

ZIPCOMING NPM EVENTS:

- The next GR Chapter Member event: TBA. Watch www.npm-gr.org for our next announcement.
- Tuesday, January 22, 2008 — *Vocal Tune-Up: Vocal Techniques Tried and True* St. Sebastian, Byron Center — SECOND OF TWO LOCATIONS!
- April, 2008 — *Annual Banquet* location yet to be confirmed
- The next GR Chapter Board Meeting is December 1st at 8:30am pending confirmation at Aquinas College Pastoral Center. Info is at www.npm-gr.org .
- **Friday Fellowship and Breakfasts.** Join your peers on Friday mornings, 9:00 at Cherie Inn, 969 Cherry SE (just west of Diamond) in Grand Rapids. It's a great way to touch base, share wisdom and good conversation.

Calendar At A Glimpse:

December 1st	8:30am	Chapter Meeting	TBA
December 10th	7:30pm	Prayer for Peace	St. Mary's, Grand Rapids
December 25th	Merry Christmas!		
January 14th	7:30pm	Prayer for Peace	St. Mary's, Grand Rapids
January 19th	8:30am	Chapter Meeting	TBA
January 22nd	TBA	GR NPM Event	St. Sebastian, Byron Center

Welcome Tim Jansen To The Basilica

The Basilica of Saint Adelbert has chosen Tim Jansen as their Director of Music. Mr. Jansen holds the title "Artist in Residence" for the St. Louis Pro Musica, and is now the fifth music director at the Basilica.

Tim's journeys have taken him not only throughout the United States, but across the "Big Pond" as well. *"Tim Jansen, the GR NPM Chapter welcomes you!"*

See the article inside for more information about Tim.

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Please feel free to email any of us with your questions, comments or concerns!



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Christmas Choir Director

St. Mary's, a Big Rapids area parish of 300+ households, is looking for a Christmas Choir Director to coordinate our music, organize choir, conduct rehearsals, and direct at our Christmas Celebration (4:00PM Vigil Mass and 10AM Christmas day Mass).

This person will work closely with the pastor to insure that choice of music is best suited for the celebration. A successful outcome might lead to a renewal contract for the celebration of Easter Triduum.

Please send resume or inquiries to:

Rev. Lam T. Le, Pastor

St. Mary's Church

1009 Marion Ave.

Big Rapids, MI. 49307

Phone (231) 796-5202. Fax (231) 796-9231.

Email: fatherlam@charterinternet.com.

We will offer a competitive compensation for the time and work; mileage reimbursement is negotiable.

Last NPM-GR Event

Thank you everyone who attended the last NPM GR event, "Music: Weddings and Funerals". It was wonderful to see such a great turn out. Thank you, Michelle Ogren, for developing and facilitating a wonderful program.

A BIG THANKS to Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Ionia, and Mary and Dan Cusack for the welcoming hospitality. I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming Vocal Tune-Up events.

Dan Daller,

Publicity Chair, NPM Grand Rapids

Cantor School Plans Local Locations

A second "Vocal Tune-Up" is planned for Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at St. Sebastian, Byron Center. This will also be for cantors, choir members and the likes, and led by Carol Mc Andrew as well. Watch your mailbox and www.npm-gr.org for details.



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Pick-Up Notes From The Director

Reminders:

As you begin to consider new music for your choirs, please think about adding Steve Janco's "Mass of the Angels and Saints". This will be the Mass Setting used at all diocesan events this academic year. So, for instance, if young people from your parish are going to be confirmed this year - they will be singing this mass setting at their confirmation. Chrism Mass, Rite of Election, ordinations - all these celebrations will be using this setting. So, if you don't already have it within your parish's repertoire, please consider adding it this year - so that we're all on the same page in terms of a shared repertoire. It's a good setting for all types of ensembles!

Holy Family, Caledonia is celebrating Christmas Midnight Mass, at 12:00 Midnight, December 25th, 2007. Email your schedule to contactus@npm-gr.org and we will try to post them on our website.

BEST WISHES TO BRANDON!

We all would like to wish Dr. Brandon Spence well as he begins his new endeavors in the Saginaw Diocese. He has been offered, and has accepted the position of Associate Director of Music at St. Mary's Cathedral. They have asked Brandon to come on board, as they are considering a renovation of their Cathedral, which very well could mean a new pipe organ. These types of projects are not new to him.

Brandon has been at the Cathedral of St. Andrew for eleven years. During that time he was part of the renovation committee and rededication of the Cathedral in 2001. He designed the three magnificent organs, which find their home at St. Andrews. Brandon served here as the director of music, the diocesan director of music, and organist. Yes, we certainly have reaped the benefits of having one of the top ten organists in the country in our own diocese.

His ministry here has included, among many major celebrations, directing the music for our Chrism masses, confirmations, ordinations of priests and deacons, funerals for two bishops as well as installation of two bishops.

