**Participating in Music Ministry**

You may choose to offer your gifts at whichever mass meets the demands of your weekly schedule. Flexibility is an important aspect of music ministry at Sheil. All are welcome to share their talents, whenever and wherever schedules permit. You are of great value to this community; we are enhanced when you share yourself and your talents with us, but we also recognize the limitations and challenges that daily life can bring.

We rehearse each Sunday, as individual ensembles and gather as a whole on occasion for food, faith, and song, or special rehearsals during the year; this promotes a sense of one fellowship and one mission. The Open House events will be opportunities to welcome new members to the ministry, make music, develop our spirituality, build fellowship, and share a meal. (The weekly rehearsal schedule can be found on the back of this tri-fold.)

With a wealth of talent and gifts to share the Sunday rehearsals are usually enough time to prepare for liturgies, but we do add rehearsals on occasion. Punctuality is key in order to utilize time well, and aids in the success of what we are able to present to the congregation we serve. We must be prepared if we want to facilitate our primary role as ministers, which is to support the community in sung prayer without interrupting or detracting from the ritual itself.

**Join us in making a joyful noise unto the Lord!**

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**Lessons & Carols**

**Saturday, 12/4/10 6:00 p.m.**

Rehearsal

Thursday, December 2, 2010

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

/includes dinner/

**Easter Vigil**

**Saturday, 4/23/2011**

Rehearsal

Saturday, April 16, 2011

10:00am – 2:00 pm

/includes dinner/

**Saturday, 6/4/2011**

(Sheilfest Mass at 5pm followed by end of year barbecue & party!)

**Sunday Mass & Rehearsals**

9:30am

rehearsal: 8:15am

11:00am

rehearsal: 9:45am

5pm

rehearsal: 3:45pm

9pm

rehearsal: 7:45pm

Questions or concerns? Contact Angela Stramaglia, Director of Music and Liturgy: a-stramaglia@northwestern.edu

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*Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst in to jubilant song with music; make music to the Lord with harp, with the harp and the sound of singing...*

*Psalm 98*
Welcome to Music Ministry at the Sheil Catholic Center

As Christ himself came “not to be served, but to serve” (Mark 10:45), so too musicians at worship are servants of the prayerful expression of the Word through the art of music. The music minister plays an essential role in the work of God that is the liturgy by leading the faithful in sung prayer. In serving this faith community you will contribute to the spirit of powerful prayer that is actualized each week. Our goal: to enable & encourage each member of the assembly to raise his/her voice in sung prayer with our own.

What are the goals of Music Ministry?

1. To promote and encourage the assembly’s sung prayer during liturgies throughout the year.

2. To enhance and embellish the sung prayer without overpowering the assembly.

3. To develop the liturgical musician as well as the overall musicianship in each member.

4. To enrich and enable individual spirituality, while at the same time serving as leaders of corporate prayer for the overall Sheil community.

5. To provide fellowship and fun!

How do we accomplish these goals?

As student, faculty or support staff at Northwestern University you have made a commitment to grow in your knowledge of academics, to expand your cultural horizons, and to increase your awareness of social and civil concerns. As associate members of Sheil, you have chosen to support the mission of campus ministry and the overall mission of Sheil itself; namely, forming a faith community where students can develop their personal faith, as well as, the skills needed to become future leaders of the Catholic Church.

You are offered an opportunity to develop your spiritual self and make a deeper commitment when you choose to serve.

- You commit yourself to a relationship with the Sheil faithful by becoming servant.

- You choose a relationship with the small group of musicians you will pray and make music with on a weekly basis.

- You actualize the necessity to pray and be connected to God through the musical gifts that have been graciously given.

- You share ideals and the desire to express your faith through music, not only within the community, but also, beyond the Sheil Center itself.

Sunday Mass
9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
5:00 & 9:00 p.m.

Needed:

Choir Members:
Men and women to sing in unison and in parts.

Cantors & Song Leaders:
Proclaim the word of God through singing of psalms, acclamations and litanies. (attending the Master Class is not required to serve)

Master Classes: Thursdays 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Accompanists:
Pianists & guitarists to lead the assembly in song.

Instrumentalists:
Enhance the musical prayer of the community by adding color and texture to the musical environment.

One cannot find anything more religious and more joyful in sacred celebrations than a whole congregation expressing its faith and devotion in song. Therefore the active participation of the whole people, which is shown in singing, is to be carefully promoted.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy