

SAINT BARNABAS CATHOLIC CHURCH
129 North 40th Street | Omaha, Nebraska 68131

Job Description

Organist and Choirmaster, reporting to the Pastor. This is a part-time, salaried position.

Position Summary

The Organist and Choirmaster will be responsible for playing the organ and leading the parish choir at Sunday and Holy Day Masses, and at other occasional services, such as Evensong, and Lessons and Carols. The Organist and Choirmaster works closely with the Pastor, as well as other musicians, to implement a program of sacred music in accordance with the Ordinariate's liturgical expression of the Roman Rite and the Anglican patrimony.

Responsibilities

- Serve as organist and choirmaster for the principal Sunday Mass (currently 9:30 am), as well as Holy Days of Obligation, and other important days such as Candlemas, Ash Wednesday, the Sacred Triduum, and occasional services such as Solemn Evensong (monthly, quarterly, or semiannually, as required) and Lessons and Carols.
- Program music for all of the above.
- Ensure that all music conforms to the texts and rubrics of the Ordinariate's liturgical books: *Divine Worship: the Missal*, *Daily Office*, and *Occasional Services*.
- Be clear and effective in communications, and respectful of the input of others, and able to work with volunteers.
- Provide music for weddings and funerals. (for additional fee; not common, given the size of our parish)
- Manage the activities and schedules of the cantors, choir, and instrumentalists of liturgies and special events. Develop musicians' musical abilities and understanding of the liturgy.
- Foster active participation at the liturgy through congregational singing, reflective and prayerful execution of instrumental and choral music, with appropriate observation of silence
- Keep abreast of developments in Church teaching, applicable canonical norms, liturgical practices, and Ordinariate policies/guidelines.
- Send proposed hymns and other musical selections quarterly to the Pastor for review.
- Assist families and the Pastor in the planning of weddings and funerals and provide music for such occasions (for additional fee).
- Attend all staff, liturgy, and planning meetings as appropriate
- Create and maintain organized and updated music files and archives
- Perform other related duties as directed by the Pastor

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Degree in Music or related field.
- Active participation in a Catholic Church setting as organist, music director, or advanced student.
- Repertoire of organ music and the ability to improvise.
- Familiarity and facility with English and Latin Mass texts.
- Be proficient in the theology of the liturgy, guidelines of the Church regarding sacred music, the tradition of Catholic sacred music, including hymnody and plainchant, and familiarity with the English choral tradition, including Anglican chant.
- Must be a practicing Catholic.

About the Parish

Saint Barnabas is a Catholic Parish of the Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter. Though the community has existed since 1869, it was received into full communion with the Catholic Church in 2013. The Parish is small, numbering eighty-five registered families and an average Sunday attendance of ninety-seven, as of December 2024. Parish volunteers play an essential role in nearly every aspect of Parish life. The Parish employs a limited number of paid lay staff, all of whom are part-time. The Parish celebrates a distinctive liturgical expression of the Roman Rite known as *Divine Worship*, which heavily draws upon the liturgical, musical, and pastoral traditions of Anglicanism.

Resources

The Parish's organ is a 29-rank, 1971 Casavant with the addition of Rodgers electronic stops.

The Parish choir/schola consists of parish volunteers with the occasional addition of paid choristers.

A retired, advanced-professional Ordinariate musician is in-residence and available to substitute and provide general assistance, as appropriate.

Compensation

- Salary of \$16,000, based on experience. .
- Compensation is made on a monthly basis, during the first week of the following month.
- Sick leave, paid vacation (negotiable)