



**St. Lambert  
Parish & School**  
*A People Changed by Christ*

**Celebrating 60 years!**

**Sept 16th- Nov 4th 2018**

**Come Join Us!**

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Our Celebration of 60 years culminates this weekend. Using these past seven weeks to look back over our parish history has been a great gift. As your new pastor, it has helped me grow in appreciation of all that has happened here at the parish. When I came to St. Lambert and I preached my first homily I said, 'the people of St. Lambert know how to work!' Looking back I have come to realize this is nothing new. Our work ethic is our heritage. Reading the stories below you will find the word VOLUNTEER and it is what has made our parish so vibrant and still makes it that way today. God loves a generous giver and St. Lambert Parish is full of them!

Looking over our history I found carnivals, rummage sales, volunteers building the school, moving the Airbase Barracks as our first church, etc. I wondered to myself, how could the priest get so many volunteers! I found out below that Fr. Mociun brought them beer, ha! I am not sure I will be doing the same, for it was not the beer that really drew them. Rather it was Christ and his love for his people that drew them. We work hard because we know we are loved.

Christ, we ask you to bless us with your love anew, that we would continue to work hard for you these next 60 years. For this is what a true family is. It is being loved and then working hard for each other. St. Lambert Parish still is and always has been a place where "Families Become a Family." Why? Because we are People Changed (Loved) By Christ!

