

Fr. Buczyna

Dies at 67

EAST CHICAGO — Rev. Joseph A. Buczyna, formerly pastor of St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, died Monday.

Father Buczyna, 67, died in LaPorte Community Hospital after an illness.

He was pastor of St. Joseph Church from 1953 to 1957. Earlier he had been an assistant pastor of St. Stanislaus Church for 13 years—his first assignment from 1936 to 1949.

Bishop Andrew G. Grutka of the Diocese of Gary will officiate at a requiem mass at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Sacred Heart Church, LaPorte, where Father Buczyna had been pastor from 1967 until his retirement in 1972.

A funeral mass will be Thursday in Father Buczyna's home parish—Sacred Heart, 4600 So. Honore St., Chicago. Burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery, Argo.

Father Buczyna is survived by a sister, Mrs. Angeline Koziel, Galien, Mich., and three brothers, John, Frank and Jack of Chicago.

Father Buczyna, born in Chicago, attended Sacred Heart parochial school, Chicago, and Weber High School in Chicago.

He completed high school and college studies at St. Mary Schools, Orchard Lake, Mich., and attended SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake. He was ordained June 6, 1936 by Bishop John F. Noll in Fort Wayne.

Father Buczyna had directed the building of the new Sacred Heart Church in LaPorte.