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## Fr. William Sprigler

Born in 1946, Fr. Sprigler was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of San Antonio in 1975. He moved to the Diocese of New Ulm in 1983 and was incardinated into the Diocese of New Ulm in 1988. In December 2018, the Archdiocese of San Antonio informed the Diocese of New Ulm of allegations of sexual abuse of two minors made against Fr. Sprigler in 1976. The Diocese of New Ulm has not received any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor against Fr. Sprigler during the time he has provided ministry within the Diocese of New Ulm. The Diocese of New Ulm permanently removed Fr. Sprigler from ministry in January 2019.

The following is Fr. Sprigler's assignment history within the Diocese of New Ulm:

- Internship, Holy Rosary, North Mankato, 1983-1984
- Director of Personnel for the Diocese of New Ulm, while continuing in his parish assignments, 1984-1989
- Pastor, St. Mary, Cottonwood and St. Isidore, Clarkfield 1984-1985
- Pastor, Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth, 1985-1989
- Parochial Administrator, St. Catherine, Redwood Falls, while remaining Pastor at Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth, 1988-1989
- Parochial Administrator, St. Thomas, Sanborn, while remaining Parochial Administrator at St. Catherine, Redwood Falls, and Pastor at the Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth, 1989

- Pastor, Holy Redeemer, Marshall, 1989-1995
- Parochial Administrator, Ss. Peter and Paul, Ivanhoe and St. John Cantius, Wilno, while remaining Pastor at Holy Redeemer, Marshall, 1992
- Pastor, St. Anthony, Watkins, while remaining Pastor at Holy Redeemer, Marshall, 1993
- Pastor, St. Andrew, Granite Falls, 1995-2000
- Sacramental Minister, St. Clara, Clara City, while remaining Pastor at St. Andrew, Granite Falls, 1995-1997
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- Pastor, St. Anastasia, Hutchinson, 2000-2007
- Sacramental Minister, St. Boniface, Stewart, while remaining Pastor at St. Anastasia, Hutchinson, 2000-2002
- Pastor, St. Boniface, Stewart, while remaining Pastor at St. Anastasia, Hutchinson, 2002-2007
- Pastor, Holy Trinity, Winsted, 2007-2009
- Pastor, St. Francis, Benson; St. Malachy, Clontarf; St. Bridget, De Graff and the Oratory of Danvers, 2009-2011
- Pastor, Sacred Heart, Murdock, while remaining Pastor at St. Francis, Benson; St. Malachy, Clontarf; St. Bridget, De Graff and the Oratory of Danvers 2011-2014
- Parochial Administrator, St. James, Dawson, 2014-2016
- Parochial Administrator, St. John, Appleton, while remaining Parochial Administrator at St. James, Dawson, 2015-2016
- Retired from assigned ministry June 29, 2016.

Since retirement, Fr. Sprigler continued to celebrate Mass and provide other ministry at parishes within the Diocese of New Ulm, as well as within two dioceses in Florida, while pastors were on vacation or otherwise needed assistance. He was removed from ministry in December 2018 and permanently removed from ministry in January 2019. The Diocese of New Ulm has informed those Florida dioceses that Fr. Sprigler is permanently removed from ministry.

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## About

The Diocese of New Ulm is committed to preventing abuse (<https://www.dnu.org/safeenvironment/>), immediately reporting (<https://www.dnu.org/report-abuse/>) any allegations of abuse in Church ministry to law enforcement, and helping victims and survivors in their journey toward healing.

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