

**December 22, 1945**

## **Father Joseph Manz**



Father Manz was born July 8, 1872, in Ellwangen, Württemberg, Germany. He was ordained July 29, 1895 for the Leavenworth diocese in Louvain, Belgium

He served in brief assignments at Mother of God, Kansas City, and St. Francis Xavier, Cherryvale.

In 1896, he was appointed pastor of St. Patrick, Florence, with the missions St. Anthony, Strong City; and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Spring Branch. When there was an ecclesiastic redistricting of Kansas in 1897, he became a member of the clergy of the Wichita diocese.

He served in the following pastorates: St. Anthony, Strong City (1898-99); Sts. Peter and Paul, North Ellinwood (1899-1900); St. Ignatius, Neodesha (1900-01); Sacred Heart, Colwich (1901-04); St. Mary, Aleppo (1904-24), and St. Ann, Olmitz (1924-38). During his pastorate at Aleppo, he built a new school (1923). During his tenure in Olmitz the high school was opened in 1927.

Poor health forced Father Manz to resign in 1938. Two years later, having recovered from his sickness to the extent that he could again take on pastoral duties, he was appointed pastor of St. Peter, Schulte, and St. John the Evangelist, Clonmel. He was relieved of the Clonmel parish when a resident pastor was appointed there in 1944.

Father Manz died in his sleep in the rectory at Schulte Dec. 22, 1945. He was 73 years old. Bishop Winkelmann celebrated the Mass of Requiem at St. Peter's Church. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Wichita.

“(He) pioneered with the founders of the Kansas dioceses. He knew many hardships and knew the privations of the pioneering age.” (AR Dec. 28, 1945)