

Father Reiser

December 30, 2011

After 62 years of dedicated priesthood, Father Bernard Reiser went to the Lord on December 27 at the age of 86. Preceded in death by his parents, Aloysius and Ottilia Reiser; brother, Alex Reiser; sisters, Lynn Maciej and Sister Bertrand Reiser, O.S.B. Survived by sister, Rosemary (Stanley) Leger; nephews, Bernie Maciej, Bob Maciej, Lee Maciej, Tony Leger and Norm Leger; and his nieces, Sue Spencer, Ann Brau, Connie Koehn, Liz Reiser, Margie Saatzer, Lois Lepinski, Rene Kopen, Mary Kay Ness, Yvonne Schuneman and Joyce Getchell. Mass of Resurrection 11 AM Saturday, Dec. 31 at The Church of the Epiphany, 1900 111th Ave. NW, Coon Rapids. Visitation beginning Friday, Dec. 30th at 11 AM AT CHURCH. There will be a 24 hour vigil wake service for Father Reiser in the main church open to the public. Vigil prayers will be at 7 PM on Friday, Dec. 30. The vigil will continue through the night on Friday up until 10:30 AM on Saturday morning. Interment Epiphany Cemetery. Memorials to Reiser Relief or Sharing and Caring Hands. Father Reiser's greatest wish and desire in his life was to bring people to Heaven. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Coon Rapids Chapel 763-767-1000

Tribute Wall

AB

“ Dear Father Reiser--Joyce and I were to Haiti in May, and we were so deeply touched to see all you have done there and how your legacy in that poor country continues to live on. We came back home even more committed than ever to carry on your mission in Haiti as we know you would have wanted us to do. We only wish that we had you at our side giving us advice and offering encouragement, but we know you are beside us in spirit guiding us and we are grateful for your presence. Continue to bless us and all the people in Haiti who you have helped are will continue to help.
Your loving niece, Ann

~

Ann Brau,

Eden Prairie, Minnesota

Ann Brau - August 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Once again, I would suggest hat everyone please feel free to add any photos you may have of Father Reiser. It would be nice if we could make this an ongoing memorial to our friend.

~

Bill Jahnke

Contact Me

August 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thousands Mourn Father Reiser's
Passing*<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HmMm1Ww8LnY>”

~

Bill Jahnke

August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ In 1964, Father Bernard Reiser founded the Church of the Epiphany in Coon Rapids, Minnesota. He bought 70 acres of farm land and it grew from 250 to 5,000 families and adding grade school for kindergarten through eighth grade. Epiphany church is one of the largest parishes in the archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. In 1988 Fr. Reiser began holding the Perpetual Adoration of the Holy Eucharist, which signifies Jesus Christ as the center the faith and now Minnesota has one of the most visited Adoration chapels in America. (Pastor Emeritus), Father Reiser's many years of service have reached far beyond the bounds of the parish into all surrounding communities touching lives. Literally thousands and thousands of individuals and families have been pulled from the depths of despair because of Father Reiser's devotion of time, energy, money and with values of love and respect for every single person. His compassion and humanity has been an inspiration to many all over the world. Reiser Relief - a mission to help the impoverished people of Haiti. Father Reiser has been helping with the building of the Village of Jesus, a community near Port Au Prince, Haiti for homeless women that has a dining hall, laundry, community building and homes. "You can't see people living in poverty and just walk away," said Reiser about his work in Haiti. Fr. Riser served the people of the Epiphany church for 37 years Reiser has been a priest for 55 years. He retired briefly for four years, but came out of retirement to become the Spiritual Advisor at St. Nicholas in New Market Minnesota. "I don't intend to retire," he once said. "As long as I can work I will. As long as you can work why sit around gathering dust."

~

Bill Jahnke

August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ <http://reiserrelief.org/media/reisers-ramblings/>

~

Bill Jahnke,

Hastings, Minnesota

Bill Jahnke - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *He was truly a Man For All Seasons.*

~

Bill Jahnke

August 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *I will never forget him. Words cannot tell how he blessed my life!
I've been told that he is hovering over us, hearing our prayers and
blessing us every day. I believe that!*

~

Doris Schulte,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Doris Schulte - August 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ *Our German Shepherd.*

~

Gary Ostlund,

Cedar, Minnesota

Contact Me

Gary Ostlund - August 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ *Eleven Who Care*
Winner <http://www.kare11.com/news/article/904903/0/2011-Eleven-Who-Care-Winner-Fr-Bernard-Reiser>

~

Bill Jahnke,

Hastings, Minnesota

Bill Jahnke - July 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PO

“ We'll be attending my nephew's wedding tomorrow at Epiphany and remembering our dear friend, Fr. Bernard Reiser. Here is a picture of him from the 1950's when he was at St. Mary's in White Bear Lake ... our family lived right next door and loved him dearly. Father you are in our hearts always with gratitude, love and very happy memories!

~

Patty Connolly O'Gorman,

Scandia, Minnesota

Patty Connolly O'Gorman - July 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Please feel free to add any photos you may have of Father Reiser.
Would be nice if we could make this an ongoing memorial.

~

Bill Jahnke,

Hastings, Minnesota

Contact Me

Bill Jahnke - July 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *Though you are not with us physically any longer, your presence is still felt. You will always be with us:)*

~

Linda Lyons,

Cloquet, Minnesota

Contact Me

Linda Lyons - July 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM



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Bill Jahnke,

Hastings, Minnesota

Bill Jahnke - July 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ I was a young girl in High School.....My daddy helped get Epiphany off the ground and into the new church. I will NEVER forget meeting in the high school theater for mass.....you taught me "be thankful you have a leg to hurt..some don't have a leg to hurt". My entire family still talks about your teachings, from you sermons, to this day. It's been over 42 years!!!

