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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!

Funeral Dinner Co-Chairs for December
 Carol Frobish 584-1012
 Renee Hollmeyer 237-8313
 Pam Holohan 237-2311

ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH



MASS INTENTIONS:

11/27/21 Sat. 4:00pm +Jim Residori (Tom Residori)
 11/28/21 Sun. 10:00am +Christopher Christensen (Christensen Family)
 11/29/21 Mon. No Mass
 11/30/21 Tues. 6:30pm +Cecilia Maxard (Carrie Robinette) +Tom Perkins (Robert & Sue Suddick)
 12/1/21 Wed. 7:30am +James X Schultz (Jim R. & Terri Schultz) +Dolores Mack (Ken & Dorothy Lardi)
 12/2/21 Thurs. 7:30am +Michael Jett (Mark & Michelle Sorensen) +Fr. Matthew Mazzuchelli (Dave & Debbie Wollgast)
 12/3/21 Fri. No Mass
 12/4/21 Sat. 4:00pm +Gary Morris (Family)
 12/5/21 Sun. 10:00am +Kazimierz Drewniak (Children)

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	Euch. Min.	Servers
11/27 Sat. 4pm	D. Wollgast	S. Myrick	
11/28 Sun. 10am	M. Pfeifer	D. Pfeifer	
12/4 Sat. 4pm	A. Wargo	L. Himes	A. & N Himes
12/5 Sun. 10am	M. Pfeifer	D. Pfeifer	M. & E. Simms

Holy Father's Intention for the month of December:
General Intention: Catechists. Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 1309.00
Improvement Collection	\$ 334.00
CCHD	\$ 427.00

Thank you! Your support is appreciated!

Online Giving Update-We are looking for your opinion. If there is enough interest in the online giving service we will be able to offer this on our parish website. Please contact the parish office if this is something that you might be interested in. We are looking for at least 5 families to be able to offer this service. Thank you!

FROM AROUND THE PARISH

Our Condolences to Dave Wollgast & family on the loss of his mother, Virginia Wollgast. May her soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace!

Quilt Winner-Congratulations to Jackie Bice our winner of the beautiful hand-quilted English Garden Quilt by the St. Lawrence Quilters. Thank you to all who supported the Annual Quilt Raffle this year.

Eucharistic Adoration—December 1st from 11am – 1pm at St. Lawrence O’Toole in Essex. Everyone is invited to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament on every **1st Wednesday of the month.** Please try to find time for Jesus in Adoration.

December 8-Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary) this is a Holy Day of Obligation. 7:30am & 7:00pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington 8:30am-Sacred Heart, Kinsman 5:30pm-St. Mary’s, Reddick

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, December 3rd. 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!

The **Volunteer Schedule** for December can be found on our website swkrcatholics.org under the ministry tab. Thank you to all our volunteers.

The Giving Tree will benefit two families in need of our help. Please take an ornament from the tree if you would like to help make Christmas for these families a bit more joyous. On the back of each ornament is a needed gift. The items will be collected thru Sunday, December 19th and delivered to the families in time for Christmas.



"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

News & Upcoming Events

Winter Wreath or Planter -Who would like to join me for an evening creating a unique outdoor winter wreath or planter. I will provide different kinds of evergreens, pine cones, 1 stem of red berries or white birch twigs along with a form to make a wreath. The cost is \$35, You're welcome to bring your own pot with soil.



I'll have extra embellishments, ribbons to make bows and branches for additional purchase. **Location**—Fr. Matthew Hall **Date**— Friday, Dec 3 at 6pm. Please let me know by Nov 28, who will be attending to get a full count of my supplies @815-216-4020. Thank you! Laura Himes

The First Midwest Bank in Gardner is sponsoring a Festival of Trees November 22nd-November 28th. November 28th at 5pm is final viewing, bidding and raffles. Following the Tree Lighting, winners will be announced at the Bank. St. Lawrence has donated a Tree to the festival. Please stop at the bank in Gardner this week and take a look at the beautiful trees.

Movie Night-Our Knights of Columbus will be hosting a movie night at Fr. Matthew Hall on Saturday, December 11, 2021 after the 4:00pm Mass. They are planning on showing the movie “Unplanned” and also some form of refreshments will be served. All are invited to this Movie night.

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

First Sunday of Advent – 28 November 2021
 Jeremiah 33:14-16. Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14. 1 Thessalonians 3:12–4:2. Luke 21:25-28, 34-36. **Fulfilling the Promise.** This is the thrust of Advent. We know Jesus came once; we believe, because of that, he comes again to bring the Reign and Kingdom of God to completion. We, now, are in between those two comings. How are we to live? Not dismayed or anxious. No, we are to be vigilant and strong, ever hopeful, full of right action, justice, and mercy. We stand erect because God does not abandon us.

- What dismays me about life today?
- What will I do to please God, trusting I am and we are not abandoned?
- What right actions, what works of justice and mercy will I do?