

Rev. Joseph Lendacky, 72, Onamia

ONAMIA — The Rev. Joseph F. Lendacky, 72, of the Crosier Monastery, died Wednesday at Mille Lacs Hospital.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Crosier Seminary Chapel. The Rev. John Neville, OSC, and the Rev. Robert Rossi will officiate. Burial will be in Crosier Cemetery.

Friends may call from 4 to 9:30 p.m. today at Croser Seminary Chapel. There will be a wake service at 8 tonight at the seminary chapel in Onamia. Arrangements were by Brenny Funeral Home, Little Falls.

Rev. Joseph Lendacky was born June 14, 1918, in Hibbing to John and Mary (Kokinchak) Lendacky. His first profession in the Croser Order was Aug. 28, 1940. He was ordained a priest June 8, 1945, in Hastings, Neb. In 1950, he served in the mission office at Hastings and then his entire ministry from the monastery at Onamia. During that time, he served as a teacher, librarian, counselor and fund-raiser for the Crosier Seminary. In the 1960s and 1970s he was a retreat director and frequently gave retreats out of Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo. He was also worked with chemical dependence in the AA program.

Survivors include brothers, Jack and Larry, Hibbing.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Steve and John.