

**Archdiocese of Dubuque – Table of Accused Priests  
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Table of priests against whom public accusations of sexual abuse of minors have been made and/or lawsuits have been filed. They are listed chronologically according to the earliest time the sexual abuse occurred, according to the accusations. The name of the priest is included, as well as dates of birth, ordination, and death. In the “Comments” section, the time that the accusation became public is indicated. At the end of the table, there is provided an alphabetical list of the priests, with each priest’s dates and places of assignments. The current status of the priest is also listed in that summary.

Being included in this table does not necessarily mean that the accusation has been proven in a court of law or shown to have occurred through an outside investigation or admitted to by the person accused.

Earliest Claimed Abuse	Name	Date of Birth	Date of Ordination	Date of Death	Comments
1930s	Joseph I. Patnode	11/20/1885	06/11/1918	12/30/1977	Accused of sexual abuse of male minors. Accusation made public in the <i>Telegraph Herald</i> on June 18, 2003. Claims settled in mediation in 2007 and 2013.
1940s	Patrick W. McElliott	10/18/1910	06/06/1936	11/14/1987	Accused of sexual abuse of female minors. Claims settled in mediation in 2006, 2007 and 2013.
1940s	Robert V. Swift	02/01/1918	12/17/1944	08/20/1980	Accused of sexual abuse of male minors. Made public in a letter to the editor of the <i>Telegraph Herald</i> on January 22, 2006. Claims settled in mediation in 2008 and 2013.
1940s	Louis E. Wendling	09/26/1912	06/03/1939	09/25/1969	Accused of sexual abuse of female minors. Claims settled in mediation in 2007 and 2013.
1950s	Henry N. Dunkel	01/31/1921	07/28/1945	10/28/1998	Accused of sexual abuse of female minors. Accusation made public in several letters to the editor of the <i>Telegraph Herald</i> in the 1990s and 2000s.
1950s	William A. Goltz	02/18/1925	04/16/1950	01/07/2006	Accused of sexual abuse of male minors. Claims settled in mediation in 2006 and 2008.
1950s	Albert L. Carman	05/25/1911	07/28/1945	04/19/1980	Accused of sexual abuse of male minors. Claims settled in mediation in 2006 and 2008.
1950s	John A. Schmitz	06/10/1929	02/02/1957	10/15/1991	Accused of sexual abuse of female minors. Made public at Pastoral Study Day in Waterloo in 2002. Claim settled in mediation in 2006. Additional claim filed in California and settled in 2007.
1950s	Thomas B. Knox	11/21/1910	05/30/1942	03/09/1968	Accused of sexual abuse of a male minor. Made public in a letter to

					the editor of the <i>Telegraph Herald</i> on January 22, 2006.
1950s	Julius J. Olinger	06/14/1906	05/30/1931	04/19/1993	Accused of sexual abuse of a female minor. Claim settled in mediation in 2006.
1950s	John J. Brickley	08/12/1909	06/15/1935	10/30/1998	Accused of sexual abuse of male minors. Lawsuit settled in 1990s. Also made public at Pastoral Study Day in Waterloo in 2002. Claims settled in mediation in 2007.
1950s	Robert J. Saunders	03/18/1915	06/07/1941	07/04/07	Accused of sexual abuse of female minors. Accusations made public in <i>The Witness</i> (July 2007). Claims settled in mediation in 2008.
1950s	Thomas F. Currier	05/16/1926	05/27/1950	05/10/2005	Accused of sexual abuse of a female minor. Victim contacted Archdiocese in the 1990s, she requested and was granted confidentiality.
1950s	John T. Reed	08/23/1923	05/26/1949	04/16/1976	Accused of sexual abuse of male minors. Claims settled in mediation in 2008 and 2013.
1960s	Albert J. Forster	06/24/1901	05/29/1926	03/26/1990	Accused of sexual abuse of male minors. Claims settled in 2004 and 2005.
1960s	William T. Schwartz	05/07/1932	02/01/1958		Accused of sexual abuse of male minors. Made public at Penitential Rite in Waterloo in 2003. Claims settled in mediation in 2004, 2006, 2007 and 2013.
1960s	Robert J. Reiss	07/17/1929	06/04/1955	02/03/2005	Accused of sexual abuse of male minors. Made public at the time of his reported death in Mexico in 2005. Claims settled in mediation in 2006, 2008 and 2013.
1960s	William A. Roach	02/21/1921	07/28/1945	04/09/1986	Accused of sexual abuse of male minors. Claims settled in mediation in 2006.
1960s	John M. Peters	10/23/1920	12/17/1944	05/31/1997	Accused of sexual abuse of a male minors. Claim settled in mediation in 2006.
1960s	John T. Reed	08/23/1923	05/26/1949	04/16/1976	Accused of sexual abuse of male minors. Claims settled in mediation in 2008.
1960s	William G. McLaughlin	12/07/1933	06/28/1959	10/23/1993	Accused of sexual abuse of female minors. Claim settled in 2008.
1960s	Maurice J. Tracy	06/29/1906	10/25/1931	04/20/1990	Accused of sexual abuse of male minors. Claim settled in 2012.
1960s	Louis W. Wunder	01/12/1936	03/18/1961	01/28/1990	Accused of sexual abuse of male minors. Claims settled in mediation in 2013.

