



Our Men in Black



Father Joseph L. Lutz Retired, helping at parishes in the St. Charles area.

36 years (Bell Telephone Labs), played bass fiddle in a dance band, flew Aero-coupe airplanes as a teenager, wife died in 1980 and subsequently I felt called to the priesthood.



Favorite prayer

Psalm 51 always reminds me of the merciful forgiveness of our Lord and gives me hope for being reunited with the Lord — a very humble prayer.

Favorite saint

St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus. He was called to be the foster father of the Holy Family, was a man of few words, accomplished all that was asked of him by God. He accepted his role with humility and little fanfare.

Something about you few people would know

I'm a second career priest, ordained in 1987, was married, raised two boys, worked for Ma Bell for

What has been a holy moment for you in your priesthood?

Celebrating the Eucharist is a very holy moment for me, truly a gift from God.

What have you learned from your brother priests?

Msgr. Dan Hermes has played a very important part in my spiritual growth. He is a man of prayer and perseverance; he taught me to not count the costs, but to extend myself for the sake of others.

Advice for young people considering a vocation

Get involved in your faith! Take part in as many church activities as time permits,

for it is when you are active in your faith, you will find your love and commitment to grow stronger in everything you do. Make Jesus your best friend.

Favorite hobby or pastime

Golf, bowling, cards, computer activities.

Favorite temporal things

The book God Calling, edited by A. J. Russell, inspired me to seek God and pass him on to others. I enjoy watching PGA golfing events. The movie The Passion of the Christ by Mel Gibson was a profound detail of Christ's suffering and death, it really stirred my emotions and gave me a greater sense of what Jesus endured to redeem us.