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Leopold Reichl (9 May 1713 – † 7 May 1786)

1. Names: Leopold II.

2. Places: Engelszell, St. Aegidius Parish, Wilhering, Baumgartenberg

3. Biography: L. was the son of the furnace maker Joachim Reichl in Hafernzell (Obernzell) in the Diocese of Passau. He took vows in Engelszell in 1733 and was ordained three years later. He served in Engelszell and St. Aegidius Parishes before becoming prior of Engelszell in 1743 and then the monastery's administrator in 1745. Two years later, he was elected abbot, the benediction taking place in Wilhering. L.'s was the longest abbatiolate in the history of Engelszell. During his rule, the community enjoyed growth in members and assets. L. improved discipline and observance. The baroque abbey church was built under his oversight and finished in 1764. He was respected among colleagues, also overseeing Baumgartenberg Abbey's temporal goods while their abbot was indisposed.

4. Cultus:

a. Relics: L. was buried on the south side of the abbey church, near the sacristy.

b. Liturgical commemoration: –

c. Patronage: –

d. Attributes: –

5. Fontes: –

6. Literature: Biographia Cisterciensis, www.zisterzienserlexikon.de/wiki/Reichl,_Leopold (16 Feb 2022); O. SCHMID, Uebersichtliche Geschichte des aufgehobenen Cistercienserstiftes Engelszell in Oberösterreich, in: SMBO 6.2 (1885), 47–63; K. PÖMER / E. WIESNER, Stift Engelszell. Ein bayrisch-oberösterreichisches Grenzkloster, Bernstein 1993; Marktgemeinde Engelhartzell, Engelhartzeller Chronik, Engelhartzell 2000.

7. Illustrations: –

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