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Sister Adolpha Kirn

Three other deaths followed that of Sister Felicitas in close succession during the month of November. Sister Adolpha died at the Motherhouse about 6:30 in the morning of November 22, 1938. She was formerly Mary Kirn of Sigel, Illinois, daughter of John Kirn and Barbara Underrewer. Sister Adolpha was in the seventy-first year of her age and the forty-fifth of her religious life.

The Solemn Requiem Funeral Mass was celebrated at 8:30 o'clock on November 24th by the chaplain, Rev. Thomas Rust, OFM. Rev. Angelus Zwesler, OFM, was deacon and Rev. Eliguis Weir, OFM, subdeacon. Rev. Brian Kirn, OFM, her nephew on her paternal side was studying at the Catholic University, Washington, D.C. Because of her ill health, Sister Adolpha had not been able to attend Father Brian's Ordination and First Solemn Mass. Father Brian and his family had come during July to visit Sister Adolpha in Joliet, and to give her an opportunity to attend his Mass. Father Thomas officiated at the burial in St. John's Cemetery.

Sister Adolpha's last assignment for teaching was at St. Boniface during the scholastic year 1936-1937. The following year 1937-1938 she was at the Motherhouse - an ambulatory patient on the second floor infirmary.