

**MISSION  
STATEMENT  
ABOUT  
MUSIC  
MINISTRY**

In the context of Christian worship, education, mission, and fellowship, music is appropriate as a response of the people of God to God's revelation through Jesus Christ. As an integral part of the Christian experience, music calls attention to God's presence among us. *The fundamental purpose of the Ministry of Music at Saint Joseph*, therefore, is to present the gospel faithfully in ways through which the community may receive and respond to the reality and grace of God. The Ministry of Music...

...participates in and enriches WORSHIP by leading the congregation in music that is consistent with the tradition and character of our historic congregation;

...supports EDUCATION for people of all ages by offering programs that inform, inspire, and instruct God's people;

...engages in MISSION by witnessing to those outside our congregation through concerts, recitals, and other musical offerings, both within and without our sanctuary, that are consistent with our parish's mission; and

...supports opportunities for Christian FELLOWSHIP by supporting activities and programs of other ministries and by welcoming and encouraging all those who seek to serve God through music and friendship.

**MUSIC MINISTRY STAFF**

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*Handbell Choir Director*

**Judy Mezger**

*Children's Choir Director*

**VOLUNTEER SUPPORT**

**Mike Scipione**

*Choir and Orchestra Manager*

**Marcia Juracán**

*Music Librarian*

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands.  
Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his  
presence with singing.*

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
121 East Maple Avenue  
Libertyville, Illinois 60048

**SAINT JOSEPH  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**MUSIC MINISTRY**



## ADULT CHOIRS

9:00 am

### Contemporary Ensembles

Rehearsals:  
Wednesdays 7:00  
– 8:30 p.m.

An adult group of singers and instrumentalists that provides weekly music ministry leadership for the 5:00 p.m. Saturday and 9:00 a.m. Sunday Masses as well as several other liturgies throughout the year. The ensemble is always open to new members who enjoy choral contemporary singing and to instrumentalists with a desire to share their musical talents with the St. Joseph family.

10:45 am  
**Traditional  
Choir**

Rehearsals:  
Thursdays  
7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

With an emphasis on traditional music, our weekly ensemble ministers with a variety of choral pieces. The choir's repertory consists of an array of Masses, Motets, and choruses from major Oratorios in addition to traditional and modern chants, anthems, and hymns. Membership is open to all adults.

**Resurrection  
Choir**

Rehearsals:  
30 minutes before  
each funeral and  
as needed

Providing comfort and healing through music, our choir supports the grieving families in their time of need during each funeral. Funerals are generally at 10 a.m. on weekdays and occasionally on Saturdays. Choir members are informed of a funeral by e-mail. The choral repertoire consists of traditional hymns.

***"Choirs are to be developed with great care, especially in cathedrals and other major churches, in seminaries and in religious houses of study. At certain moments in the Liturgy, [the choir] has a specific role of its own."***

Sacrosanctum Concilium  
(Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy)

## INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES

### Handbell Choir (Adult)

Rehearsals:  
Tuesdays  
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

The handbell choir is an enthusiastic ensemble that loves to bring their unique sound to the liturgy. Along with providing extra accompaniment to the hymns, the bell choir also plays a wide range of handbell literature from various composers. Rehearsals are in the church and ringers are always needed!

### Instrumentalists

Rehearsals:  
Respective Mass  
(*as needed*)

Members of our orchestral ministry serve during seasonal liturgies (Christmas, Confirmation, Easter, First Communion, etc.). If you play an instrument and wish to share your gifts with our parish community, we would love to incorporate you into our music program. Those who have training on a particular instrument or instruments are welcome to speak with the Director of Music.

## CANTORS

Serving as choral scholars, cantors lead the congregation in our sung prayer. Those interested in joining our talented cantors are encouraged to contact the Director of Music to audition.

***"The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art."*** Sacrosanctum Concilium (Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy)

## YOUTH ENSEMBLES

Children's Choir  
Grades (2 – 4)

Rehearsals:  
Thursdays  
3:40 – 4:40 p.m.

Youth Choir  
Grades (8 – 12)

Rehearsals:  
Sundays  
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Young Adult Choir

Rehearsals:  
Sundays  
4:15 – 5:00 p.m.  
(before Mass)

The mission of the children's choirs is to form children in the love of God and each other through music. Both choirs focus on proper singing technique and introduce the concepts of music literacy. Participants will grow musically through singing, spiritually through knowledge of the liturgy, and socially through learning to cooperate in a music ensemble. Children's Choir rehearses in the Loughry Room and Middle School Choir, Youth Choir, and Young Adult Choir rehearse in the Church.

## THE JUBILEE CHOIR

Can't fit a weekly rehearsal into an already busy schedule? Then, please consider joining the Jubilee Choir named in honor of our pastor Fr. John Trout's Silver Jubilee. The Jubilee Choir is open to all adults who love to sing. The choir rehearses six weeks prior to Christmas and Holy Week as well as other principal liturgies and special events.