

**Fr. James Kunes, S.M.**  
***Celebrating 50 years of priesthood***



**Rev. James Kunes** is celebrating 50 years of priesthood in the Society of Mary. He professed first vows on Aug. 22, 1948, in Beacon, N.Y., and he was ordained on July 17, 1960, in Fribourg, Switzerland.

He earned his bachelor's degree in education from the University of Dayton, and he earned STB, STL, and STD degrees from the University of Fribourg.

Rev. James has served as a teacher and chaplain at schools in Ohio and Michigan. He served as a professor at the University of Dayton and the University of Michigan.

In 1972, he began concentrating on pastoral work, serving churches in Michigan. In 1990, he moved to St. Louis, where he assisted at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Kirkwood, Mo. In 1995, he began serving as a part-time chaplain at DePaul Hospital and St. Joseph Hospital in St. Louis. He currently resides in St. Louis.