

**May 8, 1973**

**Father Robert Herklotz**



Father Herklotz was born May 10, 1912, at Hays. He was ordained June 3, 1939, with Father Wenzel Birzer and Father (later Msgr.) Stephen Reif, by Archbishop (later Cardinal) John Glennon at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis in St. Louis, Mo.

From 1939 to 1942, he served in relatively short assignments at St. Ignatius, Neodesha; St. Peter's, Schulte, with the mission St. John, Clonmel; Holy Name, Coffeyville; St. Leo, Nashville, and Mary, Help of Christians at Loretto.

He was appointed pastor of St. Mary, Chase, in 1942. Planning for a new church was initiated there in 1949. He was appointed pastor at St. Nicholas, Kinsley, in 1950. During his 15-year pastorate at Kinsley, a new school and gymnasium were constructed. Bishop Franz dedicated the school Aug. 28, 1955; the gymnasium was dedicated by Bishop Forst Dec. 7, 1960.

Other pastorates included: St. Joseph, Ellinwood, (1965-68); St. Boniface, Sharon, (1968); Sacred Heart, Ness City, (1968-71), and Holy Family, Odin, (1971-73).

Father Herklotz had been in ill health for some time suffering from heart disease when he died May 8, 1973, two days before his 61st birthday.

Bishop Forst celebrated the Mass of Resurrection at Holy Family Church in Odin. Burial was in St. Anthony Cemetery, Schoenchen.

In addition to his pastoral assignments, Father Herklotz twice served as vicar forane of the Great Bend Deanery. He also served as state chaplain for the Daughters of Isabella (1967-68).