

Violin Program

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

2017-2018





Dear Families,

August 2017

I am thrilled to announce yet another fabulous year of music making with the St. Francis Violin Program!! This year our outstanding string staff consists of Mrs. Phoebe Geltzer-Govatos, Ms. Vanessa Kestner and myself, Mrs. Jacqueline Nutting. This semester promises to be a very exciting one filled with fun afternoons of violin playing, mass performances and performances in the community.

For many years, the Violin Program of St. Francis has been teaching students the art and joy of playing violin. There are many opportunities for performance including mass twice a month, the Christmas Program, and our final class concert and party. The Elementary Violin Program provides educational and performance experience for 1st grade students up to grade 5. Our program offers 3 violin class levels from beginner, intermediate and advanced. Students will be placed depending on previous experience although no previous experience is required to join. There is also a Middle School Violin Program for those in grades 6-8. Please request separate packet for the info on the M.S. Program

The Violin Program meets twice weekly, Mondays and Wednesdays, from 3:15-4:15. We are so pleased here at St. Francis to offer this incredible program to our parish members and school attendees. This program is very unique within the city of Ann Arbor and we are thrilled to have such an esteemed faculty to work with our students.

Please join me for an informational orientation and violin fitting;

Violin Program Orientation

Saturday, September 9th

4:00-4:30

St. Francis Parish Activity Center

If you have any additional questions regarding the program please do not hesitate to contact me!!

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Nutting, DMA, U of M '10

Director of Violin Program

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Violin Program Faculty

Jacqueline Nutting, Program Director, Violin Instructor

Dr. Nutting is originally from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. She holds a Bachelor Degree in Violin Performance from McGill University in Montreal and Master and Doctorate degrees in Violin Performance from the University of Michigan. Her former private teachers include Yehonaton Berick, Mark Gothony, Ellen Jewett and Andrew Jennings. Dr. Nutting maintains an active performance schedule as a chamber and solo recitalist. As a teacher, she has a private studio and directs the violin programs at St. Francis of Assisi School and St. Thomas School in Ann Arbor.

Phoebe Gelzer-Govatos, Violin Instructor

Phoebe Gelzer-Govatos ("Ms. Phoebe") holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Violin Performance from Stetson University in DeLand, Florida, and Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee, respectively. She performs with many local and regional orchestras and chamber groups, including l'Invenzione, an ensemble specializing in music of the Baroque period. In addition to teaching in the St. Francis violin program since 2013, Phoebe also coaches chamber music at the Rudolf Steiner School and maintains a private violin studio at her home in Ann Arbor.

Christine Harada Li

Violinist Christine Harada Li, devoted to inspiring audiences through artistic excellence, has performed across the U.S.A., Canada, Japan, Germany, Italy, Austria, Spain, and Israel, and is a founding member of the award winning Koinonia Trio, which recently won 1st Prize in the Briggs Chamber Music Competition. In addition to performing, Christine takes leadership in various art organizations and serves as Co-Education Director at the Innsbrook Institute, Artistic Director and founder of the Anchorage Chamber Music Festival, and Vice President of the Anchorage Fine Arts Society. Christine graduated summa cum laude from University of Michigan School of Music, Theater and Dance and completed her Master of Music degree at the Hochschule für Musik in Hannover, Germany. Her principal teachers here were Yehonatan Berick, Elisabeth Kufferath, Anne Röhrig (baroque), and Arthur Greene (piano). Currently she is a Doctorate student studying with David Halen at the University of Michigan.

2017- 2018 Schedule

Mondays and Wednesdays

3:00- Students are led from the school to the Church for snack,

3:15- 4:15 Violin and Music Theory Instruction

4:15- Parent pick up or Mrs. Nutting escorts students to ESP

Sundays (8:30AM mass) and Fridays (8:15AM school mass)

Students will perform in mass twice a month. Please consult the following schedule for exact dates. Students must arrive 20 minutes prior to mass start time for tuning and placement (Sundays- 8:10AM)

Fall Semester:

Regular class 3:15-4:15 pm

September 18, 20, 25, 27

October 2, 4, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30

November 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 27, 29

December 4, 6, 11, 13, 18 *** December 19th, Christmas Program!!***

January 8, 10, 15, 17, 22 NO CLASS JAN 24!!

