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Father Westhues Dies From Stroke

Priest Never Fully Recovered From Encephalitis Attack

Rev. Joseph G. Westhues, pastor of St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish, Riverview Gardens, died last night at the De Paul Hospital. He was 54.

Father Westhues was stricken with encephalitis last September, and, while he was able to return to his duties, he never fully recovered. Friday night he suffered a paralytic stroke, and, although he was taken to the hospital for treatment, the stroke proved fatal.

He was born in Glasgow, Mo., and received his education at St. Francis College, Quincy, Ill., and at Kenrick Seminary here.

→ Greven
Germany

ORDAINED AT KENRICK

He was ordained at Kenrick Seminary in June, 1907, by Archbishop John J. Glennon, and his first charge was at Kahoka, Mo.

Subsequently he became chaplain at the State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, assistant to Msgr. J. A. Connolly at St. Teresa's Church in St. Louis, and then assistant to Rev. Joseph Lubely at Holy Trinity Church, St. Louis.

In 1922 he was designated by the Archbishop to organize a new parish at Riverview Gardens, and under his direction have been erected a building housing the church, the school and a convent for the teaching nuns at Diamond drive and Gibson road, and a parish house. The parish includes about 250 families.

LIST OF SURVIVORS

Surviving are six brothers and a sister: Judge Henry J. Westhues of Jefferson City, commissioner of the Missouri Supreme Court; Ben Westhues of Moberly, and Theodore Westhues, William Westhues, Fred Westhues and John Westhues of Glasgow, and Mrs. J. Heitman of Jefferson City.

→ Fritz
→ Oidtman

He was a nephew of Rev. John Peters, pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, 4204 Delor street, and of Rev. F. F. Peters of Glennonville, Mo.



Reverend Joseph Westhues

From the St. Louis Archdiocesan Archives:

Joseph W. Westhues

Born. Jan. 14, 1884 at Greven, Germany
Baptized Jan. 16, 1884
Ordained June 11, 1907 at
Kenrick Seminary, St. Louis

Appointments:

- 1907 June 20 - Sept. 1, 1907
p.t. Immac. Concept., Maplewood
- 1907 Sept. 1 - Nov. 6, 1907
p.t. St. Teresa's, St. Louis
- 1907 Nov. 1 - Nov. 1, 1909 Pastor
Kahoka, Mo. and Missions
- 1909 Nov. 1 - July 1, 1910
Asst. Jefferson City, Mo.
- 1910 July 1 - Asst. St. Teresa's St.L.
- 1911 Sept. 21 - Asst. Holy Trinity Ch.
- 1921 Sept. - Pastor Church of
St. Catherine Alexandria - new
St. Louis

WESTHUES, REV. JOSEPH G. — Pastor St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Riverview Gardens, Sat., March 19, 1938, at 10:10 p. m., brother of Theodore, William, Henry, Ben, John, Fritz Westhues and Mrs. Jule Oidtman.

Father Westhues' remains at Arthur J. Donnelly's Parlor, 3840 Lindell bl., until Tues. morning, 9 a. m.; will lie in state at St. Catherine's Church, Riverview Gardens, after 10 o'clock mass Tuesday. Funeral Wed., March 23. Office for the dead Wed. morning, 9:30 a. m. Solemn requiem mass 10 a. m. Interment Calvary Cemetery. Members of John J. Kain Council of Knights of Columbus will meet at Arthur J. Donnelly's Parlor, 3840 Lindell bl., Mon., March 21, at 8 p. m.