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Adoration Page 11 There is so much beautiful diversity in our Catholic Church which consists of 23 Eastern rites, each with its own spirituality, liturgy and canon law, as well as our own Western or Latin rite. We are a cross-cultural, multi-ethnic Church. We need eclectic worship to meet the demands of a multi-cultural world. We need music that transcends boundaries of countries and boundaries of centuries.

By Father Tollefson

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Accordingly, at St. Hubert we are going to expand the diversity of our style of musical

worship at the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. There are a number of factors that must be held in a creative tension in order for true unity to be created.

1. There must be a proper balance between music that is both old and new. It is impossible to be a true Catholic and claim that the Second Vatican Council articulated a complete break from the past; so, too, our music must include both the treasures from the past in communion with new movements of the Spirit in the 70's. 80's, 90's, and today! For example, at my Mass of Thanksgiving

in 2001, we were blessed to sing the hymn "Praise to the Lord" but also to listen to a composition by the contemporary American composer Morten Lauridsen called "O Nata Lux," a text from the 10th century which he set to the modern musical idiom popular in 1997. This is the kind of music that transports you to another world, but also helps you find God in one another.

2. There must be a proper balance between music that is both transcendent and human. In this way music expresses the mystery of Jesus Christ, who is fully God and fully Man. This expresses the reality of the paradox that God is utterly beyond us, but also utterly near us. Jesus Christ is our God and our Brother. He is both the Lion of the Tribe of Judah and our best friend. God is both sovereign and beyond

#### A Note from Dan Westmoreland on the Liturgical Music Changes

The Roman Catholic Church holds many musical styles within its traditions. In the 18 years that I have served as director of music at St. Hubert, our music ministry has focused on music that the assembly can sing, and that speaks to the human heart of the work that God desires to do within each of us. A majority of that music has been in the ensemble style that came out of the late 70's and has continued into the 80's, 90's and 2000's. Along with that music, we have included older European hymns as well as music from other cultures: Hawaii, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Taize, Ireland, etc.

In the survey that was sent to parishioners this past Spring, we discovered that some parishioners feel that the inclusion of more traditional hymns and earlier traditional forms, such as Gregorian chant, would feed their spirituality and serve them better at our Sunday liturgies. I support this tweak to our music at liturgies, and as a result, we are in the process of hiring an organist to accompany hymns and chants at the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

I look forward to working with our new organist and cantors to help serve those who will be fed by this new format.

#### **Catholic Answers**

## Can My Non-Catholic Friend Receive Communion? By Fr. Bruno



It is great to invite those from other faiths to Mass. Please make them feel welcome. Sometimes

the teaching on receiving the Eucharist can seem confusing, so it is best to know how to prepare visitors when they accompany you to Mass.

The Catholic understanding of the Eucharist is that it is truly the body and blood of Christ. We believe that it is sacred and holy, and that to receive it is to encounter Christ. Because of this, there are specific guidelines to follow in order to receive Holy Communion worthily. To receive Holy Communion in the Catholic Church you must be a practicing Catholic and free of any serious sin. Those who are not Catholic (and those Catholics who have not confessed a serious sin) are invited come forward to receive a blessing from the priest or minister during communion. They can indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. This is a wonderful spiritual communion and is an inclusive way to make visitors feel welcome.

But why does the Catholic Church have these restrictions?

The Catholic belief in the transubstantiation, (the change by which the bread and wine become the actual body and blood of Christ) is one reason why non-Catholics are not able to receive Communion in the Catholic Church. While many church denominations

celebrate a type of Communion, most do not believe in the real presence. but rather see the bread and wine as simply symbolic. Likewise, when visiting churches of other denominations, Catholics should not receive Communion. The reason for this is that a person can only be in full communion with one church. The center of union with the Catholic Church is reception of the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist during Mass. So to stay true to the Catholic Church and what we know to be true. that Jesus asked us to eat his body and drink his blood, we do not receive Communion in another church since it does not hold the same meaning.

