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Sights and Sounds

September 23, 2021

For the Month of September



Birthdays

September 3 Fr. Ron Zimmer
September 9 JoAnne Chrones

Anniversary Celebrations:

First Vows

September 8 Fr. Paul Fachet (62 yrs.)
September 8 Fr. Nestor Gregoire (57 yrs.)
September 8 Fr. George Gruber (69 yrs.)
September 8 Fr. Joe Jacek (60 yrs.)
September 8 Fr. Lester Kaufmann (72 yrs.)
September 8 Fr. Albert Lalonde (63 yrs.)
September 8 Fr. Ron Rolheiser (55 yrs.)
September 8 Fr. Maurice Schroeder (65 yrs.)
September 8 Fr. Bill Stang (62 yrs.)
September 8 Fr. Albert Ulrich (68 yrs.)
September 8 +Bishop Gerald Wiesner (65 yrs.)
September 8 Fr. Ron Zimmer (66 yrs.)
September 15 Fr. Mike Dechant (52 yrs.)

Ordination

September 21 Fr. Ron Zimmer (61 yrs.)
September 27 Fr. Mike Dechant (46 yrs.)
September 29 Fr. Syl Lewans (63 yrs.)
September 29 Fr. Albert Ulrich (63 yrs.)

Wedding Anniversary

September 9 Jim & Adele Longstaff (54 yrs.)

October Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations:

Birthdays

October 1 Christine Taylor
October 2 Fr. Albert Lalonde
October 6 Fr. Glenn Zimmer
October 13 Fr. Ron Rolheiser
October 13 Janice Lamoureux
October 17 Fr. Nestor Gregoire
October 17 Sandy Normand
October 19 Mark Lich
October 23 Fr. Heinner Paucar
October 25 Francis Maza
October 30 Fr. Joe Jacek

Wedding Anniversary

October 8 Sandy & Bernard Normand (38 yrs.)
October 12 JoAnne Chrones & Brian Zimmer (24 yrs.)

First Vows

October 1 Fr. Richard Doll (64 yrs.)
October 11 Fr. Syl Lewans (68 yrs.)

Ordination

October 7 Fr. Lester Kaufmann (67 yrs.)
October 9 Fr. Joe Jacek (54 yrs.)
October 16 Fr. Glenn Zimmer (50 yrs.)
October 17 Fr. Nestor Gregoire (51 yrs.)
October 18 Fr. George Gruber (63 yrs.)
October 20 Fr. Bill Stang (55 yrs.)
October 21 Fr. Ron Rolheiser (49 yrs.)
October 21 Fr. Eugene Warnke (39 yrs.)

Treasurer's Office:

- The Treasurer's Office is asking for all 2022 budgets to be sent to Corrine's attention no later than September 30, 2021
- Please remember to include any big expenses that you may know you will have.
- You can use your 2nd Quarter 2021 numbers to do your 2022 Budget.
- Please continue to send in your GST receipts in a timely manner

Thank you,
Corrine Pambrun and Fr. Paul Fachel



SDC BBQ AND SOCIAL

August 29, 2021



Entertainment by "It's Too Late Baby" – with Oblate Associate, Darcy Lich (on keyboards)

(From left to right) – Fr. Eugene Warnke, Martha Fergusson, Dave Henderson, Dean Fergusson, Elaine Burton, Sr. Ludvina Scheck, Alice Zimmer, Diane Lepage, Blain Young, Keith Lerat, Pauline Henry.





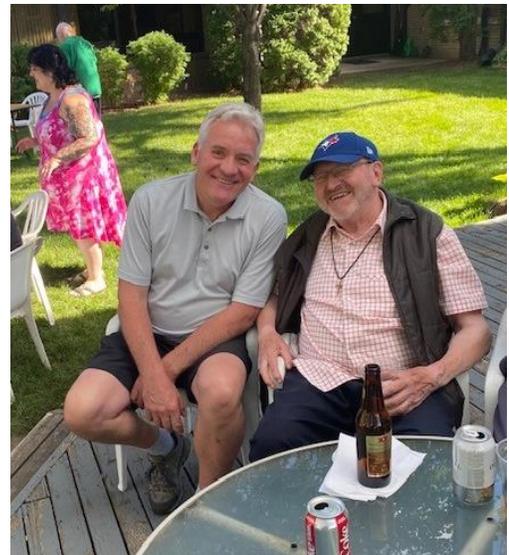
Lynden Zimmer, Fr. Bill Stang



Diane Lepage, Fr. Richard Doll, Corrine Pambrun



***(Counter-clockwise) Matt Sherry, Deb Rolfes
Fr. Moe Schroeder, Ivan Hitchings, Adele Longstaff,
Jim Longstaff.***



Brendan Bitz, Fr. Paul Fachet



← *Fr. Eugene Warnke, Fr. Paul Fchet, Fr. Mike Dechant, Blain Young, Fr. Richard Doll, Lynden Zimmer, Fr. Bill Stang, Fr. Wendelin Rolheiser, Fr. Nestor Silva*

