

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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## 1. Name

historic St. Hubertus Catholic Church

and/or common St. Hubert's Catholic Church

## 2. Location

street & number Great Plains Blvd. and W. 78th Street N/A not for publication

city, town Chanhassen N/A vicinity of congressional district 2nd

state Minnesota code 22 county Carver code 019

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property

name St. Hubert's Catholic Church

street & number 7707 Great Plains Blvd.

city, town Chanhassen N/A vicinity of state Minnesota 55317

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carver County Recorder's Office

street & number Carver County Courthouse

city, town Chaska state Minnesota 55318

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Survey of Historic Resources has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1978  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society -- 240 Summit Avenue--Hill House

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota 55102

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

St. Hubert's Catholic Church is located on the southeast corner of West 78th Street (formerly St. Hubert Street) and Great Plains Blvd. (MN Hwy. 101). The masonry construction and towering steeple make the structure a landmark in downtown Chanhassen.

The Gothic style church was constructed in 1887 at a cost of \$6,400. The building is veneered in red brick and trimmed with buff-colored Chaska brick, and measures ninety-three by thirty-five feet. Pointed stained glass Gothic windows with Chaska brick window caps occupy the five bays on the north and south facades and flank the projecting central entrance tower; a window is also located above the tower entry. A corbelled cornice, also of contrasting brick, circumvents the north, south, and west facades of the church, repeating the pointed arches of the windows. The tower faces west and features a louvered belfry and spire and is capped by a cross. Decoratively cut shingles cover the roof beneath the belfry and the roof of the spire. A pair of paneled doors with transom light in the pointed arch occupy the central entry bay. A name and date plate is located above the door. A priest's dwelling and print shop (c.1900) (now used for church, school and office facilities) is attached to the rear of the building and is also of frame and brick veneer construction. The roof of the building is sheathed with wood shingles.

Exterior alterations are limited to the addition of a small brick vestibule on the north facade and a small brick addition on the south facade. The basement was excavated in 1933. The interior was redecorated in 1950 but retains the altars and statuary made by John Geiser, one of the original parishoners.

St. Hubert's no longer uses the building for regular services but leases it to another local congregation.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1887

Builder/Architect

Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

St. Hubert's Catholic Church is significant for its strong associations with the platting and settlement of the German Catholic community of Chanhassen. St. Hubert's parish was organized around a small dispersed German Catholic settlement in 1865. In 1880, the church property was transferred from the Bishop's ownership to the Franciscan Brotherhood with the stipulation that the land be used for "church, educational, or charitable purposes." In 1887 the Franciscans platted the area north of the church and named the village site "St. Hubertus" after the parish. The present brick veneered church was constructed the same year the village was platted, replacing two earlier church buildings. The platted townsite was part of an effort to encourage settlers to the area, and the church's control over the sale of town lots enabled it to both offer land to incoming settlers and to keep the community centered around the Catholic Church. In 1896, the village was incorporated as Chanhassen (named after the township) and the original plat was enlarged. Although the church's control loosened after 1896, St. Hubert's remained the focus of the village throughout most of its development. The history of the community is an example of the important role the Catholic Church played in the settlement of many areas of the state, although the Franciscans' development of Chanhassen differs from the more common Catholic hamlets, which developed as loosely organized unplatted communities centering around a church, and from the highly organized colonies established by Bishop Ireland. The city of Chanhassen expanded its boundaries to encompass the entire township in 1967, and the character of the area is rapidly changing with its development as a Twin Cities suburb. St. Hubert's provides the last surviving link to the early development and German Catholic heritage of the city.

ITEM NOT VERIFIED  
AGENCY NOT VERIFIED

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Commemorating the Centenary, 1865-1965, St. Hubert's Church, Chanhassen, Minnesota, 1965.  
Recorder's Records, Recorder's Office, Carver County Courthouse, Chaska.  
Town plats, St. Hubertus, 1887; Chanhassen, 1896, Recorder's Office, Carver County Courthouse.  
Chaska.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1 acre  
Quadrangle name Shakopee Quadrangle scale 7.5

### UMT References

A	1 5	4 5 8	9 5 0	4 9	6 7	5 1 5	B			
	Zone	Easting		Northing				Zone	Easting	Northing
C							D			
E							F			
G							H			

**Verbal boundary description and justification** Part of block 13, original plat of City of Chanhassen described as follows: begin at the southeast corner of Great Plains Blvd. and W. 78th St.; commence easterly 200 ft; thence southerly 150 ft; thence westerly 200 ft; thence northerly 100 ft. to point of beginning.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	N/A	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Britta Bloomberg, Research Historian/Survey

organization Minnesota Historical Society date January 1981

street & number 240 Summit Avenue telephone (612) 296-0101

city or town St. Paul state Minnesota 55102

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:  
 national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Russell W. Fridley

title Russell W. Fridley date 2/2/82  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Melona Byers **Entered in the** date 3/19/82  
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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief of Registration



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National Park Service

## National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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**Note: These changes apply to  
St. Hubertus Catholic Church in  
Carver County, Minnesota.**

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** 82002937

**STATE:** MINNESOTA

**COUNTY:** Carver

**RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):** Church of St. Hubertus (Catholic)

**CITY:**

**VICINITY OF:**

**ADDRESS:**

**CERTIFICATION DATE:**

**REMOVED DATE:**

**COMMENTS:**

*Nina M. Archabal*

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State Historic Preservation Officer**

**JUN 17 1988**

**Date**