

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

# **JAMES EDWARD GARDNER**

JULY 1, 1988 — JUNE 16, 2013



**SATURDAY, JUNE 22ND, 2013**

Holy Spirit Catholic Community  
2003 Hassert Blvd  
Naperville, IL 60564

**MASS — 10:00AM**

**CELEBRANT**

Fr. Dennis Lewandowski

**PALLBEARERS**

Ryan Stark  
Joey Funderberg  
John Gardner  
Bill DeSmidt  
Nick Nather  
Michael Russ  
Kevin McLachlan  
Max McLachlan  
Mitchell Colwell

**SOLOIST**

Anne Kasprzak

**PLACEMENT OF THE PALL**

Jim Gardner  
Sue Gardner  
Sarah Gardner

**FUNERAL PAMPHLETS**

Mary Claire McLachlan  
Samantha Russ  
Nicole DeSmidt

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### HERE I AM LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

(Refrain)

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

(Refrain)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Wisdom 3:1-6, 9

*Kim DeSmidt*

Response: *Thanks be to God*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23

Response: *Shepard me,  
Oh God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears,  
from death into life.*

### SECOND READING

Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12

*Ann Russ*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Fr. Dennis Lewandowski

Response: *Alleluia (Sung)*

### GOSPEL

Fr. Dennis Lewandowski

Response: *Thanks be to God*

### HOMILY

Fr. Dennis Lewandowski

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

*John Gardner / Katie Cordts*

We pray for Jimmy, who was given the promise of eternal life at baptism. May he see that promise fulfilled in the Kingdom of Heaven.

We pray that Jimmy's heart is filled with joy for all God's love as well as the endless love his family and friends will continue to have for him forever.

We pray for Sarah, that God will give her the strength, ability, and desire to carry on her family traditions and culture in Jimmy's spirit.

We pray for Jim and Sue, may the memories of Jimmy always remain alive in their hearts as a source of strength and inspiration.

May the joy that Jimmy brought us shine as an everlasting light that burns bright within us forever.

We pray for God to comfort and be near all of Jimmy's family and friends who feel the loss of Jimmy in their lives.

We pray for those who suffer from the illness of addiction that they find the daily strength needed to combat the lifelong challenges presented by the disease.

For all those who have died especially Jimmy's Grandfather, James Gardner; Grandmother, Dorothy DeSmidt; and Godfather and Uncle Tom DeSmidt.

We pray for the recipients of Jimmy's gifts of life, that their life challenges will now be diminished and that they are now able to live a fruitful life.

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## OFFERTORY HYMN

### YOU ARE MINE

I will come to you in the silence  
I will lift you from all your fear  
You will hear My voice  
I claim you as My choice  
Be still, and know I am here  
I am hope for all who are hopeless,  
I am eyes for all who long to see  
In the shadows of the night,  
I will be your light  
Come and rest in Me

(Refrain)

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow Me  
I will bring you home  
I love you and you are mine  
I am strength for all the despairing, Healing for the ones who dwell in shame  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free  
And all will know My name

(Refrain)

I am the Word that leads all to freedom  
I am the peace the world cannot give  
I will call your name, embracing all your pain  
Stand up, now, walk, and live

## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Herman DeSmidt  
Kathy Tonietto  
Nydia Gardner

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Fr. Dennis Lewandowski

**SIGN OF PEACE**

Fr. Dennis Lewandowski

**LAMB OF GOD**

Fr. Dennis Lewandowski

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

### AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.

Tw'as grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear,  
the hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be,  
as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
Tis grace has brought me safe thus far;  
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise,  
than when we'd first begun.

**INCENSING**

Jesus Remember Me

**FINAL BLESSING  
AND COMMENDATION**

Fr. Dennis Lewandowski

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

### ON EAGLE'S WINGS

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

(Refrain)

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.  
The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
And famine will bring you no fear:  
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield.

(Refrain)

You need not fear the terror of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day;  
Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

(Refrain)

For to His angels he's given a command To guard you in all of your ways;  
Upon their hands they will bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a  
stone.





## **TO REMEMBER ME**

*Robert N. Test*

Give my sight to the man who has never seen a sunrise, a baby's face, or love in the eyes of a woman.

Give my heart to a person whose own heart has caused nothing but endless days of pain.

Give my blood to the teenager who was pulled from the wreckage of his car, so that he might live to see his grandchildren play.

Give my kidneys to one who depends on a machine to exist from week to week.

Take my bones, every muscle, every fiber and nerve in my body and find a way to make a crippled child walk.

If you must bury something, let it be my faults, my weaknesses, and all prejudice against my fellow man.

Give my sins to the devil.

Give my soul to God.

If, by chance, you wish to remember me, do it with a kind deed or word to someone who needs you. If you do all I have asked, I will live forever.

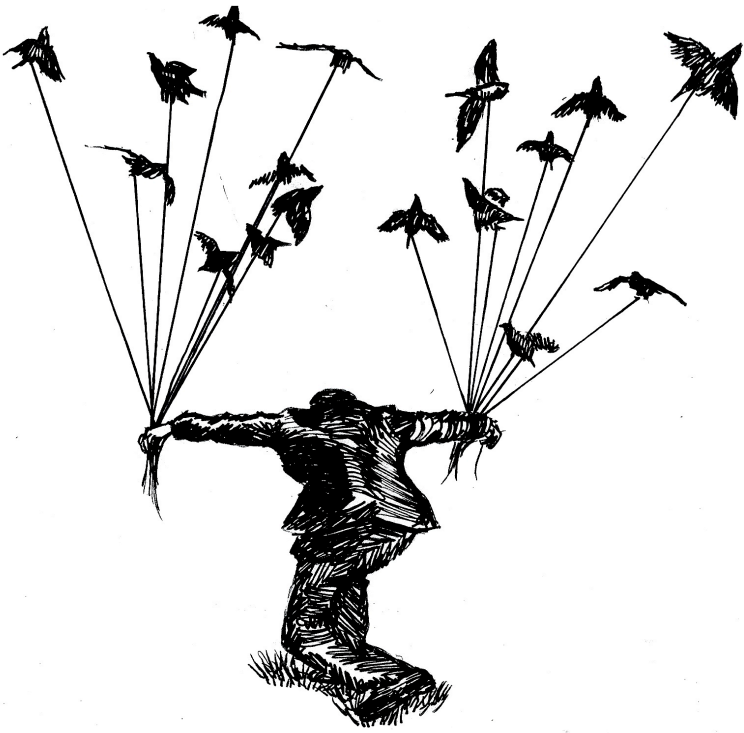


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OUR FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU  
FOR ALL OF YOUR LOVE, PRAYERS AND SUPPORT.  
YOUR KINDNESS WILL REMAIN IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER.

—*The Gardner Family*

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