

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Music Ministry
Visiting Musician (and Singer) Policy

With the installation of the new sound system, and the inherent particularities of our system **and** parish instruments, our parish policy on the use of outside instrumentalists or cantor/soloists at parish weddings and funerals is as follows:

Performance Criteria:

Only Members of Saint Francis of Assisi Music Ministry will serve as primary cantor/soloists or accompanists (pianists/organists) for ALL Wedding or Funeral liturgies at Saint Francis of Assisi Church.

If a family member or friend is of **professional** musical caliber, **and** are familiar with the Catholic liturgy, they **may be** invited to sing as a soloist or accompany a selection or two, perhaps as a prelude or during meditation. This is, of course, up to the discretion of the Director of Music Ministry. Singers and musicians of different faith traditions **may be invited** to serve as guests at the discretion of the Music Director, but will not serve as the primary liturgical musician or cantor.

*No person or persons may enter into a contract agreement with any musician, musicians, singer or singers from outside the parish. It is the professional responsibility of the employed parish Director of Music or the Music Staff Team Members to ensure the music at **all** parish weddings and funerals.*

Appropriateness of Musical Selections

Additionally, during the liturgy, only liturgical/sacred music is acceptable.

Simply put:

Broadway show tunes, TV or movie themes, Disney tunes, or pop/secular songs are not allowed during the sacred liturgy.

The playing of cds or MP3s is also not appropriate during the liturgy. These selections should be reserved for the wake, luncheon or reception.

I have read and understand the **Saint Francis of Assisi Music Ministry Policy for Visiting Musicians** and cantor/soloists. I understand that musical personnel and selections are at the discretion of Music Ministry.

Signature _____ **Today's date** _____

Name (please print) _____

(Please circle)

Funeral-Mass of Christian Burial

Wedding Ceremony or Mass

Date of Funeral or Wedding Liturgy (above) _____

A printed copy of this policy form must be submitted to St. Francis of Assisi Liturgy Coordinator/Representative of the parish during the coordination process **prior** to the Funeral or Wedding. Thank you for helping to ensure the beauty and integrity of liturgies at St. Francis of Assisi Parish.