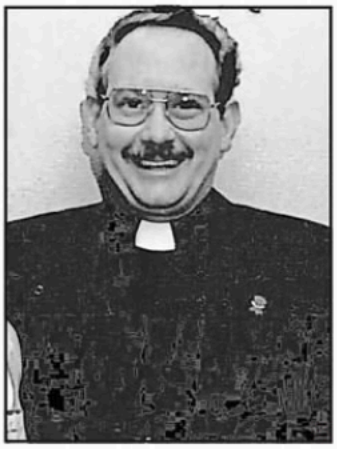
Rev. Fr. Charles F. Bodziak



BOSWELL - The Rev. Fr. Charles F. Bodziak, 82, formerly of Boswell, passed away May 1, 2024 at New Haven Court at Lindwood in Greensburg. Born September 22, 1941 in Somerset, the son of the late Charles S. and Catherine (Rubinski) Bodziak. Survived by sister, Sister Helen T. Bodziak, OSF; brother, John G. Bodziak; nieces, Charlotte and Pamela Bodziak and nephew, John Bodziak. Father Bodziak attended St. Stanislaus Grade School in Boswell and graduated in 1959 from St. Anthony of Padua Minor Seminary and Prep School in Watkins Glen, NY. He attended St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake, MI and completed his theological studies at SS Cyril & Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake. He was ordained a priest by Bishop James J. Hogan on May 20, 1967 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. Father Bodziak served as Parochial Vicar at St. Mary's Parish in Nanty Glo from 1967 to 1969; St. Joseph Parish in Renovo from 1969 to 1971; St. Agnes Parish in Lock Haven from 1971 to 1973 and St. Leo Parish in Altoona from 1973 to 1979 when he became pastor of the same parish after the death of Father Jeremiah P. Flynn. In 1990, he assumed pastorate of SS Peter & Paul Parish in Altoona when it clustered with St. Leo Parish. In 1995 that parish was merged with SS Peter & Paul Parish to become Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Altoona. During that time, he was also Intermittent Chaplain to the hospitals of Altoona, Mercy and the Veteran's Hospital. He was the Chaplain (4th Degree) of the Knights of Columbus Council #551 from 1973 to 1995. He was named pastor to the clustered parishes of Christ the King and St. Stanislaus Kostka in Spangler, Bakerton and Nicktown until transfer to the pastorate of the clustered parishes of Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist in Central City in 1998, which merged as Our Lady of Angels in 2000. Father Bodziak served the parishes of St. Agnes, Cassandra and St. Bartholomew in Wilmore from July 11, 2001 to July 21, 2010. From that date he became pastor of St. Michael Parish in St. Michael until his retirement on January 22, 2016. In his spare time, he enjoyed bowling, fishing and writing poetry. Viewing from 6-8PM Monday at Hoffman Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Inc., 409 Main Street, Boswell where a Vigil for the Deceased will be held 6PM Monday. Funeral Mass 11AM Tuesday at All Saints Catholic Church, Boswell with Rev. Fr. Brian Warchola, Celebrant. Committal St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Boswell. To express condolences, order flowers or plant a memorial tree, visit HoffmanFuneralHomes.com.

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