



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

South Wilmington, IL



MASS INTENTIONS:

12/03/22 Sat. 4:00pm +James X Schultz (Emma)
 12/04/22 Sun. 10:00am +Lois Residori (Tom Residori)

12/05/22 Mon. No Mass
 12/06/22 Tues. 6:30pm +Mary Kaye Yatuni (Dorothy & Ken Lardi)
 12/07/22 Wed. 7:30am +Lena & Spirit Savant (Fair Family)

12/08/22 Thurs. 7:30am Immaculate Conception of BVM
7:00pm Immaculate Conception of BVM

12/09/22 Fri. No Mass
 12/10/22 Sat. 4:00pm +Merrill Harvey (+Lou & Tammy Peterson)
 12/11/22 Sun. 10:00am Parishioners

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
12/3 Sat. 4pm	A. Wargo	R. Chase	R. Byers & L. Scheuber
12/4 Sun. 10am	C. Male	M. Theis	R. & K. Shute
12/8 Thurs. 7:30am	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
12/8 Thurs. 7:00pm	D. Wollgast	R. Hollmeyer	Volunteer
12/10 Sat. 4pm	C. Frobish	S. Myrick	K. & L. Scheuber
12/11 Sun. 10am	M. Pfeifer	D. Pfeifer	M. & E. Simms

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	\$ 1332.00
Improvement Collection	\$ 40.00
Snow Removal	\$ 34.00

Thank you! Your support is appreciated!

Parish Staff:

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

St. Lawrence Rectory (815) 237-2230
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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

Eucharistic Adoration—December 7 from 11am – 1pm at St. Lawrence in South Wilmington. Since we are now in the Winter months, we will be holding Eucharistic Adoration in South Wilmington not in Essex. Please think about spending some extra time with Jesus during this Advent season.

December 8-Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary) this is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass Schedule

7:30am & 7:00pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
 9:00am-Sacred Heart, Kinsman
 12-1pm– Hour of Grace-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
 5:30pm-St. Mary's, Reddick

On **December 8**, the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin.** (This feast is also a holy day of obligation for dioceses in the United States.) On this feast, we celebrate Mary's conception free from the stain of Original Sin, and we recognize that Mary's life began the moment she was conceived in the womb of St. Anne. So, too, does every human life begin at the moment of fertilization, when it is lovingly knit together by God the Father.

December 8 Hour of Grace—By request of our Heavenly Mother for the Hour of Grace every year on December 8th from 12 noon to 1pm. Many spiritual graces and physical blessings will be received by those who pray undisturbed during this hour. Please see the insert for more information.

Lighten the load. An abbot writes, "Your gift helps ease our worldly burdens and allows us to continue living out our mission of seeking God and serving the Church." Donations to next week's **Retirement Fund for Religious collection** help hundreds of US religious communities to provide for their aging members. Please give generously.



Giving Tree—Reminder, this year we are seeking donations for our monthly Mobile Food Truck and a local family in need of assistance. Donations will be collected through December 18th. Thank you for your continued generosity in helping others.

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

Welcome! We welcome all new individuals, couples and families to St. Lawrence Parish.

News & Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 10 – Winter Carnival-The Reddick Community Auxiliary is sponsoring a Winter Carnival at the Reddick Fire Station Community Hall on Main Street, Reddick. The family event will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The Carnival will kick off with Santa's arrival! Activities include a visit with Santa, raffles, games, crafts, prizes, and entertainment.

"Crosses release us from this world and by doing so bind us to God." *Blessed Charles de Foucauld*

Word of Life- "Jesus calls each of us to 'care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible' (EV 87). ...The encyclical *The Gospel of Life* recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the 'least of these' in our world's estimation." *Excerpt from *Evangelium vitae*, © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved. SCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Second Sunday of Advent – 4 December 2022 Isaiah 11:1-10. Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17. Romans 15:4-9. Matthew 3:1-12.

A Changed Mind Fosters a Changed Life. Who would want to be accused of being part of a brood of vipers? Appearing to be good is not good enough. When the Lord comes again, justice and faithfulness will reign supreme from top to bottom. Won't that be grand? We don't have to wait. Though there will be a Second Coming, Christ is also with us now! Justice and faithfulness, hope and harmony are part of our lives already. Saint Paul, in the Romans reading, urges three things:

- Heed the instruction: Everyday, how will I let Scripture guide me?
- Pray in one voice: Everyday, how will I pray alone and with others?
- Welcome each other: Everyday, how will I live in harmony with others as the Lord does with me?

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity – 8 December 2022 Genesis 3:9-15, 20. Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4. Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12. Luke 1:26-38. **Purity.** Her conception is immaculate ... so that her birth nine months later on 08 September would be another sure sign for being the Mother of God. And, thus, as also Mother of the Church, she urges us to live grace-filled lives without "spot or wrinkle" (Preface).

- How will I step away from the serpent, flee from sin, and attend to God's good grace?