1970s	Allen M. Schmitt	08/15/1945	05/23/1971		Accused of sexual abuse of male minors. Initial claim made public in 2002 and settled in 2003. Claims settled in mediation in 2007, 2008 and 2013.
1970s	Robert Marcantonio	11/30/1942	06/24/1967	10/20/1999	A priest of the Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island. Accused of sexual abuse of male minors. Made public in the <i>Des Moines Register</i> in 1990. Claims settled in mediation.
1990s	Timothy L. DeVenney	07/24/1963	06/05/1993		Accused of sexual abuse of male minors. Made public in June 1996. Claims settled in mediation in 2007 and 2008.

An accusation was made against Rev. Nicholas Cigrand (deceased 1976) by a man claiming that he had been abused when he was a parishioner and altar boy in the 1960s. The accusation resulted in a lawsuit, which was dismissed by a district court judge in Dubuque County because the plaintiff could not provide evidence to support his claims. The case was then appealed to the Iowa Supreme Court. On April 13, 2007, the Iowa Supreme Court affirmed the district court's dismissal of the case and stated that "nothing in the records even suggests any abuse by Father Cigrand."

An accusation was made against Rev. Peter Graff (deceased 1976) by a man claiming that he had been abused when he was a parishioner in the 1940s. The claim was mediated and settled in 2013. The Archdiocesan Review Board reviewed all information developed by the Archdiocesan counsel and the counsel for the plaintiff, and was unable to offer a determination on the credibility of the allegation.

Regarding the case of the Rev. Michael Fitzgerald: In 2000 he admitted improper use of the Internet but denied sexual abuse of minors. One anonymous phone call claimed to know from a third party about sexual abuse of a minor, but the person making the accusation declined to identify himself or the supposed victim. Because of the media attention devoted to the matter, Father Fitzgerald resigned his position as pastor of St. Joseph in Marion, Iowa. He died as the result of a highway accident on October 2, 2001.

Other accusations which have been made against other priests (and which have been described as "credible") are not included for one or more of the following reasons: They have either not been sustained, not proven, not admitted to, or not adjudicated by a civil court or ecclesiastical process. In some cases the information came in connection with medical reports, which are governed by civil law restrictions, or from other sources for which church and/or civil law imposes restrictions. In a very few cases, the sacramental seal of confession was involved.

Listing of the dates and places of assignment of the priests included in the above table

John J. Brickley

Assumption, Cresco	1935-1939
Ames, St. Cecilia	1939-1943
Gilbert, SS. Peter and Paul	1943-1949
Ackley, St. Mary	1949-1954
Nevada, St. Patrick	1954-1966
Colo, St. Mary	1954-1957
Eagle Grove, Sacred Heart	1966-1969
Williams, St. Mary	1969-1973
Britt, St. Patrick	1973-1985
Retired	1985
Activities restricted	1998
Deceased	1998

Albert L. Carman

Dubuque, St. Patrick	1945-1946
Dubuque, Loras College	1946-1968
Dubuque, Mary of the Angels (chaplain)	1959-1968
Manly, Sacred Heart	1968-1971
Leave of absence	1971-1973
Dubuque, St. Mary	1973-1976
Garber, St. Michael/Littleport, Sacred Heart	1976-1978
Monticello, Sacred Heart/Sand Springs, Immaculate Conception	1978-1979
Clutier, Immaculate Conception/Carroll, St. Wenceslaus	1979-1980
Deceased	1980

