

Deacon Jim Clack

Bishop Daniel Felton has appointed Deacon Jim Clack as the Administrator of St. Edward and St Paul parishes effective June 1, 2023. Deacon Jim has taken over for Deacon Rick Paine in this role. Deacon Jim was ordained on June 12, 2004 by Bishop John F. Kinney for the Diocese of St Cloud. He has also served in the Archdiocese of Baltimore from 2008-2013. Since 2014, Deacon Jim has been assigned to Sacred Heart in Hackensack and St Agnes in Walker here in the Diocese of Duluth.

Deacon Jim graduated from Park Rapids High School in 1978, where he met his future wife, Rose Wilson. He started his fire service career in Minneapolis in 1986 and retired as Fire Chief in 2008. He was the Unified Incident Commander during the Interstate 35W bridge collapse in August 2007. He has also served as the Fire Chief in Baltimore, Maryland (1,800 firefighters) for five years and finished his career in Ankeny, Iowa. He was recognized as the Fire Chief of the Year by the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) in 2019. Deacon Jim retired in December 2022 after working for over 37 years in the fire service.

Deacon Jim is also a Private Pilot and loves to travel with his wife. Rose (on her own) completed hiking the entire 2,190- mile Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine while they were living in Baltimore. They look forward to meeting