

Music Minister

Annunciation of Our Lady Episcopal Church in Gurnee, Illinois, is seeking a Music Minister. We are energetic and joyful, we fully participate in the worship, music and liturgy. We love to sing, and we want our Music Minister to help us do that in the best way possible. We believe that music “gives wings to worship.” *

We rely primarily on the organ musicianship to support our congregational singing. Musical accompaniment comes from our 2-manual, 18-rank Moller pipe organ, our beautiful 6-foot Petrof grand piano, and from time to time, a number of musicians who are members of the congregation.

Annunciation is a parish that appreciates a wide variety of musical styles: classical music, traditional catholic and mainline Protestant hymns, gospel and jazz-inspired music, contemporary and praise offerings.

In a new Music Minister, Annunciation seeks a skilled organist and pianist. Our desire is to fully integrate all aspects of music with other parts of the liturgy to bring life to the Word and love of God. Experience of working with a choir would be a plus.

If you have the musical skill set we are looking for (see following page), paired with the energy, joy and commitment to making way for God's Word and Spirit to come alive, then we hope you will apply for the position.

(*from William Bradley Roberts's *Music and Vital Congregations*).

Position title: Music Minister

Position available: Immediately

Reports to: Rector

Status: Up to 1/4 time

Salary: * Committee Recommends: \$10,000–\$14,000 (*Based on research of current rates*) We feel this position needs to be salaried and not hourly.

Vacation: 2 weeks paid vacation including 2 Sundays (The Music Minister will make arrangements for substitutes, who are paid by the church).

Essential Functions

- Provide musical leadership for congregational singing, including playing the organ at our Sunday service (and an additional service if required), as well as for special services throughout the liturgical year (Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Christmas Eve and Day). Right of first refusal for weddings and funerals (extra fees paid by the families).

Core Competencies

Musicianship: Primary proficiency in playing liturgical music on the pipe organ at our Sunday services to accompany the congregation. Knowledge of a wide variety of music. Proficiency with the piano would be a plus.

Leadership: Ability and knowledge to play liturgical music or the willingness to learn. Draws on all the resources available, and asks for help when appropriate.

Interpersonal interaction: Relates well and respectfully to all kinds of people. Builds rapport, is seen as approachable and a team player. Energetic, positive, and hospitable.

Integrity and Personal Conduct: Models servant leadership, respect, and accountability. Conducts conversations at a professional level; keeps confidences; is widely trusted; is seen as direct, truthful, and discreet.