As Catholics, one of the greatest gifts we are blessed with is the Eucharist. It is

the source and summit of our faith. If you are interested in learning more about the Eucharist, there are some great resources available in the Narthex and studies in our small groups. Of course prayer in the adoration chapel is a great way to come closer to Christ through the Eucharist.

In John 6:53–56, Jesus said: "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him."

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Do you receive St. Hubert's weekly e-newsletter, "The Messenger," in your email? This communication tool offers parishioners updates on events, small groups, news and activities happening at the St. Hubert and the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

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1. Visit our network at flocknote.com/sthubert

2. Text <u>Hubert</u> to 84576 from your phone and follow the instructions that follow.



#### Historic St. Hubert

## Who is Saint Hubert of Liege, Patron Saint of our Parish? By Deacon Tim Helmeke

#### Hubert's Family of Origin

Hubert was born in 656 to nobility in the European city of Maastricht, Holland. His father Bertrand was the Duke of Aquitaine, France, and his grandfather was Charibert, King of Toulouse, France. As eldest son, Hubert was afforded the finer things in life, including the best education and plenty of time for leisure. For political reasons he emigrated to an area between France and Germany. Hubert married Floribane, daughter of Dagobert, Court of Louvain. Unfortunately, she died giving birth to their first child, Floribert. After his wife died, Hubert withdrew to the forests of the Ardennes and devoted his time to hunting.

#### **Hubert's Beginning Conversion**

Hubert was raised as a Catholic, but turned away from God after the death of his wife. One Good Friday morning when the faithful were in the churches, Hubert went hunting. As he was chasing a magnificent stag, the animal turned and between its antlers was Jesus on a cross saying to Hubert, "Hubert, unless thou turnest to the Lord and leadest a holy life, thou shalt quickly go down to hell." Hubert dismounted his horse, knelt on the ground and said, "Lord what wouldest Thou have me do?" He received the answer, "Go and seek Lambert, and he will instruct you."

#### **Hubert's Training**

Hubert followed the command of the Lord and journeyed to Maastricht, Holland to meet with Bishop Lambert. He was ordained a priest, and became Bishop Lambert's chief associate in the administration of the diocese. Hubert renounced all of his worldly possessions and titles and wealth. He gave up his birthright to his younger brother Odo, whom he made guardian of his son, Floribert. Hubert distributed his personal wealth among the poor.

#### **Hubert's Journey**

On a pilgrimage to Rome in 708, Hubert learned that Bishop Lambert had been murdered. Hubert was ordained a bishop and assumed the role held by Bishop Lambert. Hubert actively evangelized among the pagans in the extensive Ardennes forests and continued sharing the wealth of the diocese with the poor. He was known for his diligence in fasting and prayer and for his excellent preaching.

By the time of Hubert's death in 727, he was famed throughout the countryside for piety and good works. He is the patron saint of dogs, archers, forest workers, trappers, hunters, mathematicians, metal workers and smelters. He has a line of hunting dogs named after him called St. Hubert's Hounds, known today as Bloodhounds.

Throughout Belgium, many churches are dedicated to the saint. Saint Hubert's Mass on November 3 officially opens the hunting season. In some places, special loaves of bread called Hubert's bread or Mastellen, are prepared that are blessed at the early morning mass. The bread is then carried home, the sign of the cross is made, and everyone breaks fast by eating a piece of the blessed loaf. Throughout the year people feed the bread to dogs, horses and other animals as a protection against rabies.

As our faith community's patron, Hubert is important to our identity. Just as religious orders strive to express the charisms – the unique spiritual gifts for mission – of their founders, we are called to express



the charisms of our community's patron saint.

Some charisms from St. Hubert that continue to shape this community are: Extensive prayer life. Plan to spend time in our Adoration Chapel and to develop a daily prayer commitment. For many, a daily prayer booklet is helpful. You can find these online or as an app.

*Regular Fasting* The U.S. Bishops encourage Catholics throughout the country to offer acts of sacrifice and penance, and particularly to abstain from meat and to fast on Fridays, for the intention of the protection of life, marriage, and religious liberty.

