



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH



MASS INTENTIONS:

12/05/20 Sat. 4:00pm +Deceased Members of the Residori Family
 12/06/20 Sun. 10:00am +Mary Lou Smolik (The Soto Family)

12/07/20 Mon. No Mass

**12/08/20 Tues Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 For all Parishioners Living & Deceased**

12/09/20 Wed. +Lena & Spirit Savant (Fair Family)
 +Dale Grieff (Bob & Judy Hintze)

12/10/20 Thurs. +Merrill Harvey (Harvey Family)
 +Tony Youskevitch (Jeff & Katy Wepprecht)

12/11/20 Fri. No Mass

12/12/20 Sat. 4:00pm +Delores Austin (Family)

12/13/20 Sun. 10:00am +Cinotto & Pomatto Families (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
12/05 Sat. 4pm	D. Wollgast	Lutz	Residori
12/06 Sun. 10am	T. Staab	Himes	Himes
12/08 Tues. 6:30pm	P. Holohan	Himes	Himes
12/12 Sat. 4pm	D. Wollgast	Lutz	Residori
12/13 Sun. 10am	C. Male	Chase	Harvey

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 \$ 1216.00
Improvement Collection \$ 5.00

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.

Parish Staff:

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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!

FROM AROUND THE PARISH

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.

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
 Each Parish will begin registration for their Christmas Masses for regular Mass attendees and their families of each parish beginning this weekend. Please sign up after Mass. Open Registration for each parish will begin on Monday, December 14th. Please call the Rectory Office to register to attend one of the Christmas Masses. Thank you!

Advent Confession Schedule

Wed., Dec. 9 7:00pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
 Sat., Dec. 12 after 5:30pm Mass-St. Mary's, Reddick
 Wed., Dec. 16 6:00pm-Sacred Heart, Kinsman

Help our elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

The Word of Life-"Jesus calls each of us to 'care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible' (EV 87). ...The encyclical *The Gospel of Life* recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the 'least of these' in our world's estimation." *Excerpt from *Evangelium vitae*, © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities 2020-2021 Respect Life Reflection, www.respectlife.org/reflection

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.

Religious Education

Religious Ed Students & Families, the December on-line lesson is available now on our website swkr Catholics.org under the Religious Ed tab. Topic: Christmas/Birth of Christ. Thank you for helping your child/children continue their faith journey.

The Rectory Office will be closed on Thursday, December 10th & Friday, December 11th.

Second Sunday of Advent – 06 December 2020

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11. Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14. 2 Peter 3:8-14. Mark 1:1-8.

What Sort of Persons? In this Advent time of looking to the future while living in the now, Saint Peter's question is the right one: "What sort of person ought you to be?" Saint John the Baptist offers a good response and better example. He is not full of himself. He knows his minor place. He points to the One who is both with us now and is also coming.

How will my waiting on the Lord make me more humble? What full-of-myself behaviors can I change, can I let go? Works of Mercy take the focus off me for the benefit of another. What will I do?

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity – Tuesday, 08 December 2020 Patronal Feastday of the United States of America

Genesis 3:9-15, 20. Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4. Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12. Luke 1:26-38.

The Lord is with You. The Lord is not just with Mary. That same God is also with us. Thus, also with me. For, as Saint Paul says, God chose us in Christ to be holy [too].

How will I choose to be holy this day? This week? This Advent?