Archdiocesan Deacons

Biographies



Anderson, Deacon Bradley 1331 E. Hunters Robbins Way, Greensburg, IN 47240 812-663-8427

Born August 24, 1956. Married June 8, 1974, to Kathy (Cooley) Anderson (3 children). Ordained June 23, 2012. 2012, appointed to ministry at the Church of the Holy Angels, Indianapolis, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Intercity Outreach and Advocacy;

2017, appointed to ministry at St. Mary, Greensburg.



Bartolowits, Deacon David J. 126 W. Georgia St., Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46225 317-635-2021

Born October 16, 1957. Married August 6, 1982, to Leslie (Crump) Bartolowits (2 children). Ordained June 24, 2017. 2017, appointed to ministry at St. John the Evangelist, Indianapolis.



Beauchamp, Deacon Joseph J. 6350 S. Mooresville Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46221 317-821-2909

Born March 20, 1961. Married June 25, 1982, to Shelly (Beland) Beauchamp (3 children). Ordained June 24, 2017. 2017, appointed to ministry at St. Ann, Indianapolis.



Beyke, Deacon Robert J.6131 N. Michigan Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46228
317-253-2193

Born August 29, 1963. Married August 13, 1983, to Beth (McGann) Beyke (2 children). Ordained June 24, 2017. 2017, appointed to ministry at St. Monica, Indianapolis.



Blackwell, Deacon Gary M. 89 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove, IN 46107 317-784-5454

Born January 5, 1960. Married June 8, 1985, to Lynn (Hagg) Blackwell (4 children). Ordained June 24, 2017. 2017, appointed to ministry at Holy Name of Jesus, Beech Grove.



Blandford, Deacon Kerry, MS 4052 E. 38th St., Indianapolis, IN 46218-1444 317-546-1571

Born June 27, 1955. Married December 17, 1977, to Rebecca (Hoff) Blandford (4 children). Ordained, June 28, 2008. 2008, St. Mark the Evangelist, Indianapolis, Village Oaks at Greenwood for the ministry of charity, and associate director of deacon

formation; 2011, director of deacon formation, while continuing at St. Mark the Evangelist, Indianapolis, and Village Oaks at Greenwood for the ministry of charity; 2012, parish life coordinator, St. Andrew the Apostle, Indianapolis, while continuing as director of deacon formation, and homebound of St. Andrew the Apostle for the ministry of charity.



Bower, Deacon Patrick, BS 8300 Rahke Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46217 317-882-0724

Born March 30, 1948. Married April 6, 1968, to Lynn (Gasper) Bower (2 children). Ordained, June 28, 2008. 2008, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, and coordinator of eucharistic ministers for Methodist, IU and Riley Hospitals, Indianapolis, for the ministry of charity; 2020,

appointed to ministry at St. Rose of Lima, Franklin, while continuing as coordinator of extraordinatory ministers of the Eucharistic, IU Hospital campuses.



Braun, Deacon Michael, BS, MBA, MTS 8155 Oakandon Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46236 317-826-6000

Born March 19, 1951. Married November 19, 1977, to Wendy (Jenson) Braun (5 children). Ordained June 23, 2012. 2012, appointed to ministry at St. Simon the Apostle, Indianapolis, Community Hospital East, Indianapolis, Community Hospital North, Indianapolis, and Holy

Family Shelter, Indianapolis; 2015, chaplain coordinator pro-tem, Father Thomas Scecina Memorial High School, Indianapolis, while continuing ministry at St. Simon the Apostle, Indianapolis, Community Hospitals East and North, Indianapolis, and Re-Entry Education Facility.



