



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH
South Wilmington, IL



MASS INTENTIONS:

5/06/23 Sat. 4:00pm +Cyril & Josie Finn (Ed Finn)
5/07/23 Sun. 10:00am Parishioners

5/08/23 Mon. No Mass
5/09/23 Tues. 6:30pm +Elaine Testa (Jim & Joylene Fair)
5/10/23 Wed. 7:30am +Terry Hampson (Diane Serena)
5/11/23 Thurs. 7:30am +Martina Turner (Family)
5/12/23 Fri. No Mass
5/13/23 Sat. 4:00pm +Evelyn Ford (Tom Ford & Koslowski Families)
5/14/23 Sun. 10:00am All Mothers

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
5/06 Sat. 4pm	T. Peterson	R. Chase	K. & R. Shute
5/07 Sun. 10am	Special	R. Hollmeyer	R. Byers/L. Scheuber
5/13 Sat. 4pm	A. Wargo	S. Myrick	K. & L. Scheuber
5/14 Sun. 10am	P. Holohan	M. Theis	M. & E. Simms

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	\$ 1998.00
Improvement	\$ 280.00
Home Missions	\$ 358.00

Thank you!! Your offering is most appreciated.



Parish Staff:

Father Stanley Drewniak, *Pastor*
Linette Hopwood, *Secretary*
Susan Tjelle, *RE Director* (815) 823-9376

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Office Hours: 9-1 Monday -Friday
St. Lawrence Rectory (815) 237-2230

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!

Congratulations to our First Communicants Maria Brassard, daughter of James and Samantha, Ian Matussek, son of James and Francys, Blake Maxard, son of Shane and Sarah, Beckett Pfeifer, son of Michael and Maegan, Jack Simms, son of David and Anne, and Taylor Tjelle, daughter of Anthony and Angie, who received Christ into their hearts and lives last Sunday! Also, thank you to their teacher Kori Speed for preparing these young people for this important Sacrament. Remember to keep them in your prayers!

A Big Thank you to our 2022-2023 RE director Susan Tjelle, and our teachers, Katie Byers, Laura Himes, Jen Scheuber, Anne Simms, Kori Speed, Tami Dinelli, and Emily Hopwood, Thank you for your generous time and talent in sharing your faith and instructing our children so that their faith in Jesus Christ may grow.

Our Religious Ed program will be in need of a couple teachers next year. Also, we are looking for an assistant for our director. Please think about this over the summer and let us know if you can help us out.

RE Families have a happy and safe summer vacation, but remember...Don't take a vacation from God. Always remember, keep Holy the Sabbath Day! Watch for an email in August from our director. If you have any changes to your contact information, please call the parish office. Thank you!



A Nite at the Races was another success clearing just over \$25,000. Thank you to everyone that made this possible. A portion of the funds will be used towards landscape work at each of the parish properties. The Parish Council continues to research costs for additional improvements to be completed in the coming months. On behalf of the Race Committee and the Parish Council thank you for your continued support.

Wanting to keep up with news and/or announcements from the Diocese?! Visit www.dioceseofjoliet.org for the latest information and resources. Check out Bishop Hicks Column for May—Calling Joyful Shepherds

News & Upcoming Events

May—Month of Our Lady. In addition to the myriad feast days honoring Our Lady under her many titles and virtues, the entire month of May is especially given to her praise. In the words of Pope Paul VI, May is "a month which the piety of the faithful has long dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God ... For this is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne."

May Crowning is a traditional Roman Catholic ritual held during the month of May. It is a solemn procession at the close of the procession a statue of the Blessed Virgin is crowned with a garland or crown of flowers honoring Mary as "the Queen of May." There is a special honor attached to being chosen to crown the statue.

"But to you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you." Luke 6:27-31

Word of Life—"Without a foundational, practical formation, it is difficult for our consciences to guide us well in concrete situations. As Catholics, we have the immense gift of the teaching authority of the Catholic Church and can turn to it for help forming our consciences. For example, learning about Christian moral principles, reading the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, or researching what the Church says about a challenging teaching will help us grow in knowledge of the truth." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Understanding Conscience"

Fifth Sunday of Easter – 7 May 2023

Acts 6:1-7. Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19. 1 Peter 2:4-9. John 14:1-12.

Chosen, Royal, and Holy. Jesus tells the disciples during the Last Supper that they know the way – to God, to new life, to heaven. This astonishing resurrected life, given us in Baptism, makes us chosen, royal, and holy people. We know, because of Jesus, the way to be all three.

- What mercy work will I do this week that fosters God's loving-kindness?
- How will this mercy activity make me more the royal and worthy person I am?
- How will I be holy?