



An Open Position for the Church of the Guardian Angels, Chaska:

Accompanist for the Adult Choir

Description

For folks whose dream it is to be the dedicated piano accompanist for a church choir; this position is for you. We are looking for a talented pianist with experience in accompanying a church choir. Our Adult Choir is a small choir of about 10 people that would like to grow into something bigger and better. We need a person who can bring a positive and encouraging attitude to our rehearsals.

The typical hours for this position are Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. and Sunday mornings from 8-10:30 a.m. in order to accompany our choir at the 9 a.m. Mass. The choir starts in September, and goes to Pentecost which is in May this year.

Wage will be calculated by the hour, at \$75 per hour, with Tuesday rehearsals being about an hour and a half and Sundays being at least 2 hours.

Responsibility Highlights

- Be prepared, on time, and ready for all scheduled hours, to rehearse all liturgical music as provided by the Director of Music with the cantor and choir. Be prepared, ready, and on time for all schedule hours for each scheduled Mass or other liturgical event.
- Rehearse with the adult choir at scheduled rehearsal times prior to the scheduled Sunday liturgy, on Tuesday evenings, and as deemed necessary by the Director of Music.
- Arrive at church approximately 1 hour prior to Sunday Mass. Prepare and set up the piano area, then rehearse with the respective scheduled cantors and instrumentalists for the remainder of the time before Mass. After Mass, take up to fifteen minutes, when needed, to put music away and close down the piano area.
- Receive direction from the Director of Music regarding selected music, rehearsal time needed outside of group rehearsals, and the level and type of leadership needed as the accompanist to facilitate and ensure quality presentation of music.
- Help create an environment of harmony, good morale, adequate communication, and cooperation.
- Promote and support the goals and objectives of the Church of the Guardian Angels and the Church as a whole
- Respond to phone calls, e-mails, and other communications from the Director of Music, volunteer music ministry assistant, and presider.

- Occasionally, be available to provide musical piano accompaniment for once per month baptismal liturgies after our 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning mass.

Qualifications

- High school graduate
- Familiarity with music in Roman Catholic liturgy and with Roman Catholic liturgy itself
- Demonstrate proficiency in piano skills and ability to read music (organ a plus, but not required)
- Some knowledge of sound systems
- Detail-oriented and highly organized
- Successfully complete employment background check, complete VIRTUS training, and agree with and sign a Code of Conduct
- Desire to represent the Church of the Guardian Angels well and according to the teachings of the Church
- Self-motivated, self-directed, and flexible
- Ability to work well with clergy (pastor, deacon, visiting priest)
- Ability to work well with the Director of Music, cantors, and other instrumentalists
- Ability to climb steep stairs into our balcony

Application Instructions

Please read the full Position Description for more information. Then, contact Brittany Carlson at bkaufmann@gachaska.org with your cover letter and resume.