

# SAINT ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH'S PARISH PROFILES

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Chip and Justine Reisman

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Parishioners Justine and Chip Reisman really like playing slow-pitch softball. And why shouldn't they? That's where they met in 2020, playing on opposing teams (she on The Fellowship; Chip on The Anointed) in a Catholic Softball Group (CSG) league game at Pioneer Park in Little Canada.

They were married a year later at Saint Rose. Son CJ arrived in 2022; three days after his birth he joined his parents at a game (shown in photo taken by Dave Hrbacek of the Catholic Spirit). Last Fall Chip managed Stealing Rome and Justine played for the Fruits of Team Spirit. This year Justine is co-manager of Throw in Peace and Chip is playing for Play, Hope and Don't Worry.

Both Chip and Justine believe being members of Saint Rose has enhanced their spiritual life and growth.

"When I was in college in Georgia during my first 2 ½ years I went to a large parish every Sunday and never really felt welcomed as part of the parish, despite knowing one of the priests very well from the Newman group," says Chip. "At Saint Rose I was immediately made to feel welcome by the congregation, which allows me to feel the love of Christ through others."

"As someone who has moved frequently for school and work, finding a good Catholic community and parish has always made new places feel more like home," he continues. "I feel I've found that at Saint Rose." He also found a pastor he really likes. "Fr. Paveglio is a young, personable, lively priest who is also very reverent," says Chip.

Justine agrees. "Growing up I always thought Saint Rose had a vibrant community. I think that aspect has remained strong and I think Fr. Paveglio and others in the parish have been working hard to continue building the community. With Fr. Paveglio here I believe there is a greater reverence for the Mass than I sensed when I was younger going here."

Justine says "Saint Rose is a great place to encounter Jesus in the sacraments and in the caring community of people. There are so many different ways to get involved and grow in your faith here." Adds Chip: "In addition to what Justine said, this community has people in all different stages of life ready to greet you where you are and help you on your journey to heaven."

Most meaningful for the Reismans during their time at Saint Rose, according to Chip and Justine: “Getting to know Fr. Paveglio during marriage prep and having the Pepins as our mentor couple was a wonderful grace to receive leading up to our wedding. Having our son baptized and welcomed into the church, figuratively and literally, is a memory we will both cherish.”

Growing up at Saint Rose Justine was in the bell choir and a lector. More recently she has helped with homebound ministry; Lenten book study 2022; study group helping to form the stewardship committee vision and Adoration. Chip does a regular hour of Adoration, is a hospitality volunteer and plays adult basketball.



Other things to know about Justine and Chip:

- Justine was baptized as an infant at Saint Rose (parents Julie and Scott Buerkle, long-time members), attended the parish school (K-8), graduated from Roseville Area High School and the University of Minnesota (U of M) with a degree in sports management. While a student—and after graduation—she worked as part of the communications group in the Athletic Department. After going back to the U of M for a teaching license she taught for two years at St. Joseph Catholic School in West St. Paul. Now she is a stay-at-home mom.
- Chip grew up in Savannah, GA. where he attended St. James the Less parish and school (K-8), and Benedictine College Prep. He studied chemistry at Mercer College, received a PhD at the University of Alabama and came to the Twin Cities for postdoctoral research at the U of M. He works in adhesives at H.B. Fuller.
- The couple enjoys a variety of hobbies and interests. Both like watching and playing sports, especially slow-pitch softball (no surprise), finding good parks and trails for walking, cooking and baking. Chip brings the South to the family kitchen when he makes gumbo and chicken and dumplings. Justine also likes to read and play the piano.