



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

South Wilmington, IL



MASS INTENTIONS:

5/20/23 Sat. 4:00pm +Rita Youkevitch (Mary Roark, Judy & Bob Hintze)
 5/21/23 Sun. 10:00am +Elaine Testa (Bruce & Deb Tjelle)
 5/22/23 Mon. No Mass
 5/23/23 Tues. 6:30pm +Terry Hampson (Charlotte Morris)
 5/24/23 Wed. 7:30am +Lolita Harrop (Denis & Wanda Lardi)
 5/25/23 Thurs. 7:30am +Tom Perkins (Joyce Perkins)
 5/26/23 Fri. No Mass
 5/27/23 Sat. 4:00pm +Charlotte McCormack (James Plese)
 5/28/23 Sun. 10:00am Parishioners & +Merrill Harvey (Family)

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
5/20 Sat. 4pm	D. Wollgast	L. Himes	A. & N. Himes
5/21 Sun. 10am	M. Pfeifer	D. Pfeifer	R. Byers & R. Shute
5/27 Sat. 4pm	A. Wargo	R. Chase	M. & E. Simms
5/28 Sun. 10am	M. Pfeifer	D. Pfeifer	K. & R. Shute

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	\$ 2082.00
Improvement	\$ 110.00
Utilities	\$ 40.00
Ascension	\$ 65.00
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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 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

Prayers for the sick- The following names are the people that their family has asked us to pray for them during Mass. Please remember them in your daily prayers. Virginia Meditz, Joylene Fair, Blaine Passini, Ray Testin, Jenny Kilmer, Michele Rowe, Jacob Giordano, Maria Hakey, Dominick Strom, Tim Kaffer, Barb Haut, Pat Robisky and Matt Pantaleone.

Thank you to our Volunteers that helped with the Mobile Food Truck on Monday. We helped 93 families. The next Mobile Food Truck will be here on Monday, June 12th in memory of Judy Ahearn. Thank you to the Ahearn Family for sponsoring this truck.

Congratulations to all our graduates, Grade School, High School, College, etc. Congratulations and well done! As you begin the next step, on your journey of life, may we suggest a little formula to help you to be the best person you can be? **First and foremost, keep the faith.** There will be many pressures on you in the future to abandon your faith. Try to remain focused on the key idea: Jesus Christ is the Lord of your life, and He is due respect and obedience. His teachings in the Sermon on the Mount will transform your life. Follow Him for He is **the Way, the Truth and the Light.** In order to remain spiritually alive, always turn to the Lord who said, **Learn of Me for I am meek and humble of heart.** When you accept Jesus as Lord, you are challenged to give witness to Christ in four ways: 1) Through Worship and Holy Communion. 2) Through the Recognition of Legitimate Authority. 3) Through Stewardship. 4) Through a Loving Relationship. Pray for the grace to live joyfully because of the knowledge of God's love. This isn't easy, but with God's help it is possible. May the Lord be your strength and your joy. **REMEMBER, God doesn't take a vacation from us, HE IS WITH US ALWAYS!!!**

You don't want to miss out on this!!! Summer Cash Raffle - Tickets \$10.00 each. Tickets can win multiple times!!! June 1st prize: \$500.00!!! June 2nd through June 29th prize: \$100.00 each day!!! June 30th prize: \$1,000.00!!! If the number on your tickets matches the Illinois Lottery evening Pick 3 number... you win that day!!! Also... Instead of \$100.00, June 4th, June 11th, June 18th & June 25th winners will receive \$250.00!!! See Lee Miller for tickets next weekend!!! Proceeds benefit the Braidwood Knights of Columbus Council #1574 and Local Charitable Outreach.

News & Upcoming Events

Quo Vadis Days 2023 (July 30-Aug. 2) run by the Vocation Offices of the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Diocese of Joliet. During this 4-day/3-night camp at the Mundelein Seminary, young men ages 13 to 18 will participate in powerful discussions, outdoor activities, sports, daily Mass and Liturgy of the Hours. The forms and payment are due in the Vocation Office no later than Wednesday, July 26 for sign up, please send an email to vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org

The Ascension is the event, where Jesus arose into heaven, at the end of his time on earth. We celebrate this on Ascension Sunday, which is celebrated forty days after Easter. Traditionally it is celebrated on a Thursday as a Holy Day of Obligation. The Church presently observes it on a Sunday to allow more of the faithful to attend Mass. It remains a Holy Day of Obligation, and the faithful are reminded that all Sundays are obligatory by default.

The Ascension should not be confused with Pentecost, which is celebrated 50 days after Easter. Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Christ, after His Ascension.

Word of Life-"The Lord says to us, 'Do not fear: I am with you' (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Be Not Afraid"

The Ascension of the Lord - [Thursday, 18 May 2023 or] Sunday 21 May 2023

Sunday Prayer Shaping Life and Belief - Acts 1:1-11. Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9. Ephesians 1:17-23. Matthew 28:16-20. **Doubt No Longer.** On the last mountain encounter with his disciples before his ascending, Jesus uses the "I AM" language reserved to God. This Son of God will be with them always. After Christ is lifted up, the angel has to remind them: Stop standing around. Stop looking up. The implication: get to work! Make more disciples!

- How do I know Christ is with me always? What does my experience tell me?
- Because of the strength of his presence, what mercy works will I do?
- What will I do to bring even one more person to Christ?