In Christ, Fr. Shaun Haggerty

# St Lambert Charter Members

**ABRAHAMSON**, Phil & Julie  
*(Mary Kay)*

**AHLERS**, Al & Jean  
*(Deb, Rick, David)*

**ALEXANDER**, Bob & Betty  
*(Mike, Dana, Tom)*

**ALVEY**, Bob & Mary

**BALL**, Russ & Janette  
*(Jeff)*

**BEACOM**, Bart & Joanne  
*(Jean Ann, David, Connie, Dan)*

**BENDT**, James & Irene  
*(Barbara, Sharon)*

**BONTJE**, Tonni

**BRENDE**, Orlene & Barbara  
*(Larry, Joanne, Dave)*

**BRUGGEMAN**, Leonard & Orphadel  
*(Jeff, Joe, Anna)*

**BRUSSEAU**, Bernard & Betty

**BUCKLEY**, Vincent & Betty  
*(Judy, Kathy, Patty, Jerry)*

**BUCKWALTER**, Darlo & Phyllis  
*(Kathleen, Sandy, Nancy, Carol)*

**BURBANK**, James & Phyllis  
*(James Jr, Peter, David, Charles, Denise,  
Daniel, Michelle, Chris, Annette)*

**BURNS**, Tom & Joan

**CHAMBERS**, Jim & Donna  
*(Diane, Theresa, Susan)*

**CHASE**, Sadie

**COLWILL**, Fred & Florene

**CRONK**, James & Millie  
*(Jeff, Sherry)*

**DEWITT**, John & Agnes  
*(Deanna, John, Terry)*

**DELLMAN**, Carl & Mary  
*(David)*

**DIX**, Dwayne & Margaret  
*(Mary, June, Stephen)*

**EDGECOMB**, Don & Pearl  
*(Grant, James, Lisa)*

**FAHY**, Tony & Bernadine

**FARIS**, Darrell & Betty  
*(Earl, John, Louise)*

**FELGATE**, Dan & Beth  
*(Donald, Karen, Collette, Steve, Tom)*

**FLEMING**, Joe & Thea  
*(David, Timothy, Daniel)*

**FLINT**, Welta & Rosemary  
*(Susan, Ellen)*

**FLYNN**, Louis & Helen  
*(Nancy, Don, Kathy)*

Note: These were families/children as of Nov. 1, 1958

# Charter Members continued

- GALLAGHER**, Gene & Florence  
**GARMAN**, William & Amerallis  
**GARRY**, Gene & Marge  
(Tony, Kevin, George, Annette)  
**GRACE**, Gene & Evelyn  
(Joel, Michelle)  
**GRAFF**, Duane & Marilyn  
(Michael, Kevin)  
**GRAVES**, Joe & Darlene  
(Thomas, William, Gregory)  
**GUNN**, Joe & Marge  
**HAACKE**, Erwin & Hattie  
(Lee, Karen)  
**HALEY**, Ray & Bev  
(Angela)  
**HANSEN**, Richard & Donna  
(Pam, Gregory)  
**HAWKINS**, Jim & Marilyn  
(Mike, Dan, Rochelle, Pat)  
**HAYES**, Everett & Maxine  
(Cindy, Tom, Pat, Joe, Jackie, Bridgett)  
**HEIBERGER**, Ray & Sally  
(Linda, Dick, Nancy, Diane, Gary)  
**HERMANN**, Dick & Peg  
(Rick, Tom, Lynn)  
**HERMELING**, Don & Peggy  
**HICKS**, Nina  
(Barbara, Bruce, Brenda)  
**JEFFERS**, Dawain & Phyllis  
(Roger, Carol, Laurie)  
**JOHNSON**, Donald E. & Dorothy  
(Dwight)  
**JOHNSON**, Donald L. & Dorothy  
(Mark, Bryan)  
**JOHNSON**, J.R. & Betty  
(Jerry)  
**KEATING**, Pat & Marcella  
(Lynn, Valerie, Michael, Steve)  
**KERKHOUSE**, Emil & Madilyn  
**KLUTMAN**, Walter & Margaret  
(Keith, Rose, Connie, Gwen)  
**KNOLL**, Cliff & Mary  
(Sandy, Randy)  
**KOLB**, Jim & Grace  
**KONTZ**, Gerald & Lavonne  
**LAPPET**, Dan & Jerilyn  
(David, Kathy, John, Jim)  
**LARSON**, Hal & Donna  
(Nancy, Grant, Allan, Neil, Chester)  
**MCFARLANE**, Russ & Arlene  
(Terry, Sue)  
**MCMUNIGAL**, John & Jean  
(Dan, Patricia, Gary, Mary, Carol)  
**MCNAMARA**, Jim & Millie  
(Judy, Jim, Pat, Tom, Mary, Don)  
**NEARMAN**, Russ & Betty  
(Pamela, Patricia, Susan, Mark, Lance, Sally)  
**NEDVED**, June  
(Theresa)  
**NEUHEISEL**, Harold & Evelyn  
(Donald, Joan)  
**O'CONNOR**, Melvin & Nellie  
**OLSON**, Frank & Margaret  
**OLSON**, Lennert & Shirley  
(Lennert, David, John, Bill, Carol)  
**PETREE**, Dale & Agnes  
(Bill, Wayne, Jacqueline)  
**PIRRUNG**, Cyril & Hannah  
(Cheryl, Thomas, Connie)  
**PONWITH**, James & Joyce  
(Gregory, Mark, Paula, Julie)  
**RANEK**, John & Jeanne  
(Jerome)  
**ROLLINGER**, Art & Marlene  
(Becky, Tim)  
**RUPP**, Don & Donna  
(Cheryl, Kristi, Kathy)  
**RYAN**, John & Mae  
**SCHWENCK**, Earl & Audrey  
(Bruce, Joni)  
**SORENSEN**, Lawrence & Stella  
(Russell, Curtis)  
**SPANTON**, Phyllis  
**STORY**, Gordon & Marguerite  
(Mike, Joan, Deb)  
**STEFFENSMEIER**, Joe & Philomena  
(Jim, Rita)  
**THILL**, Don & Darlene  
(Dan, Dean, Barbara)  
**TAPLETT**, Lloyd & Pat  
(Karen, Virginia)  
**TAPLETT**, Maybelle  
**THOMS**, Pete & Mildred  
(Beverly, Barbara)  
**VAN DAM**, Don & Lila  
(Blaine)  
**VICK**, Roger & Arlene  
(Deanne, Jacqueline)  
**WALL**, Bill & Joan  
**WEBER**, John & Monica  
(Jackie, Pam)  
**WEHLING**, Fred & Vivian  
(Linda, Kathy, Fred)  
**WEISBECKER**, Joe & Ruth  
(Kathy, Mary, Joe, Tom)  
**WILFAHRT**, Cyril & Chris  
(Mark)  
**WILKA**, Bill & Kathleen  
(Bill Jr, Tom, Tim, Jim, Jeff, Dan, Mary, Suzanna)  
**WRATZ**, Robert & Grace  
(Robert, David, Vicki)  
**WOELFEL**, George & Yvonne

Julie Abrahamson

Where to start! One of my earliest memories are of our original building that was our church. It was so hot in the summer and so cold in the winter due mostly to the doors being on the north side of the building. That building had its own distinct smell—partly gas and partly rodents! Our St. Anne's Guild had the first breakfast in the basement. Since I was President, I got in a lot of extra cleaning and decorating—so hard to make that place inviting. I also remember sitting down there hemming curtains on a very cold winter night. Thank goodness for hot coffee!