Well prepared and enthusiastic preaching. A great way to improve your connection with the preaching at Mass is to pray with the scripture a day ahead of time. Include your children as well. Daily and weekend

## COMMUNITY

## Get Involved in St. Hubert's Small Group Ministry

By Jennifer Beutz

Small group ministry is a growing ministry here at St. Hubert, open to all adults. Of our past participants, 92% would recommend the experience!

#### What are Small Groups?

• A small group is a group of 5-12 people who gather together to pray, study, and grow in the Catholic faith.

• The group has a facilitator who is a parishioner, and members, all wanting to learn about the faith.

• Small groups use parish-approved study materials, either DVD and workbook-based, or book-based.

• Groups typically meet weekly for about 1.5 hours/session, from September through early December, and again from January through March. Groups can choose to meet at other times if that works best.

## Why should I start or join a Small Group?

• Small groups fuel individual prayer life and collective prayer life (Mass and Sacraments).

• Small groups provide spiritual growth through continuous learning and support Christian living.

• Small groups may expand their generosity and serve together in the parish or community.

• Small groups embolden members to share their faith with others in daily life.

## What do parishioners say about Small Groups?

• "We come from all kinds of backgrounds.... But we all have one thing in common- our love for God and our willingness to share this love with others. It's wonderful how one discussion



Pictured from left to right: Ken Powaga, Chris Lizak, Dave Hoffman, Steven Charbonneau, and Frank Sherwood. This men's group met Wednesday mornings at 7 AM and studied the book, "Be A Man."

question can have such a wide variety of interpretations. We are all learning from each other and growing in our faith through these groups."

• "I have loved getting to know other members of our faith community and being able to call them by name!"

"The small groups have served like an express lane to getting to know the community quickly. Due in large part to my small group, I feel a deep sense of community at St. Hubert's - something I've not felt since my childhood parish."
"My personal prayer life is richer, and there is more profound meaning to daily life. The joy of encountering Christ through others has deepened my faith and I know I am living differently than before."

• "The material, provided by the church,

kept us thinking and growing. As we learned alongside one another..., our conversations turned to how faith grows and is tested in our daily lives. We prayed for one another. We realized how connected we were, how we could lift one another up and keep reaching out for God better alongside one another."

#### I'm ready to get involved!

Contact our Small Group Coordinator, Jennifer Beutz at jennifer.beutz@sthubert.org, to start your own Small Group or join an existing group in this parish-wide ministry!

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scriptures can be found at www.usccb.org.

Dedication to the poor. You are invited to participate in any of the opportunities through St. Hubert, or on your own, to help those in need.

Sports and church. Hubert stopped attending church and spent his time hunting. Make time with God and attending Mass priorities in your life. Take back the Sabbath. If you are away from St. Hubert, check out area Catholic church mass times at www.masstimes.org.

The power of Jesus on the cross. Hubert had a conversion experience with Jesus on the cross talking to him. All St. Hubert families are encouraged to have a crucifix in their homes and to give crucifixes as gifts to friends and family.

A passion to bring our faith to those who do not believe or practice. Hubert risked his life to take the message of Jesus to the people living in the heavily forested area called the Ardennes. Many Catholics no longer come to church at all or do not come very often. You may not risk your life, but you may risk someone saying no when you invite them to join you for Mass- but ask anyway.

Take the time to learn from the life of St. Hubert. Watch the bulletin and website for information about our Feast of St. Hubert celebration, which is scheduled for November 7 and 8.



# Save the Date for a Forming Intentional Disciples Workshop

Saturday, November 7 9:00 AM-5:00 PM St. Hubert Catholic Community Cost \$25 (Lunch will be provided)

## Featuring Sherry Weddell Author of Forming Intentional Disciples

Sherry Weddell's book, 'Forming Intentional Disciples,' calls attention to several statistics that emphasize the challenges that the Catholic Church is facing today.

