

April 9, 1945

Father Austin Hull



Father Hull was born Oct. 6, 1872 at Worksop, Nottinghamshire, England. He was ordained for the Wichita diocese May 17, 1898, by Bishop James Trobec at St. Cloud, Minn.

He served as pastor of St. Patrick's, Empire City, in Cherokee County, with the missions St. Rose, Columbus, and St. Joseph, Baxter Springs, (1898-1904).

In 1904, Father John Disselkamp, pastor at St. John the Baptist, Spearville, asked Bishop Hennessy for an assistant to serve his mission congregations.

Father Hull was officially appointed assistant at Spearville, but due to the availability of a parish house he was unofficially a resident pastor at Sts. Peter and Paul, North Kinsley. From this location, he assisted in serving the missions of St. Agnes, Belpre; St. Joseph's, Offerle, and St. Mary, Hodgeman County.

At North Kinsley he built a new church which was dedicated on Sept. 24, 1908. He was officially appointed pastor that same year with the missions at St. Mary, Hodgeman County, and St. Anthony, Hanston.

Father Hull served as pastor at St. Rose, Great Bend, with care for the mission stations at Dublin, Larned, and Pawnee Rock from 1910 to 1913.

He was appointed to his final pastorate at Holy Name, Winfield, in 1913. Under his direction, the parish erected a new church which was dedicated Nov. 4, 1923.

Father Hull died of a heart attack on April 9, 1945, after serving the parish for 32 years. Bishop Winkelmann celebrated the Solemn Mass of Requiem at Holy Name Church. Burial was in the parish cemetery.