Then there were the great days of the carnival. So much work and twice as much fun and camaraderie. All eleven Guilds had booths—we had caramel apples and ice cream bars and used a lot of dry ice. I made a lot of trips home for more of each as it was hot out there on Bahnson Avenue in the afternoons.

We also held dances at the Arkota, partnering with Christ the King. Florence Gallagher and I had to deliver tickets to each Guild leader which took us out east a ways and we got stuck sliding off of a driveway. Thank goodness for good parishioners help. Our two sons—Gary and Greg—were baptized in the old church and we had Gary's graduation party there. Our daughter, Mary and her husband Chris, were married in the new church where we renewed our vows on our 40th wedding anniversary.

God has richly blest us all!

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Jean Ahlers

In the early years of St. Lambert, Fr. Casimir Mociun made friends with the Klein Amusement owner. They would start their summer tours at the St. Lambert vacant property. It was the duty of us ladies to make barbecues and baked beans in the church basement. We would carry the food up the stairs, out the back door to a tent where more ladies sold lunches to make money. Mildred (Millie) Gruber was in charge of the beans. We had to taste that to make sure it was just right! I remember Dorothy Johnson (Johnson Nursery & Landscape) asked Millie what was in them as they were extra special. Millie being her usual jokester, very politely said, "Big cans of Campbell's pork and beans, browned onions, brown sugar and a little "bluing". Very seriously, Dorothy asked what the "bluing" was for? Millie turned to look at Dorothy and stated, "That's so you can fart a blue streak!" We all had a real hearty laugh and Dorothy knew Millie had pulled a big joke on her.

I also remember well how the men in our new parish volunteered to be ushers. One Sunday Mass, Ray Olson, who lived at 15<sup>th</sup> & Bahnson, was passing the collection plate. He very solemnly moved to the next row in reverse to empty the plate into a large basket. Mysteriously the plate didn't arrive. Poor Ray looked up both rows searching for the plate but didn't find it. Bill Hurley from Churchill Avenue hid it under his suit coat and was seriously praying so he didn't look guilty.

We all know confession is to be confidential, but one hot Saturday, Joe Jarding made his confession and as he left, Fr. asked, "Joe, would you please open a window, it's hot in here." So much for not being aware of who just made their confession.

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Janette Ball

I don't know where to begin. There are so many wonderful memories of those first early years. Fr. Mociun was a great priest, a hard worker, and an excellent leader. We had carnivals, rummage sales, and many events to raise money for the parish of St. Lambert. None of us had money so we used our time and talents to make due.

My children were all baptized at St. Lambert. Our family attended Mass at the old barracks building which is now an office building in downtown Sioux Falls. St. Lambert's congregation was one big family and we did the best we could for the church and each other. Our parish flourished due to the help of the Muller brother family estate.

This is a wonderful celebration of 60 years of St. Lambert's faith community on the "hilltop". Although we have lost, and continue to lose many of our founding members, we know the church is in good hands. We should all thank God for the many blessings bestowed upon our parish and the quality of priests we have had over the years.

I would like to thank the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee for the hard work they have done to plan and implement this memorable celebration.

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Mary Dellman

We moved into our house in 1957. St. Lambert started in 1958. We watched St Mary's Church being moved across the river to become our new Church. It was originally used as the Chapel at the Air Base in Sioux Falls during the war. The men did lots of work to get it set up. They poured all the sidewalks along 16<sup>th</sup> Street. The Muller brothers left money for a gym so our new church was built to someday be a gym, but plans changed and it stayed our present Church. The school and gym were built separately.

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Margaret Dix

My husband, Dwayne, and I are charter members of St. Lambert. Dwayne is deceased. I raised our four children at St. Lambert – Mary, June, Doug and Greg. All four were married at St. Lambert.

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Betty Faris

Darrell Faris was on the building committee. He helped with the sidewalks, landscaping and whatever was needed. He worked with the committee when the new church was built. Darrell was one of the first Eucharistic ministers at St. Lambert.

