

### **Parish Rosary For Rev. Kohne Tonight**

The parish rosary for the Rev. Ambrose A. Kohne, native of Decatur who died Sunday morning in a fire at The Good Samaritan hospital in Kokomo, will be recited at 7:30 o'clock this evening at St. Mary's Catholic church.

The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will serve as an honor guard in the church from 8 to 10:30 o'clock tonight while the body lies in state. A solemn requiem high mass will be sung at the church at 10 a.m. Thursday. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery.

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### **Decatur Burial For Priest Killed In Fire**

A Requiem Mass for Father Ambrose A. Kohne, 63, Chaplain of Good Samaritan Home, Kokomo, who died Sunday in a tragic fire, will be offered at St. Mary's Church, Decatur, Thursday, April 9.

The service will start with Chanting of Office of the Dead by area priests at 10 a.m. The Mass will follow the Office.

The body of Father Kohne, a native of Decatur and longtime pastor of SS. Peter & Paul Church, Goodland, was to lie in state in the Decatur church from Wednesday evening until the services Thursday morning. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery, Decatur.

### **THE FUNERAL Mass for Father Kohne was offered Wednesday at Goodland.**

Bishop Pursley, a seminary classmate and close friend of the deceased, delivered the sermon at the Goodland ceremony. The Mass was offered by Bishop John J. Carberry of Lafayette.

Father Kohne has been chaplain of the Kokomo home for the aged since June 20, 1960. Firemen were able to save 36 residents of the home and all other staff members from the blaze which took the priest's life.

He had been Pastor of SS. Peter & Paul, Goodland, from January 27, 1933, until transferred to Kokomo in 1960.

EARLIER assignments had been at Holy Angels, Gary, and at All Saints, Hammond.

He attended St. Joseph School, Decatur; St. Joseph College, Rensselaer, and Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Norwood, O.

He was ordained June 11, 1927 by Archbishop John F. Noll in Fort Wayne.

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FATHER AMBROSE KOHNE, a priestly son of our parish, loved and admired by all who knew him, passed away last Sunday morning, after sustaining severe burns in a fire at the Good Samaritan Home in Kokomo, where he was Chaplain for the past three years.

Father Ambrose has been handicapped with poor health for many years, but was able to say Mass for the Sisters and patients at the home.

Bishop Carberry, of Lafayette, celebrated Pontifical Funeral Mass for Father Ambrose on Wednesday morning at SS. Peter & Paul Church, in Goodland, Ind., where Father had been Pastor for more than 30 years. Bishop Pursley preached the sermon at the mass.

A Solemn Funeral Mass was sung for Father Kohne here in his home parish on Thursday morning. He lies buried in the "Priests Row" at St. Joseph cemetery, beside Monsignor Seimetz, his close personal friend. LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF HIS SOUL!

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## **Rev. Ambrose Kohne Dies In Home Fire**

The Rev. Ambrose A. Kohne, 62, a native of Decatur and member of a prominent Adams county family, died at 12:30 o'clock Sunday morning at St. Joseph's hospital at Kokomo of burns suffered a short time earlier in a fire at Good Samaritan hospital, a nursing institution operated by the Roman Catholic church.

Rev. Kohne, who had been in poor health for several years, had been chaplain at the Good Samaritan home for three years.

Thirty-six invalid patients were forced to evacuate their rooms, although the fire was confined to Rev. Kohne's room. Extensive smoke forced the removal of all patients, most of who were bedridden, and were carried to safety by Kokomo firemen.

Eight patients were taken to St. Joseph's hospital and 15 were treated at Howard Community hospital. Some of the older patients were admitted for observation but no serious injuries were reported.

Damage to the home was estimated at about \$5,500. Most of the rooms were badly disarranged by water and smoke and could not be used immediately after the fire was controlled.

### **Born In Decatur**

The priest was born in Decatur, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse C. Kohne, and his grandparents were pioneer settlers in Adams county.

He received his education at St. Joseph's College at Rensselaer, and Mt. St. Mary's Seminary at Norwood, O. He was a classmate at the seminary of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Simeon Schmitt, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church in Decatur, and of the Most Rev. Leo A. Pursley, bishop of the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese.

Rev. Kohne, after his ordination in 1927, was appointed assistant pastor at Holy Angels church in Gary, and later was appointed pastor of St. Peter and Paul church at Goodland, where he served for 27 years.

Rev. Kohne is survived by two brothers, Raymond B. Kohne, Decatur druggist, and Dr. G. J. Kohne, Decatur physician; and four sisters, Mrs. Charles Cole of Cincinnati, O., Mrs. Ralph Ashton of Fort Wayne, sr. M. Frances Clair, Sister of St. Agnes, Fond Du Lac, Wis., and Mrs. Arthur C. Lutz of Louisville, Ky.

### **Burial In Decatur**

A solemn requiem high mass will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Peter and Paul church in Goodland, with Bishop Carberry of Lafayette as the celebrant.

A solemn requiem high mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Mary's Catholic church in Decatur, with the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Simeon Schmitt as celebrant. Burial will be in the Decatur Catholic cemetery. (4-5-64)