



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

South Wilmington, IL



MASS INTENTIONS:

12/10/22 Sat. 4:00pm +Merrill Harvey (+Lou & Tammy Peterson)
 12/11/22 Sun. 10:00am Parishioners

12/12/22 Mon. No Mass
 12/13/22 Tues. 6:30pm +Delores Austin (Ken & Dorothy Lardi)
 +Kazimierz Drewniak (Children)

12/14/22 Wed. 7:30am +Tom Perkins (Hopwood Family)
 12/15/22 Thurs. 7:30am +Albert Doglio Jr. (Family)

+Danny Doglio (Jack & Rebecca Jones)
 12/16/22 Fri. No Mass
 12/17/22 Sat. 4:00pm +Lou & Jean Naretto (Danny & Loli Pope)
 12/18/22 Sun. 10:00am +Patrick McElroy (Family)

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
12/10 Sat. 4pm	C. Frobish	S. Myrick	K. & L. Scheuber
12/11 Sun. 10am	M. Pfeifer	D. Pfeifer	M. & E. Simms

12/17 Sat. 4pm	T. Peterson	L. Himes	A. & N. Himes
12/18 Sun. 10am	Special	M. Theis	R. & K. Shute

The **Volunteer Schedule** for **December** can be found on our website swkrcatholics.org under the ministry tab. If you would like a printed copy, please call the Parish Office. Thank you for volunteering.

Holy Father's Intention for the month of December:

General Intention: For Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations. We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



Weekly Income:
Sunday Collection \$ 2524.10
Snow Removal \$ 510.00

Thank you! Your support is appreciated!

Parish Staff:

Father Stanley Drewniak, *Pastor*
 Linette Hopwood, *Secretary*
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Office Hours: 9-1 Monday -Friday

St. Lawrence Rectory (815) 237-2230
 Maria Hakey, *Bulletin* (815) 237-2230
 Susan Tjelle, *RE Director* (815) 823-9376

Hall Rentals - Call the Parish 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

Welcome! We welcome all new individuals, couples and families to St. Lawrence Parish. If you haven't already done so, please register with the parish office. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board or on our website swkrcatholics.org Thank you!

Help aging religious. Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to today's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously.

Advent Confession Schedule

Sat., Dec. 17 after 5:30pm Mass-St. Mary's, Reddick
 Tues., Dec. 20 7:00pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington (We will have a visiting Priest helping on Tuesday)
 Wed., Dec. 21 6:00pm-Sacred Heart, Kinsman

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

Giving Tree Reminder-Please return all donations next weekend December 17/18. Thank you for your continued generosity in helping others.

Monday, December 12 at 4pm is the next Mobile Food Pantry coming to South Wilmington at St. Lawrence Church parking lot (snow, rain or shine). **Participants are asked to remain in their cars.**

Take Action to solve hunger by volunteering to sort and pack boxes, help us distribute food to neighbors in need. If you can volunteer, dress warm and please arrive by 3pm to help pack boxes. Please pass the word to those in need. Thank you!

Christmas Play next Sunday, December 18th after the 10am Mass our Religious Ed program will be putting on a Christmas Play for all parishioners. Please stay after Mass and support our young children and enjoy this beautiful short Christmas Play. All Religious Ed classes will be held at the Church next Sunday at 9am to rehearse their performance.

News & Upcoming Events



The Meaning of Advent Candles-Lighting these Advent candles each week symbolizes the proximity of Jesus' coming, hence each candle has its own special symbol and meaning. The first candle lit on the first week of Advent is a purple candle, this candle represents hope. In the first week of Advent, we recall the Prophet Isaiah, who anticipated the birth of Jesus. This first candle also represents the anticipation of the arrival of the Messiah. The second candle to be lit is also a purple candle. This candle symbolizes faith and the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem. It calls you out to prepare the way of the Lord. The next and third candle to be lit is the pink candle, which represents Joy. This candle reminds us that Jesus coming is near as we reach the middle point of Advent. The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday, which symbolizes the nearness of Christ's coming. On the fourth and final Sunday of Advent, the last candle is lit, which is purple. This candle represents peace and reminds us of the importance of Peace as the true savior of the world is coming.

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"

Third Sunday of Advent - 10 December 2022

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10. Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10. James 5:7-10. Matthew 11:2-11.

Who Is the Messiah? When even the land sings God's praise, how can we not do the same? When God comes for the blind, deaf, lame, and mute, how can we not care for the same? When we know Christ has both come and is coming yet again, how can we complain about anyone?

- How will the words I speak be filled with what God is up to in this world?
- How will the deeds I do attend to mercy work for blind, deaf, lame, and mute children of God?
- I will stop complaining this week about _____?

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Feast - Monday, 12 Dec. 2022 Patronal Feastday of the Americas

Zechariah 2:14-17. OR Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab. Judith 13:18bcde, 19. Luke 1:26-38. OR Luke 1:39-47.

A Rose Filled Cloak. Roses in winter, a miraculous image on fabric, a blessed patroness for all the Americas. Blessed is she. And blessed be God.

- Wrapped in the protection of Christ, how will I work for justice and for peace in the Americas - North, Central, and South?