



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

South Wilmington, IL



MASS INTENTIONS:

3/04/23 Sat. 4:00pm +Lee Gunderson (Bob & Sue Suddick)
 3/05/23 Sun. 10:00am +Pete Schultz (Cindy, Kailyn & Chelsea)
 3/06/23 Mon. No Mass
 3/07/23 Tues. 6:30pm +Mary Lou Smolik (Ken & Dorothy Lardi)
 3/08/23 Wed. 7:30am +Lou & Jean Naretto (Joyce Perkins)
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
 3/09/23 Thurs. 7:30am +Dale, Mom & Dad (Lynn Grieff) AND
 +Larry "Dee Dee" Lardi (Norm & Donita Lardi)
 3/10/23 Fri. No Mass
 3/11/23 Sat. 4:00pm +Brett McElroy (Family)
 3/12/23 Sun. 10:00am +Michael Joyce (Kitty Finn & Pat Finn
 Lundy)

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
3/4 Sat. 4pm	A. Wargo	S. Myrick	K. & L. Scheuber
3/5 Sun. 10am	C. Male	L. Himes	A. & N. Himes
3/11 Sat. 4pm	C. Frobish	R. Chase	R. Byers & E. Simms
3/12 Sun. 10am	T. Peterson	M. Theis	K. & R. Shute

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 \$ 1371.00
Eastern Europe (Ash Wed) \$ 442.00

Thank you!! Your offering is most appreciated.

Parish Staff:

Father Stanley Drewniak, *Pastor*
 Linette Hopwood, *Secretary*
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 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

Thank you to the St. Lawrence Society for treating the Altar Servers to a great time last weekend bowling. Thank you to those servers who were able to make it, but most of all thank you to all our Altar Servers for volunteering at our parish we appreciate each one of you. **Servers-Be joyful to serve at the altar, to be closer to Jesus!** And give thanks for this magnificent role which, at your young age, allows you to serve in the Greatest Miracle, where something extraordinary happens, and you have a front row seat. **If your children become altar servers, help them to feel proud of what they do, and pray for them.** Help them to learn little by little to turn their actions into prayers and to grow in their faith journey. We are looking for more Altar Servers. Please discuss with your children this wonderful opportunity that is available for them.

Stations of the Cross are every Wednesday during Lent followed by Benediction. The Way of the Cross is not only a great testimony to an inner depth and maturity, but it is in fact a school for interiority and consolation. It is also a school for the examination of conscience, for conversation, for inner transformation and compassion – not as sentimentality, as a mere feeling, but as a disturbing experience that knocks on the door of my heart, that obliges me to know myself and to become a better person. (Pope Benedict XVI) The pious exercise of the Way of the Cross represents the sorrowful journey that Jesus made with the Cross on His shoulders, to die on Calvary for the love of us. Won't you join us on the Wednesdays during Lent for 45 minutes of your time at 7 PM? Stations of the Cross in Kinsman will be at 5pm on Wednesdays.

Next week March 11-12 our parish will take up The **Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

The **Nite at the Races** Committee will meet on March 9th at 7:00 pm at Father Matthew Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. The Committee wishes to thank parishioners and local business that have already contributed raffle baskets and auction items to make this night a success. Donations are still being accepted. Please contact Committee members Susan Myrick 815-955-2627, Deb Wollgast 815-584-5030 or Robin Homerding 815-651-7803 if you have something you wish to donate. Thank you.

News & Upcoming Events

Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner with all the fixings, March 12, 2023 2:00 pm thru 5:00 pm, Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Campus IL, Cost is \$15.00 for adult and \$10.00 for children.

The Braidwood Knights of Columbus Council 1574 are serving Corn Beef and Cabbage March 16th from 4 to 7 pm in Braidwood at Father White Hall 101 South School Street Braidwood. Dine in and carry outs are available. Free will donations for dinner to benefit Immaculate Conception Braidwood & Council Functions.

The Church traditionally dedicates the month of March to the special veneration of St. Joseph, whose feast day is March 19th. "He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife," says St. Bernardine of Siena. "He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying 'Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord.'" Due to St. Joseph's leadership of the Holy Family, he has been declared the protector and patron of the universal Catholic Church.

"Love is the most beautiful sentiment the Lord has put into the soul of men and women."—*St. Gianna Molla*

Word of Life-The Gospel of Life is "meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!" (*The Gospel of Life* 5)

Second Sunday of Lent – 05 March 2023

Genesis 12:1-4a. Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22. 2 Timothy 1:8b-10. Matthew 17:1-9.

It Is Good to Be Here. God says to each of us today: I will bless you; live a holy life. Thus, it is good to be here in this holy Lent. Like the three apostles on the mount, we listen to Christ, we witness his divine glory, and we keep our eyes on the promise of heaven while living in merciful ways today.

- How will the radiant Christ shine through my thoughts and actions?
- What will I do to listen more intently to Christ each day this week?
- Because of God's mercy to me, what mercy works will I do today and tomorrow?