

**June 11, 1973**

**Father Frank Baumstark**



Father Baumstark was born July 13, 1914, in Ste. Genevieve, Mo. He was ordained for the Wichita diocese by the Most Rev. Joseph Ritter (later Cardinal), bishop of Indianapolis, in the Abbey Church at St. Meinrad, Ind., on May 30, 1944.

He served as assistant pastor at St. Joseph, Ellinwood, from 1944 to 1946. When he was pastor at St. Catherine, Dubuque, (1946-48), he supervised the building of a new rectory and parish hall.

His next assignment was pastor at St. Patrick, Walnut, with the mission at St. Mary, Hiattville. During this pastorate, the Walnut parish built a rectory and hall (1949); a high school (1950), a new grade school (1951), a gym and athletic field (1952), a coach's house (1953), renovated the church (1955), and built a convent (1957).

He spent ten years as pastor at St. Mary, Derby, (1957-67). There he guided the building of a new church (1958), a new rectory and convent (1963).

In 1967 he was appointed pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes, Pittsburg, where he completely renovated the church inside and out.

He was appointed to what would be his last pastorate at St. Andrew, Independence, in 1970. He also served as State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus (1970 - 71).

Father Baumstark died of an apparent stroke on June 11, 1973, at the age of 58. Bishop David Maloney was the principal celebrant and homilist at the funeral in St. Andrew Church on June 13. A second funeral Mass was celebrated at Ste. Genevieve Church in Ste. Genevieve, Mo. Burial was in Valle Spring Cemetery at Ste. Genevieve.