



Fr. Richard Paddock

August 4, 1933 - July 20, 2011

Fr. Richard W. Paddock
1933 – 2011

Fr. Richard W. Paddock, 77 of Aurora passed away Wednesday, July 20, 2011 at his home. He was born August 4, 1933 in Volo, IL to Earl and Kathryn (Wagner) Paddock.

Fr. Paddock began his studies at Salvatorian Seminary in St. Nazianz, WI. He took philosophy and theology at St. Paul Seminary in St. Paul, MN. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 6, 1959 at St. Mary Catholic Church in McHenry. He served as associate pastor at St. Bernadette Parish in Rockford, St. Andrew Parish in Rock Falls and St. Joseph Parish in Aurora. He also served as administrator of St. Mary Parish in Aurora in 1971 before becoming Pastor there in 1973. After 16 years at St. Mary Parish, Father was assigned to St. Gall Parish in Elburn where he served from August 3, 1987 until his retirement on June 16, 2003. He taught as a member of the religious education faculty of Muldoon High School in Rockford, Newman Catholic High School in Sterling and Madonna and Aurora Central Catholic High Schools in Aurora. Fr. Paddock celebrated his 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on June 6, 2009.

Survivors include nine nieces and nephews; two sisters-in-law, Margaret

Paddock and Edna Paddock; three special caregivers, Dorothy Groom, Jeff Groom and Delores Likeum ; and a host of loving friends including his special canine friend, Serena.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Ronald Paddock, Everett & Frances Paddock, and Earl Paddock, Jr. and by one niece, Elaine Downing.

Visitation will be Saturday, July 23, 2011 from 9:00 am until 11:00 am at St. Gall Church, 120 W. Shannon St., Elburn, IL. 60119 followed by a funeral mass at 11:00 am. The Most Rev. Thomas G. Doran, DD, JCD, Bishop of Rockford, will officiate with interment in St. Mary Cemetery, McHenry, IL at 2:30pm.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made in the form of masses, to the St. Gall Building fund or to his family.

Arrangements were made by THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St., Aurora, IL. 60506.

Please visit our new interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com where you may sign the virtual guest book or leave condolences online.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **23**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Gall Church
120 W Shannon Street
Elburn, IL 60119
(630) 365-6030

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall

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Martha Ingraham - August 17, 2011 at 06:12 PM



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Susan May - August 11, 2011 at 04:07 PM



“ Oh how we treasure the friendship and love that Fr. Paddock gave to us! He was part of our family from the first time he came to our door 24 yrs ago this July. We had just returned home from one of the many baseball games on a Sat. morning. We had yet to straighten the house as the game was very early. I was pregnant with our 4th son and was apologizing for the clutter. He smiled and said, "I feel right at home!" From that moment he became part of our family. He walked in with that beautiful smile, and gentle spirit that touched not only our lives but our hearts forever.

Fr. Paddock was with us through the joys and the tears; the good times and the bad; the marriages and the deaths of our family. He married 2 of the 4 boys with the last marriage he performed being a year ago in May. His wisdom, compassion, fortitude, and his love for our Lord strengthened our family beyond words.

Although Fr. Paddock has left us for his heavenly home-being with Jesus, I'm sure he is smiling that beautiful smile and telling a joke or two.

We hold you close to our hearts Father, hope you enjoyed the glitter....send some to us from time to time.

*All our love,
Jim, Darlene & family*

Darlene Biggs - July 30, 2011 at 09:53 AM

EK

“ *Father Paddock was such a loving caring pastor and family friend. I remember being in the hospital for one problem when the doctor's discovered that an even more serious issue. When I opened my eyes, Father was standing at the foot of my bed. I knew that it had to be serious. He helped me spiritually and emotionally deal with the open heart surgery that I had to face. In later years he, too, dealt with the same issue. I hope that I was able to help him as much as he helped me.*

Ed Kackert

Ed Kackert - July 24, 2011 at 01:45 PM

WM

I remember when I was in grade school at St Joes I refused to go to school one day. No matter what my mother said wouldn't change my mind. She then threatened to call father Paddock. I didn't believe she would and called her bluff and said I don't care. Next thing you know father Paddock shows up at our front door. He looked at me and said I should go to school. I felt so guilty for giving my mom a hard time I said OK. Father Paddock then gave a ride to school. I always respected the man and am sorry to hear he is no longer with us. I'm 63 years old and will always remember his kindness and caring. Rest in peace my friend.

William Mateas - December 12, 2019 at 09:41 PM

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Mary Kackert - July 24, 2011 at 01:12 PM

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“ *Mary Kackert lit a candle in memory of Fr. Richard Paddock*



Mary Kackert - July 24, 2011 at 12:57 PM

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Mary Kackert - July 24, 2011 at 12:43 PM

MK

This picture was taken when we celebrated the 4th of July this year with Father. He laughed with us and still had his wonderful sense of humor. Our visits always ended with him saying "pray for me".

Mary Kackert - July 24, 2011 at 12:56 PM

GV

“ To Fr. Paddock's family and friends -- One of my co-workers told me to pray a rosary for her parish priest who was so well-loved since I can finish it when I take the train to work in the morning. I realized it was Fr. Paddock who I knew from Madonna (I graduated in 1963), who was a very nice, very well-liked priest. Also, his photo seems to portray him to be a very gregarious person too! He loved our Lord so much to follow Him, as a priest (and I presume that priesthood can be a very lonely life at times, too)--so I was happy to read in his obit that he had a dog, Serena (I'm sure Serena misses Fr. Paddock a lot now, too). I know this probably sounds meaningless in the scheme of things, but I feel a closeness to Fr. Paddock now since I have a Schnauzer and understand he did too (Serena perhaps?). Thus, when I prayed a rosary this morning I asked our Lord to take care of him and don't let him suffer for any sins in his past life--Fr. Paddock was a good man, he was a priest for 50 years for crying out loud! Plus he must of had a wonderful love for his dogs--and love like Fr. Paddock had for our Lord in heaven and his dogs here on earth, I believe, deserves the highest of peace and happiness in heaven. Georgia Vargo, Aurora, Illinois (St. Joseph's Parish)

GEORGIA VARGO - July 22, 2011 at 01:49 PM

MK

“ I remember my first year as choir director at St. Gall's. I was very nervous. But Fr. Paddock was my biggest supporter and my family and I will never forget the kindness and happiness he brought to our lives. It was because of his guidance that I found the joy in my Catholic faith. You will definately be missed.
Mary Kugach

Mary Kugach - July 22, 2011 at 11:32 AM

SF

“ *Fr. Paddock was such an important part fo my family's life.....he always made you feel loved and cared about. I never felt my imperfections were judged by him....he always reminded me of Gods great compassion and his kind heart....this will stay with me forever. I truly believe Fr. Paddock was specially blessed by our Father in Heaven. His ability to embrace his parish with kindness and love was unmeasurable. You wil be greatly missed.*

Sue (Kayzar) Filek

Susan Filek - July 22, 2011 at 07:17 AM