



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH



MASS INTENTIONS:

11/28/20 Sat. 4:00pm +Joseph Bacigalupo (Mary Lynn Schoff)
11/29/20 Sun. 10:00am Parishioners

11/30/20 Mon. No Mass
12/01/20 Tues. +James X Schultz (Emma & Family)
+Tom Perkins (Ken Villiger)
12/02/20 Wed. +Martina Turner (Family)
+Mary Maher (Ramona & Tracy Storm)
12/03/20 Thurs. +Gary Morris (James & Jona Berta)
+Fr. Matthew Mazzuchelli
12/04/20 Fri. No Mass
12/05/20 Sat. 4:00pm +Deceased Members of the Residori Family
12/06/20 Sun. 10:00am +Mary Lou Smolik (The Soto 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	Greeters	Ushers
11/28 Sat. 4pm	D. Wollgast	Wollgast/Homerding	Residori/Wollgast
11/29 Sun. 10am	T. Staab	Pfeifer/Chase	Pfeifers
12/05 Sat. 4pm	D. Wollgast	Lutz	Residori
12/06 Sun. 10am	T. Staab	Himes	Himes

Holy Father's Intention for the month of December:

General Intention: For a life of prayer. That our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.



Weekly Income:
Sunday Collection \$ 1657.00
Improvement Collection \$ 85.00
CCHD \$ 165.00
Thank you! Your support is appreciated!

To donate **online please go to www.dioceseofjoliet.org** and select Donate (green button) then select Universal Offertory Giving. To be of assistance, the Diocese has set up a universal offertory fund for any Diocese of Joliet parish. All monies will be directed to the parish of your choice. Thank you.

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 swkrcatholics.org Thank you!

Christmas Flowers-If you would like to make a donation towards our Christmas Flowers, 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 \$165 to support those on the margins who are living in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

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.

Thank you to all our volunteers making sure we have a safe place to worship. Thank you to our greeters and ushers sanitizing our hands and directing us as needed. Also, thank you to John Gretz and staff for sanitizing the Church after Mass. We wouldn't have a safe place to worship if it weren't for our volunteers. Thank you and may God Bless you all! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Parish Office. We are always needing help.

December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be held at 6:30pm on December 8th in South Wilmington.

The Word of Life-"Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary" respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary

News & Upcoming Events

The Giving Tree

Helping Those in Need



As we continue our efforts to protect our parishioners, Our Giving Tree will be virtual this year. St. Lawrence Church would like to continue our mission to provide food to those in need in our community. The cost of a Mobile Food

Truck is currently \$1,200. We are in need of donations to provide this service in 2021. If you are able, please help us serve our community by making a donation. You may put your donation in an envelope marked Giving Tree in the collection basket, dropped in the mail slot at the Church Office or mailed in. Any amount is appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

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

"For whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope." Romans 15:4

First Sunday of Advent – 29 November 2020

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7. Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19. 1 Corinthians 1:3-9. Mark 13:33-37.

Be Alert! Watch! We begin this new liturgical year as the old one ends: alert, on the watch, looking to the end time (that is, the return of Jesus Christ) while still living in this middle time of grace. In our watching, we make the words at the center of the Isaiah reading our own: "Would that you might meet us doing right." Let us be faithful gatekeepers – of our thoughts and of our acts – actively looking for the face of the Lord.

How will I maintain hope as I wait for Jesus Christ?

What will I say?

What will I do? The Works of Mercy can be a start.