

September 22, 1938

Father Joseph Schuetz



Father Schuetz was born in Germany on March 9, 1864. He was ordained in Rome on Dec. 25, 1888.

A decade after his ordination he came to the United States to serve in the Diocese of Wichita.

His pastorates included: St. Ann's, Olmitz (1899); St. Patrick, Florence, with the missions at Immaculate Conception, Burns, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Spring Branch (1899-1902); Sacred Heart, Frontenac, with the mission stations at Litchfield and Midway in Crawford County (1902-1903); St. Mary, Marienthal, with the missions Ransom, St. Theresa, Dighton and Modoc (1903-1904); St. Rose of Lima, Great Bend, with missions at St. John the Evangelist, Hoisington; St. Francis Xavier, Seward, and stations at Dublin, Larned and Pawnee Rock (1904-1906); Immaculate Heart of Mary, Windthorst (1906-1910); Sacred Heart, Cunningham, (1910-1911), and St. Patrick, Florence, with Burns as a mission (1911-1936). During his pastorate in Florence he built a new church (1923).

Father Schuetz died Sept. 22, 1938, at the age of 72 at Oestrich-Winkel, Hessen, Germany. He was in the 50th year of his priesthood and was visiting his native land with the intention of returning to Florence to spend the remainder of his life among those whom he had served for 25 years. He was buried Sept. 26, 1938, in Holy Cross Cemetery, Assmannshausen, Germany. A memorial Mass was celebrated at St. Patrick Church in Florence on the same day. Father Leo Klasinski, pastor, was the celebrant and Msgr. J.A. Pompeney, D.D., pastor of St. Mary's, Newton, preached the sermon.