(Back row) Dave Henderson, Lynden Zimmer, (Front row) Fr. Eugene Warnke, Martha & Dean Fergusson →



Sr. Anne Lewans, Fr. Bill Stang, Fr. Lester Kaufmann
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Ivan Hitchings, Darcie Lich



Diane Lepage, Corrine Pambrun



Alice Zimmer, Diane Lepage



Fr. Joe Jacek, Fr. Moe Schroder, Matt Sherry

FR. LESTER KAUFMANN, OMI

April 11, 1929 – September 12, 2021



Fr. Lester Kaufmann, OMI, passed away at his residence at Trinity Manor on Sunday, September 12, 2021. Fr. Kaufmann was born on April 11, 1929, at Scott, SK, to Rose (Schmidt) and Anthony Kaufmann. After attending school in Leipzig SK, he went to St. Thomas College, in North Battleford, SK, where he began his novitiate in the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, professing his First Vows on September 8, 1949. Fr. Kaufmann's scholasticate years were spent at St. Charles Scholasticate in Battleford, SK, and he was ordained to the priesthood on October 7, 1954. Fr. Kaufmann's parish ministry assignments were numerous: he served in many, many parishes in Saskatchewan, Alberta, and Manitoba.

Fr. Kaufmann was always willing to go where he was asked, including many distant communities not only in the prairie provinces, but in Inuvik and the Yukon. After being assigned to the retirement community of Oblates in Saskatchewan, he was still very eager to replace at parishes whenever asked, no matter the distance he would need to travel, nor the amount of work involved.

Fr. Kaufmann was a happy man, known familiarly as "Smiley". He lived up to that epithet daily by the way he spread his smile around with his cheerful reply to anyone asking him how he was doing "God still loves me, and He loves you too!". Fr. Kaufmann exercised every day, and often said he felt "fit as a fiddle and ready for the day's work". He was a man of prayer, always remembering the needs of those around him.

Fr. Kaufmann's family remembers him as a very dear brother, uncle, and great-uncle, an upbeat, loving and encouraging presence for them all. He loved to visit family whenever he could, officiating at many marriages, baptisms, anniversaries, and funerals. He enjoyed their family gatherings, especially the card games that followed. Fr. Kaufmann was very attentive to his brothers Arnold and Bernard in their final years, and in the last year or so, he and his sister Dolores prayed the rosary together on the phone every afternoon.