Did you know...

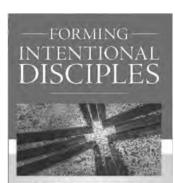
- Only 30 percent of Americans who were raised Catholic are still practicing.
- Fully 10 percent of all adults in America are ex-Catholics.
- Only 60 percent of Catholics believe in a personal God.

But yet at the same time...

- The Catholic Church is experiencing a springtime of evangelization.
- The authentic story of Jesus Christ is as compelling now as it has ever been.
- All baptized Catholics are called to be evangelizers within their sphere of influence.

This workshop will offer a deeper exploration of the concepts highlighted in the book, 'Forming

Intentional Disciples.' Please consider reading or participating in a book study prior to the event. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn how to talk about your faith, and invite others to



The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus

Sherry A. Weddel

respond to God's call to discipleship.

# COMMUNITY

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our control, yet he is with us in the Blessed Sacrament and vulnerable. Both these realities are true. Music ought to express both realities.

3. There must be a proper balance between an internal reception and an external expression of our faith by means of music. Music that is formative shapes us into something beyond our current state, to be a better version of ourselves—it is music that challenges us to grow; expressive music articulates who we are. Both are needed in proper balance. If one element predominates, the balance is upset. We must both receive love and give love away; we listen and we sing; music should form us in God's love, but also express this love to others so that they can receive God's love, too!

The Second Vatican Council asked for the "active participation" of the people. This participation should be something that we intensely concentrate on in our minds, but also something that is expressed outwardly. It means that one not only actively participates by singing, but also actively participates by listening to the choir as they sing to God. (The invitation here is to pay attention to what you are hearing, but also to pick up the hymnal and sing, even if it's "not your thing." It's never too late to "just do it.") God deserves to be praised both inwardly and outwardly.

Accordingly, our 5:15 and 10:30 Masses will remain the same (75% contemporary and 25% traditional hymns). The 6:00 pm Mass will continue to offer a "contemporary Christian" or "praise and worship" repertoire. The 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass, however, beginning in September will consist of 75% traditional hymns (and some Gregorian Chant) and 25% contemporary music. Organ will be used to accompany congregational singing at this Mass.

Dan and his musicians have produced a selection of new music that they will add to supplement the worship hymnal along with music I have chosen from the great Christian tradition of hymnody. Adding this element of tradition will enhance the diversity of musical styles offered here at St. Hubert and will address the concerns of new members of St. Hubert who have been asking me for months to add more traditional hymns and chants to our liturgies.

Many of these hymns come from our Protestant brothers and sisters. Including these hymns adds additional diversity of musical styles, making many non-Catholic spouses and friends of members of St. Hubert feel even more welcome at Mass. Most of these hymns are so simple to sing that people can participate on an entry level, and in so doing, are elevated to participate in something far grander.

With this change, we hope all will be able to find a Mass at St. Hubert Catholic Community that addresses their spiritual needs.



# Anxiety, Depression and Hope Series Offered By Meghan Hathaway

St. Hubert Pastoral Care will offer a program to support those affected by anxiety or depression this fall. The monthly series will begin Thursday, September 10, from 7:15-8:30 p.m. in room 115. Each evening will include prayer, educational and spiritual input, and an action step.

The series will include the following topics:

- Causes of depression and anxiety; situational vs. chronic depression; manifestation through life
- Anger/fear/forgiveness
- Lack of meaning focusing on elderly population
- Tools/resources
- Suicide awareness
- Spiritual hope

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

#### New Faces at St. Hubert Fr. Bruno, Matthew Blake & Sharon Wilson

**Father Bruno** My name is Fr. Bruno Chizoba Nwachukwu. I began as the associate pastor at St. Hubert this past June, and am happy and excited to have been assigned here. Thank you for the warm welcome, encouragement, and patience you have offered me as I begin my first priestly assignment.

