

July 1, 1961

Father Frank Huslig



Father Huslig was born Nov. 28, 1909, in Odin. He began his elementary education at Holy Family Grade School, and graduated from St. Anthony Grade School in Fowler. He was ordained for the Wichita diocese by Bishop Schwertner at St. Mary's Cathedral on May 22, 1937.

A week after his ordination, Father Huslig was appointed pastor of St. Rose of Lima, Council Grove, with the missions of Holy Redeemer, Tampa, and Corpus Christi, Skiddy. When Council Grove became a mission, Father Huslig became the first resident pastor at Tampa.

During World War II, he offered Mass and served as a "chaplain" for the German prisoners of war held in a camp at Council Grove. His fluency in the German language was a comfort to those prisoners who approached the sacraments.

In 1945, he was appointed pastor at St. Michael's, La Crosse. He built the rectory there in 1949.

He was appointed pastor of St. Mark's at St. Mark in 1951. While on vacation in New Mexico in 1955, he was stricken with what his physician termed a "fatigued heart." Later that same year he retired to his family home in Fowler.

In 1958, at the request of Bishop Carroll, he resumed active duty and was appointed chaplain of St. Mark's Hospital, Marion. His health required him to enter the hospital periodically. He died July 1, 1961, at the age of 52.

Bishop Carroll was celebrant for the funeral at St. Mary's Cathedral. Interment was in the Fowler Cemetery, following the Mass of Christian Burial celebrated by Father Jacob Dreher at St. Anthony Church.