Come make music with us.

(We’ll make room.)

Music Ministry | St. John’s Parish at Creighton University
St. John’s Parish at Creighton University invites you to share your musical gifts and help bring prayer to life in song.

Whether it’s Sunday Mass or Baccalaureate, we are blessed to have the combined talents of our St. John’s Parish and Creighton families in music ministry. At St. John’s, liturgical music is an artistic expression of prayer meant to be shared with the entire worshipping community. We lift our songs to God in praise, petition, missioning and gratitude. Music has long been a cherished component of our liturgical tradition, and we welcome vocal and instrumental musicians of any faith to share in this dynamic service to others!

Our ministry program is geared toward busy schedules and hectic lives. Participate once a year or every weekend; it’s up to you. Our rehearsal commitments accommodate the bustle of college, family life, and work. Our ministers are caring, spirited people of all walks of life: students, faculty, staff, parishioners, neighbors in the community. Your gifts and experience, whether vast and virtuosic or new and untested, are appreciated and welcomed at St. John’s.

Read on to find your place in this growing ministry...
Serve and lead:
Be a music minister

Whether you’re a long-time choral singer, a veteran of small groups or brand new to music ministry; whether you’re looking for a very regular commitment or just a few service opportunities each year, we have a place for you.

Whatever you sing, whatever you play... we’d like to hear it.

We are always looking to add vocal and instrumental presence to our ministry, whether you are a soprano or a saxophonist, a pianist or a percussionist. Whatever your musical cup of tea, it’s welcome.... and needed.

Not sure if you “qualify?”

Being an astounding, virtuosic musician is a blessing, but what really defines an excellent music minister is spirit—the understanding of music ministry as the sharing of one’s gifts (whether extraordinary or “just OK”) as a leader of song for the people who gather to worship. If you have that spirit, you’re good to go (and if you’re not sure about your musical skills, what better way to hone them than by using them!)
Liturgical ensembles

Each weekend, these ensembles serve our parish community in spirited sung prayer. If you’re looking for a regular commitment to ministry in a parish setting, these ensembles are waiting to welcome you.

Saturday 5:00 pm
This smaller (8-12 member) ensemble of singers, guitarists, and other instrumentalists provide a “small but mighty” ministry presence at our Saturday evening Masses. Rehearsal commitment: one hour prior to Mass (4:00 pm, Music Room), and an occasional rehearsal after Mass (Music Ministry Weekend) to focus on new music for upcoming liturgies.

Sunday 10:30 am
This choral ensemble (12-20 members) joins with the sounds of piano, harp, guitar and bass. Membership is a diverse mix of parish and university communities. Rehearsal commitment: one hour prior to Mass (9:30 am, Music Room), and an occasional rehearsal after Mass (Music Ministry Weekend) to focus on new music for upcoming liturgies.

Song of Praise Choir (pictured)
Sunday 4:30 pm
The Song of Praise Choir is a dynamic ensemble open to all members of the Creighton community. This group of nearly 30 students sings at the 4:30 Mass, and has also ministered for Creighton liturgies at the Qwest Center Omaha and the Holland Center for the Performing Arts. Rehearsal commitment: one weekly rehearsal (Wed or Thu, 3:30 pm–4:30 pm, Music Room), and one hour prior to Mass (3:30 pm, Music Room).

Candlelight Choir
Sunday 10:00 pm
This student-directed ensemble ministers at the 10:00 pm “Candlelight Mass” on Sundays during the academic year. Membership is by audition only. For more information, contact Fr. Richard Hauser, S.J.
As a University parish, we gather several times throughout the year for celebrations of major feasts of the Church, and of special moments in the life of the University community.

Would you prefer an occasional ministry opportunity over regular participation? Or an additional means of serving others in ministry? If so, consider joining us for these special celebrations of the parish and University community:

**Welcome Week Mass**  
Saturday, August 18, 7:30 pm, St. John's

**Mass of the Holy Spirit**  
Wednesday, September 12, 11 am, St. John's

**Red Mass (Creighton School of Law)**  
Monday, October 1, 5 pm, St. John's

**Thanksgiving Day Alumni Mass**  
Thursday, November 22, 9 am, St. John's

**Fall Baccalaureate Mass**  
Saturday, December 15, 9 am, St. John's

**Christmas Season Liturgies**

**Founders Mass**  
Sunday, February 10, 2008, 10:30 am, St. John's

**Holy Week and Easter Triduum**  
March 16–23

**Spring Baccalaureate Mass**  
Friday, May 9, Kiewit Fitness Center

**Holy Days (All Saints’ Day, Ascension, etc.)**

**Seasonal Reconciliation and Prayer Services**

For more information about any of these liturgies, contact **Tony Ward** (see next page).
Want to know more?

More information about Music Ministry at Creighton and St. John’s Parish is available by:

visiting the Campus Ministry website:  
www.creighton.edu/CampusMinistry

Stopping by St. John’s and visiting with us after Mass (you’re always welcome!)

“Crashing a rehearsal:” Feel free to stop by for any of our scheduled rehearsals to get a feel for things. No obligation, no pressure.

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