

Part-time Director of Sacred Music
St. Mary Catholic Church
Kalamazoo, MI

St. Mary's Parish is a small (180 household) but active parish that has enjoyed the use of both the Ordinary and Extraordinary Forms of the Roman Rite. The parish is under the direction of the Fathers and Brothers of the Kalamazoo Oratory of St. Philip Neri, Community in Formation. Over the past several years the parish has built a strong music program and wishes to continue this work under the principle of "restoration of the sacred through beauty". They attain this through the use of the *Ignatius Pew Missal* and the *Adoremus* hymnal. The parish is seeking someone to work closely with the priests and brothers of the Kalamazoo Oratory in order to develop the music program reflecting the nature of the liturgy of the Church as a sung prayer. The individual will also be responsible (in collaboration with the priests and brothers) for helping to establish and develop a library of sacred music for the parish. While this position will begin as part time, the right candidate will help expand this position into a full time ministry.

Some of the expected time commitments are as follows (estimated to be 10-15 hours weekly):

- weekend masses
 - o Saturday vigil – 4:15pm – Ordinary Form
 - o Sunday morning – 9:00am – Ordinary Form
 - o Sunday afternoon – 12:00pm – Extraordinary Form
- weekly rehearsal with a mixed voice choir which sings at the Ordinary Form masses
- three weekly rehearsals per month with the men's schola which sings at the Extraordinary Form mass
- one weekly rehearsal per month with the girl's schola which sings at the Extraordinary Form mass
- various celebrations of feast days, processions, Sunday vespers, and Forty Hours throughout the year

In addition, it is preferred that the candidate possess the following:

- competency in singing and teaching Gregorian Chant and sacred polyphony
- competency in choral directing
- competency in working with instrumentalists for special masses and celebrations
- a working knowledge of the maintenance necessary for the upkeep of the church's organ
- adequate planning and organizational skills

Those interested in the position should send a resume including salary history to the following address:

Very Rev. James Richardson, Pastor
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Any questions can be directed to: 269/342-0621 or pastor@stmarykzoo.org