~

Patricia Blakely,

Lee's Summit, Missouri

Contact Me

Patricia Blakely - March 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Bless You Father Reiser, you led me through my Conversion and in Church School. You will be missed by everyone who's lives you touched. Thank You and Rest in Peace*

~

Michael McDonald,

Dallas, Texas

Contact Me

Michael McDonald - January 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ *Thank You Father.*

~

Bill Jahnke,

Hastings, Minnesota

Contact Me

Bill Jahnke - January 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *My great-aunt, Rae Hauck, was housekeeper for Fr. Reiser for many years. We lived in Southern Minnesota, but our family visited Aunt Rae and Father every year during my childhood. He was truly a wonderful man, and the parishoners of Epiphany were blessed to have him!*

~

Kelly Collette,

Perham, Minnesota

Contact Me

Kelly Collette - January 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *May perpetual light shine upon you dear Father Reiser. Amen.*

~

Linda Lyons,

Cloquet, Minnesota

Contact Me

Linda Lyons - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ *Father, you are truly a man of God, now with our Lord and Savior. Your sermons were the best, your humor memorable, and your love for all people always evident. My response to this day when someone asks me how I am . . . EXCELLENT!!!*

~

R Theisen,

Green Valley, Arizona

R Theisen - January 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *A man that was loved by many and envied by all. R.I.P. Father Reiser.*

~

Clayon Sherer,

Las Vegas, Nevada

Clayon Sherer - January 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Out of nowhere I thought about Fr. Reiser last night. I interviewed with him for my confirmation many years ago at St. Mary's in WBL. . Then I saw his obit in todays paper. It was conforting to know that his spirit touched me last night ...I hadn't seen him iover 50 years,,,

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Tim Connors,

PriorLake, Minnesota

Contact Me

Tim Connors - January 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ *Bless you father for all you did.*

~

Bill Jahnke,

Hastings, Minnesota

Contact Me

Bill Jahnke - January 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ I was one of the first couples to be married in the basement of the rectory before the church was built. My Dad, Art Kellermann ran in all the water and sewer for the church and also did all the snow plowing for many years for the church. Father Reiser was an instrumental person in my family growing up in Coon Rapids. I will forever be grateful to him for all the guidance he gave us. Everything was always marvelous and he never forgot your name even if you had only seen him once. I will always love you Father Reiser, Dianna Kellermann Anderson

~

Dianna Kellermann Anderson,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact Me

Dianna Kellermann Anderson - January 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *Father Reiser, you truly are a great and 'marvelous' person. As much as you are going to be missed on earth, you will be welcomed so much more in the Kingdom of Heaven. Thank you for everything you have done for me and my family. My parents will be so happy to see you.*

~

Jim Johannsen,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Jim Johannsen - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ Dear Father, I want to thank you for all the many ways you helped me and my family. You were the one that married all of us. Bapltised all of our children. Gave us counseling as needed. Visited all who were sick in the hospital. You were there when last rights were needed - anytime day or night. When there was a death in our family you were a huge comfort as you helped us plan our funeral and stand by us as we buried our loved ones. When I think of all you have done for us, and by reading all of these wonderful memorials, we all know you did all these things and more for countless other families. You are truly the "Marvelous" one. We will all miss you dearly.

~

Laurie Inderlee,

Fridley, Minnesota

Laurie Inderlee - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Father Reiser you are a very Special Person! You were there for me when I needed you and I will always remember that! You Baptized all 3 of My Children and that is a Blessing. Thank You for All have Done!*

~

lisa kay

January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ How well I remember the newly ordained Father Reiser as he was welcomed to St. Mary's of the Lake, as assistant pastor, by Father Nicholas Finn. As he wrote in his book ---"thus began a marvelous Irish/German relationship which lasted 37 years". His relationship with many of us who grew along with him in our faith was and is immeasurable. Father was an inspiration, not only to those of the Catholic faith, but to others in the community as well. After our marriage at St. Mary's in 1962, my husband and I moved away from White Bear Lake, but never away from sharing our lives with Father Reiser. He has been with us through it all. One word sums up Father Reiser...LOVE. Good-bye dear friend.

~

A.J. and Patt (LaBore) Bohaty,

Minong, Wisconsin

A.J. and Patt (LaBore) Bohaty - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *FATHER REISER MARRIED ME 19 YEARS AGO, THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR BLESSING MY MARRIAGE WE WILL HAVE A LIFE TIME TOGETHER BECAUSE OF HIM.. THANK YOU HE WILL BE MISSED J.WIGTON ,OAK GROVE,MN*

January 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ This morning I tried to picture the incredible celebration that must have taken place when Father Bernard Reiser arrived in heaven. I saw so many people gathered, smiling faces as far as my eyes could see. The excitement was incredible; everyone was reaching for that strong welcoming handshake and those enthusiastic words “How are you?” The heavens roared with the words Excellent and Marvelous. Of course when he was asked this question he replied, “Never Better.” With enthusiasm and great joy he made his way trying to acknowledge each and everyone, as always never wasting any time. He moved forward at a miraculous pace acknowledging everyone but rushing to meet the man in charge. When he finally arrived humbly he fell and prostrated himself and said, “My Lord and My God I am here and better than ever, what needs to be done!” Thank you God for Father Bernard Reiser, a man who has truly left his fingerprints on the hearts of everyone he met. Rose Bucy

~

Rose Bucy,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Rose Bucy - January 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *Father Reiser, You are now where you always wanted to go, and where you have helped many others go! I can only imagine the multitude that awaited you at Heaven's Gate. I have many wonderful memories of my time at Epiphany. I was honored to help Father with his secretarial work for a time when he was no longer Pastor at Epiphany. I still have and cherish the Christmas Centerpiece he gave me as a gift. Thank you Father Reiser for bringing light into a dark world. Linda Lyons*

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Linda Lyons,

Cloquet, Minnesota

Linda Lyons - January 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

J(

“ *Fr Raiser was a special person. I went to Epiphany School. It is a special place.*

~

Jen Steidl (Czech),

Alexandria, Minnesota

Jen Steidl (Czech) - January 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ *Father Reiser: Thank you for the many talks we had and then some...We lost a friend but Heaven gained a good hearted Gentle Man. You shall be missed :(*

~

Ahola,

Fridley, Minnesota

Ahola - January 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Fr Reiser once said that "You are a rich person if you have two pairs of shoes."Thanks Fr Reiser for the daily reminder that I am indeed a rich person.I am grateful for all that God has shared with me. Love and prayers, Kathy Smith-Boever

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Kathy Smith-Boever,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Kathy Smith-Boever - January 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *Father Reiser was the perfect example of Epiphany's motto, "manifest Christ to all"- as that is exactly what he did each and every moment of his earthly life. The funeral was like a family reunion as many came back to Epiphany for it; I can't wait for the really big family reunion in heaven!*

~

A S,

Minnesota

A S - January 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EN

“ *A Well Deserved Journey for Father Reiser...God Bless Him and His Family during this time of sorrow...many memories at Epiphany..God Speed Father*

~

Elly Nelson,

Cambridge, Minnesota

Elly Nelson - January 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ THE HEAVENS ARE REJOICING BECAUSE FATHER REISER HAS COME HOME! EVERY LIFE HE TOUCHED ON EARTH IS SO MUCH RICHER FOR KNOWING HIM. YOU WONDERFUL, MARVELOUS GERMAN SHEPARD WE WILL ALL BE SEEING YOU BEFORE WE KNOW IT! LOVE AND MISS YOU SO MUCH IT HURTS! MARGIE

~

MARJORIE ROUNDSLEY,

ISANTI, Minnesota

MARJORIE ROUNDSLEY - January 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I remember Fr. Reiser when he gave his sermons...always suggesting that we put little yellow stickies on our mirrors to remind us to do good during the week. He will be greatly missed. Clara Kaslow (North Branch, Mn.)

