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Miss S. Masiakowski – Organist

Sunday November 5 – 3:00 pm

St. Francis Church 1927 N. 4th St., Milwaukee



Miss S. Masiakowski, MM, MAPS, of the Village of Greendale, will present a musical program for the edification and delight of all persons of discerning judgement at Rev. Bertram's Church, known as St. Francis of Assisi, 1927 N. 4th Street, Milwaukee. Miss Masiakowski will employ the church's magnificent pipe-organ built by Messr W^m Schulke, late of this city, for this edifice as Opus 34, 1884. The music chosen will be of such dignity, solemnity and quality as to be suitable for persons of all ages. The program will commence precisely at 3:00pm on the 5th of November. An alms-basin will be present for contributions to the care of the Organ. This program is presented with the cooperation of The Organ Historical Society of Southeast Wisconsin and the American Guild of Organists, Milwaukee chapter. Unescorted ladies of good moral reputation will be permitted seating on the main floor of the church.



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January Jubilee

Friday, January 26, 2018 at 7:00 pm
Saturday, January 27, 2018
from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Peace Lutheran Church
737 Barracksview Road
Saint Louis, Missouri 63125

The Saint Louis Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will host a church music conference for part and full time church musicians. Topics covered with include: The Organ (Pipe and Digital) ~ Choral Music (Adult and Youth) ~ Handbells ~ Social Media ~ Technology ~ Clergy/Musicians Relations

Internationally known organist Mark Pacoe from New York will present a recital on Friday evening. Over 20 breakout sessions will be presented by Mr. Pacoe and local experts on Saturday !!

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The Deadline is the 20th of the preceding month

As Dean I hear sad and happy tales of our experience in church life. It pains me that I can't remedy the difficult situations for you and I can manage only 50% of my own challenges. The interaction always involves the response of others who have their own points of view. Our training—music lessons and college degrees were centered on the technicalities and interpretation whether a sacred context or concert performance. How we relate to each other takes second place but it deserves first-rate care. For several months my bucket list included reading *Rivals or a Team? Clergy-Musician Relationships in the Twenty-First Century* by Eileen Guenther © 2012 by Morningstar Music Publishers.

What has been your experience? Think back to the congregations or schools you served and how you felt in each situation. What characterized the best— you, those with whom you worked? Why were they difficult or rewarding? Initiating and nurturing music ministry is tough work but Guenther's description made me smile: "It's just like dating [and marriage]—this business of looking at a job listing, deciding whether to apply, accepting the vulnerability of interviewing, and then considering the position. Once in the new position, it can take weeks or months to know and grow to trust each other." Guenther, p. 148

These random comments (throughout the book) are worthwhile to keep me on track: Respect each other, communicate and develop trust. Tell the truth even when inconvenient because lies can be like landmines. Deal with harmful conflict. Keep confidences; sharing privileged information wounds a relationship. Understand the theology of your denomination/your pastor should have some knowledge of music; speak each other's language.

"While liturgy may be *valid* without music, it is *lacking* without music. Music brings a whole new dimension into the liturgical experience of the congregation that informs, inspires, lifts up, and empowers it." Ibid, p. 96

"A cooperative spirit and harmony that develops as you work together encourages longevity and satisfaction in ministry." Ibid, p. 103 (See 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 many gifts but the same Spirit)

The volume concludes with numerous contributions from pastors and music ministers elaborating what they felt most necessary from their counterpart to provide the best worship for their congregations. I am evaluated yearly by my Presbyterian congregation and asked what I need from them. I have approached my response in a nuts and bolts fashion. Having read the Guenther volume I will give thoughtful reflection to my submission this year. The congregation, the pastor and I deserve each others' care in strengthening and affirming that relationship.

A chapter heading which highlighted David Cherwien's quote captured what I feel: "*When the prophetic and proclaiming Word (preaching) can link up with the prophetic and proclaiming song, there's nothing like it. Being a church musician is a great profession, a great calling. It has its own form of tenure: love God, love the people, and love and respect those who are called to serve alongside us.*"



I hope to see you at the OHS/AGO November 5th organ concert at St. Francis Parish (3pm) on 4th & Brown. I will never live down the hat publicity generated by Larry Wheelock. All in good fun!! Fr. Mike Bertram (pastor of the parish) double-dog dared me to wear it for the concert and I shall!

Cordially,

Sheri

A note of significance shared by **Michael T. C. Hey** on Facebook:

For those unfamiliar with Michael, he is a native of Waukesha and former student of Sr. Mary Jane Wagner. Michael now ministers in New York City at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

"I'm happy to share that I received first prize in the Shanghai Conservatory First International Organ Competition! After a preliminary round, six finalists were invited from Russia, Germany, South Korea, China, and the U.S. to perform two final rounds and a concert at the Shanghai Oriental Arts Center, all of which were part of the Shanghai International Organ Festival. I was impressed by the warm hospitality of the event organizers, the musicians I met while visiting, and the curiosity of the pipe organ as a concert instrument in China." If you would like to keep up with Michael see his web-site: www.michaelhey.com

Congrats Michael!

November 2017

5 (Sun) 2:00 Hymn Festival
On Psalm 46
Pilgrim Lutheran Church
2664 N. 68th St
Wauwatosa, WI

5 (Sun) 3:00 Chapter Event
Sheri Masiakowski, Organ
St. Francis Church
1927 N. Fourth St
Milwaukee, WI

5 (Sun) 3:00 An Afternoon of Virtuosity
Dr. Simone Gheller, Organ
St. Bernard's Catholic Church
114 S. Church St
Watertown, WI

8 (Wed) 12:15 Fran Wasielewski, Piano
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
812 N. Jackson St
Milwaukee, WI

12 (Sun) 4:00 Crawford Wiley, Organ
Church of St. Jude the Apostle
734 Glenview Ave
Wauwatosa, WI

14 (Tues) 7:30 Jared Stellmacher, Organ
With the Gargoyle Brass
Church of the Gesu
1145 W. Wisconsin Ave
Milwaukee, WI

15 (Wed) 12:15 Matt Annin, Horn
Neil Bubke, Piano
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
812 N. Jackson St
Milwaukee, WI

19 (Sun) 2:30 Fit for a King
Milwaukee Chamber Choir
The Cathedral Church of All Saints
818 E. Juneau Ave
Milwaukee, WI

22 (Wed) 12:15 Ryan Boren, Organ
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
812 N. Jackson St
Milwaukee, WI

23 (Thurs) 2:00 Karen Beaumont, Organ
Milwaukee Catholic Home
2463 N. Prospect Ave
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29 (Wed) 12:15 Karen Beaumont, Organ
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
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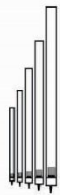
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Up Coming Chapter Events

January 27, 2018
10:30 am
Organ/Accoustical
Demonstration/Workshop
Three Holy Women Parish
St. Hedwig's Church
1702 N. Humboldt Ave
Milwaukee

April 15, 2018
3:00 pm
110th Anniversary of Messiaen's Birth
Jon Gillock, Organ
Church of the Gesu
1145 W. Wisconsin Ave
Milwaukee, WI

May 6, 2018
2:00 pm
Annual Meeting
3:00 pm
Members Recital
St. Joseph Center Chapel
1501 S. Layton Blvd
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