



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

South Wilmington, IL



MASS INTENTIONS:

12/09/23 Sat. 4:00pm +Jerry & Donna Mary Horrie (Balas Family)
 12/10/23 Sun. 10:00am +Merrill Harvey (Family)
 12/11/23 Mon. No Mass
 12/12/23 Tues. 6:30 pm +Marie Granger (Friends)
 12/13/23 Wed. 7:30 am +Cecilia Maxard (Family) AND
 +Terry Hampson (Pam Holohan)
 12/14/23 Thurs. 7:30 am +Lena & Spirit Savant (Fair Family)
 12/15/23 Fri. No Mass
 12/16/23 Sat. 4:00pm +Patrick McElroy (Family)
 12/17/23 Sun. 10:00am +Donald Lardi (Jeanie Chellino)

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
12/09 Sat. 4pm	C. Frobish	R. Chase	K. & L. Scheuber
12/10 Sun. 10am	M. Pfeifer	D. Pfeifer	M. & E. Simms
12/16 Sat. 4pm	T. Peterson	L. Himes	A. & N. Himes
12/17 Sun. 10am	C. Male	M. Theis	R. & K. Shute

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	\$ 3328.00
Maintenance/Improvement	\$ 65.00
Snow Removal	\$ 682.00

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

FROM AROUND THE PARISH

Baptism Congratulations to Mason John Hansen, Lorraine Lynne Hansen and Joanna Charlotte Hansen, parents Paul and Maxine. Congratulations to their family and friends. May God always hold them in the Palm of His Hands!

Monday, December 11 at 4pm is the next Mobile Food Pantry coming to South Wilmington. If you would like to pack boxes, help us distribute food, please arrive by 3pm. Traffic volunteers please arrive at 2:30pm. Thank you to those who join us volunteering to help our neighbors in need!

Support a lifetime of service. Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.

Monday, December 11th the Parish Office will be closed.

Advent Confession Schedule

Sat., Dec. 16 after 5:30pm Mass-St. Mary's, Reddick
 Tues., Dec. 19 7:00pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington (We will have a visiting Priest helping on Tuesday)
 Wed., Dec. 20 6:00pm-Sacred Heart, Kinsman

Christmas Mass Schedule

Dec. 24th 2pm-Sacred Heart, Kinsman
 4pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
 5:30pm-St. Mary's, Reddick
 10pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
 Dec. 25th 8am-Sacred Heart, Kinsman
 10am-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington



A Giving Tree Reminder-Next Sunday, Dec. 17, is the last day for the collection of gifts for our three local families. Gifts will be wrapped and distributed on Monday, Dec. 18. Thank you for your generosity.

Next weekend is our monthly Improvements Collection. We have designated this month's collection to help with Snow Removal expenses. Thank you!

RE News- Sunday, December 17th, our children will be performing a Christmas Play for all parishioners after the 10am Children's Mass.

News & Upcoming Events

On Monday, December 11, 2023, the diocese will celebrate the Opening Liturgy for the **75th Anniversary** at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus. Ten bishops are expected to be in attendance for this special liturgy, which will begin with 5:15 p.m. performances by three choirs (Vietnamese, Polish and African American) ahead of the 6 p.m. Mass. The universal prayers will be read in seven languages, and a custom 75th Anniversary Psalm and Prayer will be incorporated into the liturgy. The Mass will be livestreamed starting at 5:15 p.m. from the Diocese of Joliet's YouTube channel. YouTube channel youtube.com/c/DiocesefofJolietIL

Annual Cookie Sale at 4pm on December 21st at the American Legion Hall in Gardner. Cost is \$6.00 per dozen. Pre-Orders please call Renee Hollmeyer at 815-343-4178. Proceeds to American Legion Auxiliary.

Next weekend someone will be here for the KC's Annual Tootsie Roll Drive and the Sacred Heart Church in Kinsman Cash Raffle. Tickets are \$10 each. \$200.00 early bird for tickets turned in before Dec. 17th. Three \$20 winners drawn each week. One \$50.00 winner each Sunday. A \$100 winner first Sunday of each month. A final drawing up to \$500. Drawings held January through April. Winning tickets each week are returned to the drawing allowing each ticket to have multiple chances of being drawn!

Directory Pictures-Pictures taken by Universal Church Directories the last week of October are arriving at your homes. Your feedback regarding the process and your pictures would be greatly appreciated. Please call or email the Rectory with any feedback you would like to share. Thankyou!

The Meaning of Advent Candles-Lighting these Advent candles each week symbolizes the proximity of Jesus' coming, hence each candle has its own special symbol and meaning. The first candle lit on the first week of Advent is a purple candle, this candle represents hope. In the first week of Advent, we recall the Prophet Isaiah, who anticipated the birth of Jesus. This first candle also represents the anticipation of the arrival of the Messiah. The second candle to be lit is also a purple candle. This candle symbolizes faith and the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem. It calls you out to prepare the way of the Lord. The next and third candle to be lit is the pink candle, which represents Joy. This candle reminds us that Jesus coming is near as we reach the middle point of Advent. The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday, which symbolizes the nearness of Christ's coming. On the fourth and final Sunday of Advent, the last candle is lit, which is purple. This candle represents peace and reminds us of the importance of Peace as the true savior of the world is coming.