

November 25, 1941

Father Matthew Brady



Father Brady was born Sept. 27, 1889 at Farring Arriff, Arva, County Cavan, Ireland. He was ordained Sept 27, 1914, for the Wichita diocese, but worked several years in Ireland and England before coming to Kansas.

He served as chaplain of St. Rose Hospital in Great Bend (1922-23), before being named first resident pastor at Immaculate Conception, Burns, with the mission St. Michael's, Cassoday. He built the rectory at Burns.

In 1925 he was granted a leave of absence due to poor health. He returned in 1930 and was appointed pastor at Sacred Heart, Cunningham, with Assumption at Turon.

In 1931 he was named chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital at Winfield, but was transferred to St. Mary's Parish at Pittsburg where he was made curate. He was appointed pastor at St. Joan of Arc, Elkhart, (1932).

Father Brady was appointed chaplain at St. John's Hospital in Iola in 1935. He served in this post until his death on Nov. 25, 1941, at the age of 52.

"He had been in poor health for a number of years with a heart ailment. He suffered a great deal, but bore it admirably." (AR Nov. 28, 1941)

Bishop Winkelmann celebrated the Mass of Requiem at St. John's Church, Iola. Burial was in the parish cemetery.

Father Brady was the last of seven priests in the Wichita diocese to die in 1941. The others were: Father Albrecht Kienhoefer, Father August Zink, Father Alexander Bellezza,* Father John Davern, Father Jose Munoz,* and Father C.T. Niederpruem.

*Did not serve in parishes in the Dodge City diocese.