Friday School Mass 8:10 am (St. Francis School students only)

Oct. 20

Nov. 17

Dec 15

Jan 19

Sunday Mass 8:30 am

Oct. 22

Nov. 19

Dec 17

Jan 21

Winter Semester:

Regular class 3:15- 4:15 pm

January 29, 31

February 5, 7, 12, 14, 21, 26, 28

March 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21

April 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30

May 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21 (21 is a snow day make up class), 23 = final concert and party 😊

Friday School Mass 8:10 am

February 23

March 16

April 20

May 18

Sunday Mass 8:30 am

Feb 25

March 18

April 22

May 20

Tuition Schedule

Tuition includes all fees associated with the St. Francis of Assisi String Program. This consists of instruction, a violin music binder filled with all necessary instructional material and a program T-Shirt which can be worn on spirit days. Instrumental rental costs are not included in this tuition. Nor are the snacks. **Tuition is non-refundable and is not pro-rated. Tuition is due the first week after classes begin.** If you require a payment plan or tuition subsidies please contact director Jacqueline Nutting directly.

First Semester (September 18- January 22)

\$425.00 - **due September 25th**

Second Semester (January 29- May 23)

\$425.00 - **due February 5th**

Please make checks payable to “St. Francis of Assisi Church” with the memo “Violin”. Checks along with Registration forms may be sent directly to:

Jonathan Hasey, Director of Music
St. Francis of Assisi Church
2150 Frieze Avenue
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

Instrument Information:

On Saturday, September 9th, students will be fitted for a violin at the Violin Orientation meeting. Parents may then rent or purchase instruments. The best place to rent instruments in town is Shar Music. They offer St. Francis students a special deal on rentals. **Please tell the sales assistants that you are with the St. Francis of Assisi String and present the following advertisement (next page). You should receive a free stand, a shoulder rest and a method book along with your rental or purchase.** Each student is given one book per year and if this book is lost, the program will not reimburse the loss. It will be up to the parent to purchase another book. If you are unable to attend the Violin Orientation meeting, the staff at Shar will be happy to size your child for you.

Practice Policy :

The goal of the violin program is to teach students how to play the violin and learn to read music efficiently and easily. There can be no progress without practice. It is like any other class in that there is homework between classes. Classes without improvement lead to frustration for the teacher, the struggling student, and the students who have made the effort. This homework can be fun and family oriented. Try having a practice chart or calendar to mark off the minutes. Kitchen timers can be used to keep track of minutes practiced. Set weekly and daily goals and offer rewards for achievement of goals. Have family performances and **practice with your child**. All these things will lead to a successful and rewarding experience for the student



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Saturday 10am-5pm

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String Specialists
since 1962



Benefits of St. Francis String Program

1- Cost

Average price for private **one hour lesson** in Ann Arbor = \$70

70 x 30 sessions (one semester)

\$2100.00

St. Francis' price for 30 one hour sessions is \$14.60 each class!

2- Mental Development

- Eye hand coordination
- Works on memory enrichment
- Improves visualization abilities
- Stimulates and enhances creativity
- Music is a language; child becomes in a sense bilingual and can communicate with musicians from any background
- Albert Einstein said that many of his moments of genius came to him as he was playing violin, scientists believe this is due to the activity's ability to stimulate several brain areas simultaneously.

3- Personal Gain

- child learns self discipline through practice
- New friends, a close bond with the group
- learn to express oneself artistically through music

4- The faculty at St. Francis is among some of the very best teachers and performers in the Ann Arbor area. We are very proud to provide our students with such exceptional quality instruction.

And its just plain fun!!



We sincerely look forward to beginning our musical journey on September 18th! It promises to be a great adventure this year with 16 performances at mass and a feature in the Christmas program!

String Program Registration Form 2017- 2018

Student Name: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Grade: _____

Age: _____

T-Shirt Size: (circle one) YS YM YL AS AM AL

Previous Experience: Yes / No (circle one)

If Yes: Private Teacher _____

Group/ Orchestra _____

Years of Study _____

Level Attained (i.e. Suzuki Book 2, etc) _____

School: _____

Telephone: _____

Alt. Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Serious Allergies: _____

Please include tuition payment (\$425) with this registration form.

Make checks payable to “ St. Francis of Assisi Church” with memo “Strings”

Send to : Jonathan Hasey. Music Director

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