

Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church - Music Ministry

Director of Music: Angie Murphy

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Cantor Ministry – Director: Angie Murphy

This ministry is open to advanced-level singers who wish to expand their ministry by leading the gathered assembly in song and prayer. The ability to read music is required and an audition will be requested. Training and formation will be provided. For those who have never served as cantors before, we ask that you become a member of one of our SFA choirs for at least three months before beginning the formal cantor training.

Instrumentalists and Accompanists – Director: Angie Murphy

If you play an instrument and feel called to music ministry, please contact the parish music director to explore how we can help you offer your gifts!

Bells of Assisi – Director: Pat Christensen

The St. Francis Hand Bell Choir, The Bells of Assisi, is composed of eleven ringers (and a number of faithful substitutes) with some musical background and the ability to read music. The Hand Bell Choir plays a variety of music from traditional to contemporary to spirituals and everything in between. Active from September through May, The Bells of Assisi play for two Masses every month and rehearse on Sundays at 4:30 to 6:00 pm in the St. Clare room. We're always looking for more people to join us. Training is also available outside of rehearsal if desired. Contact Pat at patricia.christensen@mchsi.com

St. Francis of Assisi Choral Ensembles

Children's Choir (SFACC) – Director: Mrs. Lindsay Struecker

SFA Children's Choir (SFACC) is for ALL children in the parish who are in grades 3rd-5th. Practices are each Wednesday night from 5:45 6:15pm in the St. Francis of Assisi School music room. We lead 1 mass each month, lead RE masses throughout the year, sing on Christmas Eve, Easter and lead the First Communion masses. We are one busy, talented and fun group! We would love to have anyone who has an interest, join us! Our philosophy is "Family First" and we understand that sometimes it's just not possible to make it to every practice and/or mass. We just ask that you come to as many as possible and start to understand and enjoy being a part of music ministry. Contact Lindsay at lstruecker@saintfrancisschool.org

Middle School Choir – Director: Audra Meyer

Middle School Music Ministry needs YOU! Any youth in grades 6th-8th who likes to sing contemporary Christian music, enjoys leading mass and just likes to have a good time is welcome! We meet each Wednesday night from 5:45-6:15 in the St. Clare room. We lead 2 masses each month, lead RE masses throughout the year, sing on Christmas Eve, Easter and lead the First Communion masses. We keep things really informal and occasionally celebrate with pizza and ice cream.

Contact Audra at audrameyer77@gmail.com

Liturgy of Life – Director: Jean Fox

Liturgy of Life (LOL) is a group of high school students who come together to share their musical gifts with their church family. Formal music training or the ability to read music is not required. The desire to share your faith through song is. LOL sings for Mass twice a month and rehearsals take place Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. in the St. Francis School band room. Additionally, LOL also sings for the St. Francis Confirmation Masses, Dowling Catholic High School Baccalaureate, as well as other celebrations throughout the year. Singers, instrumentalists, and musicians of all abilities are invited to come pray through song. Contact Jean Fox at

Jeanfox4@msn.com

Praise Choir – Director: Kari Stone

An adult contemporary choir mixed with violin, drums, bass, piano, and occasional tambourine. Our main goal is to have fun while celebrating our God through song. Ability to read music is not required. We meet Monday nights from 7:00-8:00 pm in the sanctuary and typically lead 2 Masses each month. Contact Kari at

ktindall10@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus – Director: Dan Werner

The Knights of Columbus Men's Choir sing about twice a quarter, at the Saturday 4:30 Mass, but at other times for special occasions. Any man in the parish, regardless of participation in the Knights of Columbus, is welcome to sing. Rehearsals are at 3:30 right before Mass. It is not necessary to know how to read music to participate. Contact Dan Werner at 222-1222 or wernerdcbb@aol.com if you would like more information.

Schola (small ensemble choir) – Director: Angie Murphy

Schola (meaning “small ensemble”) is a group of vocalists and instrumentalists who want to sing for Liturgy, but time for a formal practice during the week is difficult. The choir member practices at home on their own part so the ability to read music and feel comfortable on a given choral part is required. Schola sings for Mass twice a month at the 4:30 and 9:30 Liturgies. Rehearsals take place one hour prior to their scheduled Mass. If interested please contact Angie Murphy at 515-249-3276 or amurphy@saintfrancischurch.org for availability.