



## Rev Venantius Paul Preske

May 20, 1924 - November 9, 2015

Rev. Venantius Preske, age 91, of Horseshoe Bend, Arkansas, formerly of Evansville, passed away at 12:40 P.M. on Monday, November 9, 2015 in Horseshoe Bend. He was born March 24, 1924 to the late Felix and Mary (Kissel) Preske in Evansville, IN.

He was ordained to the priesthood, 63 years ago, on May 31, 1952, as a Glenmary Missionary. He served in parishes in Kentucky, Virginia, Ohio, Arkansas and Georgia. In 1975 Fr. Preske transferred to the Diocese of Little Rock and served as pastor in various parishes. He retired to Horseshoe Bend, AR in 1993, and served in substitute priestly ministry in various parishes throughout the diocese until 2001. Fr. Preske continued to assist the local pastor with priestly duties at St. Mary's Church in Horseshoe Bend until 2011. Though homebound, he continued to serve the people of the diocese where they would come to him for Confession, Spiritual Direction and guidance. He was an avid gardener and bee keeper having over 20 hives at a time.

Fr. Preske was predeceased by his parents, Felix and Mary Preske and siblings, Magdalene (Sr. Angeline, OSB), John, Mary Lois, Rosalia, Rev. Felix, and Aloysius.

Surviving are his siblings, Henry (June), Theresa Martin, Deacon Richard (Joan), Marvin (Ann), and 24 nieces and nephews.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 A.M. on Monday, November 16, 2015 at St. Joseph Catholic Church Vanderburgh County, Rev. Eugene Schroeder officiating.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 until 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 15, 2015 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Vanderburgh County, where there will be a memorial service conducted at 4:00 P.M. Friends may also visit with the family from 10:00 A.M. until service time on Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church Vanderburgh County.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Diocese of Little Rock, PO Box 7565, Little Rock, AR 72217-7565.

Condolences may be made online at [www.pierrefuneralhome.com](http://www.pierrefuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive  
Evansville, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **15**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church (County)  
6202 W. St. Joseph Road  
Evansville, IN

## funeral

NOV **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church (County)  
6202 W. St. Joseph Road  
Evansville, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev Venantius Paul Preske*

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January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *A wonderful, holy man. I shall always remember you as the Great Confessor.*

*Tyrone Teran*  
*AKA Br. Justus-Martin, O.S.B.*



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**Tyrone Teran** - November 12, 2015 at 10:40 PM