

April 7, 1990

Father Louis Struble



Father Struble was born Aug. 19, 1923 at Pretty Prairie. He was ordained Feb. 5, 1948 by Bishop Carroll in St. Louis Church, Waterloo.

He served in two assignments in the Dodge City diocese. After his ordination he was named assistant at St. Rose of Lima, Great Bend, (1948-51). He was named administrator at St. Michael's, La Crosse, in 1951 during the illness of Father Anthony Dziemian.

Father Struble served as pastor of St. Michael, Girard; St. Martin of Tours, Caldwell; St. John, Zenda; St. Mark's at St. Mark, and Sacred Heart, Cunningham. After recovering from a heart attack in 1978, he was chaplain at Mount St. Mary's Convent and chaplain at St. Francis Regional Medical Center.

His last assignment was pastor at St. Rose, Council Grove, and St. Anthony, Strong City.

Father Struble died April 7, 1990, at the age of 66. Bishop Gerber, also a native of Waterloo, celebrated his funeral at St. Mary's Cathedral. Burial was in the parish cemetery at Waterloo.

Father James Roth said you couldn't find a jollier and happier friend than Father Struble.

"As a priest he was always jolly and joking. When it came to liturgy he was sincere.

"He and the bishop (Bishop Gerber) came from the same town. Father Struble always said two priests came from Waterloo but only half of them became a bishop. That was his favorite joke."

Siblings, Sisters Leonetta and Gertruda, became members of the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.