

Music Ministry & Cantors

At St. Louis King of France Parish, we strive to make each liturgy a rich and fulfilling experience. To that end we consider the musical element of our worship to be of great importance. Every effort is made to help the worshiping assembly find their voice.

Cantors serve the assembly. It is generally considered the ministry of the Cantor to lead moments of worship with solo song; share in proclaiming the Word of God, particularly as Psalmist in Liturgy of the Word; teach the assembly its songs, refrains, and acclamations; and, animate the sung worship of the assembly. A Cantor's task is to assist people in praying together in song. A good Cantor provides visual and aural leadership but does not dominate. A true Cantor lets the congregation know that the best compliment they can give is to join in singing. The Cantor must have a pleasant singing voice with which the community can be comfortable. The voice must be strong, but not overpowering, steady and on pitch. A good sense of rhythm and tempo are critical. An ability to learn clear enunciation of texts is also essential. The cantor needs at least general knowledge of music and basic ability to read musical notations. Experience is helpful and we can work with any on projection, diction, and how to present themselves to the assembly.