

Rev. Wm. Kreis Has Silver Jubilee



REV. WILLIAM KREIS

Twenty-five years ago this month Rev. William Kreis, pastor of St. Lawrence Church, this city, was ordained to the priesthood. Very shortly after his ordination he came to Lawrenceburg to become assistant pastor of his present charge. In commemoration of this important event his Silver Jubilee was fittingly celebrated last Sunday.

The celebration on Sunday was a complete surprise to Rev. Kreis and had been very cleverly planned by the assistant pastor of St. Lawrence, Rev. William Knapp. Father Knapp had carefully worked out all details for the day's program in advance and great was the surprise of Father Kreis on Sunday morning when it was revealed to him that a celebration in his honor had been planned for the day.

Previous to the solemn high mass which was celebrated by Father Kreis, he was escorted from the rectory to the church by the school children of St. Lawrence school, the visiting priests, Rev. Father Sondermann of St. Martin's Church, Yorkville, Rev. Father Verst of St. Paul's Church, New Alsace, and Father Knapp.

During the solemn high mass which was attended by a large number of the parishioners, Rev. Verst delivered a very appropriate and interesting sermon in which he paid a glowing tribute to Father Kreis for his untiring and zealous efforts in behalf of St. Lawrence parish.

In the evening the members of the parish gathered in St. Lawrence auditorium, where a reception was given for Father Kreis. A very delightful program, which had been prepared by the Sisters of St. Lawrence, was rendered by St. Lawrence school orchestra and the school children. Interesting talks were given by V. M. O'Shaughnessy and R. V. Achatz, during the course of the program. The school children presented Father Kreis with a gift of twenty-five silver dollars and the members of the parish also presented him with a generous gift in money.

Father Kreis will leave Lawrenceburg Sunday, May 12, for New York where he will sail on the 14th for a visit to his native country of Germany and also other interesting places in Europe, including Rome. The best wishes of his parishioners and his many friends are extended to him for a delightful trip and an interesting time during a well earned vacation.