



# ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

South Wilmington, IL



### MASS INTENTIONS:

11/25/23 Sat. 4:00pm +Neal Tjelle (Daughters)  
 11/26/23 Sun. 10:00am +Chris Christensen (Family)

11/27/23 Mon. No Mass  
 11/28/23 Tues. 6:30 pm NO MASS  
 11/29/23 Wed. 7:30 am NO MASS  
 11/30/23 Thurs. 7:30 am NO MASS

12/01/23 Fri. No Mass  
 12/02/23 Sat. 4:00pm +James X Schultz (Emma)  
 12/03/23 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
11/25 Sat. 4pm	A. Wargo	S. Myrick	R. Byers & J. Simms
11/26 Sun. 10am	D. Wollgast	M. Theis	K. & L. Scheuber
12/03 Sat. 4pm	A. Wargo	S. Myrick	R. Byers
12/04 Sun. 10am	C. Male	M. Theis	R. & K. Shute

The **Volunteer Schedule** for **December** 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 December:**  
*General Intention: For persons with disabilities.* We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



Weekly Income:	
Sunday Collection	\$ 1349.00
Maintenance/Improvement	\$ 998.00
Seminarian Ed. Endowment	\$ 170.00
Campaign for Human Develop.	\$ 252.00
<b>Thank you!! Your offering is most appreciated.</b>	

### Parish Staff:

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

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 Web Page: [swkrcatholics.org](http://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 November  
 Debbie Wollgast 584-5030  
 Denise Scheuber 237-2639

## FROM AROUND THE PARISH

**Baptism**- Congratulations to the parents & family of Stella Ivy Supergan who received the Sacrament of Baptism. May God always hold Stella in the Palm of His Hands!

Welcome Fr. John Horan. We are happy to have you celebrate Mass with us this weekend.

No Daily Mass November 22-November 30. Fr. Stan will be in Poland. Daily Masses will resume on Tuesday, December 5th. Please call the Parish office if there is an emergency need for a Pastor.

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development!** As a parish, we raised \$252 to support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) and click "How to Give" under "Resources."

### December 8-Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary this is a Holy Day of Obligation.

**Mass Schedule**  
 7:30am & 7:00pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington  
 9:00am-Sacred Heart, Kinsman  
 12-1pm-Hour of Grace-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington  
 5:30pm-St. Mary's, Reddick

**Christmas Flowers**-If you would like to make a donation towards our Christmas Flowers, in your collection envelopes you will find a Christmas Flower Offering envelope. Please put the person being remembered, on the outside of the envelope and drop the envelope into the collection. Make checks payable to St. Lawrence Church. If you do not have envelopes, please use a plain envelope and write "Christmas Flowers" on the outside. Thank you!



**Giving Tree**-Our Parish has the opportunity to help three local families (6 children) this Christmas. Tags on the Giving Tree reflect the age, size and need for a specific child. Donations will be collected

thru Sunday, 12/17. Gifts will be wrapped on Monday, 12/18. There are also tags for monetary donations for the Mobile Food Truck for future trucks in 2024.

"If we really want to love, we must learn how to forgive." *St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

## News & Upcoming Events



**Opening Liturgy Livestream** on Monday, December 11 at 6pm at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, the Diocese will celebrate the opening Mass of the 75th Anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Joliet.

YouTube channel [youtube.com/c/DiocesefJolietIL](https://youtube.com/c/DiocesefJolietIL)

**75th Anniversary Timeline**—Visit [diojoliet.org/75th](http://diojoliet.org/75th) for the full list of events and activities surrounding the 75th anniversary.

Single Catholic Women 20-35: Franciscan Sisters invite you to in-person and on-line Discernment Events designed for you. Discover your calling and purpose. Visit <https://fsc-calledtobe.org> or contact Sr. Julie Ann 920-323-9632. The world needs you. God calls you. We invite you...with other Catholic Young Women to our Vocation Discernment Retreats or invite us to meet you where you are.

**Word of Life**—"Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. "The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – 26 November 2023** The great divide. Right and left; goats and sheep; good and bad. Question: How does the King decide who and what? Answer: Evidence of doing works of mercy! The Church has held before us in special ways these past two liturgical years, these duties, these actions, these right behaviors. Works of Mercy.

- How can I be a better sheep?
- How have two years of praying shaped my mercy works?
- What more must I do?