



# NPM Wichita Noteworthy

## Unprecedented Times

You don't need me to tell you about unprecedented times. We hear that from every business, bank, credit card company, or utility. We see this every Sunday when we watch a recorded or live-streamed Mass in our living rooms.

My choir is lamenting they won't be able to proclaim "Alleluia!" in community and that the Easter music we were working on before the Mass suspensions will be put back on the shelf until next year. We'll simply have to sing it in our hearts on Easter morning. I do hope you are all well and weathering the pandemic.

Someone recently suggested that I consider writing lyrics for "Lord Who Throughout This Quarantine" for this newsletter. Immediately I started thinking of lyrics. However, sensibility hit me, and I decided to see what might already be out there. A recent and humorous YouTube video by the Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa was found. Here is the [link](#) to that video to lighten the day.

## Annual Meeting

Unfortunately, our Annual Meeting has been cancelled. We will continue with our election of officers and Bylaws amendment. Please watch for a separate email asking you to vote on these two items.

## 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.



2019 Young Musician Awards

Initially the deadline for submitting nominations was April 15. Because we expect to award these certificates at the Fall Vespers and Musician Blessing, the deadline has been extended to August 15.

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.



Tom Wierman,  
Chapter Director



## Upcoming Events

**April 5-11, 2020**  
Holy Week

**April 12, 2020**  
Easter Sunday

**June 2020**  
Chapter 5th Anniversary  
Event details to be determined

**July 6-10, 2020**  
NPM National Convention  
Louisville, Kentucky

**Sunday, September 13, 2020**  
Evening Vespers, Musician Blessing, &  
Youth Musician Awards  
5:30 p.m.  
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
Light supper to follow in Good Shepherd Hall

**Sunday, November 22, 2020**  
St. Cecilia Sing  
St. Cecilia Parish—Haysville  
2:00 p.m.

**Saturday, January 30, 2021**  
Pastoral Musician Workshop

**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 chapter website and Facebook pages.



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## St. Cecilia Sing

The date for the 2020 St. Cecilia Sing will be November 22. Fittingly, we will hold the event at St. Cecilia parish in Haysville.

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 involve 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](mailto:director@npmwichita.org).

## Summer Event

Right now, it's hard to determine where everything will be, but we hope to hold an event of some kind in June to celebrate the chapter five-year anniversary. More information will follow.

## Fall Vespers & Musician Blessing

The event will be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday, September 13, 5:30 p.m. We will begin with sung vespers and the follow with a blessing and lite meal. Youth musician recognition will be given at that time.

## Event Hosting

Would your parish consider hosting a future chapter event? Please contact [director@npmwichita.org](mailto: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.

## 2021 Musicians' Workshop

January 30, 2021 is the date of our next annual musician workshop. It's always the last Saturday of January and should be a standing appointment on your calendar.

Odd numbered years use more local or regional resources to present at the workshop, however this year we are working to bring a National NPM resource to Wichita for a cantor workshop.

