



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

South Wilmington, IL



MASS INTENTIONS:

4/29/23 Sat. 4:00pm +Ed Sitek (Don & Melissa Phillips)
 4/30/23 Sun. 10:00am + Todd Sandeno (James & Joylene Fair)
 1:00pm First Holy Communion

5/01/23 Mon. No Mass
 5/02/23 Tues. 6:30pm +Betty Dinelli (Jim, Pat & Family)
 5/03/23 Wed. 7:30am +Rodney Ford (Donna Hampson)
 5/04/23 Thurs. 7:30am +Michael Joyce (Duane & Donna Lewis)
 5/05/23 Fri. No Mass
 5/06/23 Sat. 4:00pm +Cyril & Josie Finn (Ed Finn)
 5/07/23 Sun. 10:00am Parishioners

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
4/29 Sat. 4pm	D. Wollgast	S. Myrick	K. Scheuber/M. Simms
4/30 Sun. 10am	C. Frobish	M. Theis	A. Himes/R. Byers
5/06 Sat. 4pm	T. Peterson	R. Chase	K. & R. Shute
5/07 Sun. 10am	Special	R. Hollmeyer	R. Byers/L. Scheuber

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

General Intention: For church movements and groups. We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



Weekly Income:
Sunday Collection \$ 1427.00
Improvement \$ 363.00

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 May

Carol Frobish 584-1012
 Mary Pfeifer 237-8164

FROM AROUND THE PARISH

Welcome all individuals, couples and families to St. Lawrence Parish. If you haven't already done so, please register with the parish office. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board or on our website swkrcatholics.org Thank you!

Eucharistic Adoration -Everyone is invited to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at St. Lawrence Church in South Wilmington on **Wednesday, May 3** from 11-1pm. When you participate in Eucharistic Adoration, you pray and worship Jesus in a more intimate, present and real way. Please consider taking a little extra time to be with Jesus and you will receive spiritual strength and nourishment in a uniquely powerful way.

This weekend we celebrate **First Holy Communion** with our children who have been preparing for this sacrament. Please keep them in prayers today and everyday as they receive Jesus in Communion for the first time.



Support the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal** today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

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!

RE News—Next weekend, May 7th is the last RE class, May Crowning and the 10am Mass is also Children's Mass. We hope all of our First Communicants would dress in their First Communion attire on this day and participate in May Crowning. Thank you!

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, May 5th.

"Know that the greatest service that man can offer to God is to help convert souls." -*St. Rose of Lima*

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.



Are you, or someone you know, widowed?
*If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some time and need something to get you "over the hump" because you seem stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on with life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories. This unique retreat/workshop will be held at **St. Julie's Parish, Tinley Park, Illinois.** The Joyful Again! program is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life. All are welcome.*

What: **Retreat/workshop for Widowed Men & Women**
 When: June 24 & 25, 2023 (2-day program)
 No overnight available at this site.

Where: St. Julie's Parish, Tinley Park, Illinois
For further information, call: 708-354-7211.
e-mail us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com
 website: www.joyfulagain.org

Word of Life-“People often say, “I could never handle a child with a disability.” But the beauty of parenting is that you aren't given a child with a disability. You are given *your* child with a disability. Your child enters the world in a relationship with you, and that changes everything. You are not called to ‘handle’ a disability. You are called to love a particular person, and caring for him or her grows out of that love.”
 USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “A Perfect Gift”
respectlife.org/a-perfect-gift

Fourth Sunday of Easter – 30 April 2023

Acts 2:14a, 36-41. Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6. 1 Peter 2:20b-25. John 10:1-10.

“I Am the Gate.” Doorways and gates can protect those within. This is the image of Jesus today – gate and protector, shepherd and guide. Let Psalm 23 fill our prayer every day this week.

- Because I am protected by the Good Shepherd, whom will I protect this week? How will I do it?
- On what right paths will I let myself be guided?
- What goodness and kindness will shine through my thoughts and actions this week?