January 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *God bless you Fr.Reiser*

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Marsha Herrs,

Elk River, Minnesota

Marsha Herrs - January 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Fr. Reiser has been my Priest and Friend for nearly 40 Yrs. He will be sadly missed. I can only describe him with his favorite 2 words. Excellent! Marvelous!*

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Dennis Sarkilahti,

Elk River, Minnesota

Dennis Sarkilahti - December 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RU

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Russell Uber,

Biwabik, Minnesota

Russell Uber - December 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ God speed to a great man. I grew up going to Epiphany, and had a very close, personal relationship with father. I now live very far away from the parish and community, but his passing has made me re think my relationship with god. Even in the wake of his passing, his mission continues on. Thank you father, and may you rest in peace.

~

Nick Slanga,

Las Vegas, Nevada

Contact Me

Nick Slanga - December 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Thank you Father Reiser for helping me become who I am today. You saved my life both physically and spiritually. I will always love you and I know that you are in heaven doing "Marvelous" things with Jesus. Love you alway and forever, until we meet again.

~

Kristine Riley,

White Bear Lake, Minnesota

Contact Me

Kristine Riley - December 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *Father came to my house on several occasions to counsel my wife and I. He took the time out of busy days to do that. He spent time with us when he could have sent someone else, he showed compassion and care to us and everyone that came in contact with him. Father Reiser, you are an inspiration to my family and your goodness reverberates throughout the world. Words cannot express my gratitude.*

~

Joseph Theroux,

Andover, Minnesota

Joseph Theroux - December 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ We were members of Epiphany at the time of my daughter's baptism in 1987. We moved to Maple Grove shortly thereafter. A few years ago my daughter was home from college and we happened to attend a Saturday Mass Service at St Thomas in Corcoran, MN that the local pastor had been conducting in Latin. The regular priest was not there on that day and to my surprise, Fr. Reiser came out of the Sacristy. He conducted the entire mass in Latin without hesitation. After the Service, my daughter and I went to the Sacristy to introduce ourselves. Fr. Reiser was so gracious and interested in hearing he had baptized my daughter 21 years ago and thanked us for taking the time to reintroduce ourselves. It has been one of those 'chance moments' my daughter and I have always cherished.

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Dave Gibbons,

Maple Grove, Minnesota

Dave Gibbons - December 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ We are saddened by the loss of our wonderful Father Reiser. He married us on August 27, 1955 at St. Mary's Church in White Bear Lake. He baptized several of our children before he left for Coon Rapids. He also came over here to officiate at Orval's mother's funeral in 2004. She was 100 years old. We all appreciated his service. A great man who will be greatly missed,

~

Lola Orval Frieler,

White Bear Lake, Minnesota

Lola Orval Frieler - December 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ I WAS NOT A CATHOLIC BY FAITH BUT REMEMBER FATHER REISER, SEEING HIM AT SPRINGFEST WITH A SPRINGFEST T-SHIRT ON WITH HIS COLLAR STICKING OUT THE TOP, GREETING EVERYONE, ALWAYS SO HAPPY, MAY HE REST IN PEACE ETERNALLY WITH LORD

~

LINDA AUCHTER,

COON RAPIDS, Minnesota

LINDA AUCHTER - December 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ so sad to hear of your passing your gifts of love and sacrifice will live on in our hearts Forever You gifted sermons delivered with Such enthusiasm were marvelous We love you And remember all you have done rest in peace

~

sandra Inderlee sandra,

Des Moines, Iowa

sandra Inderlee sandra - December 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Father Reiser had the gift of including everyone and making their help important. From eating cookies as a young priest in White Bear at my grandmother's house to burying my mother, Eunice long, last year he has been a part of my life. Thank you, God, for sharing him with us for so long. A special thanks from Dean Long the woodsman. He is there in thought. Joan Wolens Thomas

December 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ *Father Reiser, I have known you all of my life. You have helped me so many times. You spoke over both of my parents when they died, I could not have asked for any more kindness. You will be dearly missed. Thank you for all of the blessings. Kay Theese*

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Kay Theese,

Cumberland, Wisconsin

Kay Theese - December 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ . . . what an honorable man, with such a special gift of sharing his faith. May he rest in peace.

~

Mary Jo Davich,

Andover, Minnesota

Mary Jo Davich - December 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ You will eternally be in our hearts forever. Thank you for teaching my twins lessons while they attended Epiphany School. Also for administering their first communion. You brought our family to know the Lord better through your various homilies and made them so relevant to our family. We were truly honored when you baptized Nick on Christmas Day in 1994. You have truly touched our family in numerous ways. It was wonderful for my husband to acknowledge what a wonderful priest you were. You are the reason he remained Catholic. My faith has deepened through you. Bless you forever and ever.

