



# ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH



## MASS INTENTIONS:

12/19/20 Sat. 4:00pm +Lois Residori (Family) AND  
 +Lou & Jean Naretto (Joyce Perkins)  
 12/20/20 Sun. 10:00am +Patrick McElroy (Family) AND Parishioners  
 12/21/20 Mon. No Mass  
 12/22/20 Tues +Tom Perkins (Curtis & Cindy Grove)  
 +Lawrence Gretz (Betsy & Kurt Lutz)  
 12/23/20 Wed. No Mass  
**12/24/20 Thurs. Christmas Eve 4pm & 10pm for Parishioners**  
**12/25/20 Fri. Christmas Day 10am for Parishioners**  
 12/26/20 Sat. 4:00pm +John Austin (Cash, Sarah, Ben & Sam Biros)  
 12/27/20 Sun. 10:00am +Martin & Marguerite Residori (Family) &  
 +Betty & Chippy Dinelli (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
12/19 Sat. 4pm	A. Wargo	Ford	Residori
12/20 Sun. 10am	T. Peterson	Hollmeyer	Hollmeyer
12/24 4pm	C. Frobish	Doglio/Lutz	Residori/Doglio
12/24 10pm	P. Holohan	Hopwood	Pfeifer/Perkins
12/25 10am	C. Male	Hollmeyer	Hollmeyers
12/26 Sat. 4pm	A. Wargo	Ford	Residori
12/27 Sun. 10am	T. Staab	Pfeifer	Pfeifers

### 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 \$ 2817.00**  
**Improvement Collection \$ 210.00**  
**Immaculate Conception \$ 340.00**  
**Retired Religious \$ 420.00**  
**Thank you! Your support is appreciated!**

To donate **online please go to [www.dioceseofjoliet.org](http://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.

## Parish Staff:

Father Stanley Drewniak, *Pastor*  
 Linette Hopwood, *Secretary*  
 Email: [stlawrenceswilm@yahoo.com](mailto:stlawrenceswilm@yahoo.com)  
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**Office Hours: 9-1 Monday -Friday**  
 St. Lawrence Rectory (815) 237-2230  
 Maria Haakey, *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!

## FROM AROUND THE PARISH

### Christmas Mass Schedule & New Years Day Mass

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

To attend one of the Christmas Masses you **MUST** call the parish office (815-237-2230) to register to attend. So sorry for the inconvenience this year. Thank you!

From the entire staff and myself, we wish you a very healthy, blessed, peaceful and full of joy Christmas. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of newly born child, intercede for you during this wonderful time. Fr. Stanley

The Parish Office will be closed on December 24-25th. Merry Christmas!

**Thank you to the volunteers** who gave their time to help out at the Catholic Charities Mobile Food Truck last Monday. We assisted **170** families with food. The next Mobile Food Truck will be coming January 11th at 4pm.

**Our Condolences** to Debbie Tjelle & Family on the loss of her father, Dick Pianca. May his soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace!

If you would like a Missalette to use at Mass, please don't hesitate to ask one of the greeters or ushers for one. Once you have received your Missalette, please know that it will be your responsibility to take it home with you after Mass and bring it back for your own personal use each week. Missalettes are not to be returned after Mass or left in the pews from one week to the next, due to Covid 19 restrictions. Thank you!

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.

## 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.



### 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.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shown.

**The Word of Life**-“Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother.” Learn ten tips at [respect-life.org/support-her](http://respect-life.org/support-her). USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting”

### Fourth Sunday of Advent – 20 December 2020

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16. Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29. Romans 16:25-27. Luke 1:26-38.

**How Can This Be?** Words of a visiting angel: Do not be afraid; God has this plan; you are full of grace. Mary speaks aloud what we all are thinking: “How can this be?” God makes it possible because God makes us holy!

- What should I stop fearing?
- What is God's plan for me just for this day?
- What will I do this week as God's holy person that benefits someone else?