I am originally from Nigeria in West Africa, the fourth of six children. My three brothers also live in Minnesota, one sister lives in Texas, and another sister still lives in Nigeria. I was ordained a transitional deacon May 3, 2014 and a priest this past May for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. My uncle, Fr. Peter Njoku (1946-2006), served in this Archdiocese for almost 20 years until his death. I moved to the United States four years ago to join this Archdiocese, and



I am grateful to be here. My home parish is the Church of St. Mark in St. Paul, and my teaching parish as a seminarian was the Church of St. Joseph in West St. Paul. During my assignment at St. Hubert, my hope is that I can teach and minister to you as much as possible. I pray that we can learn from each other - that I can learn about and adapt to your culture, and that you can learn more about Africa and Nigeria. I am very open to feedback so that I can be most effective in my ministry at St. Hubert and look forward to meeting all of you.

Please pray for me as a new priest and I will be praying for you and your families too. God bless you all.

Matthew Blake My name is Matthew Blake and I am the new Coordinator of Middle School Faith Formation and Youth Ministry. I moved to the Twin Cities in June from my hometown just outside of Houston, Texas called Sugar Land. My two older brothers still live in the Houston area. As a youth I played several sports including baseball, swim team, and golf. Although I grew up in a Catholic home, due to some difficulties, I fell away from my faith for a couple years. In high school I landed my dream job as the bat boy for the Houston Astros. I was the bat boy for all of the visiting teams for four seasons from 2007-2010. It was awesome, yet a lot of work.

After my sophomore year in high school, I experienced my conversion back to the faith at a Steubenville summer youth conference. That one encounter with Christ literally changed the direction of my life. When I was a senior in high school, I decided I would study theology so that one day I could devote myself to full-time ministry. In May 2014, I graduated with a degree in theology and a minor in philosophy from the University of St. Thomas in Houston.

During college, I spent a year as a missionary with NET Ministries serving as team leader for a traveling team. We covered many miles, conducting 124 retreats from Pennsylvania to California. After NET, I served for three years as a missionary with Adore Ministries in inner-city Houston, providing outreach, evangelization, and discipleship for an underserved Catholic community.

Recently God called me to the Twin Cities and I am very happy to be here -especially at St. Hubert! I cannot wait for our junior high program to get started the end of September because it is going to be awesome. And I look forward to meeting all of you, or as we say in Texas, I look forward to meeting all y'all.

God bless you and your family!





Sharon Wilson - Thank you for the wonderful and warm welcome here at St. Hubert Catholic Community. I am Sharon Wilson and very excited to join the staff here. While my official title is Director of Relational Evangelization and Shared Ministries, I like to see my job as connecting people-- connecting people with the parish, with other people, with volunteer opportunities, and most importantly with Christ! I am married to Dave and mother to Courtney (22) and Gabriel (21). We have lived in Faribault for the last 30 years. With a degree in Education, I have worked as a teacher as well as in advertising, radio, as a retail buyer, in youth

advocacy and as the Respect Life Coordinator for the Archdiocese. And once I even rode an elephant in the circus! I have attended the Catholic Studies program at the University of St. Thomas and am a graduate of the Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute.

A cradle Catholic, I did not really know my faith until adulthood. When I truly committed to the faith, I realized that God was real and that he knows me and loves me. Once I realized that – I had to spread the word that God loves YOU too! Occasionally I write for the Catholic Spirit and regularly I write for WINE: Women In the New Evangelization where I also serve on their executive board. Currently I am working on writing a book on spiritual healing, but it is a slow process and I keep getting distracted! Some of my favorite things to do are reading, eating, entertaining and sharing my faith.

I am honored to be here at St. Hubert as we travel together on our journey to a deeper relationship with Christ! Please contact me with your thoughts or invite me out for coffee. I look forward to getting to know you.

## SCHOOL

# Annual Event Builds School Spirit

By Fr. Katie Hodges

Friday, September 25, students, staff and families of St. Hubert School will participate in the annual Minnesota Marathon for Non-Public Education. They will walk a three mile route around Lake Susan to raise money to support their school. Our sponsors, the Knights of Columbus, will supervise the route. The event will start with a picnic lunch in the parking lot before classes begin, walking the route together. Everyone looks forward to this annual event that builds our sense of community and school spirit! Come to cheer us on along the route!