~

Melinda McCormick,

Minnetonka, Minnesota

Melinda McCormick - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ I read through each and every comment on this guest book, stopping several times to control my sobbing. I have been a member of Epiphany for all of my 36 years. I went to school there for 9 years, was confirmed by Fr. Reiser (when they did Confirmation at Epiphany, not at the Cathedral; the auxiliary bishop was there, of course, but I had the privilege of going through Fr. Reiser's line). My wife was brought into the Church by this great man, and received confirmation from him. He presided at our wedding Mass, and baptized our three oldest children. He has done countless good deeds for my family, including my siblings, parents, and aunts and uncles that he didn't even know. What strikes me is that somehow, I always felt like our family was special and unique. Reading all of these comments, I know that wasn't the case, but in an odd way, it was. Somehow, miraculously, our beloved Fr. Reiser had the time and energy to make all of us feel special and loved, and to minister to us "In Persona Christi" on an individual level. It is only through true devotion to Christ and reverence to the Mother of God that our Saintly Father was able to share himself completely with as many people as he did. I pray that, someday, I can be a fraction of the man that Fr. Reiser was during his time here with us. Father Bernard Reiser, pray for us! I hope and pray to someday be at your canonization! -- Epiphany parishioner

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Epiphany Parishioner,

Andover, Minnesota

Epiphany Parishioner - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thank you Father for all that you did for so many people. You are already missed.*

~

C

December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *Rest in Peace Father Reiser.*

~

Ruth Kubesh,

Champlin, Minnesota

Ruth Kubesh - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *Father Reiser you were a close family friend to the Gonyea's and my Grandmother Wanda visited the rectory often. She used to bring me with her sometimes and I remember thinking it was so neat to be able to see Father Reiser where he relaxed and ate. I was told you prayed for their sick daughter that died at a young age. You also baptized most of us kids. You always looked at the good in people. God Bless You.*

~

Ruth Kubesh,

Champlin, Minnesota

Contact Me

Ruth Kubesh - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ *Father Reiser, you are and will always be a true blessing to our family. In times of hardship and joy, we are so lucky that you shared your love with us! Your strong handshake, spunky grin and your loving words will never be forgotten. Rest in peace Father Reiser! In your words, be the best Christian you can be! All our love!*

~

Darrell, Amy, James and Elizabeth,

Ham Lake, Minnesota

Darrell, Amy, James and Elizabeth - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ *Father Reiser was an Excellent Man and True German Shepard.* ”

~

Bill Jahnke,

Hastings, Minnesota

Contact Me

Bill Jahnke - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ *When Father Reiser came to St. Mary's in 1949, I was 9 yrs. old. Father was a welcomed addition ordained by God to help many souls in his lifetime. He was compassionate, understanding and loved what he was chosen to do. Father was an exceptional person to know and an exemplary priest. He was good on the pulpit and used the word "MARVELOUS" at St. Mary's the same way I, now, understand he used "EXCELLANT" at Epiphany! I served as an alter boy with him for many years, he was an outstanding human being. The Connolly & O'Gorman family will remember him always with great love and gratitude. You have earned a very high place in Heaven, Father Reiser, rest in peace.*

~

Tom O'Gorman,

Scandia, Minnesota

Tom O'Gorman - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NO

“ *How joyful heaven is, with his presense. How missed he will be here on earth. I had the pleasure to know him for 45 years. He was there for thehappy occasions, and also there when you needed a shoulder to cry on.Father Reiser is a true saint. I thank God for the time we had with him.*

~

Nancy Ostlund,

Anoka, Minnesota

Nancy Ostlund - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Go rest high on that mountain for your work on earth has surely been done! Father, we will surely miss you but we will never forget you! God Bless You, Chris and Karen Golden

~

Chris&Karen Golden,

Oak Grove, Minnesota

Chris&Karen Golden - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Thank you for all of your services! You are such a Great Man! God Bless You...

~

Danielle Wincek,

Saint Francis, Minnesota

Danielle Wincek - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I knew Father Reiser since I was 4yrs old.I am now 47yrs old. Went to school there. He was the kind of priest that would help anyone even if you were not a member..My daughters fathers children died in a fire back one week before 911. The visitation was on 911, and the funeral was at Epiphany church. My daughters dad was not a church member. But Father Reiser offered to do the service and had the 1yr old and 5yr old buried in the cemetery. He cared for people so much.. He had an unconditional love for others that's rare.One word Father Reiser loved to say was "MARVELOUS". He was an extremely positive, loving person that allowed his light to shine really bright.He will be dearly missed. Thank you father Reiser for your memories..

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Cynthia Burda (Wollin),

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Cynthia Burda (Wollin) - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *In My Pocket I have memories in my pocket. They rattle among the change. My memories of you are treasures I carry wherever I go. They are stored in bits and pieces, parts of a beautiful whole. They give me comfort when I think I am alone. Yes, I have memories in my pocket, like so much other stuff I keep there. But of all the treasures I have, it's the memories of you that are the most precious.* By Lamaretta Simmons

~

Cynthia Burda (Wollin),

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Contact Me

Cynthia Burda (Wollin) - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thankyou Father for taking time out of your busy schedule to come visit me in the hospital and for helping out at my brother Randy funeral.God Bless You.David Berthiaume.*

December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ *A tireless laborer (priest) in the Lord's vineyard (Coon Rapids), it is amazing his body endured these many years. I was always in awe. My lasting memory: a marvelous spirit with a marvelous message creating a marvelous force having an excellent outcome --- a faithful Shepard, a German Shepard now at rest.*

~

Frank Bauer,

Peoria, Illinois

Contact Me

Frank Bauer - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“*Father Reiser played a very large part in the lives of my family and me since the early 1970's. He along with my parents instilled in me my faith and deep devotion for the blessed sacraments. He spent his life humbly serving God and even though he made my family feel so very special, we know that we were only one of thousands that he touched and made feel so special. We will always remember his “strong” handshake, his weekly unforgettable homilies and the lessons he taught us, not through words but through his daily actions. Father Reiser you were our spiritual guide, our counselor, our mentor and our friend. You comforted us in our sorrows and you were there to celebrate with us in our times of joy. You did an EXCELLENT job! Rest in peace our dear friend your work here is done, you deserve all the joys of heaven!*”

