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# Thiel celebrates 50 years in priesthood

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The Rev. Lloyd Thiel, OFM Capuchin, of St. Bonaventure Friary in Detroit, Mich., returned to the parish of his family's parish on Sunday Oct. 8, to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving commemorating his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood.

The 10 a.m. Mass at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in St. John was attended by his family, relatives and grade school classmates. The St. John parish choir provided music. A reception and social followed.

Later, dinner was served at Van Abel's Banquet Hall in Hollandtown, with a brief program of reminiscing and sharing.

The son of Math and Jeanette Schmidt Thiel spent the first 15 years of his ministry at St. Lawrence Seminary in Mount Calvary, working as development director and teaching Latin.

He served the Capuchin community in several capacities before retiring in 2005. He now continues to serve in various ministries, including working as chaplain at Beaumont Hospital two days a week. He enjoys sea cruises.



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