## Parish Party & All School Reunion

Saturday, September 12 6:15-10:30 PM St. Hubert Catholic Community



Join us to celebrate the 5:15 PM Mass followed by a community-wide event to commemorate our 150th anniversary!

#### **Event Highlights:**

- Beer Tent
- Various food options
- Gamin' Ride
- Kids Games
- Live Entertainment
- Fireworks
- Raffles





# St. Hubert NET Team Year Two! By Kayla Ninnemann

St. Hubert faith community and our youth are extremely blessed to be one out of five Churches in the United States to host a NET team at their parish for nine months! Last year our NET team connected with over 1000 youth and played a critical role in youth ministry and faith formation. This year the team will be focused on discipleship and evangelization.

Last year we had a closing reception for our NET team. It was so moving to hear testimonies from youth and their families about the impact the team had on them. Please pray for our upcoming NETTERS while they are training and being assigned to a team. Our second NET team will be introduced to us September 19 -20 at all the Masses. Please join me as we give them a warm welcome to our St. Hubert family.

Thank you in advance for your prayers and gifts to make this all possible! We are still in need of raising the rest of the funds for our second team. If you are interested in making a donation, please contact Kayla Ninnemann, our Youth Minister, at kayla.ninnemann@sthubert.org for more information. And if you are interested in hosting a couple NETTERS for a two week shift please contact Greer Hussey at greerhussev@gmail.com.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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St. John Paul II stated to the young people at World Youth Day in July of 2002, "The future is in your hearts and in your hands. God is entrusting to you the task, at once difficult and uplifting, of working with him in the building of the civilization of love...the future starts today, not tomorrow". Thank you again for empowering our youth—the future of the Church.

# Mission Trip to Detroit By Kayla Ninnemann

Twelve high school youth and seven chaperones caravanned across the Midwest to Detroit, MI for an eight day mission trip July 26 through August 2. They camped near the shore of Lake Michigan, ate McDonald's (too many times), built lasting friendships with each other, celebrated Mass every day, and served the great city of Detroit. The youth on this mission trip served with passion and joy and really showed just how mature their faith is -- all the while without their cell phones! They worked with a local group, Motor City Blight Busters, for four days to help clean up a Detroit neighborhood. There work included raking, shoveling, pulling weeds, hauling trees,

and cutting branches. They also painted and helped with the demolition of some homes.

Throughout the trip, the Lord provided additional



opportunities for the group to serve. Neighboring a Chipotle where the group had lunch on their first day in Detroit, was an abortion clinic. After lunch they sat in the Chipotle parking lot and prayed a rosary for the women, men, and children affected by abortion. For most in the group, it was the first time they had prayed in front of an abortion clinic and it had a lasting impression.

On their last day, the group spent the afternoon at a park in the neighborhood where they had been serving with twenty young children who played a game of football and duck-duckgray-duck (duck-duck-goose) with them. The

day ended with every child getting ice cream thanks to one of the very generous chaperones. Let's just say they were very excited! In a word, the mission trip to Detroit was inspiring for both teens and chaperones!

# Steubenville - Seek Jesus for Fulfillment

July 10-12 seventeen youth, six chaperones, Father Bruno and Seminarian Paul were in Rochester, Minnesota with 2500 Catholic youth from around the U.S. for an amazing conference!

The theme of the weekend was John 10:10. "A thief comes to steal slaughter and destroy but I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." The speakers and testimonials of the weekend centered around the thief, Satan, who tells us lies of what will make us happy. The take away was that having a relationship with Jesus is the only way to have true fulfillment in life. They challenged the youth to examine their lives and to ask themselves what voice do they hear... the good Shepherd or the lies of Satan. Every day they celebrated Mass and heard life-giving speakers and stories! They were blessed to have Matt Maher, a famous Catholic musician, provide an awesome concert! Youth received the sacrament of rec-

onciliation that weekend and the Holy Spirit was truly present among our teens. As a youth minister, it was inspiring to hear our youth share and bond over what the Lord was doing in their hearts that weekend. Thank you for your prayers and support!



