

**January 18, 1951**

**Father Oscar Vogel**



Father Vogel was born at Wright, June 30, 1908; he attended St. Andrew School. He was ordained for the Diocese of Wichita in St. Mary's Cathedral by Bishop Schwertner on May 22, 1937. He celebrated his first solemn Mass at St. Andrew Church on the Feast of Corpus Christi, May 27. The assistant priest was Father William Vogel, his uncle, then pastor at St. Mary, Pierce City, Mo.

In his first assignment, Father Vogel was named pastor of St. Catherine, Dubuque, (1937-1943). He then served at St. Michael, La Crosse, with Sacred Heart, Cordia, as a mission, (1943-1944). After the Cordia parish was closed, he moved the church to La Crosse to serve the growing congregation there. He then started a parish school in the former church.

Heart problems forced him to spend part of 1944 and most of 1945 as a hospital patient. Father Vogel resumed active duty when he was appointed to the chaplaincies at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and the Hutchinson Reformatory on Aug. 31, 1945.

On Oct. 3, 1947 he was appointed pastor at Sts. Peter and Paul, North Ellinwood. He suffered a stroke and died in the rectory on Jan. 18, 1951, at the age of 42. Father Bill Vogel, his brother, offered a solemn Mass of Requiem at Sts. Peter and Paul Church on Jan. 20. The Pontifical Mass of Requiem was celebrated by Bishop Carroll at St. Andrew Church in Wright on Jan. 22. Father Vogel was buried in St. Andrew Cemetery.

Father Vogel was one of twelve children. He had three siblings who also entered religious life: Father Bill Vogel, Sister Dominica Vogel, CSJ, and Sister Janette Vogel, CSJ.