



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH
South Wilmington, IL



MASS INTENTIONS:

12/16/23 Sat. 4:00pm +Patrick McElroy (Family)
12/17/23 Sun. 10:00am +Donald Lardi (Jeanie Chellino)
12/18/23 Mon. No Mass
12/19/23 Tues. 6:30 pm +Martin & Marguerite Residori (Family)
+Betty & Chippy Dinelli (Family)
+John Robisky (Friends)
12/20/23 Wed. 7:30 am +Elaine Testa (Linda Carmack)
12/21/23 Thurs. 7:30 am +Elaine Joyce (James & Jona Berta)
12/22/23 Fri. No Mass
12/23/23 Sat. 4:00pm Parishioners
12/24/23 Sun. 10:00am +Denice Muzzarelli (Erin Drysch)
12/24/23 Christmas Eve 4:00pm Parishioners
12/24/23 Christmas Eve 10:00pm Parishioners
12/25/23 Christmas Day 10:00am Parishioners

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
12/16 Sat. 4pm	T. Peterson	L. Himes	A. & N. Himes
12/17 Sun. 10am	Special	M. Theis	R. & K. Shute
12/23 Sat. 4pm	A.. Wargo	R. Chase	R. & K. Shute
12/24 Sun. 10am	P. Holohan	M. Theis	R. Byers
12/24 Sun. 4pm	D. Wollgast	S. Myrick	M. & J. Simms
12/24 Sun. 10pm	M. Pfeifer	D. Pfeifer	Volunteer
12/25 Christmas 10am	C. Male	L. Himes	Volunteer

The **Volunteer Schedule** for **December** 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 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	\$ 1501.60
Immaculate Conception	\$ 438.00
Retired Religious	\$ 768.00
Snow Removal	\$ 225.00
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 December
Carol Frobish 584-1012
Renee Hollmeyer 237-8313
Pam Holohan 237-2311

FROM AROUND THE PARISH

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

The Sacrament of Penance is especially important as a way to bring order into our hearts and souls. The Sacrament of Penance is about God's love, His mercy, and the freedom that comes with knowing that your sins are forgiven. The priest-confessor will be happy to give you any help you need in order to make a good confession and receive God's forgiveness. Even if you have no idea what to do or say, the priest is there to help you.

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

Our women and men religious offer gratitude. A sister shares, "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think we would make it without them." Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift helps, visit retiredreligious.org.

RE Reminder-No RE Classes till January 7th. Enjoy your Christmas Break. Remember to attend Mass.

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

Thank you to all our volunteers at the Food truck that was here on Monday and helping us pack and distribute food to 125 families. The next Mobile Food will be here on Monday, January 22.

The Parish Office will be closed on the following Friday, December 22, Monday, December 25, and Tuesday, December 26 for Christmas.

"Never give up prayer, and should you find dryness and difficulty, persevere in it for this very reason. God often desires to see what love your soul has, and love is not tried by ease and satisfaction."

-St. John of the Cross

News & Upcoming Events

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.

This weekend is 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!

Micro Pantry- will continue to remain open through the winter, but because the weather is colder, please avoid leaving glass jars or cans. Dry goods would be the best for the winter, such as Mac and cheese, cereal, boxed meals, dry soups, anything that will not freeze. The Micro Pantry is located on the corner by our Church. "Take what you need" and "Leave what you can". Free to those in need. Thank you !

My Parish—His Heart—My Home
My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will be prayerful, if I pray. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them in. It will be a place of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity, and mercy, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be. Amen.

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.



The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. *Gaudete* is a word that means "rejoice," and we rejoice on *Gaudete* Sunday because we are halfway through Advent. The Pink Candle is list which symbolizes the nearness of Christ's coming.