



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

South Wilmington, IL



MASS INTENTIONS:

1/28/23 Sat. 4:00pm +Patrick McElroy & Jennie Lenzie (Brian McElroy)
 1/29/23 Sun. 10:00am +Cathy Anderson (Paul & Regina Chase)
 1/30/23 Mon. No Mass
 1/31/23 Tues. 6:30pm +Denice Muzzarelli (The Lewis Family)
 2/01/23 Wed. 7:30am +Michael Jett (Melvin & Elaine Smith)
 2/02/23 Thurs. 7:30am +Mildred Dinelli (Brad & Mary Hampson)
 2/03/23 Fri. No Mass
 2/04/23 Sat. 4:00pm + Evelyn Ford (Ozog Family)
 2/05/23 Sun. 10:00am +Todd Sandeno (Craig & Val Male)

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
1/28 Sat. 4pm	A. Wargo	L. Himes	A. & N. Himes
1/29 Sun. 10am	C. Male	D. Pfeifer	M. & E. Simms
2/04 Sat. 4pm	C. Frobish	S. Myrick	L. Byers & R. Shute
2/05 Sun. 10am	C. Male	M. Theis	K. & L. Scheuber

The **Volunteer Schedule** for **February** 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 February:

General Intention: For parishes. We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, unity and welcome towards those most in need.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection 1/8	\$ 2546.00
Sunday Collection 1/15	\$ 1595.00
Sunday Collection 1/22	\$ 1498.00
Initial Offering	\$ 170.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 80.00
Snow Removal Fund	\$ 697.00
Latin America	\$ 494.80



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
 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 February
 Thalia Wilson 237-8595
 Janet Anderson 237-8545

FROM AROUND THE PARISH

Thank you to our Volunteers that helped with the Mobile Food Truck on Monday. We helped 108 families. Thank you again to all the Giving Tree Donors for sponsoring this truck. The next Mobile Food Truck will be here on Monday, February 13th.

Thank you for your generous support for last week's Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a parish, we collected \$494.80, which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean, so they in turn can share the Good News in their communities. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/latin-america and click "How to Give." Your gift makes a difference!

Statement of Contributions-If you would like a tax statement of your contributions for 2022, please call the Parish Office 815-237-2230. Statements can only be prepared if you use your weekly Offertory Envelopes.

Eucharistic Adoration- Everyone is invited to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at St. Lawrence in South Wilmington on **Wednesday, February 1st** from 11am – 1pm. Adoration is a way to be present with the Lord and focus on actively listening to His word through prayer. While it is true that you can pray to God anywhere and that He is always within you, it is especially powerful to adore Jesus in the Eucharist. In the presence of the Eucharist, we pray to the power and sacrifice that it represents — the body of Jesus, who gave His life so that we may live. It is His body, blood, soul and divinity that is really, truly, and substantially present in the Eucharist. We adore and receive the Eucharist in communion at Mass, which is the most beautiful act of worship that we have as Catholics. We have Jesus truly present in all of the tabernacles around the world. We can continue to adore Him in the Eucharist after Mass in a quiet time of prayer and contemplation on Who we have just received. Being in the presence of the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ gives spiritual strength and nourishment in a uniquely powerful way.

If you are interested in buying a horse for Nite at the Races, you can contact Susan Myrick at (815) 955-2627. Thank you!

"What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like." –*St. Augustine*

News & Upcoming Events

The **Blessing of the Throats** is a **sacramental** of the **Roman Catholic Church**, celebrated on February 3, the **feast day of Saint Blaise** of Sebaste. St. Blaise enjoyed widespread veneration in the Eastern and Western Churches due to many cures attributed to him. According to tradition, he was a physician and Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia and was martyred under Licinius. On February 3rd the Church gives a "Blessing of the Throats" in honor of St. Blaise. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat. Many cures were attributed to him notably that of a child who was suffocating through a fish bone being caught in his throat. It is customary in many places to bless the throats of the faithful with two candles tied together with a red ribbon to form a cross. The rite of the blessing of throats may take place before or after Mass. The priest or deacon places the candles around the throat of whoever seeks the blessing, using the formula: "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat, and from every other disease. In the name of the Father and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. R. Amen."

Fr. Stanley will be blessing throats after all Masses next weekend, Feb. 4/5.

"Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him." –Proverbs 30:5

Word of Life-Many people are unaware that someone they know personally is silently suffering from participation in abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn how in "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion": <http://bit.ly/friend-had-abortion> USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

The Presentation of the Lord, Feast – Thurs., Feb. 2, 2023

Malachi 3:1-4. Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10. Hebrews 2:14-8. Luke 2:22-40.

Christ Is Present. Hebrews announces what we know: Jesus Christ had to become like us in every way (be human) in order to be high priest (like us in all things but sin). We light and bless candles today to remember that Christ our Light illumines everything and everyone. We listen to Simeon and Anna sing his praise.

- How will I carry the Light who is Christ with me from Mass today?
- To whom will I let it shine?
- How will I sing his praise?