

February 23, 1961

Father William Vogel



When Father Vogel, a priest of the Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph, retired from active ministry in 1958, he moved to Dodge City and lived at St. Anthony Hospital. He had family residing in both Dodge City and Wright. The Vogels were among a group of families who moved from Tipton, Mo., to Wright in 1905. These families established a parish and named it St. Andrew's after the patron of their parish in Missouri.

Father Vogel was born May 5, 1878, in Lake City, Colo. He was ordained June 19, 1904 at St. Francis Seminary, St. Francis, Wisc., by the Most Reverend Sebastian G. Messmer, archbishop of Milwaukee. He was a religious vocation from St. Andrew Parish, Tipton, Mo.

His pastoral assignments in Missouri included: Sacred Heart, Springfield; St. Agnes, Sarcoxie, with Wentworth as a mission; St. Mary's, Lamar, with Gold City and Verdela as missions; St. Mary's, Pierce City; All Saints, West Glasgow, and Guardian Angels, Kansas City. He served ten years as chaplain of Our Lady of Mercy Home for the Aged in Kansas City before retiring.

Father Vogel lived at St. Anthony Hospital from April 16, 1958 until his death on Feb. 23, 1961. He was 83.

The funeral was celebrated at St. Andrew Church in Wright. Bishop Forst offered the Pontifical Mass of Requiem in the absence of Bishop John Cody of the Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph, who was in Rome at the time. Nearly 50 priests and 20 Sisters were in attendance. Msgr. Joseph Sullivan, later named bishop, was among those priests from the Missouri diocese who attended. Father Vogel was buried in St. Andrew Cemetery at Wright.