



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

South Wilmington, IL



MASS INTENTIONS:

9/02/23 Sat. 4:00pm +Larry & Mike Girot (Jean Girot & Family)
 9/03/23 Sun. 10:00am +George & Cecilia Maxard (Family)

9/04/23 Mon. No Mass
 9/05/23 Tues. 6:30pm +Michael Joyce (Family)
 9/06/23 Wed. 7:30am +Elaine Testa (Judy McElroy)
 9/07/23 Thurs. 7:30am +Terry Hampson (Paul & Regina Chase)
 9/08/23 Fri. No Mass
 9/09/23 Sat. 4:00pm Parishioners
 9/10/23 Sun. 10:00am +James X Schultz (Grandchildren)

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
9/02 Sat. 4pm	C. Frobish	S. Myrick	K. & R. Shute
9/03 Sun. 10am	C. Male	M. Theis	K. & L. Scheuber
9/09 Sat. 4pm	A. Wargo	R. Chase	R. Byers & J. Simms
9/10 Sun. 10am	T. Peterson	M. Theis	A. & N. Himes

The **Volunteer Schedule** for **September** 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 September:

General Intention: For people living on the margins. We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.



Weekly Income:
Sunday Collection \$ 1644.00
Maintenance/Improvement \$ 90.00
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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 Web Page: swkrcatholics.org

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 September
 Thalia Wilson 237-8595
 Bev Cullick 237-8269

FROM AROUND THE PARISH



Happy 70th Birthday Fr. Stan! May God's blessings surround you, on your Birthday and all the days of your life.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Eucharistic Adoration- Everyone is invited to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at the Church of St. Lawrence in South Wilmington every **1st Wednesday of the month**, the next adoration will be **Sept. 6 from 11am - 1pm**. Please try to find time for Jesus in Adoration. Come by and visit with Jesus even if it's only 10-15 minutes.

RE Classes begin next Sunday, September 10 at 9am in Fr. Matthew Hall. ****We are in need of a K/1st Grade Teacher.** We look forward to seeing all our Religious Ed. Families. If you have any question, please call our Director Susan Tjelle at 815-823-9376, Thank you!

EXCITING NEWS! Our church/parish leadership has determined it is time for our new pictorial church directory. FREE 8x10 opportunity for you and/or your family. Our dates for photography will be: October 26, 27, 28. To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to www.ucdir.com, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **i319** the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 5 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday.

The Church dedicates the month of September to Our Lady of Sorrows. This devotion recalls the Blessed Virgin Mary's spiritual martyrdom in virtue of her perfect union with the Passion of Christ. This was her role in salvation history, and what merited her place as the spiritual Mother of all Christians. This is symbolized by a single sword, or seven swords, piercing Mary's suffering heart, as foretold in Simeon's prophecy. Traditionally the Church meditates on the "Seven Sorrows" of our Blessed Mother: the prophecy of Simeon; the Holy Family's flight into Egypt; the loss of the Child Jesus for three days; the meeting of Mary and Jesus as he carried his cross; Jesus' crucifixion and death; Jesus' sacred body taken down from the cross; and Jesus' burial. The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is September 15th.

News & Upcoming Events

The Prairie Singers will present their 36th annual concert series this September. The concert for this fall is titled "Look at the World." A variety of music including Broadway, religious, autumnal, patriotic and folk tunes will be presented. There will be two concerts offered in September as the singers return to a fall schedule. The first concert will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 176 W. Union St., Seneca. The second presentation will be at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, at the Prairie Creek Public Library, 501 Carriage House Lane, Dwight. The Prairie Singers are a chamber ensemble composed of singers from La Salle, Grundy and Will counties. For information, call George McComb at 815-822-5151.



Encounter Christ Series-When we encounter Jesus, we are changed forever. Join us for our kickoff event! **September 21**-Guest Speaker: Dr. Mark Ginter, Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH.
 Future Encounter Nights-, October 19, December 7 (All evenings 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.) Dynamic Speakers, Music & Fellowship afterwords in Parish Center.
 St. Rose of Lima Parish, 603 S Main St., Wilmington, IL.

Word of Life-"The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
 "Another Look at Abortion"
respectlife.org/another-look-at-abortion

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -3 September 2023

Jeremiah 20:7-9. Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9. Romans 12:1-2. Matthew 16:21-27.

Overcoming Obstacles. Jeremiah complains that because of the compelling presence of God within, he cannot **not** speak God's message. Paul urges us not to conform ourselves to **this** age. And Peter, trying to protect Jesus, blurts out "God forbid" and becomes an obstacle to Jesus' mission. Baptized followers of Jesus must **deny**, take up the **cross**, and **follow**.

- In denying self, how will I attend to another's need this week?
- What is the cross I bear for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven?
- How will I follow, not the greed of this age, but the goodness of Christian life?