



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

South Wilmington, IL



MASS INTENTIONS:

2/25/23 Sat. 4:00pm Parishioners
 2/26/23 Sun. 10:00am +Lillian Sowers (Bob & Sue Suddick)
 2/27/23 Mon. No Mass
 2/28/23 Tues. 6:30pm +Joe & Mary Bacigalupo (Bill Bacigalupo)
 3/01/23 Wed. 7:30am +Mary Maher (Jean Bennett)
 11am-1pm –Adoration
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
 3/02/23 Thurs. 7:30am +Sheriff Terry Marketti (Friends)
 3/03/23 Fri. No Mass
 3/04/23 Sat. 4:00pm +Lee Gunderson (Bob & Sue Suddick)
 3/05/23 Sun. 10:00am +Pete Schultz (Cindy, Kailyn & Chelsea)

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
2/25 Sat. 4pm	C. Frobish	S. Myrick	K. & L. Scheuber
2/26 Sun. 10am	Special	D. Pfeifer	K. & R. Shute
3/4 Sat. 4pm	A. Wargo	S. Myrick	K. & L. Scheuber
3/5 Sun. 10am	C. Male	L. Himes	A. & N. Himes

The **Volunteer Schedule** for **March** 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 March:

General Intention: For victims of abuse. We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



Weekly Income:
Sunday Collection \$ 1656.00
Improvement \$ 528.00

Thank you!! Your offering is most appreciated.

Parish Staff:

Father Stanley Drewniak, *Pastor*
 Linette Hopwood, *Secretary*
 Email: stlawrenceswilm@yahoo.com
 Web Page: swkrcatholics.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 March

Sue Suddick 584-2174
 Mary Pfeifer 237-8164

FROM AROUND THE PARISH

Eucharistic Adoration—If you have been considering coming to Eucharistic Adoration, now is the time. **March 1 from 11am – 1pm at St. Lawrence in South Wilmington.** Even if you only have 10-15 minutes. This is one way to add a little extra time for you with Jesus during the LENT season and don't forget to participate in Stations of the Cross.

The Stations of the Cross are an ancient tradition in the Catholic Church going back to the fourth century when Christians went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Stations of the Cross will be held every Wednesday during Lent at 5pm in Kinsman and 7pm in South Wilmington followed by Benediction. Could you walk a mile in Jesus's shoes? The Stations of the Cross bring us closer to Christ as we meditate on the great love He showed for us in His most sorrowful Passion! If you are able, please participate in Stations of the Cross for Lent.

 **Easter Flowers**—If you would like to make a donation towards our Easter Flowers, there is a Easter Flower envelope in your envelope package. Please complete and put into the collection basket. If you don't have envelopes, please use a plain white envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and include a list of whom the flowers are in memory or Honor of. Make checks payable to St. Lawrence Church. Thank you!

Sunday Offering Envelopes—The next set of envelopes for 2023 have been mailed to our registered parishioners. Envelopes are mailed out bi-monthly. If you do not receive envelopes in the mail, please contact the parish office at 815-237-2230. Thank you and May God Bless you always!

A Nite at the Races is back. Save the date; April 15, 2023. Doors open at 5:00 pm for food and mingling with family and friends until 6:30 pm when the first race starts. Admission tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased in advance or at the door. Your ticket includes \$10 in "funny money" which will be provided at the door and can be used for food, race bets, or raffle tickets. There will be a live auction after the last race. A cash bar will be available throughout the night. Everyone 21 and older is welcome to attend. Come dressed for our theme "Roaring 20's" and receive two extra raffle tickets to use for your chance on the great prize baskets that will be available. Don't miss this night of fun.

News & Upcoming Events

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 St. Lawrence church or dropped off at 410 N. Broadway St. in Coal City 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

Liturgical Color -Violet is the liturgical color for the season of Lent, as well as the color of the stole worn by the priest for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is the liturgical color of Lent because it symbolizes repentance. It also symbolizes Christ's royalty as King of all kings.

Suggestions for Lent – Personal prayers, meditation on the profound mysteries of God, visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament, devotional confessions, scripture reading, recitation of the Rosary, making the Way of the Cross...all contribute something precious in personal depth and spiritual enrichment, so necessary to a sound and mature life of faith in the Lord.

"Heaven is filled with converted sinners of all kinds, and there is room for more." –*St. Joseph Cafasso*

Word of Life—"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is **cherished**."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
 Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent
usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection

First Sunday of Lent – 26 February 2023
 Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7. Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17.
 Romans 5:12-19. Matthew 4:1-11.

Keep Grace Upfront. Transgression and sin play a big part in the garden of Eden story. So does grace – which is the first part of that story. In the Roman's reading, Saint Paul counterpoints Adam and Eve with the saving death of Jesus Christ. He is the very grace of God. It is only when standing within this grace can we name what is non-grace, what is wrong with life, what is sin. Thus, Jesus can face the tempter without faltering – and help us do the same.

- How will the Bread of Life (Communion) fill me more than daily bread?
- How will I trust and not test God this Lent?
- What things and/or people will I stop "worshipping" so that I will worship God alone?