Thomas F. Currier

Cedar Rapids, St. Patrick	1950-1952
Cedar Rapids, Immaculate Conception	1952-1958
Dubuque, St. Patrick	1958
Mason City, Mercy Hospital	1959-1962
Ossian	1962-1963
Clermont	1963-1966
Armed Forces	1966-1972
Nashua	1972
Sick Leave	1973-1974
Cedar Rapids, Sacred Heart Convent	1974-1976
Springville	1976
Marshalltown, St. Henry	1976-1986
Farley	1986-1988
Work in the Diocese of Colorado Springs	1988-1992
Belmond	1992-1996
Clarion	1992-1996
Retirement	1996
Activities Restricted	1996
Penal precepts and disciplinary measures approved by the Vatican	2005
Deceased	2005

Timothy L. DeVenney	
Dubuque, St. Columbkille	1993-1996
Administrative leave and suspended	1996
Pleaded guilty and sentenced	1997
Received from Pope Benedict XVI a Dispensation from the priesthood and Termination of all rights and obligations	2008
Henry N. Dunkel	
Dubuque, St. Columbkille	1945-1952
Chelsea, St. Joseph	1952 (temp.)
United States Air Force	1952-1960
Leave of absence	1960-1964
Belle Plaine, St. Michael	1964-1965
Parkersburg, St. Patrick	1965-1973
Lourdes, Our Lady of Lourdes/Chester, St. Stephen	1973-1990
Retired	1990
Activities restricted	1992
Deceased	1998
Albert J. Forster	
Waterloo, St. Joseph	1926-1930
Dubuque, St. Patrick	1930-1931
Petersburg, SS. Peter and Paul	1931-1932
Dorchester, St. Mary	1932 (temp.)
Sabula, St. Peter/Green Island, Sacred Heart	1932-1934
Grundy Center, Sacred Heart	1934-1937
Hopkinton, St. Luke	1937-1948
Petersburg, SS. Peter and Paul	1948-1951
Otter Creek, St. Lawrence	1951-1952
Haverhill, Immaculate Conception	1952-1976
Retired	1976
Deceased	1990
William A. Goltz	
Dubuque, St. Raphael Cathedral	1950-1953
Stacyville, Visitation/McIntire, St. Mel	1953-1954
Oelwein, Sacred Heart	1954-1955
Church trial and sentencing; activities restricted	1955-1964
Norway, St. Michael	1964-1965
Cedar Rapids, St. Ludmila	1965-1966
Dyersville, St. Francis Xavier	1966 (temp.)
Elma, Immaculate Conception/St. Cecilia, St. Patrick	1966 (temp.)
Leave of absence	1966-1971
Hampton, St. Patrick/Dumont, St. Francis	1971-1973
Sand Springs, Immaculate Conception	1973-1976
Dorchester, St. Mary/Hanover, St. Mary	1976-1977
Waterloo, St. Joseph	1977-1980
Cedar Rapids, St. Jude	1980-1984
Dubuque, Holy Family Hall, Mt. St. Francis; Mercy Hospital (part-time)	1984-1991
Retired	1991

Activities restricted	1992
Penal precept imposed	2005
Deceased	2006
Peter M. Graff	
Petersburg, Ss. Peter & Paul	1941-1946
Dubuque, Holy Ghost	1946-1947
St. Lucas, St. Luke	1947-1948
St. Donatus, St. Donatus	1948-1966
Festina, Our Lady of Seven Dolors	1966 -1976
Deceased	1976
Thomas B. Knox	
Oelwein, Sacred Heart	1942-1947
Iowa Falls, St. Mark	1947-1950
Baldwin, Holy Trinity/Stone City, St. Joseph	1950-1952
Forest City, St. James/Lake Mills, St. Patrick	1952-1963
Eldora, St. Mary	1963-1968
Deceased	1968
Robert Marcantonio	
Priest of the Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island	
Part-time priestly assistance at St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Cecilia, Ames, while a student at Iowa State University, Ames	1970-1975
Deceased	1999
Patrick W. McElliott	
Waukon, St. Patrick	1936 (temp.)
Dubuque, St. Patrick	1936-1941
Leave of absence	1941-1942
St. Joseph Prairie, St. Joseph	1942-1944
Monti, St. Patrick	1944-1954
Waterloo, St. John	1954-1963
Colesburg, St. Patrick	1963-1966
Dubuque, Mercy Hospital	1966-1967
Anamosa, St. Patrick	1967-1968
Leave of absence	1968-1969
Dubuque, St. Patrick	1969-1970
Andrew, St. John	1970-1971
Leave of absence	1971-1975
Retired	1975
Deceased	1987
William G. McLaughlin	
Rockwell, Sacred Heart	1959-1964
Waterloo, Columbus High School	1964-1976
Waterloo, Metro Coordinator of Catholic Education	1971-1976
Dubuque, Archdiocesan Director of Religious Education	1976-1987