Chlopecki, Deacon John J., BA 4509 Peacock Lane, Rolling Meadows , IL 60008 812-756-3417

Born April 14, 1946. Married June 29, 1968, to Marie (Depasse) Chlopecki (4 children). Ordained April 27, 1991, for the Archdiocese of Chicago. 1991, Holy Family, Iverness, IL; 1992, St. Colette, Rolling Meadows, IL; 1995, St. Anthony of Padua,

Morris, St. Charles, Milan, and St. Pius, Ripley County; 2006, St. Nicholas, Ripley County; 2007, incardinated as deacon into the Archdiocese of Indianapolis from Archdiocese of Chicago; 2007, St. Anthony of Padua, Morris; 2012, retired.



Collier, Deacon Daniel 9833 E. County Rd. 750 N., Brownsburg, IN 46112 317-852-3195

Born March 23, 1954. Married January 26, 1975, to Susan L. (Culbertson) Collier (2 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, and the Women's Correction Facility for the ministry of charity.



Cooper, Deacon Richard, BS 2500 St. Mary's Dr., Lanesville, IN 47136 812-952-2853

Born March 29, 1959. Married June 4, 1983, to Diane Cooper (3 children). Ordained June 23, 2012. 2012, appointed to ministry at St. Mary, Lanesville, and hospital, nursing home and bereavement ministry.



Cord, Deacon John D. 325 S. Chestnut St., Seymour, IN 47274 812-522-5304

Born March 26, 1956. Married June 14, 1980, to Gwen (Brunner) Cord (3 children). Ordained June 24, 2017. 2017, appointed to ministry at St. Ambrose, Seymour.



De la Rosa, Deacon Wilfredo R. 740 W. 28th St., Indianapolis, IN 46208 317-926-3324

Born September 28, 1951. Married February 16, 1977, to Melinda (Montecillo) de la Rosa (4 children). Ordained June 24, 2017. 2017, appointed to ministry at Church of the Holy Angels, Indianapolis.



Decker, Deacon Robert, MAT, MTS 25743 State Route 1, Guilford, IN 47022 812-576-4302

Born May 16, 1951. Married June 9, 1973, to Ann (Teagardin) Decker (4 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, St. Andrew the Apostle, Indianapolis; 2012, St. Peter, Franklin County, and St. Mary-of-the-Rock, Franklin County; 2014, All Saints, Dearborn County, for the

ministry of charity to the homebound and ill.



East, Deacon Michael 325 S. Chestnut St., Seymour, IN 47274 812-522-5304

Born June 28, 1943. Married July 15, 1961, to Charlotte L. (Doyle) East (4 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, St. Ambrose, Seymour, Our Lady of Providence, Brownstown, Jackson County Jail for the ministry of charity, and associate director of deacons; 2011, director of deacons, while continuing at St. Ambrose, Seymour, and

Jackson County Jail for the ministry of charity.



Ferrer-Soto, Deacon Emilio, MS 950 Prospect St., Indianapolis, IN 46203 317-631-5324

Born May 28, 1952. Married May 28, 1978, to Maria Torres-González (4 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, St. Patrick, Indianapolis, and Wishard Memorial Hospital, Indianapolis, for the ministry of charity.



Fisherkeller, Deacon Paul F. 535 E. Edgewood Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46227 317-787-8246

Born January 6, 1948. Married March 1, 1968, to Sandra (Sansers) Fisherkeller (4 children). Ordained June 24, 2017. 2017, appointed to ministry at St. Mark the Evangelist, Indianapolis.



French, Deacon Lawrence 629 Clay St., North Vernon, IN 47265 812-346-3604

Born March 19, 1949. Married October 2, 1987, to Therese L. (Hughes) French (4 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, St. Maurice, Napoleon, Manderley Health Care Center and Buckeye Village, Osgood, for the ministry of charity; 2011, St. Joseph,

Jennings County, St. Ann, Jennings County, St. Mary, North Vernon, St. Vincent Hospital, North Vernon, and Patriot Academy, Muscatatuck Urban Training Center, Butlerville, for the ministry of charity.



