

FINAL WISHES OF REV. JAMES DVORSCAK – 2024

- Funeral arrangements through the Baran Funeral Home, Whiting, IN, at 219-659-4400. My cemetery is St. John in Hammond, Indiana. Baran Funeral home has all of the information for my funeral and my gravesite.
- Executors / Next of Kin: Barbara Dvorscak Rains 815-564-7878 / Jerome Dvorscak 219-545-7984. My Will is located in my apartment in Whiting and is accessible to both Barbara and Jerome.
- I wish to be buried in my white vestments from my first Mass. Please use the wooden chalice from Saint Meinrad for my Funeral Mass. Plans for my funeral Mass are with these papers and with my funeral home.
- I would like my holy card to contain the following ChristLife prayer which I helped write: LORD JESUS CHRIST, SON OF GOD, HAVE MERCY ON ME A SINNER. FILL ME WITH YOUR SPIRIT SO THAT I MAY LIVE A NEW LIFE. HELP ME TO KNOW YOU, TO LOVE YOU, AND TO SERVE YOU IN THIS WORLD, SO THAT I MAY BE HAPPY WITH YOU NOW AND FOR ALL ETERNITY. THANK YOU, LORD. AMEN.
- Please arrange to have the year of my death added to my gravestone at Saint John Cemetery in Hammond, which is located right next to my parents' graves.
- Please send a death notice to the following people in Slovakia: just send the holy card and the obituary.

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Funeral Mass Details:

- Funeral Arrangements through the Baran Funeral Home, Whiting, Indiana. Vestments from my First Mass and Wooden Chalice from my apartment in Whiting.
- My wake is to be held in the Baran Funeral Home, where the Dvorscak family has held their wakes since 1918. My funeral Mass is to be celebrated at Saint John Slovak Catholic Church in Whiting, with which my family has been associated since 1902, and where I attended daily Mass as a child with my grandfather. My grave is located in Saint John Cemetery, where my parents and grandparents are all buried.
- Opening Hymn: The King of Love My Shepherd Is (OCP Publications)
- Responsorial Psalm: Owen Alstott version of Psalm 23 (OCP Publications)
- Offertory Hymn: Ave Verum Corpus by Mozart in Latin
- Mass Parts: chant Mass in English
- Communion Hymn: Panis Angelicus Hymn (chant version in English)
- Incensing Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- Closing Hymn: Quietly Peacefully by Dvorak-True (GIA publications)

Funeral Mass Readings:

Lamentation 3:17-26. A reading from the Book of Lamentations. My soul is deprived of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is; I tell myself my future is lost, all that I hoped for from the Lord. The thought of my homeless poverty is wormwood and gall; remembering it over and over leaves my soul downcast within me. But I will call this to mind, as my reason to have hope: the favors of the Lord are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent; they are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness. My portion is the Lord, says my soul; therefore will I hope in him. Good is the Lord to one who waits for him, to the soul that seeks him; It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord. The word of the Lord.

II Corinthians 4:14—5:1. A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. Brothers and sisters: Knowing that the One who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God. Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal. For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven. The word of the Lord.

John 14:1-6. + A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." The Gospel of the Lord.

OBITUARY FOR REV. JAMES DVORSCAK

Family History: James Andrew Joseph Dvorscak was born on April 5, 1951, to Andrew and Margaret (Barlo) Dvorscak, in East Chicago, Indiana. He is the oldest of seven children: Jerome (Susan) Dvorscak, Barbara (Stephen) Rains, Joseph (Kathy) Dvorscak, John (Rose) Dvorscak, Andrea Martin, and Andrew (Jane) Dvorscak, with numerous nephews and nieces. He grew up in Whiting and in Highland, Indiana, and moved to Illinois in 1976. All four of his grandparents emigrated to the United States from Eastern Slovakia (Austria-Hungary) about 1900, and he has visited their hometowns in Slovakia several times, corresponding regularly with his Slovak relatives.

Educational History:

- Our Lady of Grace Grade School: Highland, Indiana: 1957-1965
- Brunnerdale Seminary High School: Canton, Ohio: 1965-1968 (junior graduate)
- Summer Work during College Years: Whiting Oil Refinery and Youngstown Sheet and Tube
- B.A. in Philosophy: St. Joseph College, Rensselaer, Indiana: 1968-1972
- B.S. in Music Education, Magna cum Laude: St. Joseph College, Rensselaer, Indiana: 1968-1972
- M.A. in Religious Studies: Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana: 1974-1975
- M.S. in Management and Organizational Behavior: Benedictine University, Lisle: 1994-1996
- M.Div. in Theology: St. Meinrad Seminary, St. Meinrad, Indiana: 1972-1976
- D.Min. in Pastoral Care and Counseling: Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago: 1984-1986
- Diploma in Slovak Language and Culture: Univerzita Komenskeho, Bratislava, Slovakia: 1988
- Shepitsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies: Transfiguration Monastery, Ukiah, California: 1989
- Ph.D. in Pastoral Psychology: Graduate Theological Foundation, South Bend, Indiana: 1996-1999
- Sabbatical at the Institute for Continuing Theological Education, North American College, Rome: 2014
- Encounter School of Ministry: Brighton, Michigan, 2022-2024

Ministerial History:

- Baptized in 1951 at Sacred Heart Church in Whiting, Indiana, where his parents were married in 1948.
 - First Communion in 1959 and Confirmation in 1960 at Our Lady of Grace Church in Highland, Indiana
- Ordained a Deacon by Archbishop George Biskup at St. Meinrad Archabbey: March 15, 1975
 - Deacon, St. Dominic, Bolingbrook: Summer 1975
 - Deacon, St. Edmund, Watseka: Summer 1976
 - Deacon, St. Petronille, Glen Ellyn: Fall 1976
- Ordained a Priest by Bishop Romeo Blanchette at St. Petronille Church: November 27, 1976
 - Associate Pastor, St. Petronille Church, Glen Ellyn: 1976-1979
 - Diocesan Consultor and Presbyteral Council Member: 1978-1980
- Advocate, Joliet Diocesan Tribunal: 1979-1983
 - Associate Pastor (part-time), St. Dennis Church, Lockport: 1979-1980 (first time)
 - Associate Pastor (part-time), St. Raymond Cathedral, Joliet: 1980-1983
 - Composer of the "Omnia Sancta Olea" Chrim Hymn: 1983
- Associate Pastor, St. Liborius Church, Steger: 1983-1987
- Associate Pastor, St. Mary Church, Mokena: 1987-1994 (first time)
 - General Editor for the Second Synod of Joliet: 1989
 - Bi-Ritual Faculties for the Ruthenian Eparchy of Parma: 1992-2024
- Pastor, Christ the King Church, Lombard: 1994-2002
 - Retired the parish debt for the church building
- Pastor, St. Mary Church, Mokena: 2002-2014 (second time)
 - Built a school addition in 2003, and a new rectory in 2013
- Pastor, St. Daniel the Prophet Church, Wheaton: 2014-2022
 - Retired the parish debt for the parish center complex
- Pastor, St. Dennis Church, Lockport: 2022-2024 (second time)
 - Retirement in 2024, returning to Whiting, Indiana.