



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

South Wilmington, IL



MASS INTENTIONS:

All Mass intentions that were scheduled will be re-scheduled when we begin celebrating Mass again in our parish.

Holy Father's Intention for the month of May:

General Intention: For Deacons. That deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

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!

COVID-19: A Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted coronavirus, We pray for care and healing. For those who are particularly vulnerable, We pray for safety and protection. For all who experience fear or anxiety, We pray for peace of mind and spirit. For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, We pray for policies that recognize their plight. For those who do not have adequate health insurance, We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone. For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all. For our brothers and sisters around the world, We pray for shared solidarity. For public officials and decision makers, We pray for wisdom and guidance. Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.



The Holy Father has encouraged all Catholics to pray the Rosary during this COVID-19 Pandemic. Also, add the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary during the month of May.

In this difficult time we count on your help. Until we are able to resume normal functions we ask you to support our parishes by sending your Sunday envelopes and donations by mail to our office: **PO BOX 190, South Wilmington, IL 60474** or **drop into our new drop box at the parish office door in South Wilmington.** (165 Rice Rd.) Once received we will distribute the funds accordingly. To donate **online please go to www.givecentral.org** and select Diocese of Joliet Universal Offertory. We are extremely grateful for any and all support.

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Hall Rentals - Call the Office

Mass Schedule: Suspended until further notice
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 May

Carol Frobish 584-1012
Mary Pfeifer 237-8164

FROM AROUND THE PARISH

Monday, May 11 at 4pm Catholic Charities' and Northern Illinois Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry will be distributing food in South Wilmington at St. Lawrence Church parking lot (rain or shine). **Participants are asked to remain in their cars.** The Mobile Food Pantry will use a "drive thru" method to distribute pre-packaged groceries to ensure that all participants are safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. You do not have to be Catholic to participate. Catholic Charities helps people of all faiths and beliefs. This Mobile Food Truck is **sponsored by the Donnelly Family in memory of Arthur Sr., Elaine & Scott Donnelly.** If you are comfortable volunteering, please arrive by 3:00pm.

Holy Water-Fr. Stanley has made available for your use in your homes, Holy water. If you would like have some, please contact the parish office for an appointment to schedule a pick up. Everyone will need to provide their own small container.

May-Month of Our Lady-In addition to the myriad feast days honoring Our Lady under her many titles and virtues, the entire month of May is especially given to her praise. In the words of Pope Paul VI, May is "a month which the piety of the faithful has long dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God ... For this is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne."



Happy Mother's Day!
From Fr. Stanley

Inspiration for the Week-What do you imagine the resurrected life of heaven to be like? When we try to get our minds around such an enormous concept, we can easily find ourselves at a loss. For some folks, the enormity of the question actually causes them to ignore the reality of heaven or even conclude that it does not exist. Jesus knew that the magnitude and grandeur of eternal life are really too much for us to grasp. He kept it simple and described it in terms of relationship. The disciples treasured their relationship with Jesus, and he assured them, "Where I am you also may be." Ultimately, that was enough for them to know. They would be with him. Strengthen your relationship with God as He is the way, the truth, and the life. Is the assurance that you will be with Him enough for you as well?

Religious Education - We are asking our families to please complete weekly family Religious Education Lessons posted on our website swkr Catholics.org. Please know that we are praying for all of you and hope to see everyone soon. Thank you!

News & Upcoming Events

Act of spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Blessed is MOTHER

Blessed is she whose daily tasks are a labor of love, for she translates duty into privilege. Blessed is she who mends clothing and toys and broken hearts, for her understanding is a balm to humanity. Blessed is she who serves laughter and smiles at every meal, for she shall be blessed with goodness. Blessed is she who preserves the sanctity of the Christian home, for hers is a sacred trust that crowns her with dignity.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

3 EASY STEPS To Keeping Yourself & Others Healthy!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



Wash Your Hands
Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.



Don't Touch Your Face
Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.



Keep Your Distance
Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.

Fifth Sunday of Easter – 10 May 2020

Acts 6:1-7. Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19. 1 Peter 2:4-9. John 14:1-12.

Chosen, Royal, and Holy. Jesus tells the disciples during the Last Supper that they know the way – to God, to new life, to heaven. This astonishing resurrected life, given us in Baptism, makes us chosen, royal, and holy people. We know, because of Jesus, the way to be all three.

- What mercy work will I do this week that fosters God's loving-kindness?
- How will this mercy activity make me more the royal and worthy person I am?
- How will I be holy?