

GETTING TO KNOW OUR PARISH FAMILY



Clem & Imelda Becker

Clem Becker and Imelda Becker (no relation) had the first double wedding at St. Mathias in 1949. The newspaper headline read; "Becker, Becker, Becker, Meyer Weddings". Clem and Imelda are on the left and Imelda's sister, Veronica and her husband Paul Meyer are on the right. This fall they will be married 65 years.

Imelda was born and raised in the Hampton area, the daughter of John and Rose Becker. Her grandmother owned the N.P. Gores store where Imelda worked as a young girl. She was one of ten children.

Clem was born in Dundas, the middle child in a family of four boys and three girls. He worked on his family farm and also at the Faribault Cheese Factory before joining the Army Air Corps during WW II. He served from 1942-46 as an airplane mechanic, starting with a single-engine plane, the AT-6. He also worked on 4-engine planes, the B-17's, B-24's, B-32's and B-29's.

He and Imelda were married after he returned from war and purchased a farm in Dundas, living there for eight years. In 1957 they bought a farm east of Hampton and raised hogs and milked Jersey cows, besides farming the land.

Clem retired from farming in 1992 and they moved to Farmington. Their son, Randy, took over on the farm, but Clem still raises his home-grown popcorn on the land.

The Becker's have six children, Pauline (deceased), James, Marlin, Mark, Randy and Lynette, nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. They sang in the church choir and are members of the Hampton Boosters. Imelda was St. Anne's President the year St. Mathias got their first school uniforms. Now she volunteers at the Trinity Care Center after being involved with the Farmington Food Shelf for over 18 years.

Clem was active in the Farmington American Legion and now enjoys his time with the guys who meet for coffee at the Senior Center. You can find "Clem's Popcorn" at Greg's Meats and markets in Northfield and Cannon Falls. For years they donated their popcorn to the Hampton Cardinal Baseball team. They live in Farmington, but are still members of St. Mathias.