



Fr. Albert "Al" Holmes

March 26, 1944 - April 14, 2025

A graveside service celebrating the life of Fr. Albert Holmes of Henning, will be held at 11:00a.m. on Wednesday, April 23, with Fr. Michael Kellogg as celebrant at the Crystal Lake Cemetery in Minneapolis, MN.

Family and friends may gather on Tuesday at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Flensburg from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. A vigil led by Father Patrick Hoeft will begin at 7:30p.m.

Reverend Albert Arthur Holmes was born on March 26, 1944, in Minneapolis, MN. He was the son of Arthur and Eleanor (Shove) Holmes. After graduating from the University of Minnesota, he entered the seminary. He completed seminary studies at Christ Seminary in Chicago and was ordained a Lutheran minister in New York City in 1975. For the following decade he served parishes in Long Island. Father Holmes started doctoral studies in patristics and history at Fordham University, Bronx, NY. In 1986, he was received into the Catholic Church on the feast of the Assumption, August 15. He began studying for the priesthood at Saint John's Seminary, Collegeville, MN. Father Holmes was ordained by The Most Reverend Jerome Hanus, OSB, at Saint Mary's Cathedral, Saint Cloud, on February 6, 1993. He celebrated his First Mass at the Church of St. Andrew in Elk River, MN on February 7, 1993.

Father Holmes served in the following pastoral assignments in the Diocese of

Saint Cloud: associate pastor, St. Francis Xavier, Sartell, February 1993-May 1993; administrator, St. Joseph, Bertha, and St. Edward, Henning, May 1993-July 1997; pastor, St. Ann, Wadena, July 1997-June 2004; pastor, St. Hubert, Blue Grass, St. John the Baptist, Bluffton, Assumption of Our Lady, Menahga and St. Frederick, Verndale, July 2002-June 2004; pastor/moderator in solidum, St. Hubert, Blue Grass, St. John the Baptist, Bluffton, Assumption of Our Lady, Menahga and St. Frederick, Verndale, and St. Ann, Wadena, July 2004-June 2006; sacramental minister, St. Wendelin, Luxemburg, and St. Mary Help of Christians, St. Augusta, June 2007-December 2008. Father Holmes retired on April 1, 2014.

Father Holmes served on the Ecumenical Commission from 1999 through 2001, and as Chaplain at the St. Cloud Hospital from February 2007 to March 2014. He ministered to the Traditional Latin Mass communities at St. John Cantius, St. Cloud, and Sacred Heart, Flensburg.

Father Holmes died of natural causes on Monday, April 14, 2025, at his home in Henning, MN.

Father Holmes is survived by his sister, Sharon Reemtsma.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and sisters, Carol Bossong and Georgianne Kruize, and brothers-in-law, William Bossong and Myron Reemtsma.

Cemetery Details

Crystal Lake Cemetery (Washburn-McReavy)

3816 N. Penn Ave.
Minneapolis, MN 55412
<http://www.washburn-mcreavy.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 22. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Flensburg
18 Pine Street
Flensburg, MN 56328
<https://havenofmercycatholic.org/sacred-heart-church>

Prayers

APR 22. 7:30 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

APR 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MV

“ *Mark VonBank lit a candle in memory of Fr. Albert "Al" Holmes*



Mark VonBank - May 09, 2025 at 05:36 PM

CA

“ *Carol lit a candle in memory of Fr. Albert "Al" Holmes*



Carol - April 28, 2025 at 09:18 PM

BS

“ *God has surely raised him up on the last day! Thank you dear friend for all you did for our family. You and Father Mike were a real inspiration to all of us. Jim & Barb Sundby & Maggie!*

Barbara Sundby - April 22, 2025 at 04:52 PM

AN

“ *Alice Nelson lit a candle in memory of Fr. Albert "Al" Holmes*



Alice Nelson - April 22, 2025 at 04:27 PM

CO

“ Carol Osborn lit a candle in memory of Fr. Albert "Al" Holmes



Carol Osborn - April 20, 2025 at 04:23 PM

JR

“ Here is Father Holmes story from St. Joseph 2024. A great testament to his faith and love Of Jesus! Part one

https://youtu.be/jvU5oKNniy0?si=xcsJqt0Uq2Ozlr__
Part two https://youtu.be/6-jQiE_CINU?si=3sszldyLuqUYvn8H