## FAITH FORMATION

#### Why I Want to be a Priest by Paul Haverstock



If you have ever been to an Ordination Mass, you may remember a special moment near the beginning. The deacon exclaims, "Let those to be ordained come for-

ward." Then he calls the names of the ordinandi (the men to be ordained) one by one. Each man stands up when his name is called and replies, "Adsum!" — "I am present!" He is really saying, "Lord, I am here to give my entire life to you."

In less than two months, I will have the privilege of saying adsum, along with 39 classmates, at the Basilica of St. Peter in the Vatican, where we will be ordained deacons. (If you Google "altar of the chair" you can see where it will happen.) All of us deacons-to-be will make three promises at that Mass, as we commit our lives to God in service to his Church. We will promise to live a celibate life, to pray every day, and to obey our bishops and their successors.

Celibacy means we offer our sexuality to God and surrender our freedom to get married, so that we can be totally available to serve God and his Church. Praying everyday includes praying the Liturgy of the Hours five times a day on behalf of the Church (for you!). Obeying our bishops means that we will accept any (non-sinful) assignment they give us, even if we really do not want a particular appointment.

It may seem like deacons and priest take

on a lot of commitments, and make a lot of sacrifices—and that is true. So is it really worth it-- no wife, no children of our own, no freedom to go where we want when we want. What do we get in return?

All Christians are commissioned to be soldiers in God's army, but a priest is commissioned to be a spiritual Navy Seal: he receives the power to forgive sins and free souls from the power of Satan. He offers the most powerful prayer in the universe—the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass—for the salvation of souls and all the Church's needs.

What an honor! I cannot wait to say adsum. Please pray that God makes me a holy deacon and priest.

# Welcome New Members

Liam & Ann Baucom-Orlofsky Katie & Justin Beskar Shari Chihab Paul and Katie Cowan **Douglas Dennett** Katherine & Patrick DeWall Wilbert & Diane Go Nick & Katie Holton Colin Lesnar Elizabeth & Rich Lowery Lacey & Francisco Mesa David & Kaci Osenga Meghan Rudie Josh & Jennifer Rutz Jill & Steven Schumacher Ian & Katherine Smith Ashley & Daniel Thurston Theo & Heather VanBlyenburgh Eric and Heidi Overmun Daniel & Anna Viessman Peggy Zadow

## Chicken Dinner Feeds 934

St. Hubert's 82nd Annual Famous Chicken Dinner brought together 934 parishioners, friends, and family members to enjoy a delicious meal. This event is always a lot of fun, not only for the attendees, but for the many volunteers! Thank you to the 300 volunteers who gave more than 600 hours of their time to make this event happen!

In celebration of our 150th anniversary, we also opened up the historic St. Hubert church and gave tours to more than 150 people from the parish and community.









## COMMISSIONS/MINISTRIES

## Seek God in Adoration

#### By Cheri Quast

During an adoration sign-up weekend several years ago, I decided I would commit to an hour of prayer each week in the adoration chapel. At that time I had no idea what adoration was and I remember my first time there was disastrous. I did not know what to do and I was bored. As I left, I remember asking myself, "What did I get myself into?" Fast forward to today when I cherish my time at adoration and I am the adoration coordinator for St. Hubert. So what changed and how did something so disastrous become such a blessing? I can best explain this by describing adoration.

Perpetual adoration is when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in a monstrance for a continuous period of time. At St. Hubert our perpetual adoration begins every week at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday and ends at 5:00 p.m. the following Saturday. The chapel is only closed during daily and weekend Masses, the time between weekend Masses, and on holidays. During the chapel's open hours, there is at least one person committed to praying during each hour which means the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone. Anyone is welcome to stop in at any time to pray, so it is not necessary to sign up for a specific hour in order to go to adoration. Since prayer is a very personal thing, people can spend their time in the adoration chapel in whatever way he or she feels comfortable. Because the adoration chapel is a place for silent prayer, adorers are asked to remain quiet and refrain from talking while they are there so they do not disturb their fellow adorers.

