

**July 9, 1953**

**Father John Dambach**



Father Dambach was born March 8, 1887 in Buffalo, N.Y. He attended St. Ann's Parochial School and Canisius College. Following his studies for the priesthood at St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester, N.Y., he was ordained by Bishop Hennessy on May 1, 1913 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Wichita.

In his first assignment, he served as an assistant at St. Mary's, Newton (1913-17).

He served in two pastorates in the Dodge City diocese: St. Mary, Garden City, with the missions at St. Anthony, Lakin, and St. Raphael, Syracuse (1917-27), and St. John the Evangelist, Hoisington (1927-42). He completed a church at Garden City (1918) and constructed the school at Hoisington (1930).

In his last assignment, he was chaplain at Mercy Hospital in Independence and pastor of All Saints, Liberty, (1942-49).

He retired on March 4, 1949 and took up residence in Wichita.

He died July 9, 1953 at the age of 66. Bishop Carroll celebrated his funeral Mass at St. Patrick's Church in Wichita, and, in accord with Father Dambach's wishes, no sermon or eulogy was preached.

Burial was in the family plot in Buffalo, N.Y.