

July 14, 1935

Father John Faber



Father Faber was born Aug. 9, 1867 in Cologne, Germany. He completed his education for the priesthood at Canisian College in Fribourg, Switzerland, and was ordained there on April 4, 1908.

He first served in the Concordia diocese.

In 1913 he received his first assignment in the Wichita diocese. He was appointed chaplain at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita, but served temporarily as pastor at St. Catherine, Dubuque, for six months (1914-15). He continued as chaplain at St. Francis Hospital until 1918 when he was appointed pastor of St. Bernard, Belpre, with the mission of Holy Name, Stafford. He served in this pastorate until 1920 when he took a leave of absence.

In 1923 he returned to active service and was appointed pastor at St. Mary's, Sitka, with the missions of St. Joseph, Ashland, and St. John, Coldwater. During his pastorate the church in Coldwater was closed.

Father Faber drove seated in the center of his Star automobile. No one knows why he seated himself this way, because it did not improve his ability to drive. Several times he crashed into the back wall of the garage in Sitka before he could get stopped. In 1924, the parish spent \$100 for a new garage and hung a mattress on the back wall in an attempt to prevent future damage.

His remaining pastorates were: St. Catherine, Dubuque, (1927-31), and St. Anthony, Strong City (1931-35).

Father Faber died July 14, 1935 at the age of 67. He had been in poor health for some time. Father J.H. Lopez, CSsR, celebrated the funeral Mass at St. Anthony Church in Strong City. Burial was in the parish cemetery.