

# SAINT ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH'S PARISH PROFILES

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Hadley Brooks

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For Hadley Brooks and the other 15 young people receiving the Eucharistic for the first time this weekend at Saint Rose, the past few months have been filled with enlightenment, preparation and anticipation, with a little apprehension, too.

“I might be a little nervous,” says Hadley, a second-grader at Falcon Heights Elementary School. “Receiving Communion for the first time is a big deal.”

Her parents—Ashley and Jacob—are very pleased with the entire process of preparing their daughter for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion. “The preparation has been wonderful,” says Ashley. “Fr. Paveglio, Rob Masloski and the catechists did an excellent job. Fr. Paveglio made the students feel at ease when he heard their First Confession. And the day-long family workshop for students and parents was very helpful, a good variety of meaningful activities.”

The workshop included the children making their own unleavened bread. “I think they enjoyed that the most,” says Rob, Director of Evangelization and Catechesis.

“We also spent time in prayer, toured the church, specifically focusing on the things that pertained to Communion—the altar, tabernacle and the sanctuary candle,” continues Rob. “The catechists did a couple of activities with the children, including reading a book entitled ‘The Weight of a Mass,’ an allegory about the importance of the Mass. I also spent time with the parents talking about the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist.”

Hadley, who has been part of the Wednesday night faith formation sessions since fall, “really enjoys seeing her friends from school who are also in her religious education class,” says her mother. “She always comes home excited to talk about what she learned.”

“Being involved at Saint Rose has given our family many opportunities to live out our faith and put our beliefs into action,” says Ashley. “We joined the parish because we liked the Faith Formation program and wanted our youngest daughter to be baptized in the parish where I grew up.”

As a mother and college student with four young children, Ashley still finds time to grow her faith by taking advantage of the many ministries available at Saint Rose. She is a member of the Faith Formation Advisory Committee and the Social Justice Committee. Ashley is also coordinator of the Saint Rose Mom’s Group (their next get-together is May 21).



Other things to know about the Brooks family:

- Ashley grew up in Roseville, the daughter of Brad and Diane Proulx. She graduated from Saint Rose School. As a child she was a member of the children's choir and attended Adoration weekly with her parents. A graduate of Northwestern University (Roseville) with a degree in English, she is a freelance writer and editor and is currently enrolled in the Loyola University's master's program for Christian Spirituality and Spiritual Direction.
- Jacob grew up in Stillwater. He is a third-generation woodworker. He operates St. Paul Fabricating and Decorating Co., his family's 80-year-old business which focuses on custom church furniture and historic restorations.
- The couple met in high school at Concordia Academy in Roseville. They began dating after graduation and were married at the chapel at the University of St. Thomas in 2012. In addition to Hadley they have three younger children—Regan, Conlin and Nessa.