



Reverend Michael T. Kazer

March 25, 1953 - September 7, 2010

Reverend Michael Thomas Kazer of Livonia, passed away on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor at the age of 57. He was born March 25, 1953 in Royal Oak, Michigan. Son of the late Thomas J. and Betty J. (DiLucca) Kazer. Brother of Thomas A. (Pam) Kazer. Uncle of Thomas M. Kazer. Godfather of Monica Betz and Jeremy Rzeppa.

Fr. Mike was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit on May 31, 1980. He was the former Associate Pastor of St. Mary's in Royal Oak, St. Raymond in Detroit, St. Edmund and St. Dorothy both in Warren and was the former Administrator of St. John Deaf Center in Warren and former Chaplain for Warren De La Salle High School. He was the former Pastor of St. Anne in Warren and was currently serving as the Pastor at St. Edith in Livonia. Father also was the former Chaplain for the Royal Oak, Detroit, Warren and Livonia Police Departments.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **13.** 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. Edith Catholic Church
15089 Newburgh Road
Livonia, MI

Service

SEP **14.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Father Mike.
I missed your smile and greeting when I came to church last Sunday. You were so kind to me and my family, especially at the time of Norm's death.
You made the service very special.
I was honored to be at your funeral mass. What a beautiful celebration.
You made a difference at St. Edith.
You will be missed.
Joan Zawislak and Family##imported-begin##Joan Zawislak & Family##imported-end##*

September 17, 2010 at 05:15 PM



“ *I had the pleasure and honor of serving on the faculty of DeLaSalle with Fr. Michael. We also coached lacrosse together and became good friends, a friendship which has lasted these many years. Rest in Peace my friend!##imported-begin##Brother Richard Galvin##imported-end##*

September 16, 2010 at 11:00 PM



“ *May you be with God, my good friend. I will miss you.
Tom##imported-begin##brother tom lackey##imported-end##*

September 15, 2010 at 03:00 PM



“ To Father Mike's Family and Friends: May we extend our deepest sympathy. Father Mike was our pastor at St. Anne's church in Warren, Michigan during the years our sons were attending their religious formation. He took an active interest in all of the kid's lives and occasionally treated them to a Tigers ballgame. His messages during mass were well thought out, written and delivered. We are very sad to hear of his passing. The Barnette Family###imported-begin###Judy Barnette###imported-end##

September 14, 2010 at 11:49 AM



“ Father Mike, A truly great priest. We are forever grateful to you for giving Barb's dad last rites after the boating accident tragedy. Her dad's parish priest was out of town and you left a wedding to console us in our time of grief. Also, we will never forget the funeral mass at St. Anne's for Barb's cousin; you realized there were deaf mutes in the congregation and sign language the entire mass along with voicing it -a mass we will never forget. We also have fond memories of your presence at the Sausage Festivals in your favorite seat outside the tent. St. Anne's was very fortunate to have you as our pastor. Thanks for the memories. Say "hi" to Sister Alice for us. Love, Barb, Ken, Michelle & Karen###imported-begin###Barb & Ken Milczynski###imported-end##

September 13, 2010 at 10:57 PM



“ Thank you for all you have done. You had given last rites to my cousins' son Brad Lashbrook and helped my family through a very tough time. It was my best friends' mother which you were at the scene when this terrible tradgedy struck your family. We will all make it to your services. We can not thank you enough for the comfort you have given both and all families. Thank you###imported-begin###Sue owen###imported-end###

September 13, 2010 at 11:25 AM



“ Fr. Kazer, a great man and priest! Fr. Kazer touched my family at a time when a strong male figure was much needed. He was a friend and mentor and the epitome of what a Catholic priest should be.###imported-begin###Chris Misuraca###imported-end###

September 13, 2010 at 09:28 AM



“ Fr. Mike's death has left a huge hole in our hearts at St. Edith's. Our family will personally be forever grateful for Father's hiring of our son Mike for 4 summers, and mentoring him through jobs around the parish. It was Mike's first job, and a win-win for both him and the parish. Father Mike brought many talents to our parish that left a positive impact. So many memories- greeting before or after Mass, Father joking with us and our sons, the times he shared a meal with us. He will be missed. May he rest in peace.###imported-begin###Judy Wyzlic###imported-end###

September 12, 2010 at 07:25 PM



“ *What sadness in the Wolf family as we learned of our dear Father Mike's death. He was Confirmation sponsor for both David and Michael during his first assignment at St. Mary's in Royal Oak. He shared many birthday and Christmas parties with us through the years. He traveled to Bloomington, Indiana ten years to be the officiating priest at Mike's wedding. We are blessed to have known him. Our prayers go to his family.##imported-begin##Jeanne Wolf##imported-end##*