Betty sewed colored shirts for Fr. Ryan and Fr. Barnett in the '70s when priests were allowed to wear colored shirts with their collars.

Three of Darrell and Betty's children were baptized at St. Lambert. John and Darrell Faris' funerals were held at St. Lambert. Their three daughters – Louise, Rose and Alice – were all married at St. Lambert.

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Rosemary Flint

There are a lot of firsts when you start a new parish like St. Lambert. One of them was when we built the first Catholic school in the Hilltop area in 1959. If you could use a hammer, paint brush, screw driver or any kind of building tool, you were put into service to get the school finished. My husband, Wally, and James Cronk installed the first flag pole and flag by the school.

Another was our first church dinner. We didn't have large roasters or kettles. We borrowed those from O'Gorman High School. The menu was ham, roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, rolls and pie. Since we had no dishes, the women rounded up whatever serving bowls, platters, etc from our own kitchens and put them to use. We all worked cooking and serving this meal. It was a great success.

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Amerallis (Amy) O Garman

I loved my time at St. Lambert for 5 – 6 years, but now I am 89 years old and can't make it any more. I wish you much success in this day and age.

Fr. came to my house one day and said, "I hear you sew." I was in the basement with my four children and had my sewing machine set up on a table. He asked me to make curtains for the new rectory. He saw my four kids and he said, "I will have someone measure for you." So he brought me the material and we agreed on the time and place. So when I took the curtains up and we installed them, they didn't fit! I asked, "Whoever measured these didn't allow for the curtain edge." So they were short. A fellow from another church measured them. He measured flat across instead of following the rod. I said I would tell either him or her how to measure. Come to find out, it was a priest from another parish! I was so sorry but we were friends from then on.

I loved my time in Sioux Falls. I had great friends there and I still hear from them at Christmas – Vivian Wehling, Dorothy Johnson and many more.

May God continue to bless St. Lambert Parish!

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Bev Haley

It was a very busy time when our new St. Lambert Parish was being built. Lots of families were struggling to raise their families, make a living and help at the church.

Ray worked for Bruns Construction Company as a carpenter. He worked at the church during the day and went back in the evening to volunteer. Even with all the aches and pains, the guys became friends and enjoyed their time there. At the end of the evening, Fr. Mociun brought them beer. Maybe with the hope they would come back the next night. He was right – and they did!

Ray remembered all the hard work and thought the church looked perfect. He never thought it would ever need any changes.

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Dorothy A. Johnson

I knew Fr. Mociun to be a kind and thoughtful priest. One morning at Mass, Fr. Mociun said that CCD classes would be starting soon. He said there would be five teachers – Dorothy Johnson and four others.

Since there were two Dorothy Johnsons in the parish, I called him to ask which one. He said, "both of you." And then there were six teachers. I think he didn't want to hurt my feelings.

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Arlene McFarlane

I can remember making BBQs for the schools kids once a month. They loved them. Margaret McCarty and I sold them in the nun's garage. Once in a while we had a small rummage sale along with it.

I also remember my Tom at 2 years old at Mass in the St. Mary building. He would get away from me and run around the communion rail with me trying to catch him. I was so embarrassed.

There were good times for us all. Our carnival was the greatest ever.

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Jeanne Ranek

My husband and I were newly married in 1957 and were planning to buy a home in Sioux Falls. One weekend we were in Centerville to see my parents and the parish priest, Fr. Casimir Mociun, was there visiting my dad, who had been one of his bowling buddies.

Fr. Mociun had just been transferred to Sioux Falls as Pastor of the newly formed St. Lambert Parish. When he found out we were looking for a house, he encouraged us to come to Hilltop Heights to buy a house and also to join St. Lambert Parish. His reasoning became obvious in his next sentence. "I need an organist." He knew I had played the organ in Centerville so it was logical to him that I could fill the same position in Sioux Falls.

Soon after that conversation, we built a house in Hilltop and a small organ was delivered to our home. I began having choir practice at our house because the parish had not yet acquired a church. A small wooden church from the Airbase was soon moved to the church location and the choir took over the loft for the organ and our small group of singers. This was the beginning of the choir at St. Lambert Parish. I continued directing the choir and playing the organ until we were transferred to Cheyenne, WY in July, 1960.

