

Father Lambert Gerold

January 26th is the anniversary of the death of Father Lambert Gerold. Joseph Gerold was born September 16, 1887, in Heddinghausen bei Niedernarsberg, in the federal state of Nordrhein-Westfalen (Northrhine-Westphalia), in Germany. After completing his primary education in the town of Sprockhoevel, Westphalia, where his parents later lived, he entered the agricultural school in the town of Hagen.

After graduation he came to the United States in 1914. In Tours, Texas, he managed a large farm for five years. After becoming interested in the religious life, he studied at Mount Angel Abbey in Oregon from 1919 to 1924. He then entered the Congregation of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Texas. When his vows in that Congregation expired in 1927, he came to Subiaco.

Joseph Gerold professed his vows as a monk of our monastery on November 17, 1928, receiving the name Lambert. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop John B. Morris at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Little Rock on May 31, 1931. He served our community in the parish ministry.

Father Lambert died in the rectory at Morrison Bluff, Arkansas, on Saturday, January 26, 1935, after suffering a stroke. Abbot Edward was celebrant of the funeral Mass for Father Lambert on Tuesday, January 29.

At the time of his death, Father Lambert was 47 years old and in the sixth year of his monastic profession, the third of his priesthood. He is buried in our cemetery.