~

Janet Moody-Becker,

Mahtomedi, Minnesota

Contact Me

Janet Moody-Becker - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AK

“As we pay our respect and mourn his passing into life everlasting, reflecting on this great and holy priest Fr. Bernard Reiser who has entered eternity at 86 years of age, on Dec. 27. I consider as a meditation of admiration, that he was a lifelong servant of God also working seemingly day and night, was the founding Pastor of the Church of the Epiphany and Catholic school, also the Reiser Relief Inc., a mission in Haiti that helps meet the needs of the poor. He showed great faith in the Eucharist and the Mother of Jesus, is Pro-life from conception through natural death, he also included and loved everyone, performed countless good works and mighty deeds, a true friend to everyone and an authentic Saint. He baptized me into Christ and administered to me and many others the Sacraments, full of wisdom and common sense, his sermons would touch hearts and sometimes would almost or would bring water out of the eyes, he was also a healing listener and everything improved or I was simply strengthened after seeking his counsel. My and our spiritual father and friend at heart, God bless you forever! Thank you for being there for everyone you could possibly reach, and for me with kindness and understanding when I sought you out in times of tribulation. Because Fr. Reiser was always into what was important, I believe or best guess, that the main thing he would want everyone to do other than support the many ministries he left behind is, to make a good confession and reconcile with God with contrition, and make a real effort to amend ones life, and begin or continue to practice faithfully the Catholic faith and be a good Christian, and also to listen to and respond to the messages of Fatima, Sacred Scripture or the Catechism of the Catholic Church. For example, meet God were you are at in life, repent and sin no more, believe the Gospel, and do good works of faith, pray, continue faith formation, attend church and love God and others. That was part of the formation he gave in his own excellent fashion, and much better than I can just relay it. He would say, “You would not give the Lord a dirty dish for Christmas or Easter dinner would you? (Reconcile, clean your soul for God!) You will be missed yet, you will always still be here for us and able and to hear and answer our prayers. Thank you again, already powerful with the Lord, I hope

God will increase your power to intercede, as you continue help those you left behind as you enjoy your everlasting reward. We will keep praying for you also always.

~

Andrew Kerkes,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Andrew Kerkes - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ Nobody will ever compare to Fr. Reiser. God has welcomed a great man in heaven.

~

Missy,

Oak Grove

Missy - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *father reiser was a great friend and a EXCELLENT person,god
bless you*

~

the calls,

Minnesota

the calls - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ As I was reading the Guest Book this morning I was also listening to my itunes. The song Go Light The World by Chris Rice was playing. It made me think of one particular memory of Father Reiser. In the early morning on June 7, 1997 one of my husbands closest friend was killed in the line of duty. After a long day of crying and asking the question why I decided to give Father Reiser a call. It was 10:40 pm I knew he was up because he was going to Adoration at 11:00. I called and he answered. He did not hear about our friend yet. I asked him why and how this could happen to our friend. He read from Scripture to me and put me at ease. A peace had come over my entire body. At that moment he took over and asked for the families phone number. He paid close attention to every detail. One in particular was the small little cards that fit into your wallet he had made up for the funeral. They were handed out to the hundreds of people that attended. Dear Friend, In memory do an act of kindness each day, it is lighting a candle in a world of darkness. With Love, Cpt. Timothy J Bowe June 11, 1997 He has taught us to go light the world. In his memory I will add his name and date of his funeral to Tim's card and when ever I hear the song Go Light Your World it will be a gentle reminder of him and what I need to do each and every day.

~

Tori Miller,

Ramsey, Minnesota

Contact Me

Tori Miller - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ *Father Reiser, you will be greatly missed and long remembered by the Allen family.*

~

Paul Allen,

Isanti, Minnesota

Contact Me

Paul Allen - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Fr. Reiser was a loving and devoted soul to the Lord. His teachings of how to care for others is what I will remember about him most. God Bless You!!*

~

Michael Wirig,

Anoka, Minnesota

Michael Wirig - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ Thank you Father, for all you have done for us. You have touched so many lives through your ministry and we are all better for having known you. Miss you already...

~

Bonnie & Gary Ostlund,

Cedar, Minnesota

Bonnie & Gary Ostlund - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *What a great Priest Fr Reiser was. Although we just knew Father casually...we also learned a lot about him as we are good friends with Stan & Rosemary (Fr's. sister) Leger. Father has certainly done many great works while on this earth and we know he will be missed by many many friends & relatives. Goodbye Father...*

~

Ralph & Ruth Van Beusekom,

Brooklyn Center, Minnesota

Ralph & Ruth Van Beusekom - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *Bless Father as he enters the gates of Heaven. We Loved and Honor you GO in Peace know you touched our family in many ways.*

~

Patrick, Louise Walker,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Patrick, Louise Walker - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *You were and are a legend*

December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ *Father Reiser was present throughout my adult life. We met when I was 20, 43 years ago. When I was 23, I woke up in the intensive care unit at HCMC after an operation, and he was standing by my bed. Because he had been a childhood friend of another fellow near and dear to me, I saw him many times during my 30's and 40's, at reunions, weddings, funerals, house-warmings, holiday celebrations. I seem to have run into Father Reiser, or talked with him on the phone, many times in the last 20 years. He often called to put in a good word for someone who had a legal issue which was coming to court. I had a long chat with him this fall after a funeral of a judge who was his friend. He was a unique, generous, hard-driving, sometimes impatient, and compassionate man, and it saddens me to hear of his passing.*

~

Judge Don Venne,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Judge Don Venne - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *Fr. Reiser, We were BLESSED to have you in our lives over the years. Thank you for all the great BLESSINGS. Carol Jeanotte & Family*

~

Carol Jeanotte,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Carol Jeanotte - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *My mom, a non-Catholic, died in the year 2000. My daughter, who had married into an Epiphany family and had become very fond of Fr. Reiser during marriage preparation sessions with him, told him of the loss. He not only came to my mom's funeral, but hosted lunch at Epiphany for my mom's hundred funeral attendees. What a blessing it is for me to have known this saintly man! Thank you, Fr. Reiser!*

~

Bill Lee,

Anoka, Minnesota

Bill Lee - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *Many a person can and will share all that Fr Reiser did for them... He is a testament to being a man of God... We thank God for sharing this man with so many on earth... His influence upon peoples bodies and souls will ripple history... From St Marys of the Lake to Epiphany... From the Epiphany Diner to Haiti... Thank you for your example Father. May your soul, a faithfully departed one, Rest In Peace.*

~

Richard Hogan,

White Bear Lake, Minnesota

Contact Me

Richard Hogan - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Thank you Father for being such an important part of my faith journey. As a junior/senior in high school many years ago, Epiphany was an important part in my formation and I still see you as the face of Epiphany. I have tender memories of working at the dining hall at the State Fair, and activities with our very small youth group at the time. Continue to pray to the Lord our God for us. Well done, good and faithful servant.

