

*Welcome*

JANE

PLETTNER-NIELSON

Saint Mary's new Director of Music



Saint Mary's Church "welcomes" Jane as our new Music Director, Organist, and Choir Director. The "welcome" is in parentheses because Jane has been here since she began playing for weddings back in 1990, and then began playing at the 5:00 pm Sunday Mass when we began having it in 2006. Jane studied music at the University of Nebraska, where she received a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education, a Master of Music Degree in Organ Performance (it shows). She also took advantage of classes about choral music and sang in choral groups. She has served a variety of churches in Lincoln in various capacities, including Organist, Choir Director (for both children and adults) and Handbell Director. Music is definitely her passion—but her full time job for over the last 20 + years has been working for the State of Nebraska, currently in the Legislature. She is married to Brant Nielson and has one step-daughter. Saint Mary's has been blessed to acquire someone with her level of knowledge, talent, and commitment.

Jane will normally play 4 of the 5 weekend Masses, including our traditional 10 am "Choir Mass." We would encourage anybody who has been blessed with singing ability to consider visiting with Jane about joining. We hope to continue having "High Mass" with everything sung throughout most of the year (the choir does get the summer off). Why join the choir?

- To become more involved in your parish
- To give greater glory to God
- To meet new people and make new friends
- To share with others the talents God has shared with you

While so many parishes struggle to find musicians—especially organists!—we have been blessed with talent here at Saint Mary's. If you would like to be part of this blessing, visit with either Jane or Father Dietrich.

## Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is the normal means by which people join the Catholic Church as adults.

Through study and prayer, catechumens are guided as they learn about the Catholic Faith, discern God's call, and make the decision of whether or not to join the Catholic Church.

Catechumens move along at their own pace: some are ready to join the Church right now, some take a few years before they are ready to commit.

The classes are designed to give catechumens the basic information they need about Church teachings to make an informed, thoughtful decision about joining.

No one will be coerced, cajoled, or pressured to become Catholic.

The classes are an excellent means for all Catholics to learn more about their faith. Those who are already Catholic are encouraged to occasionally "brush up" on their religion by taking the class.

**Saint Mary's RCIA**  
**Sundays at 3:00 pm in Flynn Hall**  
**beginning September 9<sup>th</sup>**

Come and join us, to

*Learn the faith*

*Live the faith*

*Love the faith*