September 12, 2010 at 03:07 PM



“ *Fr. Mike was a great friend, mentor and priest. He will be dearly missed.##imported-begin##Ken Kuptz and Family##imported-end##*

September 12, 2010 at 11:11 AM



“ *May you rest in peace! From a proud Catholic and St. Raymond alter boy 1982-1986.Many great memories!!##imported-begin##Patrick Cicilian##imported-end##*

September 12, 2010 at 10:59 AM



“ *So very sorry to hear of Father Kazar's passing! He will be kept in my prayers. I always enjoyed listening to his sermon here at St. Anne, and on Mother's Day Father Mike not giving a sermon at all because that's what his mother would of wanted him to do. Rest in God's Care dear Father Mike!##imported-begin##Petrylak Family##imported-end##*

September 12, 2010 at 10:35 AM



“ I was saddened to learn of the death of Fr. Mike. He married us when he was associate pastor at St. Edmund. We were privileged to watch him at the wedding of a friend of ours later and had a chuckle when he went over to speak to the couple privately during the Mass. We knew he was saying, "This is when I come over and everyone is thinking I am giving you wise words of wisdom but it's really nothing, just a chance to get things ready for the next part."
One of our wedding attendees likened Fr. Mike's appearance to Peter Sellers as Inspector Clouseau.
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, rest in peace.##imported-begin##Greg and Laura Brestovansky##imported-end##

September 12, 2010 at 09:52 AM



“ We were so saddened to hear of Father Mike's passing. He was the Associate Pastor at St. Edmunds when we were members and he was such a wonderful priest. We will forever hold him in our hearts and memories. God Bless him and keep him close.##imported-begin##Susan and Larry Siwek##imported-end##

September 12, 2010 at 08:02 AM



“ Thank you Fr. Mike for being a part of our lives. We truly loved your zest for life and God which you showed to us in many ways. You will be missed at the family gatherings whether it was during the holidays, birthdays, graduation parties, weddings, funerals, etc. You were a wonderful mentor for my son when he was growing up and for that I thank you. May you rest in peace. You will be missed.##imported-begin##Janet Falcon & Fred Klein##imported-end##

September 10, 2010 at 07:16 PM



“ Fr. Mike was a dear friend. Not long after he came to St. Anne, we ran into him at our favorite Chinese restaurant. After that, we enjoyed many dinners with him after Saturday mass and he joined our group of friends often. He baptized all three of our kids and was a strong presence for them as well. We were so sorry to see him leave St. Anne Parish. Fr. Mike touched my heart deeply through his homilies. One in particular where I was having a crisis in faith, and he helped me through it without even knowing he had. Fr. Mike will truly be missed by all who ever were blessed to meet him!##imported-begin##Janet Silvestri##imported-end##

September 10, 2010 at 04:03 PM



“ Thank you for your service. May you rest in peace##imported-begin##Margaret Rudis##imported-end##

September 10, 2010 at 12:28 PM



“ Our Pastor,
Our Friend, you will be dearly missed, Thank you for your dedication to the Parish and School and members of this Livonia Parish.
Gary Chevillet##imported-begin##Gary Chevillet##imported-end##

September 10, 2010 at 07:53 AM



“ Fr. Mike was a great boss to work for. He really cared for his staff and always gave us great respect and appreciation. He had many different talents. One of those special talents was being able to sign to the deaf. I can remember the very first time I met Fr. Mike, I had interviewed him for an independent study project regarding American Sign Language. From that point on, he would once in awhile test me by signing to me.
Fr. Mike will be deeply missed. He was a great boss and a dear friend.##imported-begin##Jeanette##imported-end##

September 10, 2010 at 06:19 AM



“ Fr. Mike was such a presence in our lives as Kim and Kristen were growing up, attending St. Anne School and serving as altar servers. I was so appreciative that he allowed me to establish the Parish Health Ministry at St. Anne and so sad when family circumstances forced me to leave this position. Since his assignment to St. Edith, I have had the pleasure of re-connecting with him at Christmas midnight Masses. He will never be forgotten and will always be held dear in my heart. -- Alice Hatalsky##imported-begin##Alice Hatalsky##imported-end##

September 09, 2010 at 10:38 PM



“ Thanks for all the lessons and laughs.
Love, Jessy##imported-begin##Jessica Johnson##imported-end##

September 09, 2010 at 06:26 PM



“ *Father Mike - You were such a big part of our family when we were growing up. I'll never forget our after mass lunches at Firenze's, hanging out in the parish office after and before school waiting for Mom to finish work and your outings with my Dad. We were so sad when you left St. Anne's and I wish I would have kept in touch more after you moved. I truly respect you and admire you. Thank you for being a leader, inspiration and friend to all of us. I will greatly miss you. Love - Devin##imported-begin##Devin Johnson##imported-end##*

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