~

Debbie Duray - Bauer,

Cannon Falls, Minnesota

Contact Me

Debbie Duray - Bauer - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ *Father Reiser was a country priest who remained a country priest even as the church he served grew into a mid-sized city. He loved God. He loved Jesus. He was full of the Holy Spirit. He loved me. He was so full of God's grace - and is now where he wanted everyone to one day be: in glory, forever and ever. Amen. Pastor Grant Tanner*

~

Grant Tanner,

Blaine, Minnesota

Contact Me

Grant Tanner - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I remember Fr. Reiser from his days at St. Mary's of the Lake. He would visit all the classrooms in the elementary school, scaring us half to death with his booming voice! He was very consoling and compassionate when my grandfather (William Twohy) died in 1957. May he rest in peace....Kathy Twohy*

December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NG

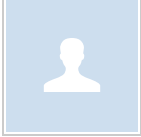
“ *Father Reiser, I'm truly sadness by your passing, but I know you are seated at the right hand of the Lord!! I was just telling my daughter a few days ago that we needed to send you a THANK YOU letter!! for everything that you have did for us! I THANK YOU!! from the bottom of my heart for everything you did for us! It was because of you my kids were able to attend DeLaSalle High School! Oh My GOD!! worrds can't explain how thankful & grateful I am to have had you in my life! A true man of GOD!!! May you rest in peace! Love Nicole!*

~

NICOLE GUISE,

EAGAN, Minnesota

NICOLE GUISE - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Father Reiser, working through Christ, opened my eyes and heart to the beauty of faith. It was with the help of his counseling, that I was finally able to love myself as a child of God. Thank You good and faithful servant.*

~

K R

December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *From the first day we met Father Reiser we felt a warm and faithful, honest & sincere priest that we will never forget. May God grant him a high place in heaven. Will miss his strong hand shake. Vince & Virginia Foggia*

December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *He was the greatest person I have ever known. When he spoke you were compelled to listen. He had humor and so much compassion. EXCELLENT!*

~

Sara S,

Minnesota

Sara S - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ *Father Reiser may you Rest In Peace! Thank you for all your help over the years. You will be deeply missed*

~

Sharon Daw,

Fridley, Minnesota

Sharon Daw - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ When my family moved to Minnesota in 1984, We needed to find a church where we belonged. After attending mass at Epiphany and experiencing a homily from Father Reiser, I knew we had found a home. Father was an excellent Priest! He touched our lives in so many way's. Father Reiser pray for us!David & Kim Wilson

~

David Wilson,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

David Wilson - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ You will be missed by many. You always spoke the truth even when I did not want to hear it. RIP

~

Julie Reger,

Anoka, Minnesota

Julie Reger - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Fr Reiser is a great example for what a priest should be. Look at what one man has done for our world. He was a true friend and has done many things for me and my family. He is now a saint that we all can pray too. Thank you Father Reiser for being the truly great priest you were. Ken and Linda LaBore

December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *He poured out his life for us.*

~

Paula Huss,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Contact Me

Paula Huss - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FR

“ *Father Reiser touched the lives of all that had known him. I was a young teacher at Epiphany during the early "70's" and witnessed Father walk the walk on a daily basis. He was a man of strong faith and dedication. I am blessed to have known him.*

~

Fran Russell,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Fran Russell - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Thank You to a great man who not only helped serve Epiphany Church, but how he serve our community (both locally and global), and showing that we are all important in God's sight, and making a difference in service to (our neighbors)community.

~

Brad,

Anoka, Minnesota

Brad - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Does anyone remember the little stories that Father Reiser would tell, using "Henrietta & Hortense" when he was trying to make a point? He had such a great sense of humor and wit, even while he was inspiring us. God's Blessings to such a Marvelous Man.

~

cindi s.,

Blaine, Minnesota

cindi s. - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ AT TIMES LIKE THIS IT IS HARD TO FINE WORDS TO SAY
WHAT YOU MEAN. BUT MAY IT BE A HELP TO YOU, TO KNOW
THAT OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.

~

JERRY & LEE LYMAN,

COON RAPIDS, Minnesota

Contact Me

JERRY & LEE LYMAN - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *father reiser told me treat everyday as a excellent day,that is how i live my life everyday,you will be missed.*

~

john call,

Minnesota

john call - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ In 1949 Father Reiser upon being ordained a priest married my parents at St. Mary of the Lake in White Bear Lake. It being his first official wedding. 50 years later in 1999 we the family had the honor of Father Reiser attending my parents 50th wedding anniversary to again bless their vows. They have now been married 62 years. Father Reiser you will be greatly missed by countless numbers. You truly were a man of the cloth.... God now has a great angel with him.

~

Mike Shearen,

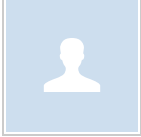
White Bear Lake, Minnesota

Mike Shearen - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Your life touched a multitude of other lives during your time on Earth. What a wonderful example of service to your fellow man, and your faith.

December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Father Reiser you will be missed, you touched the lives of many, and God will be happy to call you home, I will keep you in my prayers.*

December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *We wish we could have said, "Happy 87th Birthday" today, the 29th of December to dear, sweet Fr. Reiser. This year, after so many, many years, I did not get to bake his 12 inch layer cake with lemon filling and take that beautiful, smiling cake photo one more time. Even Father could not imagine how many hearts are broken by our great loss of him, but we can smile when imagining his "Excellent" reception in heaven! With Love, Dorrie & Bill Leach & family*

~

Bill & Dorrie Leach,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Bill & Dorrie Leach - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ *Fr. Reiser was our priest and friend for 28 years before we moved north. He will be forever remembered by all of us.*

~

Richard & Marlys DeRoy,

Longville, Minnesota

Richard & Marlys DeRoy - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *The sands of time will blow for a long time before the foot print left behind will be filled. He has positively touched the lives of thousands no mater their faith. He walked the walk. For the new priests, he taught the Master Class.*

~

Bruce Dynes,

Andover, Minnesota

Bruce Dynes - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ After 42 years of marriage I still think of Father Reiser's advice from our wedding preparation and it helps me make better decisions. He was truly a blessing on this earth and his wisdom touched countless lives. We are so glad to have been among them.

~

Kate & Mike McGill,

Garland, Texas

Kate & Mike McGill - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ *A sweet man and wonderful Priest! Pray for us!*

~

Nancy Blom,

BC, Minnesota

Nancy Blom - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ We will really miss you Father Reiser. You have made a HUGE difference in our lifes. Greg and Amy Maness

~

Greg Maness,

St. Antony, Minnesota

Greg Maness - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ Fr Reiser brought my husband and I into the Catholic faith 18 years ago this Easter. We will remember him most for his great faith. God was so good to give us such a holy priest to help us on our path...a true Shepard.

