



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
South Wilmington, IL



**MASS INTENTIONS:**

9/16/23 Sat. 4:00pm +Jimmy Yatuni and Jack Cacello (Bob Suddick)  
9/17/23 Sun. 10:00am +Isaac "Ike" Bull (The Bull Family)

9/18/23 Mon. No Mass  
9/19/23 Tues. No Mass  
9/20/23 Wed. No Mass  
9/21/23 Thurs. No Mass  
9/22/23 Fri. No Mass  
9/23/23 Sat. 4:00pm +Terry Hampson (John & Lin Hopwood)  
9/24/23 Sun. 10:00am +Deceased Knights of Columbus Members

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
9/16 Sat. 4pm	D. Wollgast	S. Myrick	L. Scheuber/K. Shute
9/17 Sun. 10am	M. Pfeifer	D. Pfeifer	M. & J. Simms
9/23 Sat. 4pm	A. Wargo	R. Chase	R. Byers
9/24 Sun. 10am	P. Holohan	R. Hollmeyer	A. & N. Himes

The **Volunteer Schedule** for **September** can be found on our website [swkrcatholics.org](http://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** \$ 2261.00  
**Maintenance/Improvement** \$ 113.00

**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 September  
Thalia Wilson 237-8595  
Bev Cullick 237-8269

FROM AROUND THE PARISH

**Welcome** visitors and new families to our parish. We are glad you can worship with us. If we can help in any way, please let us know by contacting our parish office at 815-237-2230.

**Wedding Congratulations** to Madison Williams and Sean Hansen who were united in marriage last weekend. May you be blessed with a lifetime of love and happiness.

**No Daily Mass during September.** Fr. Stan is in Poland visiting his family. Daily Mass will resume at our parish on Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:30pm. Welcome and thank you for celebrating Mass with us Fr. Anthony Nugent on Saturdays and Fr. John Horan on Sundays. If an emergency arises and you need a priest for anointing of the sick or last rites, please call the parish office at 815-237-2230. Thank you!

**Improvement/Maintenance Collection** -today we will have a Second Collection for our monthly Maintenance & Improvements. Thank you for your generosity.

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to the United Lutheran Church in Gardner for funding the next **Mobile Food Truck** to come to South Wilmington on Monday, **September 18th from 4-5:30pm.** Your generosity has brought hope and opportunity for your neighbors most in need. Participants are asked to remain in their cars. If you can volunteer to sort and pack boxes, or help us distribute food to neighbors in need, please arrive by 3pm to help pack boxes. If you are able to help with traffic control, please arrive by 2:30pm. Please pass the word to those in need. Thank you!

**RE News**-Classes started last weekend. Classes are held on Sundays from 9:00-9:45am in Fr. Matthew Hall. Please see the CCD calendar for details. Our teachers look forward to sharing and teaching our faith with the children and having fun. Please keep our Director, teachers and children in your prayers for a successful year.

**Children's Mass is Sunday, September 24th** at 10am. Please come and support our children as they lector, usher and bring up the gifts.

*When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now. -St Teresa of Calcutta*

News & Upcoming Events

**Church Directory Update!** Our scheduling process has begun. Next Sunday, you can schedule your family for their portrait time. We will have volunteers eager to help you before and after Mass. If you would like to schedule your appointment online simply go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com), click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter [i1319](http://i1319) 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. Closed for in person scheduling on the weekend. FREE 8x10 opportunity for you and/or your family. Our dates for photography will be: October 26, 27, 28. All parishioners have an envelope with the Photo directory information. Please pick up your envelope after Mass before October 15th. Thank you!

**Samuel Group** invites young adults (ages 20-35) who are striving for holiness and seeking a deeper relationship with God to commit to a rigorous seven-month program of prayer, discernment, and fellowship, guided by the spirituality and wisdom of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Participants are challenged to deepen their prayer life, heal from past brokenness, and find freedom in Christ to discern the call to marriage or consecrated life. **Date:** Oct. 22, 2023 - May 5, 2024 (One Sunday a month—excluding Dec.) **Time:** 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Place:** St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, 1450 Green Trails Drive, Naperville, IL **Cost:** \$50 (Scholarships available) For more information, please email [vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org).

**Word of Life**-“Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: ‘there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance’ (Lk 15:7)\*.” *NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.* USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing After Abortion”

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time—17 Sept 2023** Sirach 27:30–28:7. Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12. Romans 14:7-9. Matthew 18:21-35. **Seventy-Seven Times.** When is enough enough? Can we be angry now? When can we stop forgiving? If we have to forgive the same person the same thing seventy-seven times, can we stop at seventy-eight? No! Because, as Paul declares in Romans 14, we live and die for God, to whom alone we belong. We do not live for ourselves. Who needs my forgiveness? Whom will I forgive – and for what – perhaps, again? And what forgiveness do I need?