Freyer, Deacon Ronald 13 St. Louis Pl., Batesville, IN 47006 812-931-3204

Born August 23, 1958. Married September 13, 1980, to Mary Beth (Rudolf) Freyer (4 children). Ordained June 23, 2012. 2012, appointed to ministry at St. Louis, Batesville, and hospital and nursing homes.



Gardner, Deacon Michael412 E. Second St., Madison, IN

412 E. Second St., Madison, IN 47250 812-265-4166

Born May 4, 1953. Married August 10, 1974, to Lucinda (Smith) Gardner (3 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, Prince of Peace, Madison, Most Sorrowful Mother of God, Vevay, and Madison State Hospital, Madison, for the ministry of charity; 2013, St. John the

Baptist, Osgood, and St. Mary Magdalen, New Marion, while continuing ministry, Prince of Peace, Madison, Most Sorrowful Mother of God, Vevay, and Madison State Hospital, Madison, for the ministry of charity.



Giesting, Deacon Charles J.

1210 E. Main St., Plainfield, IN 46168 317-839-3333

Born September 23, 1956. Married August 1, 1981, to Mary (Schmidt) Geisting (4 children). Ordained June 24, 2017. 2017, appointed to ministry at St. Susanna, Plainfield.



Gretencord, Deacon Steven

2322 N. 1/2 St., Terre Haute, IN 47804 812-466-1231

Born May 26, 1952. Married December 22, 1973, to Kathryn (Rhoderick) Gretencord (1 child). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Terre Haute, and Ryves Youth Center of Catholic Charities Terre Haute for the ministry of charity; 2013, U.S.

Penitentiary, Terre Haute, for the ministry of charity, while continuing at Sacred Heart of Jesus, Terre Haute, and Ryves Youth Center of Catholic Charities, Terre Haute, for the ministry of charity.



Harte, Deacon Timothy, BA, MS

1709 E. Harrison St., Martinsville, IN 46151 765-342-6379

Born April 8, 1948. Married June 29, 1991, to Brenda (Meyers) Harte (3 children). Ordained June 23, 2012. 2012, appointed to ministry at St. Martin of Tours, Martinsville, Man of Mission Ministry, nursing homes and with the homebound; 2013, Habitat for Humanity for the ministry of charity, while continuing ministry at St. Martin of Tours,

Martinsville, Man of Mission Ministry, nursing homes and with the homebound; 2015, St. Martin of Tours, Martinsville, and the ministry of charity for nursing homes and the homebound.



Henn, Deacon David, JD 5353 McFarland Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46227 317-786-4371

Born November 26, 1968. Married September 10, 1994, to Mary Ellen (Collins) Henn (2 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood, and Kindred Hospital Indianapolis South, Greenwood, for the ministry of charity; 2014, St. Jude,

Indianapolis, and Office of Worship to provide assistance with episcopal liturgies.



Hill, Deacon Thomas 125 E. Broadway, Shelbyville, IN 46176 317-398-8227

Born July, 10, 1959. Married May 10, 1980, to Judy (Swaim) Hill (2 children). Ordained June 23, 2012. 2012, appointed to ministry at St. Joseph, Shelbyville, and Pregnancy Care Centers of South-Central Indiana; 2015, St. Joseph, Shelbyville, and the ministry of charity for

the Salvation Army, Bartholomew County.



Hodges, Deacon Stephen, MS 1347 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46202 317-634-4519

Born October 26, 1954. Married February 28, 1976, to Mary (Beck) Hodges (3 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, St. Rose of Lima, Franklin, and Johnson County Jail for the ministry of charity; 2011, SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi, Greenwood, and chaplain for Courage

ministry; 2016, SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis, while continuing as chaplain for Courage ministry.



Horn, Deacon Thomas, BS, MBA 5333 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46219 317-356-7291

Born January 31, 1961. Married December 23, 1984, to Virginia (Forehand) Horn (2 children). Ordained June 23, 2012. 2012, appointed to ministry at St. Mark the Evangelist, Indianapolis, and Student Service Learning Program at Roncalli High School; 2017, appointed to ministry at Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis.



