



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH
South Wilmington, IL



MASS INTENTIONS:

4/22/23 Sat. 4:00pm +George Maxard & Rose Eggenberger (Family)
4/23/23 Sun. 10:00am +Rita Farina (Elaine Joyce)

4/24/23 Mon. No Mass
4/25/23 Tues. 6:30pm +Denice Muzzarelli (Jerry Poole)
4/26/23 Wed. 7:30am +Louis Chippy Dinelli (Pat, Jim & Family)
4/27/23 Thurs. 7:30am +John Austin (M. Bono & Family)
4/28/23 Fri. No Mass
4/29/23 Sat. 4:00pm +Ed Sistik (Don & Melissa Phillips)
4/30/23 Sun. 10:00am + Todd Sandeno (James & Joylene Fair)

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
4/22 Sat. 4pm	T. Peterson	R. Chase	L. Scheuber/E. Simms
4/23 Sun. 10am	Special	R. Hollmeyer	K. & R. Shute
4/29 Sat. 4pm	D. Wollgast	S. Myrick	K. Scheuber/M. Simms
4/30 Sun. 10am	C. Frobish	M. Theis	A. Himes/R. Byers

The **Volunteer Schedule** for **May** 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 April:

General Intention: For a culture of peace and non violence. We pray for the spread of peace and non violence by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Weekly Income:	
Sunday Collection	\$ 2367.00
Easter Collection	\$ 461.00
Improvement	\$ 110.00

Thank you!! Your offering is most appreciated.



Parish Staff:

Father Stanley Drewniak, *Pastor*
Linette Hopwood, *Secretary*
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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 April
Bonnie Bozue 237-2214
Robin Homerding 237-2039

FROM AROUND THE PARISH

On behalf of the Nite at the Races Committee; **THANK YOU** to everyone that helped to make the 2023 event another success. The support we continue to receive is overwhelming and the generosity is amazing. Our communities and parish family are a true blessing. You will find a list of raffle items, donors, and winners in the vestibule. Please support the many businesses that contributed to this event.

Thank you to our Volunteers that helped with the Mobile Food Truck on Monday. We helped 95 families. The next Mobile Food Truck will be here on Monday, May 15th. Thank you to the Church of Hope in Gardner for sponsoring this truck.

Improvement Collection-This weekend there will be a second collection for our monthly Improvements. Thank you for your generosity.

RE Reminders -

April 30—RE Classes
April 30—First Communion at 1pm
May 7 —Last Day RE Classes
May 7 —Children's Mass and May Crowning

Next week we will take up the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

My Parish—His Heart—My Home

My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will be prayerful, if I pray. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them in. It will be a place of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity, and mercy, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be. Amen.

"If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions." –Matthew 6:14-15

News & Upcoming Events

Elbow Benders 60th Annual Spaghetti Supper-Saturday, May 6th 2023 at The St. Lawrence Parish Hall. Serving from 5 to 9 pm. All you can Eat & Drink. (Spaghetti and Beer). Donation: Adults \$8. Child Portion available. Carry outs available at door. Proceeds benefit area youth baseball & softball.

Help Socially Isolated Seniors! Catholic Charities' Senior Companion Program (SCP) is looking for people 55 years and older interested in visiting with another homebound senior living in Grundy County. This is strictly a friendly visit; no homecare duties are involved. Volunteers who meet income eligibility guidelines will receive a tax-free hourly stipend and a mileage reimbursement for time spent with clients. Senior Companion volunteers provide assistance and friendship to older adults with difficulty with daily living tasks. This program helps seniors stay independent longer and provides respite to family caregivers. Senior Companion volunteers report better health and longevity, having served the community. Are you ready to forge new relationships and make a significant difference in the lives of others? If you are lonely and would be interested in receiving a companion, please feel free to reach out as well! In Grundy County, call Bry Williams at 815-933-7791 ext. 9928 or mail mericorpsseniors@cc-doj.org.

Word of Life-“Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. ... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe”

Third Sunday of Easter – 23 April 2023 Acts 2:14, 22-33. Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 1. 1 Peter 1:17-21. Luke 24:13-35. **Mystagogy on the Emmaus Story.** (“Mystagogy” = to be led to, to encounter mystery.) Two dejected disciples, abandoning Jerusalem, encounter Jesus in the Breaking of Bread. With burning hearts, they return to the community of believers to recount this meeting. That is what Sunday Mass and Communion of Blood and Body does for us. In returning week after week to the faithful believers, to our fellow parishioners, we meet the Risen Lord in the Body of Christ the Church.

- With what does my heart burn this Easter Day?
- Why do I keep coming to Sunday Mass and receiving Body and Blood?
- What will this sacred Meal strengthen me, impel me to do?