



Ascension

OF THE LORD

*Parish of the
Nativity
of Our Lord*

*Spring Valley,
Illinois*



Pentecost Sunday

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Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Scott Potthoff

Deacon: Dennis Gillan

Deacon: John Kusek

Director of Religious Education: Mrs. Sue Kusek

Organist/Director: Mrs. Mary Jane Tonozzi

Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper: Mrs. Kim Olszewski

Trustees/Consultants: Thomas Tonozzi & Tom Piano

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
& Friday, 7:00 am

Sunday Liturgies: Saturday, 4:30 pm
Sunday, 8:00 am & 10:30 am

*Weekday and Indoor Masses can be viewed online via
Facebook live.*

Sacraments

Penance: Saturdays, 8:30 - 9:30 am in the Parish Library

Baptism: By appointment only.

Marriage: Must be arranged *at least six months* ahead.

Holy Orders: Call pastor to schedule appointment.

Cemeteries

Mount Olivet, St. Anne’s & Sts. Peter & Paul

Bulletin Deadline

By 1:00 pm Monday prior to date of bulletin.

**HOLY COMMUNION WILL
CONTINUE TO BE OFFERED for
30 minutes AFTER ALL Masses**
near the Parish Hall entrance.



PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Parish of the Nativity of Our Lord

MONDAY, MAY 17 (Easter Weekday)

7:00 am - † Camilla Sarver

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19 (Easter Weekday)

7:00 am - † Robert Bellettini

THURSDAY, MAY 20 (Easter Weekday)

7:00 am - † June & Alex Wiltse

FRIDAY, MAY 21 (Easter Weekday)

7:00 am - † Sebastian “Bud” DeSerf

Pentecost Sunday

SATURDAY, MAY 22

4:30 pm - † Julia Wishnevski

SUNDAY, MAY 23

8:00 am - † Frank & Ann Kierczynski

10:30 am - For Parishioners of the Parish of the
Nativity of Our Lord

MONDAY, MAY 24

(The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church)

7:00 am - † Delores Perino

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26 (St. Philip Neri)

7:00 am - † Mike Biagioni

THURSDAY, MAY 27 (Weekday)

7:00 am - † Verna & Robert Sondgeroth

FRIDAY, MAY 28 (Weekday)

7:00 am - † Joseph & Lillian Fitzpatrick

The Most Holy Trinity

SATURDAY, MAY 29

4:30 pm - † James “Buddy” Coutts

SUNDAY, MAY 30

8:00 am - For Parishioners of the Parish of the
Nativity of Our Lord

10:30 am - † Bob Kunkel, 100th

* *Happy Anniversary To Our Pastor,* *
* *Fr. Potthoff* *
* who was ordained on May 25th, 2013. *
* **God Bless you Father!** *
* *Those whose steps are guided by the LORD;* *
* *whose way God approves. . . .Psalm 37:23* *

CEMETERY DONATIONS: Our cemeteries depend on donations for upkeep, especially at this time of year with mowing, trimming etc. If you would like to donate to Mt. Olivet, St. Anne or Sts. Peter & Paul Cemeteries you will find a yellow envelope in your monthly envelope packet. Thank you for any help you can give!

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday	May 22	Liturgical Ministers
4:30 pm	Lector: Euch Min:	Julie Eilers Deacon Dennis
Sunday	May 23	Liturgical Ministers
8:00 am	Lector: Euch Min:	Rachel Bezely Deacon Dennis
10:30 am	Lector: Euch Min:	Tom Tonozzi Deacon Dennis
Saturday	May 29	Liturgical Ministers
4:30 pm	Lector: Euch Min:	Mary Jane Marini Walt Marini
Sunday	May 30	Liturgical Ministers
8:00 am	Lector: Euch Min:	Joe Nagle Diana Potthoff
10:30 am	Lector: Euch Min:	Kathy Martin Kathy Yerly

COOKBOOK PREORDER FORM

We are working toward getting the cookbook ready for release. **The cost of the cookbook will be \$20.00.** If you have not signed up either online or in person you can complete the following form. This form can be dropped in the collection basket, mailed to the parish office or placed in the drop box outside the parish rectory office door. You may also preorder on the sign-up sheet in the church vestibule or send an email to religious.ed@nativitysv.org.

Name: _____

Address _____

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Cookbooks Ordering _____
(@\$20 each)

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Coming soon! Watch Facebook and/or the Parish website for the release date of our Cookbook!

MAY CENTURY CLUB WINNER

**Sydney Bezely
Congratulations!**

FOR THOSE AGE 70½! There is good news if you have reached age 70½ and you would like to help Nativity of Our Lord Parish. If you have an IRA, the government requires you to take out a certain amount each year and be subject to federal tax. However, the law allows you to donate this amount directly to our Parish during 2021 and have it distributed **free of federal income tax!** What a wonderful opportunity for those 70½ to help Nativity of Our Lord. Please contact your tax advisor for information.

