

MUSIC MINISTRY

Our parish Director of Music Ministries is Orin Johnson. As such, he has first right of refusal to play piano for our parish weddings. If he is not available, he will assist you in finding an alternate musician. Please contact him (email: johnsono@stsja.org or phone: 636-980-6255) at least three months in advance of your wedding date to arrange a meeting time for guidance in planning appropriate music for your special day. A liturgy planning sheet is also available, as is a sheet with suggested repertoire for the various parts of the celebration. A qualified parish cantor is best prepared to sing and to lead the congregation in song at a Catholic wedding liturgy. Please discuss any ideas of guest musicians with the Music Director before issuing invitations for another to participate in music leadership at your wedding. Any guest musicians must be familiar with the Church's liturgy and liturgical music. In all cases, your ideas for songs, vocalists, instrumental music and instrumentalists are subject to the approval of the Music Director. A \$200 fee to the Music Director covers services for a one hour planning session with you and also for the wedding liturgy. Guest vocalists should expect to rehearse their parts with the Music Director about two weeks in advance of the ceremony (when possible). If scheduled during his normal office hours this service is also included in the fee. Any after hours rehearsals or additional planning meetings will incur an additional fee of \$25 per half hour. A fee of \$100 compensates the parish cantor. All music fees are to be paid no less than two weeks prior to the wedding. These fees are part of the livelihood of the various musicians.