



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

South Wilmington, IL



MASS INTENTIONS:

2/18/23 Sat. 4:00pm +Jim Perkins (Joyce Perkins)
 2/19/23 Sun. 10:00am +Lou & Jean Naretto (Frances & Ray Bradford)

2/20/23 Mon. No Mass
 2/21/23 Tues. 6:30pm +Tom Perkins (Hopwood Family)
 2/22/23 Wed. 7:30am Parishioners (Mass & Ashes)
 6:00pm Ash Distribution Service
 2/23/23 Thurs. 7:30am +Cecilia Maxard (Family)
 2/24/23 Fri. No Mass
 2/25/23 Sat. 4:00pm Parishioners
 2/26/23 Sun. 10:00am +Lillian Sowers (Bob & Sue Suddick)

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
2/18 Sat. 4pm	P. Holohan	R. Chase	L. Byers & A. Himes
2/19 Sun. 10am	D. Wollgast	M. Theis	M. & E. Simms
2/22 Wed. 7:30am	C. Male	Volunteer	Volunteer
2/25 Sat. 4pm	C. Frobish	S. Myrick	K. & L. Scheuber
2/26 Sun. 10am	Special	D. Pfeifer	K. & R. Shute

The **Volunteer Schedule for February** 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 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 \$ 2422.50
Improvement \$ 65.00

Thank you!! Your offering is most 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
 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

Ash Wednesday Schedule for February 22, 2023

7:30am Mass & Ashes-St. Lawrence -S. Wilmington
 9:00am Mass & Ashes-Sacred Heart-Kinsman
 6:00pm Ash Distribution Service-St. Lawrence

Thank you to our Volunteers that helped with the Mobile Food Truck on Monday. We helped 90 families. The next Mobile Food Truck will be here on Monday, March 13th.

Improvement/Maintenance Collection-Today there is a second collection for our Monthly Improvements/Maintenance. Thank you for your generosity.

This is Commitment Weekend for the 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA),

when we commit our support for the mission and ministries of the Diocese of Joliet. This year's CMAA theme is *We Belong to God*. We must work together to ensure all feel included in our community of faith. Through our annual appeal, our parish joins with the other parishes in the diocese to help the poor and vulnerable, form our children in the faith and strengthen vocations. We could not accomplish these and the many other ministries the CMAA supports on our own. Seventy percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us, which is a wonderful opportunity for our parish. Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support our annual appeal and help our parish reach its \$10,200 goal. To make a gift, complete and return one of the pledge envelopes in church today. In advance, thank you for your support!

The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, February 20th in observance of President's Day!

Pregnancy Resource Center - Grundy County

Donations Needed!!! - Pull-Ups 3T & 4T Boys & Girls - Baby Wash, Shampoo, Lotion and Diaper Cream - Baby Food all kinds!!! Donations can be brought here to church or dropped off at 410 N. Broadway St. in Coal City 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

"Each of you knows that the foundation of our faith is charity. Without it, our religion would crumble. We will never be truly Catholic unless we conform our entire lives to the two commandments that are the essence of the Catholic faith: to love the Lord, our God, with all our strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves."-*Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati*

News & Upcoming Events

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023

1) Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. 2)All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. 3) On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. 4) To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful. 5) Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy. 6) Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.

Church of Hope (Gardner) is having a CASH BASH Fundraiser on February 25th from 5pm-11pm at the Gardner American Legion. Admission tickets are \$10 at the door.

Word of Life-“We often assume parenthood happens easily after ‘I do,’ but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility” respectlife.org/navigating-infertility

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19 February 2023

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18. Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13. 1 Corinthians 3:16-23. Matthew 5:38-48.
“The Lord is kind and merciful” [Psalm 103]. Jesus still teaches on the mount today. He moves from the “blessed are” to the “I say to you.” He says today: Do not hate. Do not get even. Do not retaliate. Do not insult. Love your neighbor, domestic and foreign. He ends with this: “So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Clear. To the point. Hard but doable with God's help.

- How will I be kind, be merciful today?
- Whom shall I stop hating?
- How can I shape my less-than-perfect behavior in the perfection of God?