

REV. MATTHEW KERSCHEN died at the age of 76 at *St. Clement's Health Care Center, Liguori, MO.* Born in Goddard, KS, November 10, 1921; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1942; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, January 6, 1948. After eleven years as teacher, *socius* and minister at Kirkwood, MO, he served in St. Alphonsus (Chicago, IL) and Minneapolis, MN. In 1967 he was assigned to the New Orleans Vice-province and served as superior in Bellair, and Corpus Christi, TX. He was elected Vice-Provincial Superior (1981-1990) after which he was superior in Biloxi, MS. A man of deep faith, quiet humor, and open honesty, he was a solid and revered leader wherever he served. Died of a brain tumor that developed quickly. 56 years professed; 50 years ordained. Buried in the family Plot at Calvary Cemetery, Wichita, KS.



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ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS OCTOBER 2



On Sunday, October 2, at 11:30 A.M. in St. Mary's Assumption Church, we will have our Annual Memorial Mass honoring Father Seelos. Father Seelos died on October 4, 1867.

The main concelebrant of the Mass will be Father Matthew Kerschen, C.S.S.R. Father Kerschen has been serving since 1967 when he was appointed Pastor of Holy Ghost Parish in Houston, Texas. Since that time he has held pastorates in Corpus Christi, Texas and Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In 1981 he was elected to his present office of Vice Provincial Superior of the Redemptorist Fathers of the Vice Province of New Orleans. Previous to his southern assignment Father Kerschen had taught in the Redemptorist Minor Seminary in St. Louis and served in several midwest Redemptorist parishes. He is a native of Wichita, Kansas.

We look forward to seeing you at the Mass and to meeting you afterward in Liguori Auditorium for our usual coffee and doughnuts.

Please all of you use this special day to pray that the cause of Father Seelos will advance rapidly and he will soon be declared a saint of the church.

God love you.

Josie M. Becker.



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ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS — OCTOBER 1



The annual memorial Mass for the Servant of God, Father Francis Xavier Seelos, will be celebrated in St. Mary's Assumption Church on Sunday, October 1, at 11:30 A.M. Very Reverend Matthew J. Kerschen, C.S.S.R., will be the principal concelebrant and homilist at the Mass honoring the death of Father Seelos on October 4, 1867.

Father Kerschen, a native of Wichita, Kansas, for the past eight years has been the superior of the Redemptorists of the vice-province of New Orleans which embraces the states of the central south portion of our country.

The combined choirs of St. Alphonsus and St. Joseph parishes will sing under the direction of Mr. Lloyd Celentano. Blessings with the mission crucifix of Father Seelos will be given after the ceremonies are over. A reception will be held in the garden of St. Mary's immediately after the Mass. Off-street parking will be available in the St. Alphonsus schoolyard.

St. Mary's Assumption Church is in the Irish Channel on the corner of Josephine and Constance Streets.