



## Fr Joseph Bartholome Wiersgalla



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<b>BIRTH</b>	24 Aug 1925 Browerville, Todd County, Minnesota, USA
<b>DEATH</b>	19 Dec 2003 (aged 78) Minnesota, USA
<b>BURIAL</b>	Christ the King Catholic Cemetery Browerville, Todd County, Minnesota, USA
<b>MEMORIAL ID</b>	73742049

### Father Joseph Bartholome Wiersgalla



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Father Joseph Wiersgalla was born on August 24, 1925, in Browerville, MN. He was the son of Anton Wiersgalla and Frances Motzko Wiersgalla. He attended St. Joseph's Parochial School, Browerville, St. John's Prep School, Collegeville, and St. John's University, Collegeville. He studied philosophy and theology at St. Paul Seminary, St Paul. Father Wiersgalla was ordained by Bishop Peter W. Bartholome at the Cathedral of Saint Mary on June 2, 1951. He celebrated his First Mass in St. Joseph's Church, Browerville, on June 3, 1951.

Father Wiersgalla served in the following assignments in the Diocese of St. Cloud: associate pastor, Sts. Peter and Paul, Gilman, July 1951-August 1952; Sacred Heart, Sauk Rapids, August 1952-July 1955; pastor of Holy Cross, Harding, July 1955-June 1958; St. Joseph, Morrill, June 1958-September 1963; St. Anthony, St Anthony, June 1964-November 1966; St. Hedwig, Holdingford, November 1966-July 1973; Immaculate Conception, Becker, July 1973-July 1974; St. Joseph, Bertha and St. Isidore, Moran, July 1974-September 1981. Father Wiersgalla suffered a stroke in September, 1981, and retired to St. Benedict's Senior Community.

Father Wiersgalla died on December 19, 2003, at Saint Benedict Senior Community, St. Cloud.

Vigil service will be held on Friday evening, December 26, 2003, at 7:30 p.m. at the Church of Christ the King, Browerville.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at the Church of Christ the King, Browerville, on Saturday, December 27, 2003, at 11 a.m. with the Most Rev. John F. Kinney presiding. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

Father Wiersgalla is survived by sisters, Delores Daniels, Browerville, Kathryn Jakubik, Osakis; brother, Edward Wiersgalla, St. Paul.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Robert, Steven, Lawrence, Anthony, and sisters Agnes Gusinda, Mary Bednarz, Gertrude (Bartyalla) Bednarz, Pauline Cebulla, Frances Gonsior, and Anna (Gmyrek) Drayna.

### Family Members

