



# ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

South Wilmington, IL



### MASS INTENTIONS:

- 1/27/24 Sat. 4:00pm +Patrick McElroy & Jennie Lenzie  
(Brian McElroy)
- 1/28/24 Sun. 10:00am +Terry Hampson (Pat & Jim Dinelli)
- 1/29/24 Mon. No Mass
- 1/30/24 Tues. 6:30pm +Mary Kaye Yatuni (Jim & Joylene Fair)
- 1/31/24 Wed. 7:30am +Evelyn Ford (Snyowiec Family)
- 2/01/24 Thurs. 7:30am +Paul Dinelli (Jim & Pat Dinelli)
- 2/02/24 Fri. No Mass
- 2/03/24 Sat. 4:00pm +Jack Cacello (Paul & Regina Chase)
- 2/04/24 Sun. 10:00am +Gary Morris (Family)

If you would like a Mass Intention said, please contact the Parish Office. Suggested Donations 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
1/27 Sat. 4pm	A. Wargo	S. Myrick	R. Byers
1/28 Sun. 10am	C. Male	D. Pfeifer	K. & R. Shute
2/03 Sat. 4pm	P. Holohan	R. Chase	L. Byers & R. Shute
2/04 Sun. 10am	C. Male	L. Himes	A. & N. Himes

The **Volunteer Schedule** for **February** 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 February:**  
*General Intention: For the terminally ill.* We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Weekly Income:	
Sunday Collection 1/7	\$ 2786.00
Sunday Collection 1/14	\$ 876.00
Sunday Collection 1/21	\$ 2166.00
Initial Offering	\$ 185.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 95.00
Snow Removal	\$ 864.00

**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 February  
Thalia Wilson 237-8595  
Janet Anderson 237-8545

## FROM AROUND THE PARISH

**Our deepest condolences** to family and friends on the loss of Thomas Ford Jr. who entered eternal life. May Thomas's soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace!

If you would like a tax statement of your contributions for 2023, please call the Parish Office 815-237-2230. Statements can only be prepared if you use your weekly Offertory Envelopes.

**Thank you** to the volunteers who braved the ice and cold last Monday to help at the Mobile Food Truck. We were able to help 70 families. The next Mobile is scheduled for Monday, February 26th. Thanks to our generous St. Lawrence Giving Tree Donors.

This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to Church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection! To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

Did you remember to Bless your Home for 2024? Fr. Stan is available to come to your home and provide a Home Blessing. Call the Parish Office to set this up.

### Leap Into 2024 with Faith and Preparation

As we embrace the leap year of 2024, we are gifted with an extra day—a perfect opportunity to reflect on our faith journey and plan for what lies ahead

The Diocese of Joliet has partnered with FreeWill to offer a simple and free way for you to create your estate plan. This leap year, take the opportunity to ensure your values and faith will carry your legacy through decisions that will shape the future.

Visit [FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet](http://FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet) to start your estate planning today and kickstart your estate planning journey today!

"What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like." -*St. Augustine*

## News & Upcoming Events

**MOTHER MARY'S ARMY "MMA"**  
**MEN PRAYER GROUP**  
*Immaculate Conception Church  
Braidwood IL.*

**Lord, Prepare My Hands for Battle**  
*(Psalm 144:1 NAB)*

**First Friday Devotion**  
6pm to 8pm  
ICC  
Holy Hour  
Adoration & Benediction  
Fr. White Hall  
Fellowship

Join us for a evening of Worship, Learning & Fellowship; That will inspire & motivate husbands, Fathers & sons to be the Godly Men we are called to be.

**2024 Schedule**  
January 5th  
February 2nd  
March 1st  
April 5th  
May 3rd  
June 7th  
July 5th  
August 2nd  
September 6th  
October 4th  
November 1st  
December 6th

Beer & Pizza sponsor by  
Braidwood council 1574

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ALL CATHOLIC MEN ARE WELCOME

The **Blessing of the Throats** is a sacramental of the Roman Catholic Church, celebrated on February 3, the feast day of Saint Blaise of Sebaste. St. Blaise enjoyed widespread veneration in the Eastern and Western Churches due to many cures attributed to him. According to tradition, he was a physician and Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia and was martyred under Licinius. On February 3rd the Church gives a "Blessing of the Throats" in honor of St. Blaise. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat. Many cures were attributed to him notably that of a child who was suffocating through a fish bone being caught in his throat. It is customary in many places to bless the throats of the faithful with two candles tied together with a red ribbon to form a cross. The rite of the blessing of throats may take place before or after Mass. The priest or deacon places the candles around the throat of whoever seeks the blessing, using the formula: "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat, and from every other disease. In the name of the Father and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. R. Amen."

Fr. Stanley will be blessing throats after all Masses next weekend, Feb. 3/4.