Liturgy

Activity Name: Music at the Cathedral
Staff Contact: Michael Batcho, Director of Music

Description of this opportunity:
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist is a renowned sponsor of the arts. Music holds a special place in Catholic liturgy and tradition and our music programs always respect that vital role. In addition to the skills and talents of our professional musicians, we offer a mixed chorus, two women's choirs, a men's choir, a children's/youth choir, a handbell ensemble as well as opportunities for talented vocal soloists and instrumentalists. In this array is a place for almost every talented person who is interested in the performance of sacred music.

The Cathedral Choir is an auditioned ensemble performing challenging choral music and is most appropriate for those with significant prior choral or musical performance experience. The Cathedral Women's Choir and Cathedral Men's Choir offer opportunities for less experienced singers or those individuals with less time to commit to rehearsals and performance. The Resurrection Choir is our funeral liturgy choir and has a minimal commitment of rehearsal time and does not require an audition.

The Choristers of St. Francis offers children in grades 3-8 an opportunity to learn about choral singing in a friendly group environment. Our Handbell Ensemble is growing and encourages interested players who are new to the bells but who have some ability to read music and appreciate rhythm.

The Cathedral also seeks those individuals who can lead the congregation as cantors. These individuals are invited to audition for this position after auditioning for other choirs or ensembles here at the Cathedral. All instrumental soloists are auditioned and should have significant performance experience and a high skill level.

Commitment of time:
Commitments of time vary for each chorus or ensemble.

Best Qualities for Cathedral musicians:
Music skills (reading, rhythm, good pitch, fine tone quality, chorus etiquette, presence and appropriate attire) are necessary for chorus members and musicians.

Need for volunteers:
We encourage everyone interested in any one of these opportunities to call Michael Batcho who will be happy to set up an appointment for an audition and interview. He will recommend the best opportunity for your talents and time available while taking into account the needs of our choruses and ensembles. Singers and musicians in high school and above are welcome to audition.

The Choristers of St. Francis are auditioned separately in early fall. Call for information or watch our Parish Bulletin and web site for audition dates.

Volunteer coordination by:
Michael Batcho, Director of Music

Location:
Location is always the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. The building is accessible to the handicapped and is located on or near several bus lines.