Prairie, St. Joseph; New Melleray, Holy Family	1980-1983
St. Catherine, St. Catherine	1983-1987
Maquoketa, Sacred Heart	1987-1993
Deceased	1993
Julius J. Olinger	
Mason City, St. Joseph	1931-1933
Nashua, St. Michael	1934-1935
Oelwein, Sacred Heart	1935-1936
Dubuque, St. Francis Home (chaplain)	1936-1938
Garber, St. Michael/Littleport, Sacred Heart	1938-1942
Cedar Rapids, Mercy Hospital (chaplain)	1942-1947
Walker, Sacred Heart	1947-1954
New Hampton, St. Mary	1954-1983
Retired	1983
Deceased	1993
Joseph I. Patnode	
Dubuque, Loras College	1918-1921
New Haven, St. Peter	1921-1922
Tama, St. Patrick	1922-1924
Dubuque, Loras College	1924-1936
Preston, St. Joseph	1936-1939
Key West, St. Joseph	1939-1951
Marion, Mercy Sisters Novitiate	1951-1964
Retired	1964
Deceased	1977
John M. Peters	
Waterloo, St. Joseph	1945-1956
Monona, St. Patrick	1956-1958
Harpers Ferry, St. Ann-St. Joseph	1958-1966
Hopkinton, St. Luke	1966-1967
Garber, St. Michael/Littleport, Sacred Heart	1967-1969
Vinton, St. Mary	1969-1979
Traer, St. Paul/Dysart, St. Joseph	1979-1989
Retired	1989
Deceased	1997
John T. Reed	
Mason City, Holy Family	1949-1956
Cedar Rapids, St. Matthew	1956-1961
Clear Lake, St. Patrick	1961 (temp.)
Dubuque, St. Mary	1961-1963
Sick leave	1963-1964
Cedar Rapids, Regis High School	1964-1965
Elma, Immaculate Conception/St. Patrick, St. Cecilia	1965 (temp.)
Sick leave	1965-1976
Deceased	1976

Robert J. Reiss

Cedar Rapids, Immaculate Conception	1955-1957
Ft. Atkinson, St. John Nepomucene	1957 (temp.)
Garner, St. Boniface	1957-1960
Luxemburg, Holy Trinity	1960-1967
Evansdale, St. Nicholas	1967-1971
Garber, St. Michael	1971-1974
Nashua, St. Michael	1974-1976
Stacyville, Visitation	1976-1980
Leave of absence	1980-1981
Sabula, St. Peter/Green Island, Sacred Heart	1981-1985
North Buena Vista, Immaculate Conception	1985-1990
Activities restricted	1990
Leave of absence	1990-1997
Dispensed from the priesthood	1997
Deceased	2005

William A. Roach

Waukon, St. Patrick	1945-1947
Cascade, St. Martin	1947-1950
Dubuque, Holy Ghost	1950-1951
Archbishop's Secretary	1951-1952
Graduate studies, Rome	1952-1955
Chancellor	1955-1960
Dubuque, St. Anthony Home (chaplain)	1956-1957
Dubuque, Mt. Carmel (chaplain)	1957-1961
Vicar General	1958-1961
Cedar Rapids, Immaculate Conception	1961-1967
Oxford Junction, Sacred Heart	1967-1969
Key West, St. Joseph	1969-1979
Waukon, St. Patrick/West Ridge, St. John the Baptist	1979-1984
New Mellera, Holy Family/St. Joseph Prairie, St. Joseph	1984-1986
Deceased	1986

Robert J. Saunders

Manly, Sacred Heart	1941-1942
Farley, St. Joseph	1942-1943
Dubuque, Loras Academy	1943-1947
Mason City, St. Joseph	1947-1948
New Hampton, St. Joseph	1948-1949
Garber, St. Michael/Littleport, Sacred Heart	1949-1954
Temple Hill	1954-1969
Norway, St. Michael	1969-1986
Retired	1986
Activities restricted	2002
Deceased	2007