Income For April 24/25, 2021

<u>Sunday/Holyday</u>	
Adult	\$2659.00
Loose Cash	140.00
Build/Energy.	34.00
Catholic Relief	5.00
Religious/Catechetical	10.00
Children Env.	27.75
TOTAL	\$2875.75

Income For May 1/2, 2021

<u>Sunday/Holyday</u>	
Adult	\$4581.00
Loose Cash	170.00
Build/Energy.	115.00
Holy Land	35.00
Vigil Candles	205.00
Religious/Catechetical	175.00
Children Env.	24.00
TOTAL	\$5305.00

Income For May 8/9, 2021

<u>Sunday/Holyday</u>	
Adult	\$4877.00
Loose Cash	107.00
Build/Energy.	145.00
Holy Land	5.00
Vigil Candles	118.00
Religious/Catechetical	75.00
Children Env.	2.00
TOTAL	\$5329.00

Thank You!! Your contributions to your parish are greatly appreciated!

Please remember Parish of the Nativity of Our Lord in your will. Our Legal Title is:
**Parish of the Nativity of Our Lord
Roman Catholic Congregation
Spring Valley, Illinois**

More than one student from each family may apply. If parish families who attend Mass want to send their kids to St. Bede, I am happy that the parish is able to help them. Please pray for the living and deceased members of St. Anne Parish whose efforts founded this fund. Also, please pass this information on to parents that this endowment may help. There are a few summer programs that help young people consider how God is calling them to follow Christ with generosity and joy. Emmaus Days is a retreat and camp for young men from seventh grade through college, with different sessions for each age group. Check it out at <https://comeandfollowme.org/emmausdays/> There is a similar program in the Diocese of Rockford geared towards young women: <https://www.rockforddiocese.org/event/st-therese-vocation-camp/> Both programs provide a good spiritual recharge during summer.

I have had a few injuries in the last few months that have slowed me down, and I am doing therapy for them now. Because of this I am going to put the daily recitation of the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy on Facebook on hold for now. Thanks to all who have prayed with me over the past year. Keep posted for further announcements. God bless you all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Scott Potthoff
Pastor

ABOUT OUR BULLETIN - Currently we are mailing the parish bulletin to our parishioners. Our bulletins can be viewed on **our WEBSITE** (www.nativitysv.org) or on parishesonline.com. If you are now attending Mass in person and can pick up a bulletin, or are fine with viewing the bulletin online please let us know by calling the parish office at 815-663-3731 or email nativityofourlordsv@comcast.net. Thank you.

EMMAUS DAYS 2021 WILL BE BACK IN PERSON!

We will give tools to take a step deeper into discerning God's will through prayer and the sacraments. By listening to insights and meditations as well as spending time with priests and seminarians, participants get a privileged glimpse into the priestly vocation.

Session 1: College Age & Young Adults, June 11-14, 2021, at St. John's Catholic Newman Center, Champaign, IL

Session 2: High School Juniors & Seniors, June 25-28, 2021, at St. John's Catholic Newman Center, Champaign, IL

Session 3: High School Freshmen & Sophomores, July 18-21, 2021 at Peoria Notre Dame High School

Session 4: 7th & 8th Graders, July 21-23, 2021 at Peoria Notre Dame High School

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Lord is risen...he is risen indeed! We continue to rejoice in this Easter Season in these great feasts of the Ascension of Our Lord into heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It is not a let-down that we cannot visibly see the Lord Jesus and the sending of the Holy Spirit is not a second-rate substitute for Jesus presence, rather this is God's plan "until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the extent of the full stature of Christ (Ephesians 4:13)." This is the way God wants us to grow as his children, from seekers, to intentional disciples, to apostles who confidently spread the Good News of the Father's love and growing in that love ourselves as we are purified of all sin and filled with the fullness of God. The place for all that to take place is in our daily lives.

Speaking of daily lives...I would like to publicly thank our catechists (religion class teachers) and our director of religious education, Sue Kusek, for their generous service this year. This year was a little crazy for all of us, but they said yes to the Lord's invitation in difficult circumstances. We cannot all say yes to everything all the time, but I want to acknowledge those who helped so much this year. The education of the youth is one of the primary responsibilities of the pastor, and since I cannot personally instruct all of our children, I am indebted to our catechists for their assistance in my ministry. **I would like to thank the following catechists and helpers: *Kathy Eldridge, Hope Eldridge, Bobbi VanSchaick, Maureen Polster, Jeralyn & Eric Backes, Ann Draper, Tricia Casford, Jan Casford, Tina Biagioni, Jennifer Casford, Paul & Amber Dhesse, CJ VanSchaick; and our DRE, Sue Kusek.***

I mentioned the St. Anne Scholarship at Mass a few weeks ago, and now I can explain it more completely. St. Anne was a parish in Spring Valley that was closed in 1991. From the remaining assets after the sale of various properties two endowments were established, one for St. Anne Cemetery on Greenwood Street, and one for helping youth in the Spring Valley area attend St. Bede Academy and continue their Catholic formation. That endowment has taken on different forms over the years and it took me a few years to understand the account. Now that I understand it, the parish is taking applications for gifts from the endowment once more. An application is enclosed in each bulletin, except for those found on the website. Applications are available on the rack in the front of the church as well, and I hope to have it available on the website soon. The requirements focus on being a member of Nativity of Our Lord Parish and attendance at Holy Mass.

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