



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH



MASS INTENTIONS:

12/11/21 Sat. 4:00pm +Lois Residori (Tom Residori)
 12/12/21 Sun. 10:00am +Merrill Harvey (Family)

12/13/21 Mon. No Mass
 12/14/21 Tues. 6:30pm +Tom Perkins (Curtis & Cindy Grove)
 +Myrt Finn (George Black)
 12/15/21 Wed. 7:30am +Albert Doglio Jr. (Family)
 +Alice Jirmasek (M/M Kurt Lutz)
 12/16/21 Thurs. 7:30am +Ricardo Martinez (Martinez Family)
 +Delores Austin (+Mary Lou & Jimmy Smolik)
 12/17/21 Fri. No Mass
 12/18/21 Sat. 4:00pm +Patrick McElroy (Family)
 +Lou & Jean Naretto (Marie Granger)
 12/19/21 Sun. 10:00am +Richard Kowalski (Hanna Drewniak)

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
12/11 Sat. 4pm	A. Wargo	R. Chase	N. & O. Siano
12/12 Sun. 10am	C. Male	M. Theis	K. & L. Scheuber
12/18 Sat. 4pm	T. Peterson	S. Myrick	M. & E. Simms
12/19 Sun. 10am	T. Staab	L. Himes	A. & L. Staab

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 \$ 2253.00
Improvement Collection \$ 25.00
Snow Removal \$ 140.00
Thank you! Your support is appreciated!

Improvement Collection in December & January designated for Snow Removal. If you wish for your Improvement Donations to go towards Snow Removal costs this winter, please write "Snow Removal" on your Improvement Envelopes. 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!

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

FROM AROUND THE PARISH

Our Condolences to Mike Residori & family on the loss of his sister, LeAnn Terry. Condolences also to the family and friends of Nelle Hanley who entered eternal life this week. May their souls and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace!

Help aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others— educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's second collection.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Dec. 24th 4pm-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

Advent Confession Schedule

Sat., Dec. 11 after 5:30pm Mass-St. Mary's, Reddick
 Tues., Dec. 14 7:00pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington (We will have a visiting Priest helping on Tuesday)
 Wed., Dec. 15 6:00pm-Sacred Heart, Kinsman

Church Decorating- Please join us after 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, December 19th to decorate the Church for Christmas. Many hands are needed and appreciated.



The Giving Tree will benefit three 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. Thank you for your generosity.

The next Children's Mass will be next Sunday, December 19th at 10am. 4th Grade and 2nd Grade will be lectors and collecting offertory. The children will also be singing Christmas Songs during the Mass.

The Knights of Columbus #1574 is holding a Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest for Kids ages 5—14. Submit your originally designed posters which reflect the theme Keeping Christ in Christmas. Entry Forms can be found at the back of the Church.

News & Upcoming Events

Monday, December 13 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 (snow, rain or shine). You do not have to be Catholic to participate. Catholic Charities helps people of all faiths and beliefs. If you know anyone in need, please inform them. This Mobile Food Truck is **sponsored by The Church of Hope**. If you are able to volunteer, please arrive by 3:00pm to help pack boxes. Thank you!

Micro Pantry— will continue to remain open through the winter, but because the weather is starting to get colder, please avoid leaving glass jars or cans. Dry goods would be the best for the winter, such as Mac and cheese, cereal, boxed meals, dry soups, anything that will not freeze. The Micro Pantry is located on the corner by our Church. "Take what you need" and "Leave what you can". Free to those in need. Thank you !

"Health is Gods great gift, and we must spend it entirely for Him. Our eyes should see only for God, our feet walk only for Him, our hands labor for Him alone; in short, our entire body should serve God while we still have the time. Then, when He shall take our health and we shall near our last day, our conscience will not reproach us for having misused it." —*St. John Bosco*

Word of Life—"O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free." USCCB, "Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita"

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Feast – 12 December

We do not celebrate this patronal feast of the Americas this year because the Third Sunday of Advent is of higher rank and takes precedence.

Third Sunday of Advent – 12 December 2021

Zephaniah 3:14-18a. Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6. Philippians 4:4-7. Luke 3:10-18.

Exhorting and Expecting. Even in these troubled times, we are urged to rejoice this day, this week, this season. The question posed by nearly everyone to John the Baptist – What should we do? – is also our question. Saint Paul reminds us that the Lord is near. While we actively wait for Jesus Christ to come again, we are told to be merciful and just.

- What in my closet can be given to clothe someone in need?
- What actions in my job or my retirement can be fairer and more just?
- What words from my mouth will speak only truth?