~

Alison Kaardal,

Hamel, Minnesota

Alison Kaardal - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SZ

“ *Fr reiser was a magnificent human beingHe baptized married and buried many members of my familyWe loved him he was Marvelous I loved his sermons and delivery of messagesHis booming voice always caught and held Your attentionHe was marvelous We will miss him terribly*

~

Sandra Inderlee zukauska,

West desmoines

Contact Me

Sandra Inderlee zukauska - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *Father Reiser was the most wonderful priest ever. He is an example for all people to follow. I am in awe of all the good he did in his life. Heavens gain is our loss. We have another saint!!*

~

Gloria Savino,

Taylor Falls, Minnesota

Gloria Savino - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Your strong voice kept my attention during your sermons. They were never dull. Your handshake was always so firm even when you weren't feeling well. I will miss your presence at our church but I know you have found an EXCELLENT place in Heaven. Rest in Peace*

~

Deb Stang,

Otsego, Minnesota

Deb Stang - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ *What a wonderful man who has touched so many lives in such a glorious way!! We have lost a great person, but heaven has gained a beautiful soul!!*

~

Lisa Thomas,

Ramsey, Minnesota

Lisa Thomas - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ He came to Abbott Hosp. to visit my mom & give her the last rites, even though we were not parish members. I will never forget his kindness & happy disposition. We have many wonderful memories of Fr. Reiser

~

Barb & Larry Roth,

Blaine, Minnesota

Barb & Larry Roth - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *A gentle soul with a heart of gold. Was always there for our family whenever possible. We will never be able to hear the words excellent, marvelous, or terrific, without thinking of him. He was inspiring in so many ways and left us our beautiful Epiphany to enjoy in his memory. We will really miss him.*

~

Rose & Sandy Wahlgren,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Rose & Sandy Wahlgren - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Father Reiser was a remarkable man and will continue to be an inspiration to many. Knowing him was a gift.*

~

Linda Heiple,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Linda Heiple - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are members of St. Stephens but would occasionally attend mass at Epiphany. What powerful homilies Father would deliver! He was the reason we so enjoyed each mass at Epiphany. A wonderful priest that lives in our memories. Carole & Joe Santer*

December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ God Bless Fr. Reiser ! He helped us in count less ways when our daughter Janelle was so sick & died. He certainly was a living Saint on earth. Rest in Peace, Father. We're sure when you entered the gates of Heaven..All Gods' Kingdom Shouted "Excellent"!

~

Ron & Gloria Lawrence,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Ron & Gloria Lawrence - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ You always seemed to be their when anyone needed you most. I am sure you greeted Jesus with a great handshake!! Thank you for all you have done for everyone and my family and my husbands family. The Stampers and The Maciejs Love and Prayers, Barb Maciej (Stamper)

~

Barb Maciej,

Biglake, Minnesota

Barb Maciej - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *Father Reiser was such an important person in so many lives. Thank you Father for being there for myself and my family so many times in so many ways. My parents will be so excited to see you. Please squeeze my parent's hands and let them know we are all "EXCELLENT". You will be missed.*

~

Shane Chambers,

Blaine, Minnesota

Contact Me

Shane Chambers - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AZ

“ *Fr Reiser has been a part of the Zerwas family for many years. When my daughter was born premature he came to the house and Baptized her. He will truly be missed by many of the Zerwas'*

~

Annie Zerwas,

Elk River, Minnesota

Annie Zerwas - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *It was wonderful to go to mass and hear Father Reiser. I especially enjoyed monday nights. Father was such a joy to be around and touched the hearts of many including myself. I truly believe his name will be one of Sainthood. God Bless Father Reiser, you will be deeply missed, but souls will rejoice in a new friend entering the kingdon of heaven.*

~

Rick Mros,

bkane, Minnesota

Rick Mros - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

R(

“ Dear Father Reiser, What a wonderful man you were. Growing up and going to church and listening to your sermons great memories! Your hand shake was so strong you could feel the love. Thank you for being there for my Father who was dying of cancer and you came to the hospital to see him and talked to him in polish, and talking at his funeral and being there for us in our time of grief.

~

Rita Bekeris (Gaikowski),

Ramsey, Minnesota

Rita Bekeris (Gaikowski) - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ rip my friend. we were the first couple to be married in the new epiphany church and you allowed us to have the knights of columbus choir sing at our wedding.what a prilege is was to know you my dear friend. thank you for all that you did for us.the larry mcnichols family.you also baptised our son there also.rip

~

jomarie r mcnichols,

minneapolis, Minnesota

jomarie r mcnichols - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Dear Dear Father Reiser, "May the angels lead you into Paradise; May the martyrs come to welcome you. And take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem. May choirs of angels welcome you and lead you to the bosom of Abraham; and where Lazarus is poor no longer may you find eternal rest."

~

Mary Higgins,

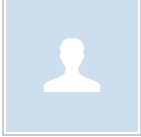
Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Mary Higgins - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Father Reiser. You will be greatly missed, however, we all know you will see the face of God. We were at Epiphany for the first Mass you offered and have continued to follow your ministry even after we moved away. Bless you - your efforts will continue. Richard & Betty Hayes Brainerd

December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Fr. Reiser... Can't thank him enough for helping me out when I needed it most, and to help my daughter be able to go to their Catholic school, even when I could not pay at that time. It made a difference in our lives.. God Bless. Karen McCall*

December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our family is so very grateful to Father Reiser for all that he has done for each of us. His legacy will live on along with all of the wonderful memories that we cherish. As we pulled into our church parking lot over 20 years ago I asked "What's the name of our church?" and our 5 year old daughter said very loud and proud "FATHER REISER" and that truly was an EXCELLENT answer. Gods Blessings to you as you have been a Blessing to so many. The Youngmark Family David, Elizabeth, Adrianna, Annabell, Emily and Austin.*

~

David and Elizabeth Youngmark,

Oak Grove, Minnesota

David and Elizabeth Youngmark - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Fr. Reiser, You will be sadly missed. You married us 44 years ago, baptized Jim and our two daughters. We will always remember you. Jim & Jean Current Albertville*

December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *What a privilege to know such a saintly person, our blessed Fr. Reiser. He loved and cared for the unborn and every living person whether they lived in Coon Rapids or Haiti or anywhere else in the world. Peace to all who were privileged to know and love him. THANK YOU, JESUS. Howard & Diane Neisen*

