



The St. Hubert Rectory Project 2026 Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

Parish leadership has recommended that we move forward with purchasing a home that will become the new St. Hubert rectory. A history of the rectory at St. Hubert can be found in the June 26 Flocknote. This memo seeks to respond to questions that have been raised since the new plan was announced at the Masses on the weekend of June 20/21.

1. What is a rectory? The rectory is the official residence provided by a parish for its priests.
2. Where is the current St. Hubert rectory? The current rectory is a two bedroom rambler located on a property behind the church.
3. Where is the new rectory? The new rectory is a six bedroom home located in Chanhassen, about an eight minute drive from the church.
4. Why are we purchasing a different property to be the rectory? The new rectory provides space for at least four priests, offering greater community and fraternity, while still providing each priest with private space. The new rectory also offers space for guests of the priests, visiting priests, and teaching parish seminarians.
5. What will happen to the current rectory? The current plan is to keep the rectory since the property is contiguous to our property. Fr. Bennet and parish leadership will discern how to best use the property.
6. What is the price of the new rectory? The market value of the new property is \$2.2 million. The owners of the property are selling it to the parish at just under \$1.6 million, giving the parish an instant \$600,000 gift.
7. How will the parish pay for the rectory? A parish family has generously offered to loan the parish \$1.6 million to purchase the property. The loan will be at no cost to the parish, meaning it will either be interest free or, if an interest rate is required, the family will donate that interest money to the parish.

8. Will the purchase of the property affect the daily operations of the parish? No. Regular Sunday stewardship pays for the daily operation of the parish. No money from regular stewardship will be used to purchase the new rectory.

9. Will purchasing the property interfere with the capital repairs and improvements described in the *Lord, Renew Your Church* (LRYC) capital campaign case statement? The parish raised enough cash and pledges in the campaign to complete the repairs and improvements described in the case statement. The purchase of the rectory will not interfere with those capital repair plans.

10. Will other priests live at the rectory? The hope is that at least one or two other priests will live at the new rectory with the St. Hubert priests, offering greater community, fraternity, and accountability. Non-St. Hubert priests would pay a monthly rent to St. Hubert.

11. Can we build the new rectory on the site of the historic church? The historic church is not available yet, as the community group is still working to save and restore the historic church. If the historic church is not saved, the plan is to use that land as a memorial garden. We also would not want a construction project that would likely disturb the graves abutting the church.

12. Will the parish pay property taxes on the new rectory? Church owned property used in connection with the church's mission and reasonably necessary to church operations is generally tax exempt. A parish rectory that houses the parish priests normally qualifies as tax exempt. Our expectation is that the parish would be exempt from property taxes.

13. Can we use money already raised in the LRYR capital campaign to purchase the home? No. The initial campaign was for repairs to our church and cemetery. We must honor donor intent. The rectory project would need to be funded with new donations specifically for that purpose.

14. Will new donations be counted in the campaign? Yes. The archbishop has agreed to include the rectory project in the LRYC capital campaign, meaning that new donations will not be assessed (taxed) by the archdiocese. 100% of these gifts will remain in the parish and be used for the rectory.

15. Does this project have the support of parish leadership? Yes, the trustees and the members of the finance and pastoral councils recommended that we move forward with the project. Archbishop Hebda has also been consulted and approves of the plan.

You can make a gift toward the rectory project with a check, or using this QR Code, or by visiting the parish website, clicking on the "Donate" button in the upper right hand corner, and then clicking on "Rectory."

