

June 22, 1995

Father Frank Lubeley



Father Lubeley was born June 23, 1918, in Ryegate, Mont. He was ordained Dec. 19, 1945, by Archbishop (later Cardinal) John Glennon at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis in St. Louis, Mo.

He served as an assistant at Sacred Heart, Colwich, (1946); Sacred Heart, Dodge City, (1946-47); Immaculate Heart of Mary, Windthorst, (1947), and Sacred Heart, Pratt (1949-50). During his assignments at Dodge City and Windthorst, he was also pastor at St. George, Bucklin. While at Pratt, he was pastor of Assumption, Turon.

He spent a decade (1950-60) as pastor at St. Joseph, Beaver. During this pastorate a new rectory was constructed and the old rectory was completely remodeled as a convent for the teaching Sisters, (1951). Shrines were constructed on the parish grounds to Our Lady of Fatima (1957) and the Sacred Heart (1959).

Father Lubeley's other pastoral assignments included: St. John, Meade, (1960-63); a chaplaincy at Bob Wilson Memorial Hospital, Ulysses, (1963); Sts. Peter and Paul, North Kinsley, and Holy Rosary, Burdett, (1965-72); St. Mary's, Marienthal, (1972-80), and St. John of Arc, Elkhart, (1980-91). At Marienthal he built a new church which was dedicated by Bishop Gerber on May 17, 1977.

After his pastorate at Elkhart, he retired to California. Father Lubeley died June 22, 1995, at Hoag Memorial Hospital, Newport Beach, Calif., a day before his 77th birthday.

Bishop Schlarman celebrated the funeral Mass at Mother of God Church in Denver. Burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Denver.