Brandon has kept our diocese and cathedral a busy and exciting place to be. He has hosted many concerts here, including the Grand Rapids Symphony, the Cantata choir, the Choral Academy, Vox Angelica, and the Calvin College Choir. Musicians from around the world, such as the organist from the Vatican and Lynn Trap have come to play the organs he designed.

Brandon has created opportunities for the Diocesan choir to join forces with the Catholic Central choir under the direction of Dennis Rybicki to perform such works as the Rutter Gloria. The Cathedral, under Brandon's direction, was the hub of activity during the 2006 regional convention of the National Pastoral Musicians.

Brandon has been a well-known and well-liked educator in our diocese. He has directed the West Catholic Choir,

provided instruction in liturgy for the school of cantor training, and more recently presented a workshop on cultural diversity in the liturgy with Cathedral cantor Karin Smith, at the University of Michigan. He also has taught organ to young students, as well as already accomplished organists

And, there's more! Brandon led two pilgrimages to Europe: Italy and Spain. Perhaps he doesn't realize it, but those trips created opportunities for new friendships and bonds to be formed which never would have otherwise happened. He has ministered to this diocese in ways he couldn't have imagined.

Brandon will continue in Grand Rapids as Campus Ministry Music Director at Aquinas College, as well as instructing organ students, but we certainly will miss his gracious smile and welcoming spirit at St. Andrews.

He has served tirelessly, and well. He has touched many hearts of all ages and cultures. It's very difficult to think of farewell. I'm sure I speak for many when I say, from the depths of our souls, we thank you good friend, for sharing your gifts, your song, and for a job well done.

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Pam Szczesny our NPM Chapter Treasurer . Pam and Nate McKenzie "tied the knot" on Saturday, October 13th at St. Anthony of Padua church. May they enjoy many years of wedded bliss!

By, Aline Snoeyink
Grand Rapids NPM Chapter Board President

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As an organist, Jansen has performed extensively in the United States and Europe. He has received numerous scholarships and awards in organ performance, including the Music Teachers National Association Competition and The Kansas City Young Artist Award. His last organ recital was an all Bach program on the Taylor and Booty Organ at Mount St. Joseph Convent in Kentucky.

As a Pianist Mr. Jansen has performed concerts in Boston, New York, Saint Petersburg, San Francisco, Saint Louis, Chicago and yes, Grand Rapids! His programs have included many of the great master virtuoso pieces such as The Liszt B minor Sonata, The Grande Paganini Etudes, (Liszt), Chopin's B Minor Sonata, The Four Ballades by Chopin, "Gaspard de la Nuit" (Ravel), Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Sonata and Beethoven's Waldstein Sonata. As the founding member of the "Mission Trio,"

Holy Name Of Jesus Epiphany Concert

Everyone is invited to an Epiphany Concert at Holy Name of Jesus - Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008 at 4:00pm. The concert will feature the Schubert Male Chorus of Grand Rapids and Catholic Central High School choirs. No admission charge - a free will offering will be taken. Reception will follow in the school gym.

For more information, call Anna Colby at 475-4040, or email annacolby@comcast.net. This is a wonderful way to close out the Christmas season, and we hope to see you there!

Vox Angelica Evening Of Prayer

Vox Angelica (medieval chant trio) has created a very lovely Advent Prayer Service. We're singing at Holy Trinity and Our Lady of the Lake in December. If anyone is interested in having something special in Advent at your church, please contact us.

The music of Vox Angelica

"A Guided Journey to your Inner Joy,"

Chants and prayers of Wisdom, Hope and Peace.

A unique Advent experience

The program, lasting about 45 minutes, centers on the O Antiphons. The chants and prayers center on the longing for Peace, Wisdom and Hope. The chants are all Hildegard with Vox' own arrangements. The prayers are by Hildegard, Thomas Merton, Martin Luther and many others from the book All Will Be Well and other inspired works

Tim was invited to perform with the acclaimed Arianna String Quartet. His works can be heard on the Sheldon's Classical Piano CD, "Impressions."

Tim Jansen is also a published composer of Liturgical music through Morning Star and Alliance Publications. He has written many works for the St. Louis Cathedral Basilica in St. Louis MO, including the Cantic Revelation, which was commissioned for the evening prayer service for the papal visit of Pope John Paul II to St. Louis in 1999. His most recent commission was a Latin setting of the Magnificat for The Church of St. Michael and George (Anglican) in St. Louis, which had its debut at the St. Louis Priory Arch Abbey in honor of their fiftieth anniversary celebration.

A member of the Grand Rapids Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, Tim was also former Sub-Dean for the Saint Louis Chapter.

NPM Grand Rapids Chapter welcomes Tim wishing him the very best, knowing he is in our prayers as he continues his music ministry at the Basilica. Contact him at: Mr. Timothy J. Jansen, Director of Music, Basilica of Saint Adelbert, 701 Fourth St. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504, (616) 458-0563, tjansen@basilicagr.org.



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