



NPM Wichita Noteworthy

Tis the Season!

Aaaah! The beautiful season of Advent and Christmas. So much to do to prepare for this beautiful time of celebration of our Lord's birth!

As musicians, this is an especially exciting time – finally an opportunity to sing together! What a comforting feeling to hear those beautiful Advent and Christmas hymns. Congregations are joining in with the joy and comfort these hymns bring. These hymns are a wonderful way to express our longing for the Christ Child!

My parish, Church of the Magdalen, purchased new hymnals, last year so we are learning some new hymns. One in particular that really touched me is "Wood of the Cradle" written by Patrick O'Brien. It has been around for awhile (1958) so you may know it. This first verse brings touches me deeply.

Wood of the cradle, wood of the cross,
Bearing a lifetime of joy and of loss,
Who is your loved one? Who could he be.
Born in a manger to dies on a tree.

In the excitement and beauty of Christmas, I plan to keep the whole story in mind! I hope and pray you will also!

St. Cecilia Sing!

The St Cecilia Sing on November 21 at St Cecilia Parish was a wonderful afternoon of prayer, song and fellowship. The performances by our youth musicians is one of the highlights of the event. These young people are so willing to share their talents with us! Those attending had many compliments for not only the beauty of their presentations (vocal and instrumental) but also that they shared their talents at whatever level they could.

Having a time to visit afterwards with the young musicians, parents and guests finished the afternoon on such a high note (pun intended)! [View the event here](#)

January Musicians' Workshop

NPM Wichita is planning different ways to get our musicians together. Plans are set for workshops on January 29 (Andover) and February 12 (Pittsburg). The Office of Worship is planning topics to help our church musicians better understand their roles in the importance of good sacred music to our liturgies. Besides helping us to learn more about our ministry and calling, these will be great opportunities to network with fellow musicians both old friends and new. [Find the latest information and registration information here.](#)

Hymns & Hops!

It is so much fun to sing together (and enjoy our voices and instruments raised in song)! Join us Thursday, March 17 from 7-9 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas - Allen Hall (Basement). Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with fellow musicians to jam away on hymns new and old! No celebration is complete without a beverage or two - BYOB! Bring your instrument - or voice and enjoy the evening! No cost - no registration needed. Please invite your whole music ministry to join us!



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Chapter Director



Upcoming Events

January 29, 2022

Annual Musicians' Workshop
St. Vincent de Paul—Andover, KS
The Role of Sacred Music
Learn, sing, and feast!
Register at npmwichita.org

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June 28—July 1, 2022

NPM 2022 Convention
Louisville, KY Join us!
Virtual Convention available July 5-7

PASTORAL MUSICIANS' WORKSHOP

LEARN, SING, AND FEAST!

Learn about what the Church teaches about music in the liturgies and incorporating the antiphons.



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Register at npmwichita.org/upcoming-events

Saturday, January 29, 2022
8:30 a.m.
St. Vincent de Paul
123 N Andover Rd., Andover, KS

Saturday, February 12, 2022
8:30 a.m.
Our Lady of Lourdes
102 E 9th St., Pittsburg, KS