December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *The greatest most humble man I ever knew. He showed "the way" through example. I along with a multitude of others adore this wonderful man. While we are saying goodbye, he is saying hello to all those he has so missed. Linda Johnson (Coon Rapids, MN)*

December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SZ

“ fr reiser was a marvelous man marvelous being one of hie favorite words he had a way with words and a booming voice you could not sleep thru one of his sermons they were marvelous i shed a tear when i realize he is gone he touched my life and that of my family profoundly he married and buried many of us how blessed we were to have had him in our lives sandra inderlee zukauska

~

sandra zukauska,

west desmoines iowa, iowa

Contact Me

sandra zukauska - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Father Reiser comforted my mother until she died of cancer at Mercy Hospital on New Years Eve thirth-eight years ago. He presided at her funeral mass, baptized our youngest daughter three months later, and presided at the funeral mass of my dad three months after that. We have kept in touch all these years and will never forget him and his comforting words during those difficult times. He was "marvelous"! May he rest in peace. Joan Staubli*

~

Joan Staubli,

Eden Prairie, Minnesota

Joan Staubli - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Father Rieser was the most generous man I have ever met with his time. His passion for his work was beyond belief. I am honored to have been a part of his legacy.*

December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Father Reiser was an angel here on earth. I am so grateful to have been a part of his parrish, he baptized my boys and blessed my marriage. He had an ear for listening and a heart for healing. I will miss him but will never forget his words of wisdom. May he rest in peace.*

~

Sonja Hughes,

Andover, Minnesota

Sonja Hughes - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Father Reiser you were a great blessing to our church. You will be greatly missed. It was a honor to have you baptize our youngest son and give First Communion to all 3 of our sons. You were an EXCELLENT priest and you are now receiving your heavenly rewards! DiAnn Bednarchuk Coon Rapids, Minnesota*

~

DiAnn Bednarchuk,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

DiAnn Bednarchuk - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ *Father Reiser was a marvelous priest and friend. I shall always hold dear the many conversations and spiritual direction. Thank you God for Fr. Reiser.*

~

Kevin OConnell,

Elk River, Minnesota

Kevin OConnell - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ *Fr Reiser..you are now with your Godthat you served so faithfully andhumbly. You were a friend to all. There is only one word that describessyou...EXCELLENT.May God give you eternal joy in heavenwith He and His Blessed Mother.*

~

Dick and Marge Jungwirth,

Forest Lake, Minnesota

Dick and Marge Jungwirth - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ *Fr Reiser you are in the arms of your God whom you have served so faithfully and humbly. You were a friend to all. Only one word describes you..EXCELLENT. God give you eternal joy with Him and His Blessed Mother.*

~

Dick and Marge Jungwirth,

Forest Lake, Minnesota

Dick and Marge Jungwirth - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Oh what charisma! He made me want to be a better and caring person. He served our God well! He will truly be missed.*

~

Debi Huseth,

Elk River, Minnesota

Debi Huseth - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DZ

“ We were fortunate to know Fr. Reiser as our pastor and friend for many years. It's going to be one *excellent* day after day with him walking the streets of heaven! God Bless you Fr. Reiser for all you did for others and also for us.

~

Don and Dianne Zach,

Ham Lake, Minnesota

Don and Dianne Zach - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

R-

“ *Father Reiser was a caring and wonderful man who helped everyone who asked and those that didn't. He will be missed, but I am sure he has been rewarded for all the great things he has done in this world. God Bless.*

~

Rose Zetervall -Murlowski,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Rose Zetervall -Murlowski - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *Father Reiser baptized myself and my three beautiful children. I am grateful to have known him. Our community was blessed to have him with us. God Bless you Father Reiser.*

~

Sally Gauthier,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Sally Gauthier - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Father Reiser was truly a great man and great person. My family is forever indebted to him for all that he has done for us. Father Reiser had done more for Coon Rapids and the County of Anoka than any single person in its history. God Bless Father Reiser. Joe and Patty Sidoti (The Villages, FL)*

December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Father Reiser has touched my life in so many ways. There are so many memories from school at Epiphany and into adulthood. May you Rest in Peace and Thank you for being a part of making me the person I am today!*

~

Deb Heltemes-Good,

Ham Lake, Minnesota

Deb Heltemes-Good - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Father Reiser was one of the kindest souls I have had the pleasure to have known*

December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *I will miss him and his strong hand shakes. He was a strong influence in my life in the past.*

~

Mike E,

Zimmer

Mike E - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Fr. Reiser, it was an honor to have known you. You are now truly in EXCELLENT company.*

~

Julia Whalen,

Champlin, Minnesota

Julia Whalen - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *Father Reiser was a great priest and friend. He could keep you captivated for hours with his stories. Enjoyed serving Mass with him.*

~

Tom Revoir,

Stacy, Minnesota

Tom Revoir - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JY

“ You are remembered for all the good deeds you have done, the love you shared with others and now you are with your Lord and Savior, Jesus.

~

Jim & Barbara Yasger,

Minnetonka, Minnesota

Jim & Barbara Yasger - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Once I was driving in stormy weather with my two sons and we noticed off in the distance, a break in the clouds and the sun streaming through. My son said that Fr. Reiser must be over there. Truly a great man. Well done thou good and faithful servant.

~

Barbara Tornell,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Barbara Tornell - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Father Reiser baptised me in 1967. My God welcome him into His kingdom the way he welcomed me into his kingdom on Earth.*

~

Beverly Westerberg,

Eden Prairie, Minnesota

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KK

“ *Father Reiser married my folks in 1963 at St. Mary's in White Bear Lake, Mn and then baptized my sister and myself. He married friends and has been there at our times of loss. Thank you so much for being a part of our lives.*

~

Kaeleen Kaufmann,

Hugo, Minnesota

Kaeleen Kaufmann - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Fr. Reiser for many years through our shared commitment to working with the older adults living on the church campus. He was caring, progressive and a great story teller. Fr. Reiser, you have served God and man well; eternal life is undoubtedly your destiny.

~

Tim Meyer,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Tim Meyer - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Thank you for being such a part of our life for so long. May God bless and reward you for all you have done and for your great devotion to Jesus. Thank you, Jesus, for giving us the blessing of Father Reiser.

~

Paul and Bernardine Maro,

Apache Junction, Arizona

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