



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

South Wilmington, IL



MASS INTENTIONS:

3/23/24 Sat. 4:00pm +Donna Horrie (Pat & Jim Dinelli)
 3/24/24 Sun. 10:00am Parishioners
 3/25/24 Mon. No Mass
 3/26/24 Tues. 6:30pm +Terry Hampson (Bob & Sue Suddick)
 +Linda Bland (Bob Bland)
 3/27/24 Wed. 7:30am +Mary Bacigalupo (Bill Bacigalupo)
 3/28/24 Thurs. 6:00pm +All Deceased Priests
 3/29/24 Fri. 5:00pm Good Friday Service
 3/30/24 Sat. 8:00pm Holy Saturday for Parishioners
 3/31/24 Sun. 10:00am Easter Sunday for Parishioners

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
3/23 Sat. 4pm	Holohan/Wollgast	R. Chase	K. & R. Shute
3/24 Sun. 10am	Pfeifer/Frobish	D. Pfeifer	M. & J. Simms
3/28 Thurs. 6pm	T. Peterson	R. Chase	Volunteer
3/29 Fri. 5pm	Frobish/Wollgast	M. Theis	Volunteer
3/30 Sat. 8pm	Wargo/Holohan	S. Myrick	Volunteer
3/31 Sun. 10am	C. Male	M. Theis	Volunteer

The **Volunteer Schedule** for April 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 March:

General Intention: For the new martyrs. We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



Weekly Income:	
Sunday Collection	\$ 1826.01
Improvement	\$ 632.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 33.00

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 March

Sue Suddick 584-2174
 Mary Pfeifer 237-8164

FROM AROUND THE PARISH

Welcome! We welcome all new individuals, couples and families to St. Lawrence Parish.

Holy Week Mass Schedule

March 28 Holy Thurs.-6pm-St. Lawrence All Parishes
 March 29-Good Friday—The Passion of the Lord
 3pm-Sacred Heart-Kinsman
 5pm-St. Lawrence-S. Wilmington
 March 30-Holy Saturday
 5:30pm-Vigil Mass-St. Mary-Reddick
 8pm-Vigil Mass-St. Lawrence
 March 31-Easter Sunday-Resurrection of our Lord
 8am-Easter Mass-Sacred Heart-Kinsman
 10am-Easter Mass-St. Lawrence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Good Friday. Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal. Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Friday in Lent.

The Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday, March 29th.

Save the date—Altar Servers Pizza Party on Sunday, April 21st 6pm at Fr. Matthew Hall.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection-Friday

March 29, 2024. During Holy Week, the Gospel readings come to life in a special way as we gather to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The readings remind us of our special connection to the Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land are experiencing unique hardships in these challenging times. Many Christians depend on the pilgrimage industry to live. They could not work during the pandemic and now the war has stopped pilgrims from coming. The Christians are now less than 2% of the Holy Land population, down from 23% a century ago. With the war, many more are thinking about leaving. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection offers all Catholics an opportunity to express their solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land. A donation to the Holy Father's annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of Christians. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

News & Upcoming Events

A Nite at the Races is just two weeks away; April 6th. Doors open at 5:00 pm for food and mingling with family and friends until 6:30 pm when the first race starts. Admission tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the door. Your ticket includes \$10 in "funny money" and can be used for food, race bets, or raffle tickets. There will be a live auction after the last race. A cash bar will be available throughout the night. Everyone 21 and older is welcome to attend. Come dressed for our theme "Gone Country" and receive two extra raffle tickets to use for your chance on the great prize baskets that will be available. Don't miss this night of fun.

Easter Basket Recycle Program—The Knights of Columbus Council #1574 are again collecting unwanted Easter baskets, eggs and grass. There is a collection container at St. Lawrence, Sacred Heart and St. Mary's. We are also collecting old palms, unwanted religious items for redistribution or proper disposal.

Jeremiah Day-Saturday, April 27, 2024 at Mundelein Seminary for Boys Grades 7-10. Enjoy a day to grow closer to God and visit a seminary. The activities include a tour of Mundelein Seminary, talks about how God calls us, recreation time and open gym, and Mass. Questions, or to have forms emailed to you, please send an email to vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org.

Aspect of PALM - Symbol of JESUS

Palm branches have long been associated with the triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The palm is the symbol of victory, conquest, and kingship. As a symbol for Jesus, the Prince of Peace, and Servant-King, the palm has added significance; for the palm, of all trees, is the servant tree. The palm offers shade for the weary. It is the source of food for the hungry. From it man obtains sugar, resin, and oil. Its branches are used for the weaving of baskets and for the thatching of roofs. The lofty palm suggests mastery and service. - E.T. Clapp.

Word of Life—"There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those 'brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves'... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (*The Gospel of Life* 86).