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Music Ministry

2021 - 2022

# Music Ministry

**Look inside to learn about many upcoming  
Music Ministry opportunities for all adults and teens!**

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- Pope Francis**

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## Children's Choir

A return for Children's Choir (open to singers in grades 2-6) remains on hold at least until COVID-19 vaccines become available for kids younger than 12. Thanks for your patience and we hope to return soon! If your child is interested in singing, please contact Greg to join an email list that will update you about this group's status.



## Instrumentalists

If you play an instrument, we would love to have you at our virtual meetings as well, and hope to give an opportunity to share your time and talent at weekend Masses sometime soon. Contact Greg to join an email list that will keep you updated.



## Handbell Choir

Handbell Choir plays at select Masses throughout the year and is looking for new members of all ages. At this time, we are primarily seeking folks who can read music or have had previous handbell experience. A rehearsal schedule will be determined later based on members' availability. If you are interested in joining, please contact Greg.



Want More  
Information?

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## A Note from Our Music Director Greg Santa Croce

### “I Am the Bread of Life” and “Drinking God Straight”

During the month of August, we’ve frequently heard passages at Mass from the sixth chapter of John - the Bread of Life Discourse. It seems like a great time to sing and discuss what I consider a modern American Catholic classic: “I Am the Bread of Life,” composed in 1966 by Sr. Suzanne Toolan, RSM. The text is striking in that it doesn’t rhyme or fit into a poetic meter. Each verse has its own rhythm. Contrast this with a text like “O God Beyond All Praising” that we sang on August 22 to see what I mean. Each line of “I Am the Bread of Life” is lifted directly, without paraphrasing, from either John 6 – the aforementioned Bread of Life discourse – or John 11 – the story of the resurrection of Lazarus.



So why sing a prose text? The late Fr. Columba Kelly, a Benedictine monk and sacred music scholar, compared singing prose to “drinking God straight.” His thoughts and the composer’s instincts are in line with what the fathers of the Second Vatican Council thought about hymn texts when they wrote in *Sacrosanctum Concilium*: “texts intended to be sung ... should be drawn chiefly from holy scripture and liturgical sources.” Sr. Toolan is not unique in this text setting approach. Other well-known examples from about the same time include “Keep in Mind” by Lucien Deiss, “This is the Feast” by Richard Hillert, and “Be Not Afraid” by Bob Dufford.

I would argue that when we sing the same words that Jesus said, as we do in “I Am the Bread of Life,” we experience His presence in a special way. Paired with the opportunity to receive Jesus’ true self in Holy Communion, this song enhances our participation in the sacrament of unity.

### Adult Choir

If you enjoy singing at Mass and would like to share a bit more of your time and talent, consider joining Adult Choir. This group sings at all Sunday and Holy Day Masses from September to June. No formal music experience is necessary to join. Please reach out to Greg if you would like to join our community of music-makers!

### Adult Choir Schedule

#### Rehearsals

Wednesday Evenings 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
or  
Friday Mornings 11:30 - 12:30 p.m.

#### Singing During Mass

Each Sunday at either 9:00 or 11:00 a.m.



## Teen Choir

Singers in grades 6-12 are invited to join Teen Choir, directed by Hajnalka Klieman and Greg Santa Croce.

In addition to singing at several Sunday Masses throughout the year, Teen Choir will also perform as part of the monthly Youth Ministry "Chosen" gatherings on Sunday evenings. (See the full rehearsal and performance schedule for details.)

You do not need to be enrolled in Youth Ministry to join, although these programs are complementary.

Please contact Greg ([mm@saintandrew.org](mailto:mm@saintandrew.org)), Hajnalka ([music2@saintandrew.org](mailto:music2@saintandrew.org)) or Terri Reed ([tym@saintandrew.org](mailto:tym@saintandrew.org)) if you would like to join!

## Teen Choir Fall Schedule

### Rehearsals (2:00 - 3:00 p.m.)

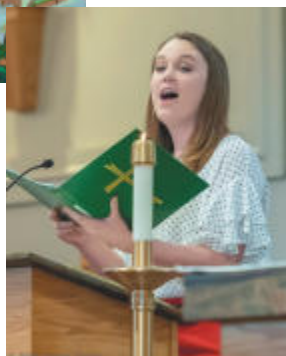
September 12 & 19  
October 17 & 31  
November 7, 21, 28  
December 5

### Sing During Mass

October 3 - 11:00 a.m.  
November 14 - 9:00 a.m.  
December 19 - 11:00 a.m.

### Sing During CHOSEN (4:00 - 5:00 p.m.)

November 14  
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