Hosier, Deacon John E. 7225 Southeastern Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46239 317-357-1200

Born October 2, 1956. Married July 24, 1981, to Ada (Fiore) Hosier (3 children). Ordained June 24, 2017. 2017, appointed to ministry at Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Indianapolis.



House, Deacon Steven, BA, MS, PhD

71 Windwhisper Lane, Annapolis, MD 21403

Born November 21, 1950. Married August 16, 1975, to Rochelle (Zochowski) House (3 children). Ordained June 23, 2012. 2012, appointed to ministry at Holy Trinity, Edinburgh, and Edinburgh Correctional Facility; 2016, moved to Annapolis, MD.



Ignacio, Deacon Martin415 E. Eighth St., New Albany

415 E. Eighth St., New Albany, IN 47150 812-944-0417

Born November 26, 1963. Married February 27, 1999, to Avigay (Chavez) Ignacio (2 children). Ordained June 24, 2017. 2017, appointed to ministry at St. Mary, New Albany.



Jackson, Deacon Oliver L.

1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46202 317-632-9349

Born December 12, 1947. Married August 10, 1968, to Cora (Richardson) Jackson (3 children). Ordained June 24, 2017. 2017, appointed to ministry at St. Rita, Indianapolis.



Jacobi, Deacon John R.

11400 Farmers Ln., NE, Greenville, IN 47124 812-364-6646

Born January 18, 1970. Married December 15, 1989, to Carmen (Atwood) Jacobi (3 children). Ordained June 24, 2017. 2017, appointed to ministry at St. Michael, Bradford.



Jones, Deacon Wesley, PhD

930 Southview Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46227

Born June 12, 1947. Married August 14, 1971, to Mary Jane (Martin) Jones (2 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, hospice chaplain, St. Francis Hospital & Health Centers, Indianapolis, St. Jude, Indianapolis, and Catholic Charities Indianapolis, for the ministry of charity; 2010, St. Ann, Indianapolis, while continuing the ministry of charity for Catholic Charities Indianapolis; 2013, retired.



Jones. Deacon William

1306 27th St., Columbus, IN 47201 812-379-9353 ext 334

Born September 28, 1950. Married April 16, 1971, to Mary R. (Witte) Jones (4 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, and Substance Addiction Ministry (SAM) for the ministry of charity.



Kellams, Deacon Marc, JD 2222 E. Third St., Bloomington, IN 47401 812-336-6846

Born May 4, 1949. Married July 5, 1969, to Chris (Fox) Kellams (3 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, St. Charles Borromeo, Bloomington, hospitals and nursing homes of Monroe County, for the ministry of charity; 2020, ministry, SS. Francis and Clare, Greenwood,

while continuing as corrections ministry coordinator.



Klauder, Deacon Francis C. 8051 N. Mt. Vernon Court, Fortville, IN 46040 317-485-4671

Born December 10, 1942. Married June 30, 1979 to Lynn A. (Hogg) Klauder (deceased June 8, 2006) (3 children). Ordained June 4, 1989, for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. 1989-2007, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Bensalem, PA; 2007, St. Thomas the Apostle Fortville; 2010,

incardinated as deacon into the Archdiocese of Indianapolis from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia; 2010, police chaplain, Greenfield Police Department, and continuing assignment as deacon, St. Thomas the Apostle, Fortville; 2017, retired.



Lewis, Deacon Anthony E. 523 S. Merrill St., Ave., Fortville, IN 46040 317-485-5102

Born November 17, 1973. Married July 11, 1998, to Angela (Schneider) Lewis (3 children). Ordained June 24, 2017. 2017, appointed to ministry at St. Thomas the Apostle, Fortville.



