

## **Job Listing: Accompanist/Musician**

**St. Theresa Catholic Church**  
**455 N. Benton Street**  
**Palatine, Illinois 60067**

*St. Theresa's Palatine is searching for an Accompanist/Musician for the weekly Saturday 5:00pm Mass and other additional liturgies throughout the year. This talented, liturgically conscious musician will play piano and organ, lead the congregation in sung prayer, direct a volunteer ensemble of singers and instrumentalists, and work with a professional cantor at each liturgy. They will work seamlessly with clergy and other church staff to make the music at worship as prayerful and beautiful as possible.*

*The Accompanist/Musician will be given the day off approximately twice per quarter, when the Director of Music will direct and accompany the Saturday liturgy. During the choir season (September-May) the volunteer ensemble will perform, meaning that the Music Leader-Accompanist will rehearse with them before Mass.*

### **Reports to:**

Director of Music

### **Regular Hours:**

Most Saturdays, 5:00-6:00pm plus setup and cleanup time (setup around 4:00 when volunteer ensemble is present, and around 4:30 when ensemble is not present)

### **Compensation:**

\$140 (when volunteer ensemble is present) OR \$120 (when ensemble is not present) per service, equaling over \$5K annually

### **Additional hours (if desired):**

Masses on Memorial Day, Labor Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, funerals and weddings throughout the year, any liturgies in the Director of Music's absence; all paid in addition to regular hours

### **Responsibilities**

- Accompany most\* 5:00pm Saturday Masses on piano and organ
- Lead congregational singing
- Work with professional cantor, meeting with them before liturgy (approx.. 4:35pm)
- When ensemble is present, direct singers and instrumentalists, rehearsing 4:15-4:45pm
- Make musical and liturgical decisions in keeping with Catholic Church doctrines and norms, and St. Theresa's liturgical and musical tradition
- Operate sound system and electronic hymnboard system during liturgy; if necessary, troubleshoot tech systems, organ, piano

## Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in music, or equivalent experience
- Requisite piano and pipe organ skills for hymn accompaniment and some simple prelude/postlude music
- Liturgical experience, especially within the Roman Catholic or Anglican tradition
- Ensemble direction skills, basic conducting technique, decision-making skills, communication and interpersonal skills
- Knowledge of the full breadth of the Christian musical tradition (Gregorian chant, contemporary praise music and everything in between), willingness & ability to learn new and unfamiliar styles
- Creativity: thoughtful organ registrations, appropriate hymn tempos, sensitive dynamics, improvisation when appropriate, hymn reharmonizations when appropriate
- Ability to be flexible in unforeseen circumstances, troubleshoot problems, and adapt to changes

## Additional Information

- The Accompanist/Musician will work closely with the Director of Music, mostly through email communication, but also through meetings when necessary, either in-person or virtual.
- \*Approximately twice per quarter, the Director of Music will accompany this liturgy, giving the Accompanist/ Music the weekend off. Many of these dates are set due to the liturgical schedule, but some, especially in Summer, can be flexible.
- Accompanist/Musician should make every effort to notify of absence well in advance, and assist in finding a substitute if needed.
- The Director of Music will make music selections for liturgies, but all other creative decisions regarding the 5:00pm Saturday liturgy fall under the Accompanist/Musician's purview.
- St. Theresa's is equipped with a Rodgers A698 three-manual organ and a Yamaha baby grand piano, both in good condition. Both are tuned/maintained regularly.

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