

August 16, 1957

Father George Schneider



Father Schneider was born Dec. 1, 1881 in Louisville, Ky. He was ordained Aug. 16, 1907, by Bishop Hennessy at St. Meinrad Seminary in St. Meinrad, Ind.

Following his ordination, he was appointed pastor at St. Louis, Waterloo, with mission stations at Mt. Vernon, Cunningham and Pratt.

In 1910, he became the first resident pastor at Sacred Heart, Pratt, with missions at Fowler and Meade, and stations at Bucklin and Mineral. Other missions were added to his responsibilities: Odee (20 miles south of Meade), Plains, Folsom (25 miles northwest of Plains), and Liberal. He initiated construction of St. Patrick Church at Plains (1915).

Father Schneider gave the community of Pratt the benefit of stability during his 25-year pastorate. He built both a rectory and school there.

His other pastorates included: Sts. Peter and Paul, North Ellinwood (1935-1941), and St. Rose of Lima, Great Bend (1941-47).

In 1947, a heart ailment forced Father Schneider to retire to his home in Wichita. He died Aug. 16, 1957, in St. Francis Hospital following a cerebral hemorrhage.

“The early years of Father Schneider’s priestly career were missionary years. He rode the Rock Island almost constantly. He offered the Sacred Mysteries in private homes, public halls and school houses.” (AR 8-23-1957)

Father Thomas Green celebrated the Solemn Requiem Mass at St. Patrick Church, Wichita. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery.