



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

South Wilmington, IL



MASS INTENTIONS:

12/02/23 Sat. 4:00pm +James X Schultz (Emma)
 12/03/23 Sun. 10:00am Parishioners
 12/04/23 Mon. No Mass
 12/05/23 Tues. 6:30 pm +Terry Hampson (Pam Holohan)
 12/06/23 Wed. 7:30 am +Martina Turner (Family)
 12/07/23 Thurs. 7:30 am +Lena & Spirit Savant (Fair Family)
12/08/23 Fri. 7:30am Immaculate Conception of BVM
7:00pm Immaculate Conception of BVM
 12/09/23 Sat. 4:00pm +Jerry & Donna Mary Horrie (Balas Family)
 12/10/23 Sun. 10:00am +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
12/03 Sat. 4pm	A. Wargo	S. Myrick	R. Byers
12/04 Sun. 10am	C. Male	M. Theis	R. & K. Shute
12/08 Fri. 7:30am	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
12/08 Fri. 7:00pm	P. Holohan	R. Hollmeyer	Volunteer
12/09 Sat. 4pm	C. Frobish	R. Chase	K. & L. Scheuber
12/10 Sun. 10am	M. Pfeifer	D. Pfeifer	M. & E. Simms

The **Volunteer Schedule** for **December** can be found on our website svkrcatholics.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 \$ 2122.00
Maintenance/Improvement \$ 115.00

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 December
 Carol Frobish 584-1012
 Renee Hollmeyer 237-8313
 Pam Holohan 237-2311

FROM AROUND THE PARISH

Welcome home Fr. Stan. We hope you had a wonderful time celebrating with your mom in Poland.

Eucharistic Adoration will be held **Wednesday, December 6th from 11am – 1pm** at St. Lawrence Church in South Wilmington. What do I do during Adoration? The Eucharistic Host is displayed in a monstrance on the altar so that all can see and pray in silence in the presence of Christ. You can come for the entire time or just 10–15 minutes. Everyone is invited to come and adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This is one way to add a little extra time for you with Jesus during the ADVENT season.

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

December 8 Hour of Grace—By request of our Heavenly Mother for the Hour of Grace every year on December 8th from 12 noon to 1pm. Many spiritual graces and physical blessings will be received by those who pray undisturbed during this hour. Please see the insert for more information.

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!

You can help. "Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next week. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.

Gift Wrappers Needed on Monday, Dec 18th at 9:00 am Fr. Matthew Hall. If you would like to help wrap the gifts for the three families from our Giving Tree, please sign up in the vestibule. If you have any extra gift tags, wrapping paper and/or tape, please bring with you that morning. Thank you!

Parish Office closed Friday, December 8th.

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/DioceoseofJolietIL](https://www.youtube.com/c/DioceoseofJolietIL)
75th Anniversary Timeline—Visit diojoliet.org/75th for the full list of events and activities

2024 Calendars are available for FREE at the entrance of the Church. These calendars feature the 75th year anniversary of the Diocese of Joliet. The Diocese has designed the parish calendar to commemorate this important year in the life of the Diocese. On this calendar there are days on which we are asking all the parishes and parishioners to pray for each parish in the Diocese, our many ministries, Institutions, organizations, and various people. A Big Thank you to R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory of Braidwood for your generous donation in supplying these for our parish.

On **December 8**, the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin**. (This feast is also a holy day of obligation for dioceses in the United States.) On this feast, we celebrate Mary's conception free from the stain of Original Sin, and we recognize that Mary's life began the moment she was conceived in the womb of St. Anne. So, too, does every human life begin at the moment of fertilization, when it is lovingly knit together by God the Father.

Giving Tree—Reminder, this year we are seeking donations for our monthly Mobile Food Truck and a local families in need of assistance. Donations will be collected through December 17th. Thank you for your continued generosity in helping others.

Our true worth does not consist in what human beings think of us. What we really are consists in what God knows us to be." —*St. John Berchmans*

The Advent season is a time of **preparation** that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas. ©2023 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops