

Parish History from 1925 till 1939.

Legal Title, --- "Church of the Holy Rosary", Lander. -Duration Perpetual.

The Rev. John J. Mullins was appointed pastor of the Church of the Holy Rosary, Lander, in June 1924, and served in that capacity till October 23rd, 1928. Until August 1st, 1938 the Lander parish, with its missions of Riverton, Hudson, Pavillion, and its stations Shoshoni and Dubois, included the whole of Fremont County, which is nine thousand square miles in area. On August 1st, 1938 the mission of Riverton was made a new parish, with Pavillion and Shoshoni attached. The Lander parish retained the out-mission of Hudson, and the station, Dubois.

From September 1st, 1924 till August 1st, 1928, Father Mullins was assisted in the care of the parish and its out-missions by the following assistant pastors:

Rev. Edward Cassidy,	from Sept. 1st, 1924	till Oct. 4th, 1925.
Rev. Martin Kennedy,	" Nov. 1st, 1925	" Sep. 30th, 1930.
Rev. Daniel O'Doherty,	" Oct. 1st, 1930	" Apr. 1st, 1932.
Rev. Arthur Grann,	" May 1st, 1933	" Dec. 1st, 1933.
Rev. Leo B. Morgan	" Dec. 1st, 1933	" Apr. 30th, 1936.
Rev. Francis Penny	" July 1st, 1937	" Nov. 1st, 1937.
Rev. Theo J. Rath	" Nov. 1st, 1937	" Aug. 1st, 1938.

Under Father Mullins' pastorate, a new brick church, in Spanish Mission style was erected in Lander in the summer of 1928, at a cost of fifteen thousand dollars. It was dedicated on November 4th. 1928 by Most Rev. Patrick G. McGovert, D.D., bishop of the diocese, assisted by the pastor and numerous clergy of the diocese. Father D.W. Moriarty, the first pastor of the parish, who took up residence in Lander on July 23rd. 1882, was also present and assisted at the dedication.

There was a debt of six thousand dollars against the church on the day of its dedication. At the present time that debt has been reduced to two thousand one hundred dollars.

Since 1925 the growth in membership has been rather slow. There has been an increase of about ten families to a present actual membership of 45 families.

During the calendar year 1938 there were 16 baptisms and 1 marriage. The Sacrament of Confirmation was administered as follows:

On Nov. 4th. 1928, thirty were confirmed,
On May 16th. 1934, Nineteen were confirmed,
On May 3rd. 1938, Twentyone were confirmed.

Three missions have been given in the parish since 1925, as follows:

By Father J.P. Lannon, S.J., in June 1929,
By Father M.A. Connell, S.J., in June 1932,
By Father Leo B. Morgan in September 1934.

The present pastor, Rev. John Warley, was appointed and took charge on Oct. 30. 1938

Hudson; Out-mission. Legal Title; "The Church of the Ascension of Hudson"
(Duration. 50 years)

The membership of this mission is twenty seven families. Services are held each Sunday with an average attendance of about sixty persons. The church is in good condition, and is free of debt.

Confirmation was administered as follows;

On Nov. 4th. 1928, Twelve were confirmed, (at Lander).

On May 16th. 1934 "fourteen were confirmed," " "

On May 3rd. 1938 "sixteen were confirmed" " "

There were three baptisms during the year 1938.

Dubois; Station.

There are ten families located at Dubois and vicinity. All but three of these are mixed marriages, which reduces the actual catholic membership. Services are held twice a month in catholic homes, and the people have been very faithful in attending these services.

A plot of ground has been donated as a site for a church, and it is hoped that a small mission church can be erected there before the end of this year.

(The history of Riverton since 1925 will be supplied by the present pastor of the parish).