



NPM Wichita Noteworthy

Lent is here!

I believe the Covid surge caught many of us by surprise (and not a happy one). It made a great impact with our parish musicians, to the point we had to drop music at our Sunday evening mass. That alone was a great disappointment, along with the concern for the health of those affected. Fortunately, we are all slowly getting back to normal, and I hope and pray all other parishes can bring music back to our Sunday masses.

Lent is upon us, and we have been tirelessly planning for this solemn season as it leads to the celebration of Easter. My parish (Church of the Magdalen) is introducing more silence through the Mass – longer pauses after the readings and quiet after the Communion hymn after the reception of the Eucharist. Since we know this will cause some questions by the congregation and perhaps some discomfort, we plan to have the priests announce at appropriate times why there is silence and how to use it to have time to deeply consider the words of Scripture. We especially want to encourage the time after reception after Communion to prayerfully consider this wonderful gift of the Eucharist, especially during this Year of the Eucharist.

This will be a change for musicians, but it will allow us to have more quiet prayer time. It will also make the jubilant celebration of Easter a real high point of the Lent and Easter season.

Workshop Postponed

The workshops scheduled for Wichita and Pittsburg were postponed due to the Covid surge. We are planning to reschedule both in-person sessions as well as offer the talks virtually. Fr Gabe Grier and Sr John Patrick Beckius are preparing talks to better form and educate our liturgical music ministers. Dedication to this ministry requires more than just offering our talents. It's truly an avocation that does require an understanding of sacred music in the church and the directives of our Bishop Kemme on the importance of music to our liturgies.

Hymns & Hops

Plans are still in place for the Hymns & Hops gathering Thursday, March 17 at 7 p.m. in the St. Thomas Parish basement. This will be a fun time to jam with other musicians, enjoy one another's company, and perhaps partake in some adult refreshments!

Please bring your instrument and/or voice and whatever beverage you would like to enjoy as we sing, share music and ideas. Hymnals for Breaking Bread will be available for use, along with a small packet of music. We'll use music both new and old to enjoy the evening.

[Let us know you're coming!](#)

Bring your whole choir!
No membership is required.



Charlene Dreiling,
Chapter Director



Upcoming Events

March 17, 2022

Hymns & Hops

St. Thomas Aquinas—Allen Hall (Basement)
7-9 p.m.

Bring your instrument and voice to celebrate St. Patrick's Day to jam away on hymns new and old! BYOB
No cost or membership needed

[RSVP Here](#)

June 28—July 1, 2022

NPM 2022 Convention

Louisville, KY Join us!

Virtual Convention available July 5-7

Board Members

The Board wishes to recognize Dee Beaman for her willingness to serve as Hospitality Chair. Unfortunately, health issues will prevent Dee from serving at this time. We appreciate all of Dee's past service to NPM Wichita. She has been a great part of the events sponsored by NPM Wichita.

We are happy to announce that Rachel Dugan has joined the Board as Director of Communications. We are excited that she brings much experience with liturgical music and enthusiasm for sharing her gifts. Rachel will assist NPM Wichita in communicating with diocesan musicians.

The poster features a green background with a white shamrock logo at the top left and the NPM WICHITA logo at the top right. The main text reads: "Hymns & Hops" in a large, elegant script font, followed by "MUSICIAN JAM SESSION" in a bold, sans-serif font. Below that, it says "THURSDAY, MARCH 17 7-9 P.M." and "ST. THOMAS AQUINAS - BASEMENT". At the bottom, it includes "BYOB AND YOUR INSTRUMENT/VOICE!" and "INVITE YOUR WHOLE MUSIC MINISTRY!".