



NPM Wichita Noteworthy

St. Cecilia Sing

A huge thank you to the student musicians who performed at the St. Cecilia Sing. It was such a delight to witness their talents. If the students could have performed again that day, those in attendance would have been eager to hear them again.

In addition to the student performances, four long-time pastoral musicians were nominated for recognition: Mary and Jerry Devore, St. Mary Derby; Dorsey Burgess, St. Peter the Apostle Schulte; and Karen Weber, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

NPM Wichita presented a framed picture of St. Cecilia to a representative of St. Cecilia parish in Haysville. The parish will display the picture in their church.

A certificate of thanks was presented to liturgical musicians from St. Catherine of Siena who hosted the event. We thank them for their hospitality.

Plans are being made for next year's event. A recording of the event may be found on [our Facebook page](#).

Musicians' Workshop

Our annual musician workshop is coming up! We have an outstanding presenter: ValLimar Jansen. She is a highly regarded inspirational/catechetical speaker, singer, composer, recording artist, college professor, a leader of worship and prayer, and a workshop presenter across the US. Some board members have heard ValLimar present and you will be energized by her message and her energetic delivery. You won't be disappointed!

When: Saturday, January 18, 2020 8 a.m.— 3 p.m.

Where: St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church Andover, KS

As an NPM Wichita member, you attend free! A catered lunch is available for a small fee. Nonmembers may pay \$25 for the workshop, plus the optional catered lunch.

If you are coming from outside the Wichita metro area, and might have a need for overnight housing, please let us know. We'll see what we can do to accommodate you. Email director@npmwichita.org.



Tom Wierman,
Chapter Director



ValLimar Jansen,
OCP Artist



Upcoming Events

Saturday, January 18, 2020

Pastoral Musicians' Workshop

Presenter: ValLimar Jansen

8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Evening Concert (open to public) - 7 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul

123 N Andover Rd, Andover, KS

Sunday, May 3, 2020

Annual Chapter Meeting & Entertainment

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Church of the Magdalen—Parish Hall

June 2020

Ice Cream Social & Music Reading Session

TBD

July 7-10, 2020

NPM National Convention

Louisville, Kentucky

Join us! npm.org

Sunday, September 8, 2020

Annual Vespers and Musician Blessing

5:30 p.m.

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Light supper to follow in Good Shepherd Hall



The day will conclude with an evening concert at 7 p.m. ValLimar will be accompanied by members of the Bishop Carroll, Kapaun-Mt. Carmel, and Trinity Catholic High School choirs. This concert is open to the public. A free-will donation is encouraged. You won't want to miss this amazing musical experience!



Past Chapter Director

Many of you know Sr. Nylas Moser, founding chapter director for NPM Wichita, and Director of Liturgy at the Wichita ASC Center. Sr. Nylas has been on sabbatical for this past year at the ASC Ruma, Illinois Center, working to finish some of her music compositions.

We recently received word from her regarding her next ministry assignment now that her sabbatical is ending. Sr. Nylas writes “various notices from and conversations with two Sisters in community leadership led me to apply for liturgy and music position. I had an interview in Springfield, Illinois, on October 30. I was offered and accepted the position there. While doors seem to have opened for this position that I did not seek, it seemed to seek me.” Sr. Nylas will be working with the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis as Coordinator of Music and Liturgy. Her new role begins in early January.



It sounds like a new, exciting journey, but we will miss her presence here in Wichita. Sr. Nylas will continue to serve on the NPM Wichita board as Past Chapter Director until that term expires. She has been a tireless advocate of NPM in this Diocese, and on the National Chapters Committee. It wouldn't be a surprise for a new chapter to take root in Springfield, with Sr. Nylas' guidance.

Sr. Nylas - we wish you all the best!

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.



Does your parish have a music position opening?

Send an email to admin@npmwichita.org to list your parish's open position on the chapter website and Facebook pages.