



Music Ministry

2015 - 2016

The Church of the Holy Family's music ministry is beginning a new season! Although there are six different groups, all music ministers share in the common mission of serving the action of the liturgy and fostering the participation of the assembly. Is there a group in which you and/or your child(ren) would like to participate? Please take a moment to read the music ministry profiles. Come join us! For questions or further information, please call me at 237-5477 or see me after any weekend liturgy.

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CHORISTERS is our vocal treble choir for all boys and girls in grades three through eight. Their **first rehearsal is Tuesday, September 15 from 6:30 pm to 7:20 pm in church.** They have weekly rehearsals and sing one Sunday per month (usually 11:00 am liturgy) and for other special liturgies from October through Easter. At times, the Choristers sing with other parish music groups. Rehearsals are filled with singing, cantoring, and instruments such as handbells, xylophones, metallophones and glockenspiels. It is a wonderful way for our children to meet new friends and to become immersed in the music of our liturgical seasons!



THE ENSEMBLE is a group of singers and instrumentalists (grade 9 through adult) who rehearse every Thursday, September through June. And, depending upon the overall music schedule the ensemble participates at a different liturgy every weekend. The ensemble is looking for new members, instrumentalists and singers alike. There are open positions for all singers, in particular male tenors and basses. Potential instruments are guitars, bass guitar or string bass, winds, woodwinds, strings and percussion. There is a short audition for instruments only. The group's repertoire includes liturgical hymns but also other sacred music written specifically for ensembles. Our **next rehearsal is Thursday, September 17 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in church.**



GENESIS CHOIR began their new season with rehearsal on **Wednesday, September 9 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in church.** There are openings for additional singers – soprano/ alto/tenor/bass! This choir, open to all high school students and adults, has weekly rehearsals September through June and sings at various weekend liturgies two times per month and at special liturgies throughout the year. The singing ranges from unison to 4-part harmony and, the repertoire from renaissance to contemporary. No auditions given.



HANDBELL CHOIR began its third year ringing 3 octaves of bells on **Monday, September 14 from 7:45 pm to 8:45 pm in church.** The choir rehearses every Monday September through June and plays at a weekend liturgy once a month and at special liturgies throughout the year. It is open to those in grade 7 through adult. No previous ringing experience is required. No auditions. The ability to read music is preferred, however, not required. Ringing is fun and fully engages the mind and body!



RESURRECTION CHOIR sings for funeral and memorial liturgies. Their music, not only enhances the sung response of the assembly, but also adds solemn dignity to the liturgy. What is the time commitment? In addition to being available for funerals (the majority are held in the morning), choir members rehearse on the first and third Mondays of the month from 11:00 am to 12 noon throughout the year. No auditions are given. Membership in this choir is great for those who may be away during winter months and for those who may work second or third shifts. Our **first rehearsal** of the new season will be held on **Monday, September 21 from 11:00 to 12 Noon.**



CANTORS are liturgical ministers who proclaim the Word of God through song for the Responsorial Psalm and lead the assembly in other hymns and acclamations at liturgy. The cantors (high school teens and adults) also sing the verses of the communion song, allowing the assembly to process without books and enabling them to sing the repeating refrain. Many times during the liturgy the cantor is in sung dialogue with the people. Rehearsals are held on an individual basis. The ability to read music is preferred. Auditions are required.

*“God has bestowed upon his people the gift of song.
God dwells within each human person, in the place where music takes its source.
God gives us song that it might lead us
beyond our earthbound selves to higher realms.”*



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