



Sister Ambrose Osthoff

On February fifth at 5:20 a.m. the Angel of Death was sent to our Convent by the Heavenly Father, calling to eternal reward our beloved Sister Mary Ambrose Osthoff. She was the daughter of Gerard Osthoff and Clara Grosstein and was born in Effingham, Illinois on March 27, 1853. At the time of her death she was in the seventy-eighth year of her age, and in the sixty-second year of her religious life.

For sixty-one years she served God as a follower of Saint Francis. In her early religious career she taught in various parochial schools; later she was appointed tailoress at the Motherhouse. She was in poor health many years, still she remained active and usefully employed, caring for the Convent Library and making cords and rosaries.

It was the happiness to her to have chained the beads of so many Crowns, which daily slip through the Sisters' fingers. May it not be said that she had wrought a part of their prayers? She had a great devotion to the Passion. The many beautiful prayers she repeated incessantly on her deathbed were the result of her constant practices of them during life, and as death drew near, she found her hope and confidence in the extended arms of her Crucified Savior.

A Solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated at nine o'clock on the morning of the seventh of February. Rev. Louis Johantges, O.F.M. was celebrant, Rev. Lullus Seeboth, O.F.M. deacon, and Rev. Roman Hasenstat, O.F.M., subdeacon. Sister was buried on St. John's Cemetery.