

August 18, 1933

Father Jeremiah Lenehan



Father Lenehan was born May 1, 1894 in Williamsport, Pa. He was ordained June 10, 1900 for the Wichita diocese by the Most Rev. James Quigley, bishop of Buffalo, at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Buffalo, N.Y.

After serving as an assistant at St. Aloysius Pro-Cathedral for several months, he was appointed pastor at Sacred Heart Church in Dodge City (1900-03). His missions included: St. Patrick's, Coolidge, St. Mary's, Garden City, St. John, Meade Center, and for a short time Sacred Heart, Pratt. He also served the stations of Odee and West Plains in Meade County, Lakin, Liberal, Ulysses, and Wellsford in Kiowa County.

Other pastorates were St. Barbara, Chicopee, with the mission at Fleming in Crawford County (1903-10), and Mother of God, Oswego, with the missions Sacred Heart, Chetopa, and St. Mary's, South Mound (1910-11).

Father Lenehan served as an army chaplain from 1912 to 1917, and for a time was stationed in Hawaii. After his release, he served as a missionary in Pennsylvania during the years 1917 to 1922.

He returned to the Wichita diocese and became pastor of St. Martin's, Caldwell, with the mission Sacred Heart, Anthony (1922-28). During his pastorate at Caldwell he built a new church (1926).

He took a leave and returned to Pennsylvania from 1928 to 1931.

He was chaplain at Mt. Carmel Hospital, Pittsburg, Kans., from 1931 until his death on Aug. 18, 1933. The funeral Mass was celebrated in the hospital chapel. He requested to be buried in Pittsburgh, Pa.