

Director of Music and Organist
ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, LINDSAY, TEXAS

St. Peter's Catholic Church seeks a Director of Music and Organist to lead, oversee and continue its efforts in the area of liturgical music. The successful candidate will work closely with the Pastor, to grow the parish's musical efforts into an exemplary representation of the best of Catholic liturgical music: Gregorian and English chant, traditional hymnody, and other compositions of textual and musical excellence. The Pastor seeks a Director of Music and Organist to continue implementing his vision of establishing a liturgical music effort which glorifies God and contributes to the sanctification of souls.

Parish: The parish currently consists of 504 families. Lindsay is a small town of little more than 1000 people. Average Mass attendance, however, is 825-850 on a typical weekend. Founded in 1891, Lindsay was begun as a Catholic community and many of the founding families still live in the Parish. St. Peter's is the heart of the Lindsay community. Restored in 2009, St. Peter's Church stands as a landmark of exceptional beauty that is exemplified not only in the church building, but also in the liturgies it celebrates.

For more parish information, please see the parish website: www.stpeterlindsay.org.

JOB DESCRIPTION: Director of Music and Organist
May 2016

Duties: Oversees the entire parish's musical efforts; grows music ministry in accord with Pastor's vision and the key goals of glorifying God and fostering the sanctification of souls. The successful candidate will be a hard worker, patient teacher with good interpersonal skills to grow a program that currently has two adult choirs and very successful children's choir.

Specific Duties include but are not limited to:

- Directs Adult Choir (10:00 am Mass; Thursday night rehearsals September – Corpus Christi)
- Directs the Children's Choir (5:30 pm Vigil Mass - once a month during academic year; Wednesday afternoon rehearsal after school)
- Provides music for 3 weekday Masses: Tues & Friday - 7:40 am w/Children's Choir; Wednesday evening: 7 pm Perpetual Help Devotions + Mass (During academic year)
- Organist for 2 other weekend Masses: 5:30 pm Vigil - cantor and organ; 8:00 am Sunday - organ and Choir; Holy Days of Obligation and other Feasts particular to the Parish; to include organ voluntaries of the highest quality and performance standard
- Provides music for Holy Days, Easter Triduum, Christmas, etc.
- Recruits, trains volunteer Cantors
- Supervises maintenance of organ and pianos
- Prepares weekly service leaflets
- All associated administrative tasks
- Fosters ongoing liturgical formation of the parish

Qualifications:

- Holds at least a Bachelor's degree or equivalent in organ, church music or related field;
- Has outstanding skills as an organist and choral director; able to play the major organ repertoire to a high professional standard and maintain that standard through regular practice and continuing education; able to improvise on the organ
- A thorough knowledge of the Catholic liturgical and musical patrimony including chant, polyphony and the best of newer compositions;
- Able to work collegially with pastor and staff;
- Ability to teach music in a patient manner and to develop/maintain music program that teaches musical literacy
- Practicing and committed Catholic that affirms all Church Teachings
- Able to maintain a present role in the Lindsay community (attend parish events, sport games, etc.)

Other:

- Reports to the Pastor
- 28 Hours/week, position with highly competitive salary (AGO scale)
- Right of first refusal for weddings and funerals
- Two weeks paid vacation (2 weekends plus 2 weeks); weekly day off; book allowance; retirement/pension available; continuing ed. allowance;

- Current with Fort Worth Diocesan Safe Environment and background check requirements or able to comply with said requirements before beginning employment

Application Details:

1. Please send a cover letter and curriculum vitae to the address below. No phone calls please.
2. It is highly recommended that the applicant includes an audio recording with his or her materials. The recording should include brief examples of organ performance representing a variety of styles, and must include at least one hymn concluding with a brief improvisation. The recording will not be returned. CDs, MP3s, or a link to an audio résumé (i.e. Soundcloud, Youtube, etc.) will be acceptable.

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3. Shortlisted applicants will be invited for interview and audition.
4. The job will be open until filled.