

St. Benedict Parish Music Ministry

2008-2009

“Those who sing, pray twice.” - *St. Augustine*

It's hard to believe that the summer is almost over! The end of August marks the traditional time to re-assemble the choirs and begin preparation for a new “choir year.” I am most grateful to all those who have volunteered and served faithfully in the past. You have made our sung prayer rich in beauty, and have helped deepen the faith-life of our community here at St. Benedict. Thank you!

With the arrival of the new organ we are anticipating a great year. Won't you make this the year that *you* become involved in our Music Ministry program?

Please take a few moments to review the wide variety of opportunities below. After prayerfully considering where you and your family might become involved, fill out the form on the back page and drop it in the offering basket at Mass or bring it to the rectory office.

If you're unsure, please come and give us a try for a few weeks. God works in mysterious ways; Music Ministry might be the “way” for you! Join us, and don't miss the blessing!

There are many opportunities to serve and grow at St. Benedict Church.

Music Ministry Opportunities for Young People

Students in Third Grade

The **Third Grade Choir** is open to all third grade students. Rehearsal is on Wednesday after Lunch. This choir alternates with the Junior Choir in singing the school Masses during the week. They also sing at the Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm when scheduled (a schedule will be provided) and for some Holy Days and special events. **Third grade CCD students are most welcome** and should come to the rehearsal one half hour before the scheduled Mass. **First rehearsal: Wednesday, September 3.**

Students in Grades four through eight

The **Junior Choir** (grades 4 through 8) provides a musical outlet for the youth of our parish. Rehearsal is on Wednesday after Lunch. Not only do they provide musical leadership for the school liturgies (alternating with the Third Grade Choir), but they also sing for the Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm. when scheduled. We sing on Christmas Eve as well as during Holy Week. **CCD students are encouraged to participate with this group by coming to the practice a half hour before Mass. First rehearsal: Wednesday, September 3.**

Elementary and High School Students

The **Liturgical Ensemble** is open to student instrumental players who have completed two years of lessons. Rehearsal is on Wednesday from 6:15 to 7:15 in Newman Hall. This group usually plays once per month at the 9:30 Mass as well as for Christmas, Holy Week and some other special events. Mrs. Jerene Philibin coordinates our youth orchestra program. **First rehearsal: Wednesday, September 3.**

7th and 8th grade students

The **Junior Bell Choir** is made up of student in grades 7 and 8. Music reading is preferred but not required. This ensemble plays at various school masses during the year as well as for Christmas, Easter, and special parish events. Rehearsal is usually at 8:00 am, before school begins. **First rehearsal: TBA.**

Music Ministry Opportunities for Adults (*young and older*)

Adults (young & older)

The **Contemporary Choir** is open to all adults and young people of high school age. We provide musical leadership at the 5:00 pm Mass every other Saturday as well as singing for some Holy Days, Easter, Christmas and special parish events. This group includes guitars, woodwinds, strings and percussion. We use a wide variety of music encompassing many styles. Rehearsal is Wednesday evening from 7:30 until 9:00 in the Church. **First rehearsal: Wednesday, September 27, at 7:30.**

Adults (young and older)

The **Liturgical Choir** is a more “traditional” SATB group that usually sings on Sunday at the 9:30 Mass. Open to all adults and High School age youth, we sing a variety of genres both accompanied and unaccompanied. Rehearsal is on Thursday evening from 6:30 until 8:00 pm in Newman Hall. **First rehearsal: Thursday, September 28 at 6:30.**

Adults (young and older)

The **Schola Cantorum** is an audition group specializing in a *cappella* music from the 16th century through today. This group usually sings once per month at different masses, as well as for Christmas, Easter, some Holy Days, and special events in the life of our parish. Rehearsal in Thursday evening 8:15 until 10:00 pm. Please contact the Office of Music & Liturgy for more information or to schedule an audition. **First rehearsal: Thursday, September 28, 8:00.**

Adults

The **Resurrection Choir** provides essential musical leadership at all Funerals and memorial Masses as well as for special remembrance observances during the year. This is one of the most important music ministries in our parish, touching the lives of those who need comfort and consolation. Open to all adults, this group rehearses one half hour before each gathering. Please call the rectory office (266-9718 ext. 101) to be placed on the contact list.

Adults (young and older)

The **Ministry of Cantor** is open to fully initiated members (those who have received Holy Eucharist and Confirmation) who audition and are musically suited to lead the assembly. Cantors lead and animate the assembly in song and sing the Responsorial Psalm after the First Reading. Junior Cantors are taken from the ranks of the Junior Choir and function when the Junior and Third Grade Choirs sing.

Adults (young and older)

The **Adult Bell Choir** plays at Christmas, Easter and other special events in the life of the parish. Music reading is preferred but not required. This group usually practices on Sunday evenings throughout the school year. **First rehearsal: TBA**



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VOICE PART _____ INSTRUMENT(S) PLAYED _____

I WISH TO JOIN _____