

# SAINT ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH'S PARISH PROFILES

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Matt and Megan Sieberg

One of the goals of Matt Sieberg, Saint Rose pianist and organist, is to make sure his music creates a welcoming, prayerful and meditative environment. “To achieve that balance it is important that I cannot let anything I play be in the spotlight,” he says. “My music has to be secondary to everything else that is going on.” Matt’s musical talent has been obvious for more than two decades. He started participating in piano competition and master classes as a young farm boy and at age 11 became the choir accompanist at his church.

After Matt and his wife Megan began attending Mass at Saint Rose, he immediately noticed the church’s music space, the 9-ft. grand concert piano and the 29-range organ. “When I saw the accompanist position open up I knew that was a gift for me,” he says. “I knew it was a real blessing.”

Matt wants parishioners to know “that while they are listening to me, I am listening to them. I love to hear from people; that way my music can bless them in their worship even more.”

About his and Megan’s spiritual growth, he says: “Going through the progression of being raised Catholic, being associated with the Newman Center in college and now being part of the Saint Rose parish we have been so fortunate to be surrounded by people who readily share with others their experiences as they progress on their own spiritual journey. The Saint Rose community, more than anywhere else I have been, has more life-long learners. They are the best teachers of the faith.”

For Megan, being part of the two-year Catechetical Institute program was an important component of her learning more about her Catholic faith. Unfortunately her rotating work schedule caused her to take this year off. “Saint Rose is a wonderful community of people,” she says. “It reminds me of the parish where we grew up, connecting us to home.”

## Other things to know about Matt and Megan:

- He grew up on a Mankato-area dairy and crop farm in a family that was very supportive of his musical talent. He was in everything musical at St. Clair High School. A scholarship took him to Bemidji State University where he graduated with a B.A. in piano performance and pedagogy. Matt then went to the University of South Carolina, earning an M.M. in piano performance, also on a scholarship. Over the years he has won many awards for his musical talent.

- Megan was raised on a hobby farm, also in the Mankato area, and after high school she attended Bemidji State University. She took her nursing degree to South Carolina where she worked in a Columbia-area hospital. The couple moved back to Minnesota in 2014, the year they married. Upon returning Megan began working for Allina Health as a home health nurse; she currently is on the heart and vascular surgery team at Abbott Northwestern Hospital.

- Both Matt and Megan grew up Catholic, attending Immaculate Conception parish in St. Clair. The couple met in kindergarten and were in the same class every year through grade 12.

- Matt gives private piano lessons from his home studio near Roseville Area High School. Visit his website—[Matthewsieberg.com](http://Matthewsieberg.com)—to learn more about “Mr. Matt” and his students.