John Ranek

My recollection of helping at St. Lambert when it was established and painting in the house across the street to the northwest. This was a convent for the Sisters who were working in the parish.

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Audrey Schwenck

I remember going to Mass in the Army Barracks before St. Lambert Church was built. I also sold religious articles from my home and held CCD classes in my basement. In 1971, we moved across town to Christ the King Parish where I am still a member.

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Vivian Wehling

I guess the thing I remember the most is that there seemed to be something always that required volunteers, especially when we had the carnival and dinners.

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Christie Wilfahrt

I have many memories. Our third child was the first boy baptized at the church. I taught CCD classes and met many families.

I enjoyed helping with funeral lunches and met many fine people through these organizations. Starting out with a small parish and to what St. Lambert Parish is now is wonderful. I could tell of many memories through the years, but it would take pages of paper.

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Pat Wright

I remember seeing the old army barracks building being moved across the river and placed on a grassy piece of land. We worked hard to make it presentable for Mass. Fr. Mocuin was a good leader.

Our daughter, Mary Pat, was the first child baptized. She was born on October 6th and we were getting kind of nervous thinking she should get baptized right away. Can't remember who the sponsors were.

I remember taking kids to catechism on Saturday mornings. As I approached to pick them up, my son and the sons of the people east of church were outside sitting on the steps. I asked them why they were sitting there. They answered saying that their instructors told them if all they wanted to do was talk about farming, they should leave class and go outside. They never really lived that down. Oh well, that's kids!



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## Prayer to Saint Lambert

Saint Lambert,  
Light to those in darkness,  
great defender of marriage and family,

we take you as the Patron and Helper of our Parish Family.

Defend us today as you did of old. Enkindle the Spirit to illumine our lives.

May we see the Light of Christ shining in and around us. Give us a heart filled with hope and a face radiant with joy, fully alive because we are loved.

Set aflame, may we give warmth and welcome to all we encounter.

Enlightening the whole world, may others know we are *A People Changed by Christ*. Amen.

### Our Priests from the past

These Pastors or Associate priests celebrated Mass on the following dates and times.



Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> – 9:30am & 11:00am Masses  
**Fr. Paul King** – associate pastor from 2011-2014 - currently pastor at St George Parish in Hartford.



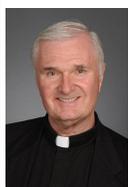
Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> – 11am Mass  
**Fr. John Rutten** – pastor from 2014 – 2017 – currently pastor at St. John Paul II Parish in Harrisburg.



Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> – 8am and 9:30am Masses  
**Fr. Ed Pierce** – pastor from 1986 – 1995-now retired.



Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> – 9:30am & 11:00am Masses  
**Fr. David Krogman** – associate pastor from 1997 – 1999 currently pastor at Risen Savior Parish in Brandon and Chaplain at Avera McKennan Hospital.



Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> – 4:30pm Mass  
**Fr. Ed Anderson** – associate pastor from 2008 - 2010 currently Chaplain at Avera Prince of Peace.

### Get to know your fellow parishioners

We asked several of our parishioners to share their story of the graces they received as being a part of the St. Lambert Parish. **A short video has been created to give you an opportunity to hear what they shared with us.**

Please visit our updated website to view these videos at [www.stlambertparish.org](http://www.stlambertparish.org) or on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/stlambertsiouxfalls](http://www.facebook.com/stlambertsiouxfalls).

**Patrick Leary** – weekend of September 15 – 16. Patrick was recently confirmed on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Julie Abrahamson** – weekend of September 22 – 23 Julie is one of the charter members of our parish.

**Mary Simon** – weekend of September 29—30 - Mary and Rod raised their family of 4 children at St. Lambert. Rod passed away on February 1, 2016.

**Desirae Gallagher and Chelsea Gannon** – weekend of October 13—14 – mothers of students at St. Lambert School.

**Desiree and Ian Mercer** – weekend of October 6—7 Desiree and Ian were married on August 11, 2018 at St. Lambert Parish. Ian is in the RCIA program.

**Tony Klein** – weekend of October 20—21. Tony is a parishioner and Seminarian for the Diocese.

**Christina Eimar** - weekend of Oct 27—28—Christina shares insights from our growing Burmese community.

\*Special thank you to Brad Dumke for the creation of our videos.