Matthews, Deacon Jerome R. 8300 Rahke Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46217 317-882-0724

Born November 14, 1948. Married April 23, 1977, to Catherine (Miller) Matthews (3 children). Ordained June 24, 2017. 2017, appointed to ministry at St. Barnabas, Indianapolis.



McShea, Deacon John R. 6131 N. Michigan Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46228 317-253-2193

Born December 25, 1953. Married August 8, 1980, to Regina (Hill) McShea (3 children). Ordained June 24, 2017. 2017, appointed to ministry at St. Monica, Indianapolis.



Miller, Deacon James 240 S. 6th St., Richmond, IN 47374 765-962-3902

Born June 8, 1954. Married June 23, 1974, to Evelyn (Holler) Miller (4 children). Ordained June 23, 2012. 2012, appointed to ministry at the Richmond Catholic Community parishes of St. Andrew, St. Mary, and Holy Family, Richmond (all now merged and named St. Elizabeth

Ann Seton Parish), and Richmond nursing homes.



Morales, Deacon Oscar 337 N. Warman, Indianapolis, IN 46222 317-636-4828

Born August 19, 1946. Married May 9, 1970, to Evangelina (Robolloso) Morales (2 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, Marion County Jail #2 for the ministry of charity, while continuing as pastoral associate, St. Gabriel the Archangel, Indianapolis; 2013,

appointed to ministry at St. Anthony, Indianapolis, while continuing at Marion County Jail #2 for the ministry of charity.



Nava, Deacon Reynaldo 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood, IN 46143 317-888-2861

Born May 7, 1967. Married January 16, 1993, to Lorena (Magana) Nava (4 children). Ordained June 24, 2017. 2017, appointed to ministry at Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood.



Pirau, Deacon Ronald, BS 5901 Olive Branch Rd., Greenwood, IN 46143 317-859-4673

Born December 29, 1962. Married August 4, 1984, to Linda (Pickett) Pirau (3 children). Ordained June 23, 2012. 2012, appointed to ministry at SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi, Greenwood, Johnson County Jail, and Dismas Ministry for Johnson County and the southside of

Indianapolis.



Powell, Deacon Jeffrey 1752 Scheller Ln, New Albany, IN 47150 812-944-1184

Born February 13, 1956. Married August 16, 1975, to Sadie (Keller) Powell (3 children). Ordained June 23, 2012. 2012, appointed to ministry at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, and with Our Lady of Perpetual Help parishioners at the hospital and nursing homes in

Floyd County.



Ramírez, Deacon Juan Carlos 1306 27th St., Columbus, IN 47201 812-379-9353

Born November 4, 1966. Married November 4, 1989, to Gabriela (Almaguor) Ramírez (3 children). Ordained June 24, 2017. 2017, appointed to ministry at St. Bartholomew, Columbus.



Reimer, Deacon Ronald, MBA 1413 E. 17th St., Bloomington, IN 47408 812-339-5561

Born November 27, 1959. Married May 2, 1987, to Susan (Wild) Reimer (3 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi, Greenwood; 2011, St. Rose of Lima, Franklin, and Johnson County Jail for the ministry of charity; 2018, ministry of charity for the sick and homebound, St. Paul Catholic Center,

Bloomington.



Reising, Deacon David, MPA 1723 "I" St., Bedford, IN 47421 812-275-6539

Born December 30, 1948. Married February 27, 1971, to Kathryn (Damm) Reising (2 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, St. Mary, Mitchell, and Lawrence County Jail, Bedford, for the ministry of charity; 2020, pro tem parish life coordinator, St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, St. Mary, Mitchell;



Renzi, Deacon Richard, BA, MA 9833 E. County Road 750 N., Brownsburg, IN 46112 317-852-3195

Born February 28, 1959. Married May 8, 1999, to Julie (West) Renzi (4 children). Ordained June 23, 2012. 2012, appointed to ministry at St. Malachy, Brownsburg, and The Beds and Britches Etc. Program.



