

A vibrant stained glass window depicting a woven basket filled with golden loaves of bread. The basket is set within a colorful, geometric frame of blue, red, and green. The background features intricate patterns and colors, including shades of blue, red, and green.

17<sup>th</sup>

## SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." - Jn 6:12

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A vibrant stained glass window featuring a central face with long, wavy hair and a beard. The face is surrounded by intricate, colorful patterns and symbols, including a cross and a chalice. The background is a mix of yellow, orange, and blue.

18<sup>th</sup>

## SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:33

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
Greetings in the Lord!

On the recent weekend I was away I visited one of my godsons, Spencer. Spencer and his family live in Pekin, IL. His parents entered into full communion with the Catholic Church and received Confirmation and First Communion when I was at their parish. I was honored that they asked me to be their son's godfather. My visit was actually the first time since his baptism that I had seen Spencer. I thought it was about time we get to know one another, and that I do what I can to be part of his life and help him grow in his relationship as a Son of God in Christ.

I tell that story because I would like to talk about sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation. This is a regular part of these sacraments, but it is vital to understand this responsibility. The Code of Canon Law (canons 872-874) gives us a general idea of what godparents are all about (my commentary is in italics):

I. Insofar as possible, a person to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who assists an adult in Christian initiation or together with the parents presents an infant for baptism. A sponsor also helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it.

♦ *The infant or young person cannot make an act of faith yet, so the parents and godparents are the ones who make an act of faith for the child. This requires that they have faith and regularly exercise it. After baptism the godparents basically help their godchild follow Jesus as a child of God. In order to teach this path they should know this for themselves. The requirements flow from this obligation.*

II. Requirements for godparents

- There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each.
- To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor a person must:

*Be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the person who takes their place, or in their absence by the pastor or minister and have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function;*

*Have completed the sixteenth year of age, unless the diocesan bishop has established another age, or the pastor or minister has granted an exception for a just cause;*

*Be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;*

*Not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;*

*Not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.*

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*A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community is not to participate except together with a Catholic sponsor and then only as a witness of the baptism.*

*The number, sex, and age requirements are all straightforward. Baptism is the first sacrament of Christian initiation, and so the sponsors must have received all three sacraments of initiation. Confirmation is required because that sacrament gives a grace directly for witnessing to others about Christ. Holy Communion is the high point of Christian initiation because Christ does not give us a gift alone, but gives us himself. In addition, the life of the godparent must be in keeping with being a witness of Jesus. We all sin, but grave sin is a strong obstacle to being a witness to Jesus with our lives. It is necessary for all of us to examine how well our lives clearly reflect Jesus or obscure his image in the world. A good question is always "If someone looked at my life, would they know I am a follower of Jesus, the Son of God in his Catholic Church?" Some basic points of a life in keeping with being a sponsor is praying at Holy Mass on a regular basis, some sort of daily prayer life, and if the person is married, being married in the Catholic Church. Many well-intentioned people do not consider these points, which is why I bring them up now.*

*The last point makes mention of baptized Christians from other "ecclesial communities." These would be our brothers and sisters from the Orthodox Church and the various Protestant communities, such as Baptists, Lutherans, Episcopalians, Methodists, etc. While having one Catholic godparent for the child, one of these folks can witness to Christ in this official way.*

*The requirements for a Confirmation sponsor are nearly identical except that there is only one sponsor, and that person must be Catholic. I bring this up to give parents and other family members an idea of what the Church intends in asking for godparents. There are nice customs which are a bonus, but the intention is to give the baptized person he or she can look to in order to see what it looks like to follow Jesus and be able to ask some basic questions about how to do it. These requirements can help us all stretch and grow a bit. It also becomes a good opportunity to let folks know that if someone is not yet married in the Church, they are most welcome to begin that process by talking with their local pastor. Sometimes this may involve seeking a declaration of nullity. Whatever the situation, Christ and his Church want to accompany us through our lives into a deeper relationship. If I can ever be of assistance, please let me know. May we all be faithful disciples of Jesus and his joyful witnesses.*

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Scott Potthoff  
Pastor

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE**

**REQUESTED** for the repose of the soul of Paul Mignone. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



**CALLING ALL WOMEN AGES 8-118!**

Join us for the first meeting of the Parish's new women's group- **WOMEN OF GRACE**. If you have enjoyed the Pot of Gold, the Easter Egg Hunt, the May Baskets, or Bingo and would like to bring more activities to the parish, build community and grow in faith then join us for the first meeting, **August 4th at 6:30 p.m.** ALL women are welcome. We hope you can join us!! **B-8**



**BULLETIN BINGO IS BACK!**

The first two numbers for Bulletin Bingo are hidden somewhere in this bulletin. Mark any numbers that are on your Bingo card and remember to hold on to your Bingo card until a verified winner has been announced.

