



Rev. Nicholas Zukowski

October 9, 1954 - March 4, 2026

Reverend Nicholas Zukowski, of Warren, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at the age of 71.

Fr. Nick was born in Detroit, Michigan, on October 9, 1954, to Raymond and Rose Marie (née Hapke) Zukowski, and grew up on the east side of Detroit. In the fall of 1974, Fr. Nick began his priestly formation at St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake, Michigan. He graduated summa cum laude in May 1977 with a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy. Four months later, Cardinal John Dearden, Archbishop of Detroit, sent him to pursue theological studies and seminary formation at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. There, he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University, graduating cum laude, and began advanced studies in Christian Spirituality. He was ordained a transitional deacon in Rome on April 17, 1980.

His mother, Rose Marie, served as a parish secretary at Sweetest Heart of Mary Parish in Detroit from 1977 until 1992. His father, Raymond, was ordained a permanent deacon in 1981 and he also served at Sweetest Heart of Mary Parish. Fr. Nick returned to the United States in the summer of 1981 to begin parish ministry. His internship year was at St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows Parish in Milford, Michigan. He was ordained to the priesthood by Cardinal John Dearden at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit on May 1, 1982.

His assignments as associate pastor included Holy Cross Parish in Marine City (1982–1985), Our Lady Queen of Apostles Parish in Hamtramck (1985–1990), and St. Hugo of the Hills Parish in Bloomfield Hills (1990–1993). On July 1, 1993, Fr. Nick became the ninth pastor of St. Mary Queen of Creation Parish in New Baltimore, Michigan, where he served faithfully for 21 years. His second pastorate began on July 1, 2014, when he was appointed Pastor of St. Martin de Porres Parish in Warren. Throughout his ministry, Fr. Nick was a true shepherd guiding his flock. Even through his declining health, and up to his death, Fr. Nick provided gentle counsel to those who cared for him, and to other patients that sought his spiritual guidance and prayer.

Fr. Nick was predeceased by his parents, Deacon Raymond and Rose Marie (née Hapke) Zukowski, and his siblings Kathleen Wisniewski, David J. Zukowski, and Patricia Zukowski. He is survived by his loving nephew, Larry Sieczynski, and nieces, Lisa-Marie (Ira Keller) Sieczynski and Rosemarie (Jacob Dame) Wisniewski, as well as many dear cousins.

Visitation will be held on Monday, March 9, 2026, at St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church, 31555 Hoover Road (north of 13 Mile Road), Warren, from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., with a Parish Rosary led by the Active Christian Women's Club at 4:00 p.m. and a Vigil Wake Service at 7:00 p.m. led by Deacon Marion Jurewicz. The Mass of the Resurrection, presided over by the Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger, Archbishop of Detroit, will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., with visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. He will be buried at St. Mary's Cemetery in New Baltimore.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Fr. Nick's memory may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

May Jesus, the High Priest, reward Fr. Nick for his devoted priestly ministry!

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

St Martin De Porres Catholic Church
31555 Hoover Road
Warren, MI 48093

ACWC Rosary

MAR 9. 4:00 PM (ET)

St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church
31555 Hoover Road
Warren, 48093

Vigil Service

MAR 9. 7:00 PM (ET)

St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church
31555 Hoover Road
Warren, 48093

Visitation

MAR 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church
31555 Hoover Road
Warren, 48093

Funeral Mass

MAR **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church
31555 Hoover Road
Warren, 48093

Tribute Wall

GE

“ I recall meeting Fr. Nick for the first time at a Vicariate meeting and luncheon on Harsen's Island at St. Mark's social hall. I worked at Immaculate Conception in Ira Twp. He was wonderful then and always! Our paths crossed again a few years later after he took the assignment at St. Martin de Porres and I worked at St. Paul of Tarsus. He once shared with me that *It's a Wonderful Life* starring Jimmy Stewart was an all-time favorite! God bless you Father and your family and friends.

George - March 12 at 11:28 AM

KL

“ We're so sorry to hear of Fr. Nick's passing. Our condolences to his family and all who mourn him. God rest his soul. We will always remember the most wonderful funeral service and eulogy he did for our beloved mother. She was so devoted to St MDP and the choir. Our deepest sympathies. Karen & family

Karen Landers - March 08 at 05:10 PM

AN

“ Father Nick was beloved by my family, counseled me through challenges, presided over my wedding and baptized my oldest. He was a blessing and will be missed, until we meet again.

Angel B. Niederkohr - March 08 at 03:19 PM

PA

“ I look back fondly on the time I spent growing up at SMQOC and he was a huge part of what made it so happy and memorable for me. I can still hear his voice, though I hadn't seen him since he left. A calming presence, and a wonderful shepherd to his flock. May peace be upon him!

Parisoner - March 07 at 10:15 PM

AH

“ Fr. Nick's visits to my classroom at Our Lady Queen of Apostles in Hamtramck was always enjoyed by the students. He uplifted the day for us all with humor. Invariably he'd act out the pronunciation of his last name to start. Inspiring words were so suited to the grade level as to be a hit each time.

Father gave of himself to all though as he mingled after our school Mass with the loyal senior daily communicants who were delighted by his attention.

< Well done, faithful servant; We recognize you; Welcome home >
A. Henneau

A. Henneau - March 07 at 07:25 PM

KK

“ Kevin G Komara lit a candle in memory of Rev. Nicholas Zukowski



Kevin G Komara - March 07 at 11:24 AM

LS

“ Father Nick was one of the best Shepard of our faith who always took the time for anyone who asked. He led our parish as a true Minister and brought us all together as one family to grow in our faith. While at St Mary's he built a wonderful team to support the church, the festival, the Knights, faith formation,inspiring music choirs who traveled to Rome. You will be missed Father Nick as you were a true and faithful Servant of our Lord

Laura S - March 07 at 07:59 AM

KK

“ 🌹🙏 Fr. Nick was the BEST “shepherd” ever!! NO ONE gave a better homily that was meaningful, true and relevant to LIVING OUT the gospel of Jesus Christ. He was bar none the best pastor I’ve encountered in my, almost 65 years. He brought meaningful spiritual life to SMQOC getting people to get involved in their church. I’ve made countless friends that became FAMILY at SMQOC. He brought a Christian “connection” with the Protestant churches in our community as well. He respected and had the respect of the pastors as well as his parishioners. Having served on parish council , worship commission and a parish usher I got to know Fr. Nick. He was a great listener even if after listening he’d say “We discussed it, let’s move on” LOL. It was a sad day when he moved (with Sr. Pat 🥺) to St. Martin DePorres. Fr. Nick was called back “home” to Heaven way too soon for me, but God’s will be done. I know he’s happy reunited with his family as well as his best friends, Fr. Jim and Sr. Pat. I know our Father in Heaven said “Welcome HOME, Nick!! Well done good and faithful servant!” Rest In Peace Fr. Nick, until we meet again. I’m so glad our paths crossed here on Earth. 🙏❤️🙏😊

Kevin G Komara - March 06 at 10:27 PM