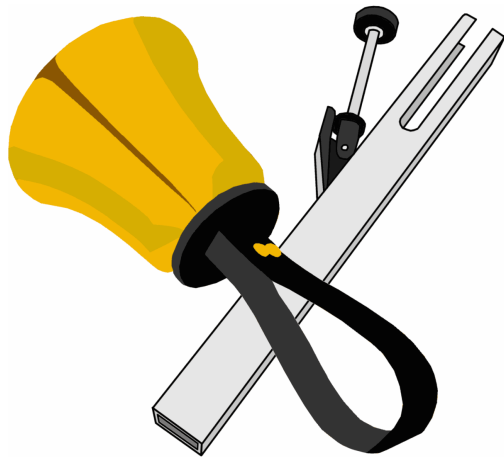




THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JUDE

DEWITT, MICHIGAN



Hands of Grace

a bell and chime ensemble

2018-2019

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Greetings!

Welcome to Hands of Grace! Thank you for choosing to share your music talent with our parish and with this ensemble specifically. I am so glad that you are here. Home to 3 octaves of Malmark handbells and handschimes, they are used to enhance the weekend worship experience through ringing literature and accompanying acclamations, hymns and songs. We look forward to an exciting year of liturgies! We also look forward to the completion of the parish building expansion because it will include a music suite: director's office, music library and rehearsal room all together. God is good! The following is some guidelines and highlights to bring to your attention.

Musically in Christ,

Patrick

Guidelines & Highlights

The Calendar

- ◆ Covers the entire musical year September 2018—June 2019. Includes dates and times of rehearsals, Masses, call times and events. It even has the liturgical colors listed for the Sunday's and Feast Days.
- ◆ Absences...If you anticipate an absence, please e-mail or call me with your dates of absence. Should an emergency arise and you are unable to attend a rehearsal or Mass, please send me a text message or call me if you are able. We want to know that you are okay.
- ◆ This ensemble will always ring on the third weekend of the month, rotating through all three Mass times, unless noted otherwise on the calendar.

The Rehearsal

- ◆ Rehearsals are on Mondays, 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the church.
- ◆ The rehearsal immediately following the third weekend will be for individual and small group rehearsals. Those can be scheduled in 30 minute increments between 6:00pm and 9:00pm
- ◆ Rehearsals will begin on time and end on time.

The Mass

- ◆ When we make music at Mass, please arrive and be ready to begin the pre-Mass rehearsal by the time indicated on the calendar.
- ◆ There will be time between the rehearsal and Mass to greet family and friends, use the restroom, get a drink of water, etc.
- ◆ Dress code—your Sunday best! My recommendation is wear colors based on the liturgical color. Ordinary Time is green, Advent is violet, Lent is purple, etc. Liturgical colors are listed on the calendar. Black and white is always a good base and can be paired with any of the liturgical colors.

At Home

- ◆ Take a little time each day and incorporate practicing your music into your daily prayer and routine...practice rhythms and play your part using kitchen utensils.
- ◆ Individual music lessons are available, contact Patrick to setup a day and time.