



Fr. George H. Klimas

Fr. George H. Klimas age 90 of Metz, passed away Sunday, February 13, 2011 at the St. Francis Home in Saginaw. He was born August 9, 1920 in Sosnowiec, Poland to Joseph and Regina (Bonczkiewycz) Klimas.

George Klimas was in the Polish underground seminary in Krakow during the Nazi occupation from 1939 to 1945 and was classmates with Karol Wojtyla (future Pope John Paul II). He studied philosophy in Krakow, Poland and came to the United States in 1948 for his theology formation at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 2, 1951 by the Most Rev. Stephen S. Woznicki at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption in Saginaw. Fr. Klimas became a citizen of the United States on December 12, 1956. He first served as assistant pastor at St. Mary Parish in Alpena during the summer of 1951 and then as assistant pastor at St. Andrew Parish in Saginaw from 1951 to 1953. From 1953 to 1962 he served as administrator at St. George Parish in Saginaw. From 1962 to 1970 he served as pastor at St. Dominic Parish in Metz. He finally served as pastor at St. Columbkille Parish at Sheridan Corners in Uby from 1970 until he was granted senior priest status (retirement) in 1976.

Friends may visit at the Beck Funeral Home on Thursday from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. with Rosary at 6:30, followed at 7:00 p.m. with the parish Prayer Service. Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated by the Most Rev. Bishop Robert Hebda, the Most Rev. Bishop Joseph Cistone, and Fr. Wolfgang Streichardt at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Rogers City on Friday February 18th at 11:00 a.m. There will be no public viewing on Friday prior to mass.

Interment will take place in the St. Dominic Catholic Cemetery in Metz.

Memorials may be given for masses.