

NPM Wichita Noteworthy

How Can I Keep from Singing? Vespers & Liturgical Musician Blessing

Musicians from across the Diocese gathered at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on September 9 for Vespers and a musician blessing. Bishop Kemme presided with nearly 100 diocesan musicians attending.

In his [Homily](#), Bishop Kemme spoke on the importance of music in the liturgy, offering an a Capella rendition of *How Can I Keep from Singing* to emphasize his points.

The musician blessing is an annual event sponsored by the Office of Worship, in conjunction with NPM Wichita. NPM Wichita offered a light supper following the event.



Tom Wierman,
Chapter Director

What's coming next?

St. Cecilia, the Patroness of Musicians, will be recognized at a special event on Sunday, November 18, 2 p.m. at the Wichita Center of the Sisters Adorers of the Blood of Christ, 1165 Southwest Blvd, Wichita, KS.

This event is a blend of parish choirs, an "NPM Choir" and congregational singing. You will see a strong presence of cultural diversity in this event and lots of singing. Special recognition will be presented to long-time pastoral musicians from several parishes. You can nominate a deserving person for this honor. See the nomination process below.

Following the musical portion of the program, there will be a tour of the Chapel of the New Covenant at the Wichita Center. A tour of this beautiful worship space will take about 30 minutes. We will end the event with a reception at 4 p.m..

To perhaps entice you to join us for this event, there will be a drawing for two tickets to the see *The Priests* at the Orpheum Theatre on Friday, November 23 at 8 p.m. Renew your NPM Wichita membership and be eligible for a bonus ticket in the drawing. You must be present to win.

Music Workshop

Planning is underway for a musician workshop, Saturday, January 26, 2019, from 9 to noon, at a location to be announced. Please submit topics of interest that you would like to see considered in this workshop. If you have an interest in helping to plan for this event, please email director@npmwichita.org. Note that the last Saturday of each January will be a music workshop. Odd-numbered years will use local presenters, while even-number years will strive to have a recording artist or nationally-known presenter.

Long-Time Pastoral Musician Awards

Is there a parish musician who has been serving the church for more than 25 years that you would like to recognize? Please submit their names and a brief background of where this deserving person has served, what their role as a pastoral musician has been, and why you think they are deserving of the recognition. NPM Wichita will present them with a certificate of appreciation and recognition at the St. Cecilia Sing on November 18. director@npmwichita.org



Upcoming Events

November 18, 2018

St. Cecilia Sing, 2:00 p.m.

Wichita Center of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ
1165 Southwest Blvd. Wichita

Prayer, the Life of St. Cecilia, Choir performances, and congregational singing

January 26, 2019

Music Workshop

9 a.m.—Noon

Details TBA

Resource Gem

Here is a resource gem that you may not be familiar with, the OCP Breaking Bread Digital Music Library. Here you can browse songs, see sample music and hear sound clips. You can also let your cantors and choir members hear the recordings of the weekly Psalm and Gospel Acclamations from Respond and Acclaim. This is a great resource. Bookmark this link and share it with your choir members. <https://www.icrmusic.org/en-us/14/page/331>

Do you have other resource gems that you think are worthy of sharing? Email the information to director@npmwichita.org. We'll share that information in future newsletters.

Does your parish have a music position opening?

Send an email to admin@npmwichita.org to list your Parish's open position on the NPM Wichita website.