John Ronyak - April 20, 2025 at 12:21 PM



Thanks for sharing!!! Incredible it gives me goosebumps

Katherine Rohr - April 21, 2025 at 09:53 PM

CR

“ I met Fr. Al many years ago in Graduate School at Fordham. Our long friendship was one of the greatest gifts in my life. We shared concerns and trials, peppering it all with much laughter. Charlotte Rodziewicz (Al always called me "Charlina")

Charlotte Rodziewicz - April 19, 2025 at 04:53 PM

KB

“ *My Uncle Al was a kind and gentle soul of who I have such wonderful memories of as I was growing up. I loved his great sense of humor, the stories he shared, his faith, love for others and his love for his dogs. I am sad that I am unable to travel to be there at this time but my thoughts are with him and my family.*

Kymberly Budish - April 19, 2025 at 01:11 PM

JT

“ *James TeVogt lit a candle in memory of Fr. Albert "Al" Holmes*



James TeVogt - April 19, 2025 at 12:09 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Fr. Albert "Al" Holmes.*



April 17, 2025 at 11:23 PM

DK

“ *Fr. Holmes, you will be missed. I believe God has a special place for you in Heaven ! You were with me in my battles and I'm so blessed to have had the last 4 years to be a big part of your life. I've learned so much from you and will NEVER FORGET the stories and trips we made. NUNC COEPI !!!*

Doug K. - April 17, 2025 at 11:14 PM

JH

“ Fr Albert was such a warm caring priest. I met him when he was here in St Cloud...We always had to give each other a hug. He always had a smile on his face and God in his heart.He cared for all..When he left St Cloud my heart went with him. We still had some communication on the phone until these last years..He inspired me to learn latin and i am proud of that..I love him dearly and will miss him alot but i know one day i hope he will be there to greet me at those heavenly gates..RIP MY FRIEND

Jill Hubert - April 17, 2025 at 10:27 PM

MB

“ We went through Marriage prep with Fr. Al and he married us Sepember of 2002. He was a wonderful priest and a gentle man whom we remember very dearly. We are better people for having been blessed to know him.



Matt & Carla Blashack - April 17, 2025 at 05:51 PM

AD

“ Father was a very special priest and. a wonderful example to our whole family. Rest in peace ! Al and Mary Beth Dolezal St.Frederick Church - Verndale, MN



Al and Mary Beth Dolezal - April 17, 2025 at 04:03 PM

MA

“ He was my Godfather and the priest who baptized me. Every Christmas he would come down and I always got so excited to see him and hear all about what he had been doing that year. He was a kind hearted man with a bright beautiful soul. He will be greatly missed❤️

maria - April 17, 2025 at 12:41 PM

JB

“ Father Al was the greatest priest known. He was so kind, thoughtful, helpful and caring. He was a big teddy bear who always had a kind word and warm hug when needed - he helped us through some really tough times, and for that, I am forever grateful. He will never be forgotten...



Jay & Heidi Barthel - April 17, 2025 at 11:21 AM

JR

“ Father Holmes was more than a great priest; he was an inspiration to all who knew him. During COVID he never let his flock be without the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. He even came to my home in this time of tribulation so others could be fed. He truly was a "father" to his sheep and was a priest not for the diocese but for the Lord. May he enjoy his reward as he can now listen to his favorite Credo from the Holy Family Mass not sung by a simple choir on a Sunday morning, but with the choirs of all the angels and saints. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord!

John D Ronyak - April 17, 2025 at 09:03 AM

SS

“ Fr Holmes came to say the prayers at my mothers grave site. He was a very wonderful priest and I was so blessed to have known him. Requiescat in pace.



Sharie Stockard - April 17, 2025 at 01:03 AM



“ I remember him talking about the blessed Virgin Mary and the stained glass window at St Ann's shine.. he was so devout and taught about the life of St Polycarp. Feb23

Katherine Rohr - April 16, 2025 at 04:33 PM

LB

“ Lucille Belch lit a candle in memory of Fr. Albert "Al" Holmes



Lucille Belch - April 16, 2025 at 04:05 PM

JH

“ Jay Hutson and Debra Hutson lit a candle in memory of Fr. Albert "Al" Holmes



Jay Hutson and Debra Hutson - April 16, 2025 at 01:34 PM

MS

“ *Fr Al was so very kind and of great help to my family and I when we needed it most. He was a true blessing.*

marjorie snyder - April 16, 2025 at 12:38 PM