

## Father John Izral Biography

Father John A. Izral was born on a farm in Wisconsin in 1926, the youngest child and only boy of 7 children. At age 12, while he was behind the hay wagon on the highway, he decided to run from the back of the it into the oncoming traffic lane to check the left side. A force grabbed onto his shoulders and lifted him off the ground leaving his legs swinging forward in the air. Just then a car raced by at 50 miles per hour. He accredited his guardian angel from miraculously saving him from death. As a youth, Father learned that he had a bad heart with few years to live. The doctor's orders were to quit farming and take it easy to maximize his short life expectancy. Eager to make the most of his life spiritually, he went into the Catholic priesthood and was ordained in 1956. After his ordination, he was sent to Mississippi to evangelize, form new parishes and build churches. Life was dangerous for him as the Ku Klux Klan persecuted Catholics, but Father felt protected by God and never worried. At some point, Father's heart was healed. Father also served in Louisiana.

As a bi-ritual priest, Father could offer Mass in the Latin Rite and Divine Liturgy in the Byzantine Rite. Needed in the Byzantine Eparchy, he served in Georgia and Pennsylvania. During his 4 and a half year tenure at St Mary's Ukrainian Church in Ford City, Pennsylvania, an elderly parish, not one person died while he was there. An avid reader of religious books, he was a scholarly man. He had a great devotion to Our Lady, the Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration. His Charismatic healing services healed and gave peace to many. Father lived to be 93 and said 33,368 Masses and Divine Liturgies. He passed away on January 22, 2020 and is buried in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

### Healing Prayer of Father John Izral

Lord, we praise You and thank You. Holy Spirit just praise Jesus now and heal what needs to be healed. Lord, You are the Divine Physician, and You know everything. Heal (*name*) of (*affliction*). Let it be done according to your Holy Will. We praise You and thank You for all that You are doing. (*Father's Izral's prayer language*;) Oh de uhm, se dee uhm, sah dahm ha dat see. Hoe de uhm, se dee uhm, sah dahm ha dat see. Thank You, Lord. Praise, You Jesus for what You are doing. Amen. Amen.

### Prayer for the Beatification of the Servant of God Father John Izral

O God, Your humble servant, Fr John Izral, dutifully preached the Gospel and evangelized the people as he served as parish priest, founded new parishes, built new churches, preached retreats, offered healing services, proliferated the rosary, formed prayer groups, and acted as spiritual director. His prayers brought healing and hope to many. I ask You to allow him to continue this work here on earth by graciously granting through Jesus Christ Our Lord the favor of (*name of favor*) if it be Your holy will so that he may be elevated to sainthood. Thank you, Lord, for hearing my prayer. Praise You, God. Amen.

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