

**Father Dennis W. Meinen**

**February 6, 1951 — November 14, 2023**

  Dennis W. Meinen was born on February 6, 1951 in Sioux City, the son of Vincent and Rose (Gallagher) Meinen. He graduated from Bishop Heelan High School in 1969. He went on to serve in the United States Coast Guard for four years, from 1969-1973. He attended Briar Cliff College, and then went on to seminary at LaSalle Extension University and Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wisconsin.  He was ordained at St. Michael Catholic Church in Sioux City on May 29, 1987. His assignments over the years included: Parochial Vicar at Blessed Sacrament Parish from 1987-1990; Parochial Vicar at Immaculate Conception Parish from 1990-1993; Pastor at St. Boniface Parish in Charter Oak (also serving Ute) from 1993-1995; Pastor at St. Columbkille Parish in Churdan (also serving Cedar 1995-1996 and Scranton 1996-2000) from 1995-2000. He was Chaplain at Holy Spirit Retirement Home from 2003-2020.

Father Meinen was involved in many organizations across Siouxland, including: Chaplain of Scouting for the Sioux City Diocese; Faithful Friar of the Garrigan Assembly – Knights of Columbus; Columnist for the Lumen Catholic newspaper; was a member of the Calix society; and served on a committee on disabilities within the Sioux City Diocese. Father Meinen’s involvement was widespread within the community and was an example for those afflicted with disability.

Survivors include his brothers: Donald Meinen of Olathe, KS, Gene (Kay) Meinen of San Antonio, TX, and James Meinen of Tucson, AZ; nephews: Patrick Meinen of Virginia, and Michael Meinen of Texas; niece, Marie Fields of Florida; step-niece, Catherine Skelton of Missouri; and numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant brother, Gerald Anthony Meinen; and a sister-in-law, Cynthia Meinen.

 Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree

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**December 2023**

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**7 December, 2023** Annual Garrigan Assembly Christmas Party at Grahms in Dakkota Dunes Cocktails at 5:30 Dinner at 6:00 PM

**18 January, 2024** Regular Meeting South Sioux City Knights of Columbus Hall 1805 W 29th St South Sioux City NE. Social at 6:15 Dinner at 6:45 Meeting to follow.

**15 February, 2024** Regular Meeting at Sioux City St. Michael’s Parish Hall 2223 Indian Hills Dr. . Social at 6:15 Dinner at 6:45 Meeting to follow.

**FAITHFUL NAVIGATORS REPOR**

It is with deep sadness the Garrigan Assembly of Fourth Degree Knights of

Columbus pays its final respects to the passing of our Faithful Friar, Fr. Dennis Meinen.  Fr. Meinen was a dedicated faithful friar for our Assembly for many years.  He endured many years of illness.  Now he can rejoice in the arms of his Lord and Savior.  Rest in peace Fr. Meinen.

Fr. Francis Makwinja has graciously agreed to serve as our new Faithful Friar.  Let us all thank him for accepting this position in our Assembly.

Don’t forget our December 7th Christmas dinner at Graham’s in Dakota Dunes.  Cocktails begin at 5:30 with dinner at 6.  Please contact Michael Peters by December 1 for your reservations.  Margaret and I look forward to seeing you.

**Please keep the following in your prayers** Father Paul Albenesius, Father Thomas Topf, Father Paul Bormann, Bishop R.Wallker Nickless, Father David Hemann, Sister Jean Marie, Doris Ott, Rick Davis, Mark Nixa, Sandy Bokemper, Gene Waag Sharon Seuntjens, Mike Boggs, Steve Cogdill Jr. Patricia LeClair, Marcia Goeden, Robert Goeden , Larry Kastrup, Valentin Magana, Ed Womack, Ann Womack, Julie Riedy, Jean Butler, Jack Garthright. Roxanne Winterfield, Tammy Pasker, Jerome Puhl , Bob Kenaley, Hilda Luna, Jim Coy, Dennis Todd, Ronald Lansink, Lyle Spieler, Larry Harrington, Jesse Padilla, Arden Gale, Manuel Luna, Bob Duncan, Francis Palmershiem, Doug Peters, Terri Mareau, John Voeltz, Gene Rolfes, Fred McPherson, Charles Myers, Chris Utesch,, Orlando Gill, Gary Engel, Don Roger, Marilyn Laing, John Green, Robert Red Owl, Ricardo Rocha, Dennis Fredricksen, Terry Clarey, Marci Hoffman, James Geary Jr. Kevin Sopha, Persecuted Clergy and any others we may have missed.



**November 20th, 2023** Color Guard Event HOLIDAY LIGHTED PARADE DOWNTOWN SIOUX CITY,IA

**FAITHFUL PILOTS REPORT**

**November Honor Guards**

**5 November, 2023** Confirmation Sioux City St Michaels:

Michael Peters, Michael Hays, Michael Koch, Ricardo Rocha,

David Butler

**6 November 2023** Red Mass at Sioxu City Cathedral:

Michael Peters, Michael Hays, Michael Koch, Ricardo Rocha,

Jim Sanders

**9 November, 2023** 25th Rededication of Sioux City Cathedral:

Michael Peters, Michael Hays, Michael Koch, Ricardo Rocha,

**Jim Sanders**

**12 November, 2023** Memorial Mass Sioux City St Michaels:

Michael Peters, Michael Hays, Marty Pasker, David Butler

Jjm Sanders

**17 November, 2023** Wake Service for Father Meinen:

Jim Sanders, Michael Hays, Michael Gaspers, Michael Koch,

Ricardo Rocha, Steve Shults, George Hargens, Marty Pasker, Stan Rolfes, Jim coy, Bernard Alassouma, Dennis Kluver, John Staiert, Michael Peters

**18 November 2023** Father Meinen Funeral Mass:

Jim Sanders, Michael Hays, Michael Gaspers, Michael Koch, Michael Peters, Steve Shults, Ricardo Rocha, Marty Pasker, Jerry Collins, Jim Coy, Bernard Alassouma, Dennis Kluver, John Hildman

**19 November 2023** Confirmation Sioux City St. Michaels:

Michael Peters, Michael Hays, Jim Sanders, Ricardo Rocha, Bernard Alassouma

**20 November, 2023** Sioux City Holiday Lighted Parade:

Michael Peters, Michael Koch, Michael Hays, Ricardo Rocha,

John Hildman, George Hargens, Jim Sanders, Marty Pasker