



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

South Wilmington, IL



MASS INTENTIONS:

12/17/22 Sat. 4:00pm +Lou & Jean Naretto (Danny & Loli Pope)
 12/18/22 Sun. 10:00am +Patrick McElroy (Family)

12/19/22 Mon. No Mass
 12/20/22 Tues. 6:30pm +Cecilia Maxard (Family)
 12/21/22 Wed. 7:30am +Mary Lou Smolik (Jim & Joylene Fair)
 12/22/22 Thurs. 7:30am + Michael Joyce (Jeanne Harvey)

12/23/22 Fri. No Mass
12/24/22 Sat. 4:00pm Parishioners Christmas Eve
Sat. 10:00pm Parishioners Christmas Eve
12/25/22 Sun. 10:00am Parishioners Christmas Day

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	Euch. Min.	Servers
12/17 Sat. 4pm	T. Peterson	L. Himes	A. & N. Himes
12/18 Sun. 10am	Special	M. Theis	R. & K. Shute
12/24 Sat. 4pm	A. Wargo	S. Myrick	Volunteer
10pm	P. Holohan	R. Chase	Volunteer
12/25 Sun. 10am	C. Male	Volunteer	Volunteer

The **Volunteer Schedule** for **December** can be found on our website swkr Catholics.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	\$ 1437.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 525.00
Retired Religious	\$ 815.00

Thank you! Your support is appreciated!

Parish Staff:

Father Stanley Drewniak, *Pastor*
 Linette Hopwood, *Secretary*
 Email: stlawrenceswilm@yahoo.com
 Web Page: swkr Catholics.org

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

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

Our Church looks beautiful thanks to our parishioners for taking the time to decorate last weekend and those parishioners for making donations towards our Christmas Poinsettias. Thank you!



Thank you to our Volunteers that helped with the Mobile Food Truck on Monday. We helped 110 families. We couldn't do it without you! The next Mobile Food Truck will be here on Monday, January 23rd.

Prayers for the sick- The following names are the people that their family has asked us to pray for them during Mass. Please remember them in your daily prayers. Blaine Passini, Ray Testin, Jenny Kilmer, Terry Hampson, Michele Rowe, Jacob Giordano, Maria Hakey, Dominick Strom, Tim Kaffer, Marie Granger, Virginia Meditz, Linda Tyler, Elaine Joyce and Elaine Testa.

Update-If you discontinued your home phone and just use a cell phone, please call the Rectory with update or put a note in the Collection basket in an envelope marked "UPDATE". Thank you!

Religious Ed Reminder—There will be no Religious Ed classes December 25 or Jan. 1st. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 8th. Enjoy your holidays with your family and friends. Just because there is no class on these weekends, please remember to attend Mass each weekend!

"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did."

—St. Maximilian Kolbe

News & Upcoming Events

The Candy Cane Story

A candy maker wanted to make a candy that would be a witness for his Savior, so he made the Christmas Candy Cane. He began with a stick of pure white, hard candy, which symbolizes the Virgin Birth and sinless nature of Jesus. The hardness symbolizes the Solid Rock and firmness of the promises of God. He then formed the candy into a "J" for Jesus our Savior (John 3:16-17) and the staff of our Good Shepherd. He stained it with three small, red stripes representing the scourging Jesus received prior to His crucifixion for our healing. He added one large red stripe to represent the shedding of His blood on the cross for our salvation.



Advent is a time of preparation. One of the best ways to prepare our hearts is to clean them. Confession cleans our souls and helps us to get our hearts in the right place in regards to others and ourselves.

Religious give thanks. A sister writes, "We remember the many people who believe in the Retirement Fund for Religious, thanking them in prayer for their great generosity and compassion." God bless you for donating to last week's second collection. *Visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.*

Season 6 of BE FORMED registration is now open. Life in Christ, Part 1 (Man's Freedom, Moral Conscience, and The Virtues) January 10 through April 9. **Registration deadline to receive a workbook is December 19. Overall registration deadline is January 1.** Register at dioceseofjoliet.org under Adult Formation.

Word of Life—"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn ten tips at respectlife.org/support-her. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"

Fourth Sunday of Advent – 18 December 2022
 Isaiah 7:10-14. Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6. Romans 1:1-7. Matthew 1:18-24.

To Dream and to Act. The promised Second Coming of Christ is assured in the reality of the first. This birth of Jesus, promised by an angel to Mary and dreamed by Joseph, results in God-with-us, Emmanuel.

- How will my life be a sign that God is indeed with us now?
- How will God's grace spill this week into these mercy works: _____?
- How will I trust God and exorcise from my life whatever keeps me fearful?