



# NPM Wichita Noteworthy

## St. Cecilia Sing

A huge thank you to the planning committee and the choirs from St. Peter the Apostle (Schulte), St. Jude (Wichita) and ASC Chapel Choir (Wichita) for an enjoyable afternoon at the St. Cecilia Sing.

I wanted to share with you the article submitted to The Catholic Advance regarding the event. Understandably, there wasn't room for all the detail, so I have included the full article in the December Noteworthy.

The Wichita Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians honored 22 pastoral musicians with a certificate of appreciation for their service to the church at the St. Cecilia Sing on November 18. The honors were given near the end of the program, which included prayer, narrations of the life of St. Cecilia, choir performances by St. Peter the Apostle Schulte, St. Jude Wichita and the ASC Chapel Choir, and congregational singing.

Parishes were given an opportunity to nominate a deserving musician, providing background of how and where they served the church, and some fun facts about the nominee. What is amazing about these 22 musicians is that their collective years of service total 975 years!



Recognized for 73 years of service, primarily to St. Patrick's Wichita, Elaine Aaron began playing organ under Sr. Bernita at St. Andrew's Church, Wright, Kansas. Elaine sang in the adult choir there and participated in various musical performances. At age 17, Elaine moved to Wichita to attend Sacred Heart College (now Newman University) and studied organ with Sr. Xavier and piano with Sr. Lucy. In the early 1950's, after marriage and four children, Elaine was a member at St. Patrick's. "Father William Carr was assigned to St. Pat's around 1970. I will forever be grateful to him for his efforts to instruct us in music liturgy, starting a music program and an adult choir. I played for funerals, weddings and served as choir accompanist until the early years of 2000." Elaine continued her service at St. Elizabeth Chapel at the Catholic Care Center after moving from St. Patrick's. She played for several weekday masses, funerals, and sing-alongs before retiring in March 2017 at the age of 85. Elaine is grateful for the years of involvement with music liturgy, meeting good and holy people, and a blessed privilege and gift from God.

Irene Metzinger was recognized for 71 years of service to St. Martin of Tours – Caldwell. She played organ until 2011, retiring at age 96. Irene learned to play organ at Immaculate Conception – Danville. In 1940 she married a Caldwell man and moved to St. Martin's. Irene began alternating Masses in Caldwell for several years and eventually took over full time. Carol Schmitz nominated Irene for this recognition. "I remember my father's funeral in 2009," Carol said. "I'm sure Irene, who was 94 at the time, would have preferred to stay home on that December day and not endure the single-digit wind chills, but she was there even though we had two available organists in our family." Irene, who had been living in her own home, left St. Martin's last year to move closer to her children. Irene recently celebrated her 103rd birthday.



Tom Wierman,  
Chapter Director



## Upcoming Events

January 26, 2019

### Pastoral Musicians Workshop

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

St. James Church, Augusta

1012 E Belmont Ave

[See the workshop details on our website](#)

July 16-19, 2019

### NPM National Convention

Raleigh, NC

Details at [npm.org](http://npm.org)

January 25, 2020

### Pastoral Musicians Workshop

All Day

We are finalizing a contract for a dynamic guest artist from OCP.

Watch our website for the big reveal!

## Resource Gem

Interested in learning more about the Meinrad Chant? Here is a [link](#) to short recordings of the eight modes of the Meinrad Psalm Tones.

### Does your parish have a music position opening?

Send an email to [admin@npmwichita.org](mailto:admin@npmwichita.org) to list your Parish's open position on the NPM Wichita website.



## (St. Cecilia Sing)

Other musicians recognized were: Sr. Nylas Moser, Dee Burke, Tom Wierman, Emily Pischnotte, Patrick Novak, Martin Meier, Curt Smith, Mike Lawless, the late David Spatz, David Dondlinger, Jim Jones, Carole Pracht, Charlene Dreiling, Kitty Michot, Kelly Benoit, Bernard Dette, Kit Lambertz, Rosalie Goebel, Janis Pauly, and Julie Betzen.

It was noted in the presentations that not all deserving musicians were nominated. There will be additional opportunities for this recognition.

## Happy Advent

(Reprinted from an email sent by the NPM Office)

For pastoral musicians, these days are full of motion and activity. As we begin a new liturgical year, with all its tasks and responsibilities, the NPM Board of Directors pauses to greet you in a spirit of Advent hope:

The **hope** foretold by the prophets and born in Bethlehem.

The **hope** that pervades the world, in all of God's creatures and in every human person.

The **hope** that lives on in our church, despite its sins and imperfection.

The **hope** that pastoral musicians are entrusted to proclaim, in our cathedrals, parishes, schools and institutions.

The **hope** that promises that God is continually doing something new in us: in our hearts, our homes, our church, our world, and in our association.

Join us in praying and living this **hope**, and may St. Cecilia, our patron, help us to faithfully work toward the fulfillment of God's reign.



## Membership Renewals

NPM Wichita membership renewals are now due. Please take a moment to visit our website and renew your membership, still just \$20 for the entire year. We greatly appreciate your support.



## NPM Wichita Board Opening

Are you looking for an opportunity to become more involved in the NPM Wichita chapter? We have an immediate opening on our board for a Hospitality Co-Chair. This position is responsible for planning, preparing and serving of refreshments for the various NPM Wichita events held.

Please email [director@npmwichita.org](mailto:director@npmwichita.org) to express interest. Thank you for considering this opportunity.



## Future Board Meetings

Board meetings are open to all members and you are encouraged to attend. Please see the list of future board meetings below.

- December 16 – 2:00 p.m., Adorers of the Blood of Christ Convent, 1165 Southwest Blvd, Wichita, KS. Following the board meeting, we will participate in the Christmas Novena at 4:35 p.m. with the Sisters.
- January 20 – 2:00 p.m., St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Fr. O'Shea Conference Room, 1321 N. Stratford Ln, Wichita, KS.