

# Piano Accompanist for 8:30 am Sunday Mass

#### I. Introduction

St. Mary Student Parish (SMSP), located in Ann Arbor, MI, and staffed by priests of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), serves the faculty, staff and students of the University of Michigan. SMSP hosts an average of 1,600 people for 7 Masses (6 during the Spring and Summer semesters) and offers spiritual formation programs for undergrads, grads and young professionals, such as retreats, faith-sharing groups, an internship program, and service programs for social justice. Sacramental preparation and formation is provided through programs for RCIA, Confirmation, and First Communion.

#### II. Overview

The Piano Accompanist reports to the Music Coordinator. This is a part-time, stipended position, with hourly expectations of approximately 2-3 hours each week. This position runs year-round on Sunday mornings. There will be additional opportunities for accompanying weddings, funerals, and other Masses. However, these opportunities are optional, not required.

#### **II. General Responsibilities**

The Piano Accompanist is responsible for accompanying the 8:30 am choir at rehearsals and Masses. The accompanist will receive a list of the music approximately six days in advance and is responsible for learning the music in advance of the next rehearsal and Mass.

## III. Specific Responsibilities

- A. Performance (100%)
  - Accompany choir rehearsals starting at 7:45 am on Sundays
  - Accompanying Mass at 8:30 am on Sundays
  - Practicing music in preparation for each rehearsal and Mass

### **IV. Qualifications**

The ideal candidate for the Piano Accompanist role will have a strong music background, ideally with prior experience in a Catholic church. The ideal candidate for the role will also be an excellent sight reader, a sensitive accompanist, and contribute to the high quality of music at Saint Mary Student Parish.

#### V. To Apply

Please email a resume to Cathy Welch cwelch@smspnewman.org