Allen M. Schmitt

Waterloo, Sacred Heart	1971-1977
Cedar Rapids, St. Patrick	1977-1981
Marshalltown, St. Mary	1981-1988
Garwin, St. Boniface	1981-1987



Haverhill, Immaculate Conception	1987-1988
Protivin, Holy Trinity	1988-2000
Schley, Holy Cross	1988-1994
Little Turkey, Assumption	1994-2000
Ft. Atkinson, St. John Nepomucene	1997-2000
Dorchester, St. Mary/Hanover, St. Mary/ Waukon, St. Patrick	2000-2002
Activities restricted	2002
Administrative Penal Process concluded; disciplinary measures and penalties made perpetual and confirmed by the Holy See	2009
 John A. Schmitz	
Lansing, Immaculate Conception	1957-1958
Dubuque, Sacred Heart	1958-1960
New Hampton, St. Joseph	1960-1965
Mason City, St. Joseph	1965-1970
Cedar Rapids, All Saints	1970-1973
Manchester, St. Mary/Greeley, St. Joseph	1973-1974
Clermont, St. Peter	1974-1975
St. Anthony, Sacred Heart/Zearing, St. Gabriel	1975-1979
Greene, St. Mary	1979-1982
Leave of absence	1982
Activities restricted	1985
Deceased	1991
 William T. Schwartz	
Ryan, St. Patrick	1958-1963
Waterloo, St. Joseph	1963-1967
Raymond, St. Joseph/Gilbertville, Don Bosco High School	1967-1968
Marshalltown, St. Mary	1968-1974
Waterloo, Columbus High School	1974-1980
Dubuque, Holy Ghost	1980 (temp.)
Dubuque, St. Anthony	1980-1982
Rockwell, Sacred Heart/Cartersville, St. John/Swaledale, St. Lawrence	1982-1989
Clarion, St. John	1989-1992
Leave of absence	1992-1993
Activities restricted	1993
Retired	1993
Dismissed from the priesthood	2005
 Robert V. Swift	
Mason City, Holy Family	1945-1947
Anamosa, St. Patrick	1947-1950
Oelwein, Mercy Hospital (chaplain)	1950-1953
Garryowen, St. Aloysius	1953-1954
St. Anthony, Sacred Heart	1954-1956
St. Joseph Prairie, St. Joseph/New Melleray, Holy Family	1956-1963
Walker, Sacred Heart/Urbana, St. Mary	1963-1969
Oxford Junction, Sacred Heart	1969-1974

Eagle Center, St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/ Blessing, Immaculate Conception	1974-1980
Deceased	1980

Maurice J. Tracy

Webster City, St. Thomas Aquinas	Sept. 1932 – Nov. 1932
Cresco, Assumption	1933 – 1934
Waterloo, St. John	Jan. 1934 – June 1934
Cedar Rapids, Mercy Hospital	1934 – 1935
Waucoma, St. Mary	Jan. 1934 – May 1935
Dubuque, St. Patrick	May 1935 – August 1936
Cedar Rapids, Mt. Mercy College	1936 – 1947
Wexford, Immaculate Conception	1947 – 1954
Watkins, St. Patrick	1954 – 1963
Lourdes, Our Lady of Lourdes	1963 – 1967
Grundy Center, Sacred Heart	1967
Sick Leave	1967
Dubuque, Mercy Health Center	1967 – 1967
Fayette, St. Francis of Assisi	1970 – 1976
Oelwein, Sacred Heart	1976 – 1981
Retired	1981
Deceased	1990

Louis E. Wendling

Bellevue, St. Joseph	1939-1944
U.S. Navy	1944-1946
Dubuque, Sacred Heart	1946-1947
Cedar Rapids, Mt. Mercy University	1947-1951
Central City, St. Stephen	1951-1954
Walker, Sacred Heart	1954-1958
North Washington, Immaculate Conception	1958-1966
Key West, St. Joseph	1966-1969
Deceased	1969

Louis W. Wunder

Clear Lake, St. Patrick	1961-1963
Dubuque, St. Mary	1963-1969
Waterloo, Sacred Heart	1969-1975
Waterloo, Columbus High School faculty	1974-1975
Dubuque, Holy Ghost and Wahlert High School	1975-1977
Dubuque, Sacred Heart	1977-1980
New Hampton, St. Joseph	1980-1982
Clutier, Immaculate Conception and Carroll, St. Wenceslaus	1982-1990
Garwin, St. Boniface	1987-1990
Deceased	1990