



## Rev. James W. Meade

April 12, 1960 - October 28, 2020

Father James W. Meade passed away suddenly October 28, 2020.

He was born April 12, 1960, the son of James H. and Mary P. (nee Currie) Meade.

He attended St. Joseph Catholic Grade School, Dyer, Indiana and was a 1978 graduate of Lake Central High School. Father Meade attended seminary at St. Meinrad College pursued his theological studies at the University of St. Thomas Aquinas while residing at the Pontifical North

American College in Rome, Italy. He was ordained a Catholic priest in 1986. He furthered his education as an adult and received his law degree from Indiana University.

In his many years in the priesthood Father Meade had numerous assignments in the Gary Diocese, the latest serving 16 years as pastor at St. Patrick's, Chesterton and the past 2 years as

pastor of SS. Peter and Paul, St. Joan of Arc, and St. Andrew's in Merrillville. He held many positions in the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal, currently serving as Judicial Vicar of the Diocese.

Father Meade was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Mary.

He is survived by his sisters, Grace (Dennis) Mertes, Laura (Callie) LaVal, niece, Lindsey LaVal, his fellow priests, and all his parishioners and friends who knew and loved him.

A memorial mass will be held Friday, November 6 at St. Peter and Paul Church.

Unfortunately, due to COVID, seating will be by invitation only.

Father Meade's greatest joy was serving his parishioners. And so as he would say "and so on and so forth." Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point, entrusted with arrangements

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# Comments

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“ Father Jim was the ONLY one of my classmates at North American College who came all the way to Saint Cloud, Minnesota, to be with me on the day of my ordination, and stayed for my first Holy Mass the next day. He was a wonderful classmate during our years in Rome, and I am touched by all the comments already made, showing that he continued to be the same wonderful man all along -- as he will be now, in eternity.  
William Vouk III

William Vouk III - November 27, 2020 at 01:34 PM

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“ On Behalf of the DOD team out of postv100 we would like to extend our condolences. WE ALL  
OF DIFFERENT RELIGIONS ENJOYED HIS PRESENTS  
AT MILITARY FUNERALS AND CONVERSATIONS BEFORE AND AFTER. The  
team was Stunned He will be missed Greatly

Harry Stempf - November 10, 2020 at 09:45 PM

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“ Deborah Naillieux lit a candle in memory of Rev. James W. Meade



Deborah Naillieux - November 04, 2020 at 02:52 PM

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“ I remember some of the wonderful stories that you told us about during mass of the Christmas one of the little boy doing a play about the Christ child who said that the child name was JC Penny because his mother had written down on the inside of his belt the answers. And everyone laughed. And I want to thank you for being the best priest.

Deborah Naillieux - November 04, 2020 at 02:51 PM



“ Eva Szczech sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. James W. Meade



**Eva Szczech** - November 03, 2020 at 02:51 PM

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“ I am saddened by the news of Fr Meade's death. He will be remembered in my prayers and Masses. One of my memories from our days at St Meinrad seminary was his musical abilities. His nickname was E. Powers Meade! May God grant his priest James a share in the Divine Liturgy of Heaven.

**Very Rev Robert Creagan** - November 03, 2020 at 12:20 PM

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“ Geri Kiernan lit a candle in memory of Rev. James W. Meade



**Geri Kiernan** - November 03, 2020 at 11:33 AM

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“ Fr Meade gave so much of himself to church and our family. He married my daughter to her husband and my son to his wife. Those two unions gave Fr Meade five of my six grandchildren to baptize. My son-in-law wasn't Catholic and wanted to be able to take communion with my daughter at their wedding. Fr Meade took his day off each week to instruct Bob so he could be a Catholic for the wedding. I needed someone more than ever in 2008 when my loss was unexpected and devastating. Fr Meade was there for my journey. My five grandchildren still talk about how much they miss Father Meade and retell the stories of their time with Fr Meade. God bless faithful servant! You will be missed.

**Susan Barriball** - November 03, 2020 at 10:25 AM

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“ To the Family, Friends, Parishioners, and Brother Priests.  
Fr. Meade was a gifted and unique individual. He was extremely intelligent and interested in many subjects. No one loved music more. The duet we performed will always be something I will never forget. Although his passing was a huge loss for the Catholic Community, he is now exactly where he longed to be. May he truly Rest In Peace. Lux aeterna, Father.  
Laura and John Monteen

**Laura and John Monteen** - November 03, 2020 at 01:37 AM

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“ Laura Blaser is following this tribute.

**Laura Blaser** - November 03, 2020 at 12:38 AM

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**Kyle Wilson** - November 02, 2020 at 06:30 PM



“ Father baptized my daughters. I will never forget his presence in those important times. As Father Teles before him, the parishioners of SSPP have been blessed with holy and pious men.

**Kyle Wilson** - November 02, 2020 at 06:32 PM



“ He will be missed!

**Mike Ziemkowski** - November 02, 2020 at 08:36 PM



“ Good night Father Meade thank you for your wisdom and care through your many years at Saint Patrick's. You had a kind heart and a tough will.

We were blessed to have you come into our lives.

Tom and Louise

**Tom and LouiseRoberts** - November 02, 2020 at 08:56 PM



“ Rest In Peace Father Meade. I will miss your sense of humor in the Sunday sermon at St. Andrews. You will be missed and will live on in memory.

**Karen Terry** - November 02, 2020 at 11:53 PM



“ I've always enjoyed Fr. Meads' masses at St Joan of Arc Parish, Merrillville. He was so full of life and such an inspiration to all who knew him. His homilies were so powerful and THAT VOICE will never be forgotten. Rest in peace Father. Thank you God for sharing him with us, even if it was just a short time. RIP.

To his family - treasure the memories.

Anita Sakes, Hobart

**anita sakes** - November 03, 2020 at 10:43 AM



“ Fr. Meade was a priest in residence and choir director at St. John the Evangelist when I worked in the parish office. While he was studying at IU for his civil law degree, I asked him to keep an eye on my daughter. His favorite phrase then was, "It seems to me that . . ." He will be missed.

Tomi Plikuhn

**Tomi Plikuhn** - November 04, 2020 at 06:12 PM