



NPM Wichita Noteworthy

Musician's Workshop Reprise

As you know from the last newsletter the January musician's workshop was a great success. Some of the breakout sessions will be taken "on the road" to the Southeastern part of the Diocese.

"The Aging Voice," "Reading Music," "Cantor Training" as well as networking and a roundtable discussion will be the focus of this event on March 9 at St. Joseph's church in Humboldt.

We will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parish hall. Flyers were mailed to all Southeast Kansas Parishes. If you have questions, please contact director@npmwichita.org or the event host, Rosemarie Jay rojovern2002@yahoo.com. Please **RSVP by March 6** on the website so we know how many to plan for.



Tom Wierman,
Chapter Director

Annual Meeting

The annual chapter meeting will be **April 28 at 2:00 p.m.** at the Church of the Magdalen. The results of the election of officers will be announced as well as a presentation of Young Liturgical Musician Awards. The Vietnamese Lion Dancers from St. Anthony Parish will provide special entertainment and be followed by refreshments. Please mark your calendars to attend.

Young Liturgical Musician Awards

NPM seeks to direct young musicians to view service as a liturgical musician as a stewardship opportunity. This is to encourage and further the youths' liturgical music participation beyond high school and while in college and to stay connected to music ministry from youth through adulthood.

The award categories are Novice, Apprentice, and Minister. The categories approximate age bracket for each; a young student as Novice, high school age as Apprentice, and college age or older as Minister.

Nominations come from Pastors, Choir Directors, and Music Teachers in our Catholic school system. For more information, see the [Resources page at \[npmwichita.org\]\(http://npmwichita.org\)](#) for 1) The Young Liturgical Musician Initiative and 2) the nomination form to submit names of worthy, aspiring young liturgical musicians.

Certificates for each nominee will be awarded at the annual meeting on April 28.

St. Cecilia Sing

The date for the 2019 St. Cecilia Sing will be October 20. This has been moved up about a month to allow for more participation.

The board is looking for a few members to serve on the planning committee for this event. The job duties of this committee are to plan and organize the St. Cecilia Sing That would include finding a location, planning a program (similar to what has been done previously, or something different), and conducting the event on that day.

The planning committee could meet in person, or by phone as the initial planning takes place. If interested, please email director@npmwichita.org.



Upcoming Events

March 9, 2019

Musician's Workshop Reprise

8:30 a.m.—1 p.m.
St. Joseph's Church
514 Central, Humboldt, KS 66748

March 17, 2019

Board Meeting

2—4 p.m.
St. Vincent de Paul
123 N Andover Rd, Andover

March 30, 2019

Networking Roundtable

9—11 a.m.
St. Jude—Parish Hall
3030 N Amidon, Wichita

April 28, 2019

Annual Meeting

Church of the Magdalen—Parish Hall
12626 E 21st St N, Wichita

June 23, 2019

Handbells, Ice Cream and Music Reading Session

St. Vincent de Paul
123 N Andover Rd, Andover

July 16-19, 2019

NPM National Convention

Raleigh, NC
Registration is open at npm.org

August or September (TBA)

Pastoral Musician Blessing

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

January 25, 2020

Pastoral Musician's Workshop

Presenter: ValLimar Jansen

Board Position

Election of Chapter Secretary will take place at the annual meeting. We are looking for someone interested in joining the board in that role. It is a two-year elected board position. Contact Director@npmwichita.org for more details.



Parish Liaison Appreciation

The chapter board of directors sincerely thanks those who serve as parish liaisons to the NPM Chapter. It's a vital role in helping to communicate information to your parish members.

We are looking for 2 to 3 people to help plan a Parish Liaison Appreciation event. That group would determine the event, such as wine and cheese, and pick a suitable date. Please contact director@npmwichita.org to volunteer.

Event Hosting

Would your parish consider hosting a future chapter event? Please contact director@npmwichita.org or any board member to volunteer. Hosting an event essentially entails booking the parish facility and taking care of the hospitality through your choir members or working with the hospitality committee. The event might be in a parish hall or in the church where we have access to an organ and piano. Parishes where the accompaniment can be done from the front probably works better than from choir lofts, but we will consider any offers made.

Future Programming

The board of directors is always interested in feedback for future programming to ensure that we're meeting your needs and expectations. Here are some of the top programming ideas from our last board meeting that we will be working on. Please email director@npmwichita.org with any comments. If you really like one or more of these topics we welcome a resounding "Amen." If you have other topics that you want, we need to hear those as well.

Parish Liaison Appreciation Social
Learning Music for the Season (Advent/Christmas/Lent/Easter)
Meinrad Chant – Beyond the Basics
What do the Bishop's Conference documents say about music in liturgy?
Wedding Music
Pedals, Pipes & Pizza, an event for youth musicians
Recruiting and Retaining parish choir members

Chapter Memberships Renewals are Due

Thank you to all who have renewed their NPM Wichita chapter membership or joined for the very first time. We greatly appreciate your support.

Memberships run for a calendar year and are only \$20. The \$20 fee covers all the events for the entire year. As a new chapter, we don't have a large bank account, so we rely on the membership fees to cover some of our expenses of our various events. You can mail your payment or better yet, renew it online with a credit card or PayPal account.

www.npmwichita.org.

The membership committee will begin making phone calls soon to those who have not yet renewed. Please help us reduce the number of phone calls by [renewing](#) today.

Resource Gem

Being of Irish descent, the "Irish Blessing" was something my Dad was quite fond of. I manage to work in a Post Communion hymn based on that text for the Sunday nearest St. Patrick's Day.

For a few years, I used Fr. Bob Fabing's "[Irish Blessing](#)" (Breaking Bread #391), but that's before I discovered "[May the Road Rise Up](#)" by Tom Kendzia (Breaking Bread #389).

Tom's arrangement became the favorite for me and my choir. It even sounds Irish!. There are different YouTube video's of a performance by the Borris Vocational School Choir, Co. Carlow (Ireland). Here is one for you to review. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XqOx9vUo0KA>.

Lori True has an arrangement, "[May the Rise to Meet You](#)" (GIA Music G-6066) that's probably a close second to Kendzia's arrangement, but I think any of these would be great options.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!