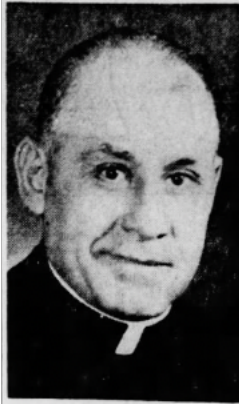


## Elk River Pastor Notes Silver Jubilee Sunday



**REV. SYLVESTER GALL**

ELK RIVER, Minn.—Rev. Sylvester Gall will observe the silver anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood here on Tuesday. The ceremonies will be held in St. Andrew's church at 10 a.m.

Bishop Peter W. Bartholome, St. Cloud, will preside at the jubilee mass and deliver the festive sermon. Chaplains to the bishop will be two other silver jubilarians and classmates of Father Gall, Rev. Leo Revering, Princeton, and Rev. Bernard Lenarz, Mayhew Lake.

Celebrant of the solemn high mass of thanksgiving will be Father Gall. He will be assisted by Rev. Al Kremer and Rev. Lawrence Botz as deacon and subdeacon respectively. Rev. Paul Zylla will be the master of ceremonies.

Following the religious ceremonies the women of the parish will serve dinner in the school auditorium. Invited guests will be the visiting prelates, clergy and relatives of the jubilarian.

Father Gall was born in Sleepy Eye on Nov. 25, 1911, one of the 15 children of the deceased Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gall. The family moved to Buckman where Father Gall attended grade school. He took his preparatory studies at Crosier Seminary, Onamia, and his philosophical and theological studies at St. John's Seminary.

He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Joseph F. Busch in St. John's Abbey church on June 6, 1938, and celebrated his first solemn mass in St. Michael's parish, Buckman, on June 12. He served as temporary assistant pastor of Pierz parish before being assigned assistant pastor of St. Mary's Cathedral parish in the same year.

In 1942 he was named pastor of St. John's parish, Swanville, and there undertook an extensive renovation project and cleared the parish debt. Throughout his

parish assignments, he would be the pastor who would repair and renovate the facilities of the parish to which he would be assigned.

After 12 years at Swanville he was appointed pastor of Annunciation parish, Mayhew Lake, for a short time, and in the same year, 1954, was named pastor of St. Nicholas parish, Belle River. In 1958 he was transferred to St. Nicholas parish, St. Nicholas, and the following year named pastor of the Elk River parish.