

**March 25, 1940**

**Father Nicholas Neusius**

Father Neusius was born June 24, 1859, in Hellendorf, Germany. Bishop Fink ordained him for the Leavenworth diocese on Feb. 10, 1886.

His first pastorate was at St. Augustine, Capioma in Nemaha County with missions at St. Timothy, Sabetha, and St. James the Apostle, Wetmore.

His other assignments while in the Leavenworth diocese included parishes in Hanover, Leavenworth, Pittsburg, Paola, and Parsons.

He was pastor at St. Patrick, Parsons, in 1897, when 14 eastern Kansas counties were added to the Diocese of Wichita. He built a new parish school there in 1903. By 1909 a second parish was needed in Parsons and Father Neusius supervised the building of St. Mary Church. He served the second parish as a mission until a pastor was assigned in 1911. Father Neusius also deserves particular credit for Mercy Hospital in Parsons which was blessed by Bishop Hennessy in 1912.

Poor health forced his retirement in 1915. He resided at St. Francis Hospital in Colorado Springs, Colo., and then at St. Anthony Hospital, in Dodge City from 1936 until his death on Easter Sunday, March 25, 1940.

Bishop Winkelmann celebrated the Pontifical Requiem Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Dodge City. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Wichita.

“... the diocese has lost another veteran priest who was a link between the pioneer age and our modern day, a first link in the chain that stretches over 54 years of diocesan history.” (AR March 30, 1940)