16 diocesan priests with allegations of sexual abuse of a minor

**John Brath**
Ordained to the priesthood on May 25, 1968, in the Cathedral of St. Raymond, Joliet, IL, by The Most Rev. Romeo Blanchette, for the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau. Died in 2014. The full press release may be found here.

**Leonard Chambers**

**Pastoral Appointments:**
(Motor Missions) Sacred Heart Parish, Poplar Bluff, MO
Assistant Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Pierce City, MO
Temp. Assistant, Sacred Heart Parish, Webb City, MO
Assistant Pastor, St. Peter the Apostle, Joplin, MO; Instructor of religion at McAuley High School, Joplin, MO
Associate Pastor, St. Mary Cathedral, Cape Girardeau, MO
Associate Pastor, Holy Trinity Parish, Springfield, MO
Parochial Administrator, St. Joseph the Worker, Ozark, MO
Instructor of Christian Doctrine, St. Agnes Regional High School, Springfield, MO
Parochial Administrator, St. Joseph Parish, Advance, MO, and St. Anthony Parish, Glennon, MO
Pastor, St. Susanne Parish, Mount Vernon, and Parochial Administrator St. Patrick Mission, Greenfield, MO
Pastor, St. Francis de Sales Parish, Lebanon, MO
Pastor, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Springfield, MO
Sabbatical
Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Salem, Christ the King Mission, and St. Jude, Montauk (Chapel-summer only)
Interim Parochial Admin., St. Mary Parish, Pierce City, MO
Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Pierce City, MO
Pastor, Our Lady of the Cove Parish, Kimberling City, MO
Pastor, Holy Family Parish, Shell Knob, MO
Relieved of Shell Knob, MO, Continued Kimberling City, MO
Pastor, St. Peter the Apostle Parish, Joplin, MO
Leave
**July 31, 1998** – Priestly faculties revoked, retired
Walter Craig
Ordained June 10, 1923, Kenrick Seminary, St. Louis MO, by The Most Reverend John Joseph Glennon, DD, for the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Died in 1971.

Pastoral Appointments:
Assistant Pastor, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, St. Louis, MO
Pastor, St. Ambrose Parish, Chaffee, MO
Pastor, St. Matthew Parish, St. Louis, MO
Pastor, Immaculate Conception Parish, New Madrid, MO
Pastor, Immaculate Conception Parish, Jackson, MO
Pastor, St. Lawrence Parish, New Hamberg, MO
Dec. 16, 1971 – Deceased

Eugene Deragowski

Pastoral Appointments:
Assistant Pastor, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Kansas City MO
Assistant Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Springfield, MO
Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Bolivar, MO; Pastor, St. William Parish, Buffalo, MO;
    Pastor, St. Patrick Mission, Greenfield, MO
Appointed Diocesan Director of Council of Catholic Youth
Pastor, St. Mary Parish, West Plains, MO; Pastor, St. William Parish, Gainesville, MO;
    Vicar Forane, West Plains Deanery
Pastor, SS Peter and Paul Parish, Pulaskifield; Pastor, St. Edward Parish, Cassville, MO
Pastor, St. John Vianney, Mountain View, MO; Pastor, St. Edward Mission, Eminence;
    Chaplain, St. Francis Memorial Hospital, Mountain View
Associate Pastor, St. John Vianney Parish, Mountain View, MO;
    Pastor, St. Sylvester Mission, Eminence
Chaplain, Mercy Villa, Springfield
Aug. 23, 1981 – Deceased

William E. Donovan
Ordained to the priesthood on March 26, 1955, in Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, St. Louis, by The Most Reverend Joseph E. Ritter, for the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Died in 1975. A full press release may be found here.

Wallace (‘Wally’) Ellinger
Ordained to the priesthood on February 28, 1953, in Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, St. Louis, by The Most Reverend Joseph E. Ritter, for the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Left the priesthood in 1975; was laicized and returned to the lay state in 1976; died in 2007. A full press release may be found here.

Mark C. Ernstmann
Larry Gregovich
The full press release may be found here.

Fred Lutz
The full press release may be found here.

Ernest (‘Ernie’) Marquart
Ordained to the priesthood on December 18, 1970, in St. Peter’s Basilica, Vatican City, by The Most Reverend Jacobus A. Hickey, for the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau. A full press release may be found here.

Paul McHugh

Pastoral Appointments:
Associate Pastor, Immaculate Conception, Springfield, MO
Associate Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Poplar Bluff, MO
Associate Pastor, St. Mary of the Annunciation Cathedral, Cape Girardeau, MO;
   Instructor of Religion, Notre Dame Regional High School;
   Moderator, Council of Catholic Youth Deanery, Poplar Bluff, MO
Parochial Administrator, St. Joseph Parish, Advance, MO;
   Parochial Administrator, St. Anthony Parish, Glennon
Pastor, St. Henry Parish, Charleston, MO; Leave of absence
In residence, Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Branson, MO
Pastor, Our Lady of the Lake, Branson, MO
June 4, 1983 – Deceased

John Rynish
The full press release may be found here.
Stephen Schneider

**Pastoral Appointments:**
Associate Pastor, St. Mary of the Annunciation Cathedral, Cape Girardeau, MO
Assistant Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Springfield, MO; Director, Sacred Heart House of Studies, Springfield, MO
In residence, St. Susanne Parish, Mount Vernon, MO
Pastor, St. Mary Parish, West Plains, MO
Pastor, St. John Parish, Leopold, MO
Pastor, Immaculate Conception Parish, Jackson, MO
Pastor, Immaculate Conception Parish, Springfield, MO
Pastor, St. Francis Xavier Parish, Sikeston, MO
Pastor, St. Henry Parish, Charleston, MO
Pastor, St. Peter the Apostle, Joplin, MO
**Feb. 24, 2006** – Removed from active ministry
**March 13, 2016** – Deceased

Amel Shibley

**Pastoral Appointments:**
Assistant Pastor, St. Lawrence Parish, New Hamburg, MO
Assistant Pastor, St. Francis Xavier, Sikeston, MO
Assistant Pastor, St. Agnes Cathedral, Springfield, MO
Assistant Pastor, St. Mary of the Annunciation Cathedral, Cape Girardeau, MO
Pastor, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Piedmont, MO; Pastor, St. George Mission, Van Buren, MO; Pastor, Our Lady of Sorrows Mission, Williamsville, MO
Pastor, St. Ann Parish, Malden, MO
Pastor, St. Eustachius Parish, Portageville, MO
Pastor, St. Francis Xavier Parish, Sikeston, MO
Diocesan Director, Society for the Propagation of the Faith
Sabbatical
Pastor, St. Lawrence Parish, New Hamburg, MO
**Aug. 1995** – Retired
Parochial Administrator, St. Michael Parish, Fredericktown, MO
**Sept. 13, 2002** - Deceased

John Wells
The full press release may be found [here](#).
Louis Wyrsch

Pastoral Appointments:
Associate Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Poplar Bluff, MO;
   Chaplain, Veteran’s Administration Hospital
Associate Pastor, St. Peter the Apostle Parish, Joplin, MO
Deanery Moderator, Diocesan Council of Scouting
Part-time Associate, St. Peter the Apostle Parish, Joplin, MO;
   Chaplain, Southern Missouri College
Director, Vocations, Joplin Deanery
Chaplain, Southwest Missouri State Ecumenical Center, Springfield, MO
1973 – Left priesthood
1990 – Laicized, returned to the lay state
1997 – Deceased

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