Fr. Kaufmann was predeceased by his parents, Rose and Anthony, and his siblings

Lucille, William, Colette, Arnold, Bernard, Sr. Mildred, Rose Marie, and David. He will be missed by his religious community, the Saskatchewan District of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, his sister Dolores, many nieces, nephews, and friends.

~~~~~ Fr. Lester – A Life well lived!! ~~~~~

The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 10:00 am at St. Philip Neri Church, 1902 Munroe Avenue, Saskatoon, SK. Interment will follow at the Oblate cemetery in Battleford, SK.



*Fr. Lester Kaufmann, OMI....Celebrating a Life Well Lived*



**Fr. Mike Dechant, Fr. Bill Stang.**



**Bev Chomiak (Niece of Fr. Lester Kaufmann).**



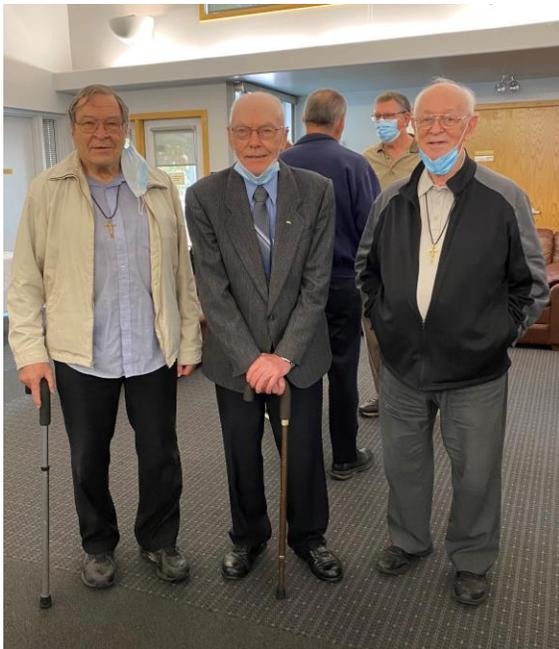
**Fr. Mike Dechant performing the final commendation.**



***Fr. Bill Stang, Bev Chomiak, Fr. Paul Facht.***



***Fr. Bill Stang, Fr. Heinner Paucar, Fr. Ken Forster.***



***Fr. Joe Jacek, Br. Walter De Mong,  
Fr. Wendelin Rolheiser.***



***Br. Don Claerhout, Fr. Bill Stang,  
Alice & Lynden Zimmer.***



**Fr. Ken Forster, Fr. Heinner Paucar, Fr. Moe Schroeder,  
Fr. Bill Stang, Fr. Joe Jacek, Fr. Paul Facht, Fr. Mike Dechant.**



**Urn made with care by Br. Don Claerhout.**



**Fr. Bill Stang, Pauline Henry, Corrine Pambrun  
laying Fr. Lester Kaufmann to rest.**





***Our Oblate sign made by Oblate Andre Boyer and Gary Schafer is repaired and standing again thanks to Grant Beaudry and team from "The Ridge".***



***Fr. Ken Forster, Fr. Mike Dechant, Fr. Joe Jacek, Corrine Pambrun, Fr. Paul Fachel, Fr. Bill Stang, Pauline Henry.***



***← Our beautiful Oblate Cemetery.***



Let's start with the good news! A huge thank you goes out to all in our community for their participation and support of our Bike-a-thon. Here is the link to the launching of the Bike-a-thon video – it has Father Paul telling a great history of the event, with other bits that are informative, and funny, enjoy!!! <https://vimeo.com/601399421> The password is “queenshouse”. The weather has been cooperative and the commitments to walk, ride and support have been marvellous. We are so very grateful for the generosity and enthusiasm. Very heartwarming indeed. Martha is in the process of generating a final summary and report for us and we look forward to sharing this with you. Martha and all are busy with planning for our Snowball Fling and our Gala Dinner even as we know that the only thing we are certain of is uncertainty!!

We completed the first Intensive of our Growing in Wisdom Program last week. This has been a daunting program offering and we are especially appreciative of the efforts of Sarah Donnelly and Nancy Phillips who have guided and fuelled this incredible program into existence, to Fr. Ron Rolheiser for his generative push to develop the program framework and to our 71 participants and 9 Elder Circle Leaders who will work with us and for each other over the next 2 years as this learning opportunity unfolds.

The recent work on our chapel roof has been substantially completed which is a relief and a blessing as this upgrade has gone very well and thank goodness, no significant underlying facility concerns materialized.

And the unfortunate challenge of Covid that continues to confound us all! Over the last few weeks, we have once again been confirming the steps and strategies that will guide us in the support of our guests and staff. This work has gone well, and we are confident that we have a good plan in place. However, the recent spike in cases, hospitalizations and deaths due to Covid have been disconcerting to say the least. Unfortunately, over the last week, we have had to manage several cancellations of groups excited to return to Queen's House; and of course, these cancellations completely impact our ability to provide food services, care for our house keeping needs and balance our finances.

Today, with Fall upon us, we are reminded of how quickly time passes! In the meanwhile, stay safe, stay warm and God bless us all!!

From all of us at Queen's House



*Fr. Nestor Gregoire's blog:* <https://withmyfeetonmydesk.blogspot.com>

*Meadow Lake Website:* <https://www.meadowlakecatholicchurch.com>

*OMI Lacombe Canada Website:* [www.omilacombe.ca](http://www.omilacombe.ca)

*Qu'Appelle House of Prayer Website:* [www.qhpstillness.ca](http://www.qhpstillness.ca)

*Qu'Appelle House of Prayer blog:* <https://qhpconnection.blogspot.com/>

*Queen's House Website at:* [www.queenshouse.org](http://www.queenshouse.org)

*St. Philip Neri Parish at:* [www.stphilipneriparish.ca](http://www.stphilipneriparish.ca)

*Updated September 23, 2021*