



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
South Wilmington, IL



**Parish Staff:**  
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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 815-237-8595  
Regina Chase 815-237-2028

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

2/01/25 Sat. 4:00pm +Jack Cacello (Bonnie & Ken Bozue)  
2/02/25 Sun. 10:00am +Joseph & Evalyn Macketta (Family)  
2/03/25 Mon. No Mass  
2/04/25 Tues. 6:30pm +George Maxard (Family)  
+Mickey King (+Duane & Donna Lewis)  
2/05/25 Wed. 7:30am +Donna & Jerry Horrie (Dale & Lynn Stellano)  
2/06/25 Thurs. 7:30am +Tom Perkins (Family)  
+Catherine Baudino (Dave & Denise Stybr)  
2/07/25 Fri. No Mass  
2/08/25 Sat. 4:00pm +Pete Schultz (Cindy, Kailyn & Chelsea)  
2/09/25 Sun. 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
2/01 Sat. 4pm	T. Peterson	R. Chase	J. Simms/R. Brassard
2/02 Sun. 10am	C. Male	M. Theis	R. Shute
2/08 Sat. 4pm	D. Wollgast	S. Myrick	Volunteer
2/09 Sun. 10am	Special	L. Himes	Special

The **Volunteer Schedule** for **February** can be found on our website swkrcatholics.org under St. Lawrence ministry tab. If you would like a printed copy, please call the Parish Office. Thank you for volunteering at St. Lawrence.

**Holy Father’s Intention for the month of February:**

*General Intention:* For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ’s mission in the priesthood and religious life.



**Weekly Income:**  
**Sunday Collection** \$ 2,786.00  
**Latin America** \$ 374.00

**Thank you!!! Your offering is most appreciated.**

FROM AROUND THE PARISH

**Our deepest condolences** to the family and friends of John Jensen who entered eternal life. May his soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace!

**Thank you to all volunteers** who gave their time to help out at the Food Truck last Monday. We assisted **117** families with food. The next Mobile Food Truck date is Monday, February 24.

Thank you for your generous support for last week’s Collection for the **Church in Latin America**. As a parish, we collected \$374 to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean, so they in turn can share the Good News in their communities. If you missed the collection, it’s not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america). #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts online funds for this work—see [usccb.igivecatholictogether.org](http://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org). Your gift makes a difference!

Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bishop. His cult spread throughout the entire Church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat. Fr. Stan will be  **blessing throats after Mass this weekend**.

Parishioners will have a chance to purchase horses for the **14<sup>th</sup> Nite at the Races** on February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> following each Mass. The cost is \$35 per horse or \$25 each for 2 or more. Pick your race and horse number, name your horse and join us on **April 5<sup>th</sup>** to cheer it on. If you own the winning horse in the race, you will claim \$50 in funny money.

**Eucharistic Adoration-** Everyone is invited to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at the Church of St. Lawrence in South Wilmington every **1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month**. The next adoration will be **February 5 from 11am – 1pm**. Please try to find time for Jesus in Adoration. Come by and visit with Jesus even if it’s only 10 - 15 minutes.

**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.

News & Upcoming Events

**The 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun!** As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are humbly asking all parishioners to pledge their support for this important effort, as together we can make a profound difference. This year’s CMAA theme is *Open your heart to God’s goodness*. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ’s Church are available to everyone. Together, we can help provide safe shelter for the homeless, feed the physical and social needs of those who are hungry, inspire those discerning a life of vocation, and aid in the education of our next generation of Catholics. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own. As a diocese working together, we can do so much more. Our parish goal for the 2025 CMAA is \$10,900, and 70% of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us and used fruitfully within our own parish. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year’s annual appeal. If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

Is your marriage struggling? Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking altogether? Does talking about problems only seem to make them worse? **Retrouvaille can help you save your marriage!** Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped over 200,000 couples worldwide facing difficulties in their marriages restore their connection and rebuild a loving relationship. Our marriage-saving program provides couples with tools and actionable steps they can take to improve communication, handle conflicts, build a stronger marriage, and more! For information or to register for February 28th-March 2nd, 2025 weekend in Joliet call 815-246-2080, or email [JolietRegistration@HelpOurMarriage.org](mailto:JolietRegistration@HelpOurMarriage.org) or visit [www.RetrouvailleJoliet.com](http://www.RetrouvailleJoliet.com)

"Keep to the ancient way and custom of the Church, established and confirmed by so many Saints under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. And live a new life. Pray, and get others to pray, that God not abandon His Church, but reform it as He pleases, and as He sees best for us, and more to His honour and glory." — *St. Angela Merici*

**Word of Life-** "A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned." Pope Francis, Message for the 29<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Sick 2021  
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