**DIOCESAN 25TH & 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:**

If you are celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage in 2021, please notify the parish office by **August 12th**. Each couple will then receive a personal invitation from Bishop Jenky to attend a Mass on September 26th at 3:30 pm in your honor.

Saturday	July 31	Liturgical Ministers
4:30 pm	Lector: Euch Min:	Lee Andreoni Call parish office to volunteer.
Sunday	August 1	Liturgical Ministers
8:00 am	Lector: Euch Min:	Joe Nagle Kathy Yerly
10:30 am	Lector: Euch Min:	Tom Tonozzi Call parish office to volunteer.
Saturday	August 7	Liturgical Ministers
4:30 pm	Lector: Euch Min:	Nancy McNally Terese DeSerf
Sunday	August 8	Liturgical Ministers
8:00 am	Lector: Euch Min:	Call parish office to volunteer. Call parish office to volunteer.
10:30 am	Lector: Euch Min:	Tom Tonozzi Call parish office to volunteer.

**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible**



**Where:** Nativity of Our Lord Parish Hall  
**When:** August 5th & 12th, September 2nd & 9th at 6:30 pm.

**CCD PRE-REGISTRATION INFO**

It is not too late to take advantage of the early registration for CCD. **The Pre-Registration Fee is \$50/student. There is also a \$20 Confirmation Fee for 8th grade confirmation students.** Registration forms and payments can be placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked CCD registration; placed in the drop box outside the office door; or mailed to Nativity of Our Lord Parish, P.O. BOX 150, Spring Valley, Il. 61362.

**LEBANON RELIEF COLLECTION:** Bishop Jenky is making an appeal to the parishes of the Peoria Diocese to help raise funds to assist those in need in Lebanon. Currently, our brothers and sisters abroad are facing what has been called the worst economic crisis in modern history. Indeed, the nation faces a famine, and some are in danger of starvation. Our parish, Nativity of Our Lord will have a **second collection the weekend of July 31st/ August 1st**. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you!

**Income For July 10/11, 2021**

Sunday/Holyday	
Adult	\$3725.00
Loose Cash	250.00
Build/Energy.	90.00
Peter's Pence	15.00
Vigil Candles	99.00
Religious/Catechetical	90.00
Children Env.	6.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4275.00</b>

**Income For July 17/18, 2021**

Sunday/Holyday	
Adult	\$3800.00
Loose Cash	126.00
Build/Energy.	410.00
Vigil Candles	90.00
Religious/Catechetical	60.00
Children Env.	4.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4490.00</b>

**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**  
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Spring Valley, Illinois

## Parish of the Nativity of Our Lord

**MONDAY, JULY 26** (Sts. Joachim & Anne)

7:00 am - † Alberta Dalzot

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 28** (Weekday)

7:00 am - † Paul Mignone

**THURSDAY, JULY 29** (St. Martha)

7:00 am - † Alice Mattioda

**FRIDAY, JULY 30** (Weekday)

7:00 am - † Tom Quartucci

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**SATURDAY, JULY 31**

4:30 pm - † John Piccatto & Leo O'Neill Family

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 1**

8:00 am - † Mary & Jim Cinotto

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

**MONDAY, AUGUST 2** (Weekday)

7:00 am - † Rose Vysocky

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4** (St. John Vianney)

7:00 am - † Peter Davito & The Cirrincione  
Family

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 5** (Weekday)

7:00 am - † Michael & Kathy Biagioni

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 6**

(The Transfiguration of the Lord)

7:00 am - † David Vysocky

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 7**

4:30 pm - † Stephen C. Miller

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 8**

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

10:30 am - † Jim Coutts



**PARISH PICNIC  
PLANNING MEETING**  
**JULY 31ST @ 8:30 AM**  
Nativity of Our Lord Parish Hall  
FREE DONUTS, COFFEE, BEVERAGES  
**ALL MEN & WOMEN WEL COME!!!**  
BRING IDEAS TO SHARE  
AND A FRIEND TO HELP.

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**Parish Office Hours**

Please call ahead.

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**Parish Website**

*nativitysv.org*

**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, 3:15 - 4:15 pm; &  
First Saturdays, 8:30 - 9:30 am

*Baptism:* By appointment only.

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

*Holy Orders:* Call pastor to schedule appointment.

**Cemeteries**

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**Bulletin Deadline**

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