Scarlett, Deacon Matthew T. 1723 "T" St., Bedford, IN 47421 812-275-6539

Born April 24, 1970. Married June 28, 1997, to Kathy (McHargue) Scarlett (3 children). Ordained June 24, 2017. 2017, appointed to ministry at St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford.



Schallert, Deacon Nathan C. 1347 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46202 317-634-4519

Born December 6, 1951. Married April 20, 1974, to Kathryn (Backman) Schallert (2 children). Ordained June 24, 2017. 2017, appointed to ministry at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis.



Slinger, Deacon Michael, BS 7243 E. 10th St., Indianapolis, IN 46219 317-353-9404

Born June 4, 1949. Married October 21, 1978, to Paula (Kaperak) Slinger (1 child). Ordained June 23, 2012. 2012, appointed to ministry at Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Holy Family Shelter, Indianapolis, for the ministry of charity and as an archdiocesan Metropolitan Tribunal field associate.



Smith, Deacon Kenneth C. 814 Jefferson St., Tell City, IN 47586 812-547-7994

Born June 3, 1952. Married January 25, 1975, to Carol (Reust) Smith (3 children). Ordained June 24, 2017. 2017, appointed to ministry at St. Paul, Tell City.



Stratman, Deacon Michael 2405 S. Seventh St., Terre Haute, IN 47802 812-232-3512

Born July 2, 1955. Married October 25, 1975, to Cynthia (Lange) Stratman (4 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, St. Margaret Mary and St. Patrick, Terre Haute, and Union Hospital, Terre Haute, for the ministry of charity.



Thompson, Deacon John 315 E. Chestnut St., Jeffersonville, IN 47131

812-282-2677

Born March 23, 1942. Married September 28, 1963, to Patti (Dailey) Thompson (4 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, Clark County Jail for the ministry of charity, while continuing as coordinator of Family Ministry, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville; 2017 appointed to ministry at Sacred Heart, Jeffersonville, while continuing ministry,

St. Augustine, Jeffersonville.



Tsuleff, Deacon Steven C. 23401 Gavin Lane, Lawrenceburg, IN 47025 812-656-8700

Born June 19, 1962. Married September 6 1986, to Kara (Downs) Tsuleff (2 children). Ordained June 24, 2017. 2017, appointed to ministry at St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Bright; 2020, apppointed to ministry at St. Michael, Brookville, St. Peter, Franklin County.



Wagner, Deacon Richard, BS, MS 7200 Sarto Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46240 317-255-4534

Born October 30, 1959. Married May 21, 1983, to Carol (Lyons) Wagner (4 children). Ordained June 23, 2012. 2012, appointed to ministry at St. Pius X, Indianapolis, St. Augustine Home for the Aged, Indianapolis, and Helping Our Own People (HOOP) Outreach to the homeless.



Ward, Deacon Thomas, CFP, JD 6944 E. 46th St., Indianapolis, IN 46226 317-546-4065

Born July 1, 1940. Married December 28, 1963, to Donna (Rhinesmith) Ward (3 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, St. Simon the Apostle, Indianapolis, and St. Vincent New Hope, Indianapolis, for the ministry of charity; 2011, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, while continuing at St. Vincent New Hope, Indianapolis,

for the ministry of charity; 2020, retired.



Woodard, Deacon Russell B., BA 100 Keeley St., P.O. Box 216, Edinburgh, IN 46124 812-526-9460

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Born December 22, 1961. Ordained June 23, 2012. 2012, parish life coordinator, St. Anne, New Castle, and St. Rose of Lima, Knightstown; 2012, New Castle Correctional

Facility, New Castle, for the ministry of charity, while continuing as parish life coordinator, St. Anne, New Castle, and St. Rose of Lima, Knightstown; 2016, parish life coordinator, Holy Trinity, Edinburgh and Edinburgh Correctional Facility, Edinburgh, for the ministry of charity.