

June 25, 2020

Good People of Good Counsel,

Earlier this week, our Diocese lost one of its longest serving and most dedicated priests. Msgr. Blacet was a priest for over 73 years and became pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel back in 1992.

Our beautiful church in Westport could never hold (in a single liturgical service) everyone from across the Diocese who wants to come and pay their respects to Msgr. Blacet. Our society is also still in the midst of a global pandemic where we are asked to follow certain safety guidelines and practice social distancing. This will further limit the number of people that can be inside the church at any one time.

After a good deal of consultation and planning, in order to accommodate everyone who wants to come and pay their respects to Msgr. Blacet, we will be providing an extended visitation service that will take place over the course of the two days prior to Msgr. Blacet's funeral Mass.

Attached you will find a full schedule of what is being offered. We will be praying several Rosaries and Chaplets of Divine Mercy, and many of Msgr. Blacet's will be offering a few words on the life of Monsignor and how he has inspired and influenced their own priesthood.

As you look at the full schedule, rather than trying to attend everything, we respectfully ask that you pick a specific time over the two days to come and pay your respects. This way we can accommodate as many people as possible over the course of the two days.

Msgr. Blacet's funeral Mass will be closed to the public. We will live stream his funeral Mass and you can watch it via Facebook or on our parish website:

www.goodcounselkc.org/blacet

Just having Msgr. Blacet's brother priests in attendance will fill almost all of our seating capacity. While the funeral Mass is closed to the public, those who wish to come to the cemetery for the burial are welcome to come to that.

I realize these are unusual circumstances. I greatly appreciate your patience and understanding during this time. I know Msgr. Blacet is grateful for your prayers for the repose of his soul.

In Christ and Mary,
Fr. Johnson

MEMORIAL & FUNERAL FOR MSGR. WILLIAM J. BLACET

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL
3934 WASHINGTON ST, KANSAS CITY, MO 64111

• WEDNESDAY, JULY 1ST •

11:00 AM Confessions (Fr. Andrew Mattingly)

12:00 PM Mass (Fr. Andrew Mattingly)

1:00 PM Receiving of the Body (Bishop James V. Johnston, Jr.)

1:15 PM Open Visitation

2:45 PM A Tribute to Monsignor (Fr. Kevin Drew)

3:00 PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Fr. Kevin Drew)

3:10 PM Open Visitation

4:45 PM A Tribute to Monsignor (Fr. Leonard Gicheru)

5:00 PM Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries

(Fr. Leonard Gicheru)

5:30 PM Open Visitation

7:45 PM A Tribute to Monsignor (Fr. Sean McCaffery)

8:00 PM Rosary: The Luminous Mysteries

(Fr. Sean McCaffery)

9:00 PM Church Closed

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• THURSDAY, JULY 2ND •

8:00 AM Church Open for Visitation

9:45 AM A Tribute to Monsignor (Fr. Peter Jaramillo)

10:00 AM Rosary: The Sorrowful Mysteries

(Fr. Peter Jaramillo)

10:30 AM Open Visitation

12:00 PM Daily Mass (Fr. Richard Rocha)

1:15 PM Open Visitation

2:45 PM A Tribute to Monsignor (Fr. Adam Haake)

3:00 PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Fr. Adam Haake)

3:10 PM Open Visitation

4:45 PM A Tribute to Monsignor (Fr. Steve Hansen)

5:00 PM Rosary: The Glorious Mysteries (Fr. Steve Hansen)

5:30 PM Open Visitation

7:00 PM Vigil for the Deceased (Fr. Adam Johnson)

9:00 PM Church Closed

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• **FRIDAY, JULY 3RD** •

12:00 PM Funeral Mass (Bishop James V. Johnston)

The funeral mass will be closed to the public.

A live-stream will be available on the Our Lady of Good Counsel Website and Facebook Page.

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2:00 PM Burial at Mount Olivet Cemetery

7601 Blue Ridge Blvd., Raytown, MO 64138

Bishop Johnston and Fr. Johnson would like to encourage anyone who is available to join them at the graveside.