



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

South Wilmington, IL



MASS INTENTIONS:

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
 12/26/23 Tues. No Mass
 12/27/23 Wed. No Mass
 12/28/23 Thurs. 7:30 am +Terry Hampson (James & Jona Berta)
 AND +Martina Turner (Family)
 12/29/23 Fri. No Mass
 12/30/23 Sat. 4:00pm +Cathy Anderson (Dave & Deb Wollgast)
 12/31/23 Sun. 10:00am +Henry Lewis & Julia Wozniak
 (Duane & Donna Lewis)

01/01/24 Mon. 10:00am Solemnity of Mary for 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
12/23 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
12/30 Sat. 4pm	D. Wollgast	S. Myrick	K. & L. Scheuber
12/31 Sun. 10am	C. Frobish	L. Himes	A. & N. Himes
1/1 Solemnity 10am	P. Holohan	M. Theis	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 \$ 1926.00
Snow Removal \$ 364.00
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

Welcome! All visitors, new individuals, couples and families to St. Lawrence Parish. If you would like to register, registration forms can be found on the bulletin board or on our website swkrcatholics.org.

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

The Parish Office will be closed on the following Monday, December 25, and Tuesday, December 26 for Christmas. Merry Christmas to all!

No Daily Mass Tuesday, December 26 or Wednesday, December 27th.

There is Daily Mass on Thursday, December 28th.

New Years Day Mass (Solemnity of Mary) this is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation in the USA this year.

Jan. 1st 10am-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
 There will only be one Mass on this day for all three parishes.

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

Thank you to our Religious Ed. Students for putting on a beautiful Christmas play last Sunday. Everyone did a great job.

Giving Tree Update -The gifts have been wrapped and delivered to our 3 local families. Thank you for your generosity and compassion to help these families have a wonderful Christmas. Also, thank you to all the generous donations towards our 2024 Mobile Food trucks. Your continued support helps our parish continue our mission of helping others in need.

Dear brothers and sisters
 God became man; he came to dwell among us. God is not distant: he is "Emmanuel", God-with-us. He is no stranger: he has a face, the face of Jesus.
 Merry Christmas to All of you!

Fr. Stanley

News & Upcoming Events

Save the dates in 2024

April 6, 2024—Nite at the Races
 April 10, 2024 —Confirmation
 April 28, 2024 —First Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS REMINDERS

May the Christmas CHEER remind you of Him who said, "Be of good cheer." May the Christmas BELL remind you of the glorious proclamations of His birth. May the Christmas CAROLS remind you of the song the Angels sang, "Glory to God in the Highest!" May the Christmas SEASON remind you in every way of Jesus Christ, Your King!

I Said a Prayer for You at Christmas

I said a special prayer for you, as Christmas Day drew near, That God would bless you richly throughout the coming year. I did not ask for Him to send you gifts of worldly wealth; But prayed that He would fill your life with peace and joy and health. I asked that you would know His love; Be comforted in strife; seek wisdom and His guidance, and have abundant live. God sent His Son at Christmas, That happiest of days, And most of all I pray that you will walk with Him al ways.

Does CHRISTMAS, have a purpose? Yes! The purpose of Christmas is to bring, not the memory, but the PRESENCE of the Christ Child who was born for you on that wondrous night in Bethlehem, into your life to transform it and to empower it. Christ came to: forgive sins, strengthen your weakness, break your wrongful habits, change your relations with other people, heal your sickness, give you knowledge of the meaning of your life, overcome your fear, and give you resurrection at your death. *Is this not good news? Is this not a gift of great wealth?*



O Come Let Us Adore Him!