family)  
3/3/19 Sun. 10:00am Pete & June Vota (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
2/23 Sat. 4pm	T. Peterson	M. Schmidberger	M. Phillips/C. Hampson
2/24 Sun. 10am	Special	L. Himes	M. & E. Simms/G. Scardina
3/2 Sat. 4pm	A. Wargo	R. Chase	M. Phillips/A. & N Himes
3/3 Sun. 10am	J. Naretto	P. Holohan	A. Meredith/L. & A. Staab

**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** \$ 1630.02  
**Childrens Envelopes** \$ 1.00  
**Improvement Collection** \$ 572.53

**Thank you for supporting our parish!**

**Parish Staff:**

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*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

**Congratulations** to Jackson Anthony Cacello, our newest member Baptized into God's family. Congratulations to the parents, Michael and Stefanie.

The **Volunteer Schedule** for March can be found on our website [swkrcatholics.org](http://swkrcatholics.org) under the ministry tab. If you would like a printed copy, please call the Rectory. Thank you for volunteering.

Surfers, boogie boarders or beach lovers don't forget to mark your calendar. **April 6<sup>th</sup> will be the Annual Nite at the Races** event at the Legion Hall in Gardner as we celebrate "Hang Ten" Hawaiian Style. The doors will open at 5:00 pm. There will be Italian Beef, Hot Dogs and Corn Dogs, a cash bar, and time to visit with family and friends before the first race at 6:30 pm. The Committee is busy gather items for our raffles and live auction. Next month there will be opportunities to purchase chances on a Yeti Tundra Haul cooler. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Mass & Ashes Schedule for March 6th  
7:30am—St. Lawrence (S. Wilmington)  
8:30am-Sacred Heart-(Kinsman)  
5:30pm-St. Mary (Reddick)  
7:00pm-St. Lawrence (S. Wilmington)



**Every gift to the CMAA makes a difference!** The opening report for the 2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) in today's bulletin details the many ways our annual appeals helps us offer *Signs of Hope* of God's work here on earth. The CMAA supports 30 ministries that benefit so many throughout the Diocese of Joliet. As you will read in the opening report, gifts to the CMAA make a difference to members of our parish as well as our friends and neighbors and our brothers and sisters in need. Please complete the pledge card you received from the Diocese of Joliet last month and return it in the provided envelope or bring it with you to Mass next weekend. Our parish's goal for the 2019 CMAA is \$10,000. If we raise more than this goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is a great benefit for our parish! Thank you for prayerfully reflecting on your gift to this year's CMAA and making the most generous pledge possible.

"Nothing great is ever achieved without enduring much."  
*St. Catherine of Siena*

News & Upcoming Events

**Catholic Charities Mobile Food Pantry**  
On **Monday, February 25 at 4pm** Catholic Charities' Mobile Food Pantry will be distributing food in the church parking lot (snow, 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 3pm. Thank you!

**World Day of Prayer**—All men, women and children are invited to Braceville United Methodist Church on Friday, March 1 at 10am for an Ecumenical World Day of Prayer Service. This year, the women of the Word Day of Prayer Committee of Slovenia call us to worship with the words: **"Come-Everything is Ready"** based on Luke 14 from the Bible. Refreshments will follow the program.

**Word of Life**—"Abortion affects countless marriages more than many people recognize. But there is no doubt that God will bring great healing to those who trust in his infinite mercy. If a past abortion can be acknowledged and addressed, a married couple can make great strides in experiencing even more fully God's design that 'the two shall become one' (Mt 19:5)." "Healing within Marriage from an Abortion" USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 23/24**  
In today's Gospel reading Jesus urges his listeners to "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." He also offers several examples of putting mercy into action. Listeners can then reason their way into how to put the values of the Gospel reflected in these imperatives into practice in other situations. Good stewards look for opportunities to exercise God's mercy toward others. They realize that, in doing so, their own experience of God's mercy not only becomes more profound, but affirms their hope of seeing the Lord face-to-face one day. How have we experienced God's mercy in our lives? How might our thinking, attitudes, words and actions reflect God's mercy on someone else today?