It was during my time before the Blessed Sacrament that I came to love adoration. Since I did not want to repeat my first disastrous experience, I made an effort to learn better how to pray. I learned to find strength, trust, and comfort in God even though the world seemed against me, because I knew he was there for me. As the weeks grew into months and the months into years, I began to see my relationship with Jesus growing and as that was happening, I was growing too. So I want to encourage you to go to adoration, because God wants to see you and you might be surprised at what he has in store for you. You will not regret it!



## Homebound Ministers Needed

Do you feel called to share your love of the Eucharist with our homebound faith community friends? Homebound visitors bring Jesus to parishioners who are sick or homebound and unable to attend Sunday Mass.

Every Tuesday two-person teams visit these parishioners for a period of friendship, love and prayer followed by the parishioner receiving our Lord in Holy Communion. Currently 20-25 ministers visit about 60 homebound parishioners each week..

If you feel called to share your faith in this way, the homebound ministry team is looking for a few men and women who are free Tuesday mornings or evenings to share their time and gifts of caring and compassion with our homebound parishioners. A background check and VIRTUS training must be completed prior to joining the ministry. Training will be provided. Contact Diane at 952-374-5049 or diane.potts@sthubert.org for more information and to sign up.

# Calendar of Events

#### SEPTEMBER

Sept. 9	Widow/Widowers event, 6:30-8 PM
Sept. 9	Card Ministry, *NEW TIME, 6:30-8 PM
Sept. 12	Parish Party & All School Reunion, 6:15 PM
Sept. 25	School Marathon

#### OCTOBER

Oct. 1 Young at Heart meeting, 8:00 AM
Oct. 4 Blessing of Animals
Oct. 10/11 Respect Life Bake Sale
Oct. 13 Baptism Class
Oct. 17/18 Wrapped in Prayer Weekend
Oct. 23 Grandparents Day

#### NOVEMBER

- Nov. 2 All Souls Day Mass, 7 PM
- Nov. 4 All Saints Day School Mass
- Nov. 5 Young at Heart meeting, 8 AM
- Nov. 5 Widow/Widowers Gathering, 6:30-8 PM
- Nov. 7 Forming Intentional Disciples, 9 AM-5 PM
- Nov. 7 & 8 Feast of St. Hubert
- Nov. 10 Baptism Class
- Nov. 11 Veterans Day Celebration
- Nov. 19-20 School Musical
- Nov. 21 Funeral Planning Workshop, 9-11:30 AM

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# Farewell to Craig & Sue Edwards

St. Hubert will lose two very familiar faces this fall when Craig and Sue Edwards move to Florida. The two have been parishioners at St. Hubert for 23 years and have been deeply committed to this community.

Sue is currently involved in the Respect Life Committee, the Charity and Justice Commission, Families Moving Forward, Love INC, Baby Sleep n Ride, Love INC Birthday Closet, Homebound Ministry, Jail Ministry, Welcoming Committee, GROW, Cursillo, Adoration, the Hunter, and Arts & Environment. She serves as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, and Greeter and was a founding member of Love INC and Families Moving Forward Southwest.

Craig is involved in the Rosary Group, Knights of Columbus, Adoration, Cursillo, Welcoming Committee and serves as a Greeter. He began the tradition of the Tuesday and Saturday Rosary.

Both Craig and Sue have taught Faith Formation for several years and were a part of the Stewardship Committee for a number of years.

St. Hubert is very thankful for the time and commitment Craig and Sue have given to this faith community. Through their ministries and involvement they have touched many lives and will be very much missed. Please pray for them as they work to sell their house and prepare for their move. And next time you see them, be sure to wish them well!

