

July 23, 1914

Father James Cronin

Father Cronin was born in September of 1884 at Bealkilla, Listowel, County Kerry, Ireland. He studied at St. Michael's College in Listowel and St. Patrick's, Carlow. He was ordained June 13, 1909 for the Wichita diocese by the Most Rev. Patrick Foley, bishop of Kildare and Leighlin.

He served as an assistant at St. Aloysius Pro-Cathedral from 1909 to 1911. He served as pastor of St. Mary's, Garden City, with the missions St. Anthony, Lakin, and St. Raphael, Syracuse, and a station at Ulysses from 1911 to 1913. He found the Kansas winters too severe and went to San Antonio, Tex., during the winter months.

His last pastorate was at St. Bridget's, Scammon, with the mission Sacred Heart, Weir City (1913-14).

Father Cronin suffered from "tubercular trouble" and died in Fort Worth, Tex., on July 23, 1914, at the age of 30.

Father Anthony Redinger, O.S.B., celebrated the funeral at St. Bridget Church. Burial was in the parish cemetery at Scammon.