

**Music Ministry
at
St. Sabina Parish**





What Is Liturgy?

The church celebrates "liturgy" any time people gather together to pray in a public way. The most well known form of public prayer is Mass, but any form of community prayer, such as prayer services, evening prayer, reconciliation services, or stations of the cross, are called liturgies. Liturgy literally means "the work of the people." This implies that when the church gathers, we are actively involved in what goes on as we pray.

What Is Music Ministry?

Music plays a large role in the prayer life of the church. Music Ministers serve the parish by leading the sung prayer of all who gather for liturgies. A good music minister understands that their role is to encourage and support the singing of the whole assembly. Singing is one way we all actively participate when we gather to pray. The goal then, of music ministry, is not to perform for all present, but to inspire all present to join our voices as one and lift our song to God.



How Can I Become Involved in Music Ministry?

People of all ages are invited to be a part of the music ministry at St. Sabina. There are many ways you can share your talents both vocally and instrumentally. For further information contact Susan Ratigan, 816-979-3158.

Accompanist

Those with keyboard skills can serve the parish by playing piano or organ as accompaniment to singing. There are a variety of groups to accompany and many levels of involvement from weekly to seasonally. You may also serve as a substitute in the absence of one of our regular accompanists.

Instrumentalists

Many members of the parish have experience playing guitar, brass, woodwind or string instruments at school or with a community ensemble. Those of all ages are welcomed to share those talents by playing with a choir on a regular basis or for special events. Please let us know what you play and how you'd like to be



Choir Member

You don't have to read music or have a trained voice to share your love of singing as a music minister. Our choirs are made of people just like you who like to sing and are willing to dedicate time to preparing for liturgy together. With practice, we create a lovely sound and sing with confidence that encourages the singing of everyone in the pews. There are opportunities to sing at all weekend Masses. Consider joining the group that sings at the Mass you usually attend!

Seasonal Choirs

Sometimes there are opportunities to sing with a group that has a limited time commitment, such as for Christmas, Holy Week, or Confirmation. Would you like to sing or play, but are not able to commit to coming to practice every week? Watch the bulletin and listen for announcements about seasonal choirs!

Cantor

The cantor's role is to be a leader of sung prayer. Cantors lead the psalm on weekend Masses at our parish and sing litanies and other types of prayer with congregational responses. Cantors have developed strong singing skills and are comfortable singing independently. They spend extra time preparing for their ministry and often find it helps deepen their spirituality. Prayer, in addition to musical skill, is an important part



Youth and Children's Music

There are opportunities for children and youth to be involved in music ministry at St. Sabina at seasonal and special celebrations. Are you involved in your school choir, band or orchestra? If you would like to share your talents with our parish, we welcome your involvement with seasonal or regular weekly music groups. Please let us know you are interested!



Resurrection Choir

This is a ministry in the planning. We are seeking individuals who are available during the day and would like to participate in a choir that could sing at funerals. Preparation would take place during the weekdays and the choir would sing when requested for funerals. What a wonderful way to support members of our parish family in time of need. Can you help?

Sound System/Recording

If performance is not your specialty, but you know a lot about sound equipment, then perhaps you could assist our parish in the area of sound reinforcement and recording. Please consider sharing your talents by setting up sound equipment, running the sound board or recording when needed.