



John Logan Chapman, S.D.S.

Date of Birth *August 21, 1933*
Date of Commitment *June 3, 2000*
Date of Death *December 29, 2005*

John Logan Chapman, also known as Dr. Jazz, was born to AF and Annie Duhadway Chapman on August 21, 1933 in St. Louis, MO. He was the father of six children, Laurie, Donald, Denise, Kim, Chris and Ben. A Dixieland Jazz musician and member of the St. Louis Jazz Club; John served as Music Minister for St. Catherine's Catholic Church in McMinnville, TN for over 30 years and was also a regular contributor to "The Good News Walks", the parish monthly newsletter.

In high school a friend taught John how to make a few chords on the piano. During his first semester at college, came a turning point in his life. John sat in (and played badly) with Louis Armstrong at the Celebrity Club in Providence. One of his buddies knew someone who knew someone and he got to go backstage for a photo-op. They sensed John's love of jazz and let him play "child-like" chords to "When The Saints Go Marching In."

In 1953, a man named Bob Koester helped John put together a band. They came up with the name DIXIE STOMPERS. He played several clubs including Jacoback's in St. Louis and a couple later on at Gaslight Square with the Stompers as well as other ensembles. Years later, as John moved to McMinnville, Tennessee and resigned to working ordinary jobs, he continued to play around with jazz. He organized several local bands including "Powermatic 4 plus One" as well as "Dr. Jazz and the Interns." Later it would simply become Dr Jazz, which is also the name of a Dixieland tune.

After moving to TN John and his family visited St. Catherine's with some friends and he converted to Catholicism. It was in the mid 70's that he became Music Minister for the parish and continued to do so for thirty years. John became a Lay Salvatorian in June of 2000. In addition to serving as Music Minister, John regularly carried the Eucharist to the homebound; he was a very active member in all aspects of parish life at St. Catherine's. He truly lived the spirit of community in the Parish and in the Salvatorians. His heart was big and full all the days of his life on earth.