

Hear it From Our Members!

Why do you sing in St. Francis Xavier choirs?

- ⇒ *To Praise our God! To give back. To honor our school and church. To grow in faith through music.*
- ⇒ "Choir is the best thing that happens during the week."
- ⇒ *I sing because it is the best way to serve my parish with the gifts God has given me.*
- ⇒ Singing is my favorite way to pray and worship.
- ⇒ *It gives me a chance to get to know different people. It makes me feel like I accomplished something and have grown a little closer to God at the same time.*
- ⇒ I initially joined because I like vocal music but have stayed all this time because this group is so much fun. The camaraderie, the laughter, the caring for each other, and the enjoyment the church members seem to get from our music is very rewarding.
- ⇒ It is a way for me to pray. The angels sing so we can at least imitate them in that way!!!!
- ⇒ *To sing God's word to beautiful music and to be with the fun loving people there!*
- ⇒ We love to sing. We can't go to church without singing for this is how we praise God!
- ⇒ *I love to sing, and proclaiming God's word through song brings more meaning to the liturgy. The music speaks of God's love and comforts me knowing He is ALWAYS there.*

JOIN the CHOIR!



For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.

Psalm 47:8



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A Ministry of Choirs Praising
the Lord in Song

Rehearsal Schedule

Tuesdays

4:00-4:45 *Rising FX*

4:45-5:45 *Celestial FX*

Wednesdays

5:15-6:15 *FX OF PRAISE*

6:45-8:15 *Harmonious FX*

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Rising FX

Rising FX is a training choir that feeds into the larger youth choir called *Celestial FX*. Its purpose is to provide free musical training for the youngsters in our parish who are new to the choral program. They will learn the proper way to stand and breathe when singing, and they will begin to read notes and rhythms. **Rising FX** members attend all the events with *Celestial FX*, in and out of the church, and they will earn a place with the larger group by passing a series of tasks that are laid out on training cards. Each member can take as little or as long as they need to graduate into the larger group. Incentives and rewards are given along the way to make it fun for the kids to learn. This choir is open to students in 2nd and 3rd grade.

Celestial FX

Celestial FX is a youth choir that sings at one to two liturgies a month, as well as on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Easter. We have two outings a year to share our music with the community, as well as occasional social events. The students in this choir are expected to listen and be respectful of others and of the liturgy. They need to be able to follow music. Their role as music ministers at our liturgies is not taken lightly. They must show consistent effort to sing well and continue learning to be able to have the privilege of sitting with the choir at scheduled liturgies. This group is open to those who have graduated out of **Rising FX** as well as students in grades 4 through middle school.

FX OF PRAISE

FX OF PRAISE is a contemporary praise and worship band/choir that sings at about two liturgies a month. It is made up of lead singers and choral singers, piano, bass, guitar, and drums. In order to be in this choir, members must show commitment and the ability to sing well in unison and in harmony. This choir is open to middle school students on up to adults.

Harmonious FX

Harmonious FX is an adult choir that sings quality 4-part music at two or three liturgies a month, including Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. This group has a lot of fun together in informal rehearsals that include prayer and devotion, laughter, and significant learning in reading music, vocal production, musical interpretation, and theory. This choir is very much a family in tune with our various struggles, joys and needs. We enjoy our annual choir party at the end of the year, as well as a series of Sunday brunches hosted by various members. This group is open to confirmed high school students on up to adults who show commitment and an ability to sing in harmony.

- ⇒ ***Make singing a part of your regular worship experience!***
- ⇒ ***Give your children the gifts of learning how to read music, praising God with scripture-based songs, and growing lasting friendships with other children in the parish.***

Sweet Melodies

Sings at area nursing homes

Resurrection Choir

Sings at funerals

“Have you heard the early morning birds, singing with their all their being, to the glory of the day and the wonder of creation? Choir makes me feel like that bird. Just me and God and the sunshine.”

-Member of Harmonious FX

What if I don't sing? Is there a way I can help CHORAL FX continue to provide a great worship experience for our parishioners?

Yes! We would love help if you play an instrument, or enjoy organizing music, planning events, or providing meals. We also would love donations to help fund new music.

Needs will be placed on our Facebook page - St. Francis Xavier of Buffalo Music Ministry